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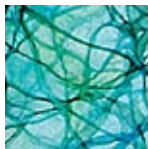
► **All smiles at the Blue & White Ball** Take a look at our [photo album](#) from the 2006 Blue & White Ball, which was held during Young Alumni Weekend, February 24-25.



► **Upcoming online chats** Our next Web chat will be on **March 21** with [Tom Ryan '75](#), CEO of CVS/Pharmacy, who will address questions about the health care industry. In April, our chat will feature [Professor Tom Mather](#), an expert on Lyme disease, and in May, Master Gardener [Rosanne Sherry '77](#).



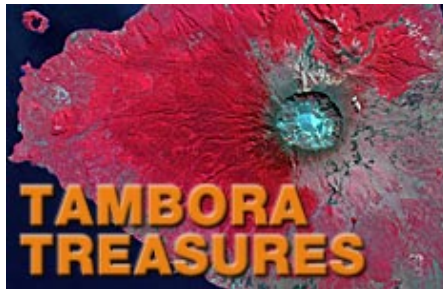
► **A special gift** By ordering a personalized brick to be placed on the Quad in the [URI Century Walk](#), you can give a gift written in stone. Order by **April 1**, and your brick will be in place by Commencement on May 21, 2006.



► **At the chapters** On **March 29**, the **Massachusetts Chapter** is sponsoring an event at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, featuring wine and hors d'oeuvres, and hosted by **Claudia Iannuccilli '82, MS '95**, Associate Conservator of Textiles and Costumes at the Museum. The **Southwest Florida Chapter** is holding its annual Steakout on **April 1**. On **April 6** the **Rhode Island Chapter** is sponsoring an evening at the Rhode Island Food Bank. See what [your chapter has planned](#).



► **"Adventures in Deep**



University News & Events



► **URI volcanologist discovers lost kingdom of Tambora** The eruption of Mount Tambora on the Indonesian island of Sumbawa in 1815, the largest volcanic eruption in human history, killed 117,000 people and extinguished the tiny kingdom of Tambora. After 20 years of research, Professor Haraldur Sigurdsson of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography has located the first remnants of a Tamboran village under 10 feet of ash and has unearthed the first clues about its culture. [More...](#)



► **Journalism alumnus wins photography award from Editor and Publisher** David Goldman '98, a staff photographer for the *Boston Herald*, recently received the award for best multiple images in a photo essay from *Editor and Publisher* magazine. Goldman's essay, titled "Disengagement," featured residents of the Gaza Strip settlement of Gadid in Gush Katif in a standoff with Israeli soldiers who came to evacuate them from their homes last August. (*Photos appear here with the permission of David Goldman*). [More...](#)



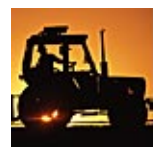
► **URI student actors compete in regional theatre competition** Six students nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Awards, based on their performances in URI's regular season of plays, recently competed in the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival held at Fitchburg State College. They were among 150 students from 36 New England colleges and universities competing for two slots in the national competition. At the festival's closing, Kyle Maddock was named "first alternate" in the Ryan competition. [More...](#)



► **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities welcomes URI as first Rhode Island member** The University of Rhode Island has become the first and only institution in Rhode Island and the only New England Land Grant university to join the nonprofit Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. This step by the University is expected to benefit and create new opportunities for Hispanic students on campus. [More...](#)



► **Registration for 2006 summer session has begun** More than 500 courses are being offered in the 2006 URI summer session, with classes located in Kingston and Providence, and delivered online. The summer semester has two, five-week sections. Section 1 will run from May 22 to June 23 and Section 2 runs from June 26 to July 28. There is also an alternate session with courses being offered in one, two, three, six and 10-week formats. Daytime, evening and weekend class meetings are available. [More...](#)



► **'Transferring the farm' is topic of URI workshop** URI will host a workshop on **March 16** aimed at helping farmers minimize farm business succession risks. It will be of particular interest to farm families, as well as land trusts and others interested in the future of



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Sea Exploration" with

Bob Ballard The University of Rhode Island is sponsoring a special evening for alumni and friends in the Washington D.C. area on **April 6**, featuring a presentation by Marine Explorer and URI Professor of Oceanography [Robert Ballard](#).

▶ **Online giving** Did you know you can make an [online gift](#) to the [Alumni Fund](#), the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association](#), and to a number of other funds? A convenient and secure option for our donors, online giving also reduces our fundraising and processing costs, so money raised goes to where it's needed most.



farms and rural lands in Rhode Island. Sponsors of the program include the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the URI Cooperative Extension, the Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, and the University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** On **March 8**, URI Hillel will show the film "[Hinei: Coming Out in a Jewish High School](#)," followed by a discussion with Shulamit Izen, who is chronicled in the film. The URI Feinstein Providence Campus will host the second annual Northeast Regional [Biotechnology Symposium](#) on **March 10**. The URI [Women's Studies Program](#) spring colloquium series continues on **March 21**. Psychologist and educator Claude Goldenberg will deliver the [2006 Finkelstein Memorial Lecture](#), "What Do We Know About Helping English Learners Succeed in School?" on **March 23**. Coming up at the [Ryan Center](#): the Moscow State Circus on **March 15**, the Harlem Globetrotters on **March 26**, the alternative rock band O.A.R. on **April 21**, and the Lipizzaner Stallions on **April 22** and **23**. [More...](#)

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