



## Alumni Updates



► **A celebration for young alumni** A special weekend for graduates of the past decade, [Young Alumni Weekend](#),

will be held **February 24-25**. Highlights include the [Blue & White Ball](#) held on **February 24** at Newport's Hotel Viking and the URI/Xavier men's basketball game and pre-game buffet on **February 25**. [There's still time to register!](#)



► **Meet the Harlem Globetrotters** 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](mailto:jkenerson@advance.uri.edu) for details.

► **At the chapters** The **Southern California Chapter** is holding a Dolphin and Whale Watch on **February 26**. And on **March 4**, members of the **Ohio Chapter** are getting together in Dayton to cheer on the URI men's basketball team. What does [your chapter have planned?](#)



► **Decadence in the Desert** URI and UMASS alumni, family, and friends are invited to "Decadence in the Desert," a free reception on **February 23**, at the Fox Sports Grill in Scottsdale, Arizona, from 6-8 p.m. [Register online](#),

or contact Gina Dei at [gmdai@advance.uri.edu](mailto:gmdai@advance.uri.edu) or 401-874-5808. Take a look at

## University News & Events



► **URI College of Business Administration to hold Financial Services Symposium March 21** The University of Rhode Island's College of Business Administration, in conjunction with Fidelity Investments, MetLife Auto & Home, Amica Mutual Insurance Co., and Beacon Mutual Insurance Co., will present Financial Services Symposium 2006 on Tuesday, **March 21**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick. Among the symposium topics will be "The Future of Financial Services in Rhode Island," "Leading a Business in Rhode Island Today," "Government's Role in Fostering an Environment for Growth," and "Financial Services Globally: What is on the Horizon?". [More...](#)

► **More couples saying "I Do" at URI's Alton Jones Campus** Brooks murmur, birds chirp, and even the chipmunks sit up and take notice when brides and grooms exchange vows at the [Whispering Pines Conference Center](#), nestled among 2,300 acres of secluded forest at the University of Rhode Island W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich. Weddings are generally held in the lodge or at lakeside late in the afternoon. The first wedding at the Jones Campus was held in late 1994. Five weddings were held the following year. Last year, 40 couples said: "I do." [More...](#)



► **URI's oldest alumnus dies at 102, his legacy continues** Nelson C. White, URI's oldest alumnus, died this month at 102. He graduated from the University, then known as Rhode Island State College, in 1925 with a degree in chemical engineering, received URI's first and only Master of Engineering degree in 1931, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1971. In 1996, he was inducted into the Engineering Hall of Fame. Always supportive of his alma mater, White established an endowment in 1970 to encourage creativity in engineering students, and continued donating to the fund throughout the years. Every year at Commencement, creative students from each of the College of Engineering's six departments receive White Awards. [More...](#)



► **Scientist uses 'ships of opportunity' to measure Gulf Stream currents** To understand the variability of Gulf Stream currents, scientists take frequent measurements along the same course for many years. Last month, URI oceanographer H. Thomas Rossby, his colleague Charles Flagg at SUNY Stony Brook, and a team of electricians and engineers installed an acoustic Doppler current profiler in the *Norröna*, a 36,000-ton ferry that travels each week between Denmark and Iceland. This sophisticated instrument measures the velocity of water beneath the ship by calculating the speed and direction of floating zooplankton. It gives us an excellent measure of the movement of the Gulf Stream, which is the main pipeline of warm water moving to higher latitudes in the North Atlantic, said Rossby, recipient of the American Meteorological Society's prestigious [Suomi Award](#) for this year. [More...](#)



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other upcoming [special alumni events!](#)



▶ **Alumni Association member events**  
Upcoming Alumni Association [member events](#) include a dinner-

and-theater evening on **February 23** and a Saturday afternoon free-skate at Boss Ice Arena on **March 4**. Pre-registration is required for both of these events. Contact Lisa Cugini '84 at [lcugini@advance.uri.edu](mailto:lcugini@advance.uri.edu) or 401-874-4604 for more information.



discharged gay service members will debate the rationality of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy at the University of Rhode Island on Thursday, **February 23** in Edwards Auditorium on the Kingston Campus. The debate, which is free and open to the public, is part of the Call to Duty Tour, a national lobbying effort to repeal the ban. [More...](#)



▶ **Professor creates math in a Flash** Although Barbara Kaskosz has taught mathematics to URI students for the past 27 years, she's always looking for new ways to help her students in introductory math analysis and calculus better understand mathematical concepts. Three years ago, she began creating interactive Web materials for her students using Flash 8 software, a popular multimedia authoring program used to create Web animations, design elements, and video. Recognizing her expertise as a Flash programmer, the National Science Foundation recently awarded the URI professor a two-year \$114,500 grant. [More...](#)



▶ **Golfers, save the date** The [2006 Alumni Golf Tournament](#) will be held on **June 5**, at Triggs Memorial Golf

Course in Providence. Sponsored by the URI Alumni Association, this popular annual event is a great way to enjoy a day on the links, catch up with fellow alumni and friends, and raise funds for student scholarships and grants.



▶ **On the calendar** The URI Theatre production of the Tony Award winning musical [Urinetown](#), runs **February 16-18, 22-25**, and **March 1-4** at 7:30 p.m., and **February 19** at 3 p.m. On **February 21**, acclaimed author [John Edgar Wideman](#) will deliver the University of Rhode Island's twelfth annual lecture on multiculturalism. On **February 28**, the Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center and the URI Program in Gerontology will present "[Aging in America: A Success and a Challenge](#)," a lecture by Kenneth Miniker, M.D., director, Harvard Center on Aging. Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#): the South County Home Show on **March 4** and **5**, and the Harlem Globetrotters, on **March 26**. [More...](#)

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