



## Alumni Updates



► **Visit our new Web site** The Division of University Advancement Web site has a brand new look! Easy to navigate, it offers expanded information and more links of interest. [Take a look--](#) and visit us often!



► **Class of 1955 celebrates 50th reunion on Commencement weekend** For members of the Class of 1955, the weekend of [May 20-22](#) will be full of great festivities, including a Sunday morning brunch at the home of President Carothers and the opportunity to lead the 119th Commencement March. It's not too late [to register](#).

► **40th reunion coming up on June 11** Class of 1965, don't miss your [40th reunion celebration](#). Members of the Classes of 1964 and 1966 are also invited to attend. [Online registration](#) and [message boards](#) are now available!



► **Chat update** Coming up on **May 17** will be our chat with recent Academy Award winner [Ross Kauffman '89](#), who will talk about the making of his Oscar-winning documentary. Our [online chat series](#) is sponsored by the Division of University Advancement.



## University News & Events



► **URI celebrates 119th Commencement** Alumni, family, and friends of students unable to attend URI's 119th undergraduate Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22 won't have to miss out on the ceremonies. This year's commencement will be [televised and webcast](#). Bestselling author [Ann Hood](#), a 1978 University of Rhode Island graduate, will give the Commencement address during the May 22 undergraduate exercises. She will also receive an honorary Doctor of Arts. Six other individuals will be awarded [honorary degrees](#) at the University's 119th Commencement, which will be held [May 21 and 22](#).



► **University unveils \$120 million in projects to enhance student life** URI officials today unveiled projects totaling more than \$120 million to build a new dining hall, new suite- and apartment-style undergraduate housing, and 1,483 new parking spaces for students. Officials launched the projects at a celebration of the last days of Hope Dining Hall, which closes on May 13. The projects will be completed in the fall of 2006. "With these projects we will be creating a stronger and better community for URI students," said Robert Weygand, vice president for administration. [More...](#)



► **Journalism students chronicle a "Day in the Life of URI"** Thanks to 14 students in Professor Barbara Luebke's Online Journalism class, anyone with a computer who wants to get a sense of an average day at the University of Rhode Island can do so by clicking on the Department of Journalism [Web site](#). The students spent all 24 hours of Wednesday, April 20, capturing the sights, sounds, and the flavor of life on URI's Kingston campus. [More...](#)



► **URI men's basketball schedule announced** Coach Jim Baron has announced the 2005-06 men's basketball non-conference schedule. The Rams will play 16 regular-season games and two exhibition contests at the Ryan Center. After playing exhibition games against Concordia and Assumption, the Rams open the regular season on Nov. 19 against Sacred Heart. The Rams play five games against teams that were in the NCAA Tournament (Utah, Ohio, Boston College, George Washington, and Charlotte) and four that earned NIT berths (Boston University, Houston, Saint Joseph's, and Temple) last year. [More...](#)





▶ **College of Nursing names 2005 top alumna** At its 10th Annual Alumni Recognition Day, the URI College of Nursing honored [Barbara Hazard Munro '61, M.S. '74](#), dean of the William F. Connell School of Nursing at Boston College.



▶ **By creating a device to help disabled child, engineering student helps himself** When a car accident in 1997 left Kevin Cronin a quadriplegic, he set a career goal of using his mechanical abilities to create ways to make his new life easier. Now he's using those abilities to help others with disabilities. An intern in URI's Assistive Technology Laboratory, he recently completed development of a unique switch and arm brace to help 10-year-old Caitlin Farless of Wakefield more easily operate a voice output device that gives her an opportunity to better communicate, operate toys, a radio, and other equipment. [More...](#)



▶ **Don't miss the Alumni Golf Tournament on June 17** Join fellow alumni and friends on the links and support student scholarships! The [2005 Alumni Golf Tournament](#) will be held June 17 at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence. [Register online today!](#)



▶ **Economist honored as best teacher, researcher in College of the Environment and Life Sciences** It didn't take long for Christopher Anderson to make his mark at URI. The assistant professor in the Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, who joined the faculty in 2000, was recently named the teacher of the year and researcher of the year in the University's College of the Environment and Life Sciences. It's the first time a professor has earned both honors in the same year. [More...](#)



▶ **Family camp coming up** This will be the fifth year for [URI Alumni Family Camp](#), a great summer weekend of fun activities for adults and children of all ages! [Register online today.](#) The dates for 2005 Family Camp are July 29-31.



▶ **Students sending support overseas** What do poker chips, Kool-Aid packets, puzzle books, and cookies have in common? They are all items included in the more than 100 care packages assembled by University of Rhode Island students to be sent to American troops in Iraq. Third-year pharmacy major Kellye Loethen coordinated the "Care Packages for Soldiers" event, which involved 70 URI students. [More...](#)

▶ **Membership matters** Support the Alumni Association by joining or renewing your membership today. Make a difference in the future of URI! Learn the [benefits](#) of membership and [join online today!](#)

▶ **On the calendar** The URI Transportation Center will celebrate [National Transportation Week, May 15-21](#), with a variety of events including a robotics challenge, a construction career day, and the 5th annual breakfast for transportation industry professionals. Mark your calendars for **June 11** and the [2nd annual Rhody Yard Sale](#) to benefit the [Rhody the Ram scholarship endowment](#). Your donations are welcome. Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#) are the American Family Theater's production of "Pinocchio" on **May 16**, and Lynnyrd Skynnyrd on **June 28**. [More...](#)

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