



Alumni Updates



► **Winter Gala** The Alumni Association and Honorary Chairs [Wesley R. Card '70](#) and [Dianne Kenny Card '69](#) invite

you to the 15th annual [URI Winter Gala](#) at the Hyatt Regency-Newport on **January 28**. Enjoy this elegant, festive evening benefitting student scholarships. The **Winter Gala online auction** will go live on January 4 -- take a [peek](#) now!



► **Join the Alumni Association and win!** [Join or renew your membership](#) in the URI Alumni Association

before **January 16**, and be eligible to win one of the following prizes: two season tickets for the 2006-2007 **URI Men's Basketball** home games; two tickets for the **Winter Gala** on January 28; a **URI Boston Rocker**; or a personalized brick on the **Century Walk**. [Join online today!](#)



► **Alumni Association member events** The Alumni Association is sponsoring a member event on **January 7**.

Enjoy a buffet dinner in the Ryan Center Alumni Room before the URI-Fordham men's basketball game. [See details](#) about this and other member events.



► **Retiring soccer coach Ed Bradley says thanks** As he retires from coaching the URI men's soccer team for the past 17 years, [Ed Bradley '68](#) says thank you to the campus community.

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► **URI researcher makes first observation of squid caring for eggs** Squid have always been considered poor parents: they lay their eggs on the seafloor and leave them to develop on their own. But Brad Seibel, a URI assistant professor of biological sciences, made the first observation of parental care by squid when he used a remotely operated underwater vehicle in the deep sea to watch as five squid each carried thousands of eggs in their arms. The observations made in Monterey Canyon off California in 2000 and 2002 are reported in the December 15 issue of the journal *Nature*. [More...](#)



► **Pharmacy students help seniors understand Medicare Part D** The University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy sponsored an outreach program this fall for those who qualify for the Medicare Part D prescription benefit. The Student Leadership Council of the College of Pharmacy organized the informational event at pharmacies in Providence, Cranston, and South Kingstown, reaching 100 Rhode Island seniors. More than 30 students and seven faculty members consulted with the seniors to answer questions and help them better understand the new prescription benefit plan. [More...](#)



► **Midwesterner merges her interests in politics, engineering, French, and athletics into success at URI** Ginny Sorrell hails from Indianapolis, but she chose to attend the University of Rhode Island because she wanted to experience a different part of the country, and she saw it as a perfect fit for her varied academic and athletic interests. Today, the 22-year-old, fifth-year political science, chemical engineering, and French major is preparing for an engineering internship that will take her to France in January. She also competed for four years on the varsity crew team and on the URI swimming team, finishing as the highest point scorer on the team during the 2004-05 season. [More...](#)



► **Nursing program goes high-tech** It used to be that when nursing students had questions about their patients' medications and illnesses, they had to leave the bedside and consult large and often outdated reference texts. Thanks to a partnership between the URI Office of Information and Instructional Technology Services and the College of Nursing, a pilot group of nursing students can find health care information quickly and efficiently at the patient's bedside using a personal digital assistant (PDA). Earlier this fall, 100 Palm Tungsten E2 PDAs were purchased for the project, with software that can store drug databases and medical references. [More...](#)



► **Community rallies to help URI cook's helper burned out of home** Susan Pelletier, a cook's helper at the University, lost everything in a December 11 fire that destroyed the apartment where she lived with two of her three children. While she and her children stay with relatives in the area, members of the University of Rhode



► **Special gift idea**

Order a personalized brick to be placed on the Quad in the [URI Century Walk](#) and give a special gift to last a lifetime. Place your [order online today](#)

► **Great Globetrotter event** On **March 26**, the Harlem Globetrotters play the Washington Generals at the Ryan Center. Don't miss this opportunity to have lunch and meet players before the game, participate in a free raffle, and attend Globetrotter U, a special session where the players demonstrate their best tricks to a small audience! Tickets are \$30. Contact Jessica Kenerson at jkenerson@advance.uri.edu for details.

Island and local communities are pitching in to help. "A lot is being done including a fund-drive and collections of household necessities," said Michael McCullough, associate administrator of URI Dining Services. "Local 528 of Council 94 has donated \$500, and we have set up collection sites in the Ram's Den, Butterfield Dining Hall, and Roger Williams Dining Hall for donations of clothing and small appliances." [More..](#)



► **Your gift to the URI Annual Fund makes a difference** If you haven't yet made your [Annual Fund](#) gift this year, there is still time to contribute before the end of December. We hope you will make a commitment to URI students by sending in a gift to the 2005-2006 Annual Fund. Your gift funds faculty resources, alumni programming, student leadership programs, admissions, and scholarships for outstanding students. To contribute, you can [make a gift online](#) or call the Annual Fund Office at 401-874-4505. Thank you.

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