

Alumni Updates



► **It's Blue & White time** The highlight of the upcoming [Young Alumni Weekend](#) is the [Blue and White Ball](#) held at

the Canochet Club on Narragansett Beach, on Saturday, **February 17**. See [photos](#) from last year's event and [register today!](#)



► **Winter Gala photo album** The 2007 Winter Gala was a big success, with 445 guests dancing the night away, raising

more than \$90,000 for URI Alumni Association scholarships and programs. Take a look at [photos](#) from this great evening!



► **Web chat update** You can read the transcripts from our recent chats with [Tom Cerio '76](#),

Executive VP of Program Distribution at HBO, and U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict [Thomas O'Connell '68](#). Coming up on **February 28** is our chat with Marine Explorer and URI Professor of Oceanography [Bob Ballard Ph.D. '75](#).



► **Tired of flowers and candy for Valentine's Day?** Surprise your favorite Rhody valentine with a special gift to last

a lifetime -- a personally inscribed brick to be placed on the [URI Century Walk](#). Order a specially fired 4" x 8" brick with a name or message that will forever be part of URI and will benefit the many scholarships and programs supported by the Alumni Association.

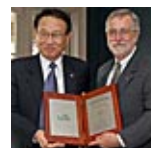
University News & Events



► **Routhier Foundation donates \$500,000 to URI** The University's College of Nursing recently announced a new faculty chair established through a \$500,000 gift from the E.J. and V.M. Routhier Foundation. The gift is part of the University's [Making a Difference Campaign](#). URI Nursing Dean Dayle Joseph also announced during ceremonies this week at White Hall that Lynne M. Dunphy, a renowned professor, researcher, and practitioner, is the first holder of the Routhier Chair of Practice. Dunphy is focusing on primary care and workforce issues as part of the College's leadership role in addressing the multi-faceted nursing crisis. [More...](#)



► **URI graduates, Miriam Hospital nurses in Iraq** URI graduates Lisa Geary and Leigh Eddy, longtime nurses at The Miriam Hospital, were strangers until they met as members of the Air National Guard's 143rd Medical Group at Quonset. They were each deployed to Iraq, serving with the 332nd Air Expeditionary Medical Group, which operates the Air Force Theater Hospital, the equivalent of a Level 1 trauma center, and sees more than 650 patients per month. Lt. Eddy earned her master's degree as a nurse practitioner from URI in December, and Major Geary is in the first year of the program. [More...](#)



► **URI president elected chair of Global U8 Consortium** URI President Robert L. Carothers has been elected chairman of the Council of Presidents of the Global U8 Consortium, a group of eight universities from around the world formed to address emerging issues confronting the global community. His three-year term begins in April 2007. "I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to serve as chairman of the GU8 Consortium. URI's international reputation allows us to be at the table, and my selection provides us with an opportunity to continue to build on that reputation," Carothers said. [More...](#)



► **Chi Phi breaks ground for new chapter house** Rho Iota Kappa, the University of Rhode Island's first fraternity, now known as Chi Phi, recently broke ground for a new chapter house at 11 Fraternity Circle. "Today, with the construction of this new house, we pass the torch to the next generation of Chi Phi," said Douglas Bennet '77, president of the Rho Iota Kappa Alumni Association of the Chi Phi fraternity and treasurer of its holding company. Chi Phi plans to return to campus in the fall of 2008 through a recolonization effort, the first step in rebuilding and reactivating a chapter. [More...](#)



► **URI Center for Vector Borne Disease to receive over \$350,000 for Tick Borne Disease Research** In an effort to help prevent and better understand the transmission of diseases caused by ticks, U.S. Senator Jack Reed announced last week that the University's Center for Vector Borne Disease will receive \$357,000 from the U.S.

Department of Agriculture. This funding will be used for research into how pathogens are transmitted from ticks to hosts to better understand how this transmission can be



▶ **Globetrotter event**

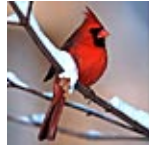
Enjoy the Harlem Globetrotters-Washington Generals game at the Ryan Center on **March 23**, and great pre-game activities, including dinner, meet-and-greet with the players, raffles, and Globetrotter U. Pre-game events at 5 p. m., followed by the game at 7 p.m. \$30 per person. [Register online](#) or contact Gina Dei at 401-874-5808 or gmdei@advance.uri.edu.

▶ **Take a chance on URI men's basketball** Support URI men's basketball by participating in the Fast Break Club's Cash Raffle. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Grand Prize is \$10,000, and all proceeds help support the URI men's basketball program. Raffle drawing will be held on **February 24** at the URI-St. Louis men's basketball game, but you don't have to be present to win. [Find out more.](#)

prevented. For the past decade, Rhode Island has consistently had the second highest rate of incidence of Lyme disease in the nation. [More...](#)



▶ **Rams in the pink as students raise, donate nearly \$10,000 for breast cancer research** Rhody fans were in the pink last week as the Rams faced, then defeated, the University of Massachusetts, 75-72, at the Ryan Center. With a record-setting attendance of 2,657 students and a nearly sold-out arena, the fans did far more than boost the team on the court. Prior to the game, students from the URI Athletics Department had been hard at work selling T-shirts for their first "Pink Out." The project raised nearly \$10,000, and at halftime a presentation was made to the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** Spring lectures and programs that begin this month include the [READ/WRITE](#) Reading Series, [Dana Shugar Spring Colloquium Series](#), the [Landscape Architecture Lecture Series](#), and the [Forensic Science Seminar Series](#). The URI Feinstein Providence Campus presents [Strange Fruit](#), an exhibit on lynching and hate crimes. The exhibit runs through **February 23**, with performances by the Everett Dance Company on **February 2, 7, and 20**. During public school vacation week, **February 20-23**, URI's W. Alton Jones Campus will host a sleep-away [Winter Camp](#) for children 9-13. URI hosts an ["Evening of Conversation"](#) about civil rights with Amelia Boynton-Robinson and Bernard LaFayette Jr. on February 13. See what's happening at the [Ryan Center](#). [More...](#)

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