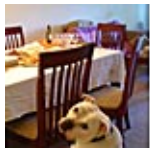




Alumni Updates



► **Upcoming chat** Our **October 17** chat features [Dr. Tom Dougan](#), URI VP for Student Affairs, who will discuss the [resurgence of Greek life](#) at URI today. Also available is the transcript of our recent chat with leading airline industry expert [Robert Crandall '57](#) who responded to questions about airline security.



► **Alumni-student dinner program seeks hosts** The popular "Dinner with Strangers" program brings together URI alumni and students for good food, conversation, and Rhody camaraderie. Proposed dinner dates are **October 29** and **November 5**. If you are interested in hosting a dinner party in your home for a small group of students, contact Kristal Cardone at kristal@uri.edu or [register online today](#).



► **Book it now!** Limited space is available for the Alumni Association's 3rd annual Alumni Ski Weekend at Mount Snow, Vermont, **January 5-7**. Enjoy great skiing, slopeside lodging at the Grand Summit Hotel, and full use of all hotel facilities. [Register online today](#), or contact Kristal Cardone at kristal@uri.edu for more information.



► **Legacy Dinner to be held during Family Weekend** If you are a URI graduate with a parent, grandparent, or sibling who is a University of Rhode Island alum, you are part of a special



University News & Events



► **Students discover geology rocks** Fourteen enthusiastic geology students traveled to Utah, Wyoming, and Montana in late August for a field trip that Lewis and Clark would have envied. Accompanied by eight geology faculty and staff members, and Roy Bergstrom, a videographer, the students visited the Bingham Canyon copper mine in the Salt Lake area, saw Old Faithful spout in Yellowstone, and enjoyed the splendor of Grand Teton National Park. The trip was supported by **John Sullivan '85**, who established an [endowment](#) earlier this year to fund such fieldwork. [More...](#)



► **Supporters urge public to vote YES on Question 4** During a recent press conference held at the Prime Time Senior Living Expo at Warwick Mall, a diverse group of supporters detailed how a "yes" vote on Question 4 will support higher education, economic development, and job growth in Rhode Island, and improve health and social service programs throughout the state including those for seniors and residents with disabilities. **Approval of Question 4** will allow the State of Rhode Island to issue revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$65 million for the construction of a new teaching and research facility for the College of Pharmacy at the University Rhode Island and \$7.8 million for building renovations and site improvements at Rhode Island College. [More...](#)



► **URI engineering student honored with community service award** A car accident during his freshman year left Kevin Cronin a quadriplegic, but after years of surgeries and rehabilitation he was inspired to use his mechanical abilities to create ways to help himself and others with disabilities. Cronin was recently recognized with a community service award from the Rhode Island Statewide Independent Living Council for his efforts to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. The award was presented in recognition of his work to create a unique switch and arm brace that has helped a disabled child more easily operate a voice output device for communication. [More...](#)



► **NOAA oceanographer at URI overcame childhood obstacles to explore the seas** The Gulf of Alaska is a long way from the neighborhood around the Chad Brown housing project in Providence where Catalina Martinez grew up. Today, as expedition coordinator for NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration based at the University of Rhode Island, she serves as liaison between NOAA, URI, and the Institute for Exploration, and is responsible for ensuring the success of several NOAA-funded oceanographic research expeditions each year. Her work includes assisting scientists with cruise preparation, mobilizing the necessary equipment aboard research ships, and the development of outreach and education plans. [More...](#)



► **Award-winning documentary "little man" to be shown at URI during a visit by writer/director Nicole Conn** On **October 18**, the University will present the award-winning documentary "little man" and

tradition. As a URI legacy, you are invited to be part of our new [Legacy Program](#), and to attend our first Legacy Dinner on **October 28** at the University Club. [Online registration is available.](#) For details, contact Gina Dei at gmdei@advance.uri.edu.

▶ **Do you read QUAD ANGLES online?** Take a look at our [latest issue!](#)

▶ **Alumni directory info** In addition to the [online alumni directory](#), the URI Alumni Association periodically publishes a printed directory. As in the past, the URI directory will be published by Harris Publishing, who will be mailing a postcard to each alumnus/a this month to begin the process of compiling and verifying alumni information.

▶ **At the chapters** On **October 21** the **Southwest Florida Gators** are getting together for their annual Octoberfest. The **Rhode Island Chapter** has two events coming up: on **November 8**, a special *Cooking Light* dinner in Providence, and on **November 21**, an evening of volunteering at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. [Find out more](#) about these and other events.



host Nicole Conn, the film's writer/director. The film chronicles the struggles Conn and her partner endured with the birth of their son, who was born 100 days early to a surrogate mother and weighed only one pound. Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Kat Ellis saw the film and was moved to contact Conn. "I felt this was exceptional information for my students and others who are or will be working with children with special needs and their families." The lecture and film are free and open to the public. [More...](#)



▶ **Professor presents "The Virtual Immigrant"** In her exhibit "The Virtual Immigrant," photographer and URI Associate Professor of Art Annu Palakunnathu Matthew explores the implications of the relocation of jobs in a global economy, specifically to Bangalore, India, where she grew up. Through extended tours (funded in part by the American Institute of Indian Studies) to Bangalore, she examines the multidimensional aspects of globalization from her own unique perspective, drawing on the experience of workers at 24/7 call centers where the "virtual immigrant" condition expresses a new type of identity. The exhibit opens **October 20** at the URI Fine Arts Center Main Gallery. [More..](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The URI Theatre production of "[Fat Pig](#)," begins its run on **October 12**. On **October 17**, the URI Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a two-hour seminar on [landscape lighting](#). The 2006 [Honors Colloquium](#) series continues with **Women in Song**, featuring Peggy Seeger, Rosalie Sorrels, and Ronnie Gilbert on **October 17**, and **From Slavery to Civil Rights** with Kim and Reggie Harris, Magpie, and Sonny Ochs on **October 24**. A photography exhibit, "[Orchards in the Ocean State](#)," will be on display in the URI Library through **October 26**. Comedian Brian Regan will be at the [Ryan Center](#) on **October 28**. The crew of the University of Rhode Island's research vessel *Endeavor* will offer [free public tours of the ship](#) on **November 4** at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus. [More..](#)

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