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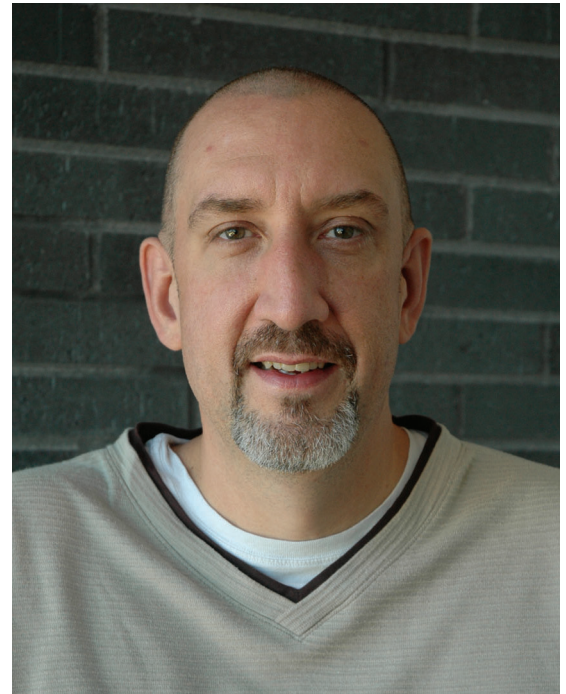
## Jeffrey Ulricksen, Part of the URI Family

by Melissa McCarthy

Jeffrey Ulricksen, a specialist who works for the RI-INBRE Program (*Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Network of Biomedical Research Excellence*) brings his strong sense of family with him to URI. It's something that resonates with him from his childhood and something he is passing on to his own children. And URI is part of his family. Jeff believes that the success he's had with the RI-INBRE Program is attributed to the relationships he's built over the years at URI. His willingness to help others is a quality he's well known for around campus. When speaking about the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Conference he organizes he's quick to give credit to the departments at the university that have a part in making the event a success such as the RI NSF EPSCoR (*Rhode Island National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research*), Catering, Facilities, and the Bookstore.

Jeff remembers when he first worked on the SURF Conference in May 2004 there were 16 students displaying their research in a classroom in Fogarty Hall. This past summer it expanded to 120 posters which were displayed on two floors of the CBLS (*Center for*

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Jeffrey Ulricksen

photo submitted by Jeff

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### URI's Facts about Fall 2012

by Jhodi Redlich

The University of Rhode Island will welcome nearly 16,500 new, returning and transfer students to its campuses during the first full week of September.

"Health" is the interdisciplinary hot topic that sets the stage for several big events at the University this fall. On Sept. 4, the University thanked all Rhode Islanders as it celebrated the grand opening of the new \$75 million home for its College of Pharmacy in the North Sciences District.

On Sept. 11, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder opened the Honors Colloquium, "Health Care Change? Health, Politics and Money", that will magnify issues that are shaping our health for today, and

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*Biotechnology and Life Sciences*) building during three different poster sessions. Over 300 people attended, including the Governor.

Another favorite aspect of his job is working on the RI-INBRE Summer Student Program. Students enrolled in this program have come from as far away as Texas and Hawaii and of course many are from Rhode Island. He begins recruiting students in the Fall, runs the whole application process and even talks to parents about how their kids are doing. He brings them into the URI family. He lights up when talking about how great these students do in the program. But

is quick to say: "It's not all me, it's a team effort. I couldn't do what I do without the people I work with, such as Professor Zahir Shaik and Professor David Rowley."

Jeff learned his way around the URI departments when he first came to campus as a part-time worker in Enrollment Services in December 2003. His first job was to hand-deliver the SETs (*Student Evaluation of Teacher*) since this was before everything was electronic. "Back then they were all on paper!" He smiles as he remembers and stretches out his hands to emphasize the enormity of the job and how far we've come.

Jeff is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University. He worked at Foxwoods and Providence Place before coming to URI. Shortly after coming to URI Jeff joined the RI-INBRE Program in May 2004. He's thrilled to be working in the new pharmacy building. He's quick to point out with a chuckle that he does not have a science background, but brings a strong sense of organization to the team. He feels he developed his organization and team work skills from his family – particularly when his parents owned the Roxy Café in Westerly, RI. Jeff would be there every day pitching in and doing whatever it takes to get the job done right alongside his dad, Neil who now works in the URI Bookstore, and his mom, Beth who works in the URI Payroll department. They all came to URI independently of each other and feel lucky to be here. On any given day of the week you can find these three Ulricksen's having lunch together on campus. Weekends – Jeff, his parents, in-laws, and wife Theresa, whom he met when he worked at the Roxy Café, their kids, Sydney 15 and Seth 14, are happy to put on their Keaney Blue and attend a URI football or basketball game together. The whole family also loves going to Burlingame State Campground, out on his dad's boat, or just get together on a Sunday afternoon in front of the grill.



# 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award Winners

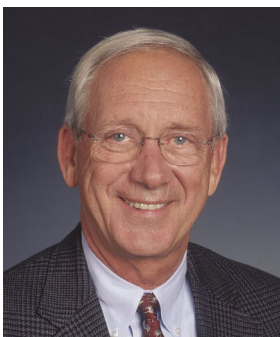
The Seventh Annual Distinguished Achievement Awards honor those who personify URI's tradition of excellence in achievement, leadership, and service.

The awards will be presented Saturday, October 27, 2012.

## Presidential Awardees

### Ernest Mario (MS '64, PhD '66)

Ernest Mario began his career in the pharmaceutical industry as a research scientist in 1966 and later went on to lead four drug companies as CEO: Glaxo, Alza, Reliant, and his current company, Capnia. In addition to serving on the boards of companies public and private, Dr. Mario devotes considerable time to philanthropy. A past trustee of Duke, Rutgers, URI, and Rockefeller universities, he was awarded the Remington Medal, pharmacy's highest honor, in 2007, and is namesake of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers, his undergraduate alma mater.



Ernest Mario

### Blanche Murray ('41, Hon. '88)

Blanche Murray was the first female president of both the URI Foundation and the URI Alumni Association, and she served two terms on the R.I. Board of Governors for Higher Education. A former home economics teacher in Pawtucket who was named R.I. Home Economics Teacher of the Year in 1977, she received an honorary degree from the University in 1988 and was inducted into the College of the Environment and Life Sciences Hall of Fame in 2003. She has served on numerous URI committees, including a Presidential Search Committee, and boasts of 10 family members who also received URI degrees.



Blanche Murray

### Thomas Wroe, Jr. ('72, Hon. '06)

Thomas Wroe is chairman and CEO of Sensata Technologies, formerly the sensors and controls business of Texas Instruments, where he started his career in 1972 as a manufacturing engineer. During his long tenure at TI, he held management assignments in operations, engineering, marketing and business development. He has been an instrumental supporter of the URI International Engineering Program, especially the Chinese IEP, and he has established an endowed scholarship to support students in that program. He serves on many boards, including the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Cape Cod Healthcare, Chase Corp., and Boston College's Carroll School of Management.



Thomas Wroe, Jr.

### Cornelius Kerwin (MA '73)

Cornelius Kerwin is president of American University and a nationally recognized specialist in public policy and the regulatory process. The founder of American University's Center for the Study of Rulemaking, he is the author of *Rulemaking: How Government Agencies Write Law and Make Policy* and co-author of *How Washington Works: The Executive's Guide to Government*. He was named a Washingtonian of the Year by Washingtonian magazine in 2009, and Irish Voice named him one of the most influential Irish educators in the U.S. and Canada. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and member of the boards of directors of the American Council on Education and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.



Cornelius Kerwin

# News from... ITS

[web.uri.edu/its](http://web.uri.edu/its)

## Information Technology Services

### Media & Technology Services

Deployment of the VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone system at URI is now 90% complete! Did you know this about your VoIP phone?

- Just like your computer, your new VoIP phone is now an asset owned and maintained by your department.

- You can move your VoIP phone to any other active VoIP phone data jack within your department, and your phone number remains the same. You don't need to request a work order and you don't incur any costs!

- If you are moving to a new department and wish to keep the same phone number and/or the same phone, both departments must come to an agreement regarding ownership of the phone number and/or the phone. Your new dean or department head must request a work order to accomplish either and to transfer billing to your new department. The request with details can be sent to: [billing@mts.uri.edu](mailto:billing@mts.uri.edu)

- The most frequent comment we receive from campus users is how happy they are with the improved sound quality of the new phones.

- Depending on your phone model, you can find the person you wish to call and place that call by using the University Directory option listed on your phone.

- Personalized departmental VoIP phone training is available upon request from your department.

- The VoIP phone Web site,

<http://web.uri.edu/its/voip>

contains much more information, including links to online VoIP phone tutorials, Quick Reference Guides, complete user guides, and training options.

- If you need immediate assistance, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 874-HELP (874-4357).

### Office of Information Security

Did you know?

- URI will *\*NEVER\** ask you either by phone or via email to provide personal information such as your password or Social Security number. You should ignore and delete all email messages requiring you to provide such information.

- To help ensure our information security expectations and how you can protect yourself and the University from today's data security threats, ITS will soon be administering on-line security awareness training for all URI employees. Details shall be forthcoming.

### Employee Holiday Fair



The 2nd URI Employee Holiday Fair will be held in December 2012. The date and location TBA.

For more information on the fair, contact Michelle Curreri at 401.874.4462 or Joy Lewis at 401.874.2708.

## Mabel DeWitt Eldred, A Place among the College Builders

by Sarina R. Rodrigues

In the Allen Rare Book Room on the 2nd floor of the library is a collection of Asian cloisonné, pottery, and ivory carvings now back on its shelves from careful storage after Special Collections was retrofitted with a fire suppression system. The return to their places was a reassuring sight after long disruptive months of (de)construction. The collection once belonged to Mabel Eldred. Upon the death of her brother, John, in 1967, the pieces were given to the University. The intent was for the collection to be on permanent display at the new Fine Arts Center but after their month long display at the Library, celebrating the acquisition, the objects apparently never left. (And with these objects now belonging here, I learned that their collector had a strong sense of belonging in her community of Kingston and in Rhode Island State College (now the University of Rhode Island).

Mabel DeWitt Eldred was born June 6, 1874 to John and Harriet (Hull) Eldred. She began collegiate studies with the class of 1894 but left and resumed studies a short time later, graduating in 1895. She served as secretary for John Washburn the first president of the College. Eldred then succeeded Mary P. Helme as instructor of art in 1897. For the next 40 years Mabel Eldred was the head and according to some of the testimonials upon her retirement, heart of the art department. Indeed, from 1897 until 1937, she was the entire art department.

She was known by generations of students, many of which provided long testimonials upon her retirement. In 1940 the sentiments of 160 students and colleagues, including her first teacher at the college, Josephine Watson, were bound into a memory book, presented to Miss Eldred in a ceremony in April 1940. The "book" is now preserved in the University Archives. Among the letters

is one from then Head Librarian, Francis Pitcher Allen. His note acknowledges her as one of his predecessors. For six years from 1920 to 1926 she served as not only professor of art but also as the college librarian. "I have been told that much of your time on Saturday and Sunday was spent cataloging and other library duties." Pitcher related in his April 1940 note. Many well-wishers, who were self admittedly not artists but scientists, engineers or business majors, recounted her gentle corrections and guidance toward techniques that helped them in their respective professions. Others recalled the studio with nostalgic fondness. Gladys Burlingame Barlow and Robert Burlingame wrote: "Your studio over the machine shop was one of the show places of the college. It was like a world apart, and meant to your students practically the only tangible evidence of culture on the campus."

She retired in 1939 with the rank of assistant professor. When, in 1943, Dr. Woodward consulted then Vice President Dr. Browning about bestowing emeritus status to Miss Eldred, Dr. Browning urged that she be given the title with the next higher rank of associate professor of art

emeritus. As Dr. Browning wrote in June of that year:

"To one unfamiliar with the situation the prolonged tenure of Miss Eldred's instructorship might be considered to reflect upon her capabilities and quality of service. To one who has been in the capacity of student and then colleague of Miss Eldred such a reaction is untenable." (Browning '14, had been a student of Miss Eldred's; his sketch book is in our archives.) He went on, "In my opinion her rank reflected the ability of the administration to provide for such a department in a highly technical institution that met powerful and



Mabel DeWitt Eldred

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## **URI experts available to address community groups**

More than 150 experts from among the University of Rhode Island's faculty, staff and administration are available to speak to community groups about a wide variety of subjects through the URI Speakers Bureau.

Speakers are available at no charge to address day or evening meetings on such diverse subjects as forensic science, climate change, identity theft, aquaculture, herbal health remedies, business and economic issues, environmental topics, local history and dozens of others – nearly 200 topics in all. A comprehensive list of topics can be viewed at [www.uri.edu/news/speakers](http://www.uri.edu/news/speakers). Presentations can be tailored to meet the needs of the organization and usually are a combination of lecture, discussion and questions and answers.

"Almost every day I hear from a community group seeking a speaker for their weekly or monthly meeting, and they often tell me how

difficult it is to find local experts who are willing and available to address them," said Todd McLeish, the Speakers Bureau coordinator who works in the URI Department of Communications and Marketing. "They are always tremendously grateful that we have so many speakers available on such interesting topics."

URI speakers make about 200 presentations a year to nearly 100 different community groups in Rhode Island, from church groups and retiree organizations to civic clubs, libraries and business and professional associations.

For more information or to schedule a speaker, contact McLeish at 401-874-7892 or [tmcleish@uri.edu](mailto:tmcleish@uri.edu).

*by Todd McLeish*



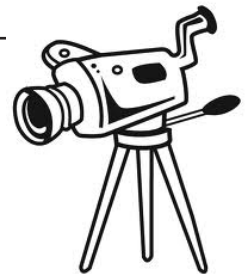
### **URI Livecasting**

Are you interested in reaching your maximum audience without adding extra seats? Do you want to ensure that people who can't attend your program have the benefit of learning from your speakers even after the presentation is over?

If the answer is Yes to even one of these questions you should consider URI Livecasting. You may already have seen cameras set up at URI events and heard from people who watched an event online. Now you can offer that experience to your students and decision-makers who cannot be on campus for your event.

Please call or e-mail us for more information and to book your date TODAY! We already have dates secured for the remaining academic year, so don't miss out!

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maybe tomorrow.

On Sept. 13, URI's new and returning students and the entire community celebrated the opening of the new "Learning Commons" located on the first floor of the Robert L. Carothers Library on the Kingston Campus.

On Sept. 14, a one-day symposium, "Drug Therapy in the 21st Century: Discovery and Clinical Use," marks a new era in drug development and clinical practice. And later in September, the University hosted its first international conference, "Frontiers in Pharmaceutical Sciences: Global Perspectives," with a Nobel Laureate and dozens of international biomedical scholars.

### **About the Students**

- The University's Office of Admission received and reviewed more than 20,600 applications for new freshmen, which is the largest number of applications ever considered. In addition, more than 1,300 applications were considered for students wishing to transfer to the University.

- About 3,100 freshmen and 500 transfer students have enrolled. About 53 percent of the incoming class is from out of state, regional and international and about 70 percent of the transfer students are from Rhode Island.

- Consistent with trends nationwide, 56 percent of the incoming students are women and 44 percent are men. The incoming class includes about 675 self-identified students of color.

- After Rhode Island, the top states represented in the freshman class are respectively, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. Combined, the incoming freshman class and transfers represent 33 U.S. states and 23 nations.

- In total, the University expects to have more than 13,000 undergraduates and more than 3,000 part- and full-time graduate students attending URI this year. The student body includes students from 45 U.S. states, D.C., Puerto Rico and 58 nations.

- Sixty percent of the TOTAL student body is from Rhode Island.

- About 5,325 undergraduate students, including 2,803 freshmen live in the University's 24 on campus residence halls, suites and apartments. An additional 750 students live in the 17 sororities, fraternities and specialty houses on campus.

- More than 65 percent of URI undergraduate students receive some financial aid. For freshmen in 2011, this number was more than 75 percent. Of undergraduates completing their degrees, roughly 73 percent have debt and the average amount is about \$26,000.

### **Fall Events**

- **URI's Open House, Oct. 28:** Thousands of high school seniors and their families will attend the University's Open House on Oct. 28. The program provides potential students with a chance to learn about the admission process, financial aid, scholarships and more. Visitors can register for the program at [www.uri.edu/admissions](http://www.uri.edu/admissions).

- **Homecoming 2012, Oct. 26-28:** Homecoming on the Kingston Campus includes reunions, college and department-based gatherings, music, food, entertainment and more. The URI vs. New Hampshire game starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Meade Stadium. That evening, the annual URI Distinguished Achievement Awards celebration will be held to honor alumni who are making a big difference in the world.

- **URI Distinguished Achievement Awards, Oct. 27:** Annual awards program honors those individuals or corporations who personify the University's tradition of excellence in professional achievement, leadership contributions, and/or community service. Newport Marriott, Reception, dinner, and awards program.

- **50th Anniversary of W. Alton Jones Campus:** This year, the University celebrates the 50th anniversary of the W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich. Various events will be held throughout the year to honor the rich history of the campus, as the University community celebrates "Big Moments in the Woods." <http://www.uri.edu/ajc/50th/>

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## Construction Zone

• **Housing:** Hillside Hall Residence Hall, \$42 million project, 120,000 square feet, five-story structure will house 429 students in double rooms, each with 9-foot-high ceilings, built-in closets and the newest technology. Hillside Hall will be the most energy efficient residence hall on campus with up to 30 percent of its domestic hot water needs supplied by rooftop solar collectors. Many of the building materials will have recycled content, and the building will also feature naturally ventilated spaces, a vegetated roof, heat-recovery equipment, indoor bicycle storage, and building energy monitors in the main lobby.

• **Behavioral Change Research Facility:** The first floor of the Chafee Social Science Center is being transformed into a centralized facility to support faculty, researchers and students who are developing and evaluating new approaches to behavior change. Expected to be complete next semester, the project is funded by a \$2.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

• **LGBTQ Center:** To be located at the present site of the Ruggles House at 19 Upper College Rd., the LGBTQ Center will be new construction. LLB Architects of Pawtucket, has begun the design process for the new center in keeping with the road's residential style.

• **Student-Athlete Development Center:** This \$3 million facility will be located in a renovated and expanded area of the east gym of the Tootell Physical Education Center. It will be a comprehensive athletic performance and student-athlete enhancement center with classrooms and meeting rooms. Private donations and University resources will fund the project.

• **Butterfield Dining Hall:** When Hillside Hall opens, there will be nearly 5,500 students living on campus, so the need for additional dining space is critical. Design is under way to expand this dining facility in the heart of the Freshman Village. Cost for the project is estimated at \$3 million, with a tentative completion date of September 2013. Student dining fees will finance the improvements.

• **Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences:** The design work by William Wilson Architects of Boston is complete for the \$70 million facility to be built in the North Science District, specifically in a portion of the Chafee parking lot between the Chafee Social Science Center and White Hall. Construction is expected to begin during the spring semester. Of the total project cost, \$61 million is being funded through a bond issue approved by Rhode Island voters.

• **Other Capital Projects:** Of course there are several other projects under way to improve the teaching, learning and living spaces at URI. These include: Planning for future renovations of the College of Engineering buildings and the Fine Arts Center; ongoing improvements to buildings across campus, such as the new windows in East and Washburn Halls; first floor renovations and utility upgrades of Ranger Hall for the Harrington School of Communication and Media are in design; and the Flagg/Plains Road extension.

## A Few More Simple Facts

### **TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES (2012-13)**

- Undergraduate Tuition and fees:
  - In-state \$12,450
  - Out-of-state \$28,016
  - Regional \$20,610
- Undergraduate Room/Board, \$11,160
- Graduate Tuition and fees:
  - In-state \$12,920
  - Out-of-state \$24,994
  - Regional \$18,686

• **Top 10 undergraduate majors** are Nursing; Communication Studies; Psychology; Kinesiology; Human Development and Family Studies; English; Accounting; Textile, Fashion Merchandising and Design; Political Science; and Biological Sciences.







# FALL ACTIVITIES



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RAKING  
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SWEATER  
THANKSGIVING  
TREES  
TRICK OR TREATING  
TURKEY  
YAMS

**DIRECTIONS:** The object is to find the 41 hidden words within the grid. Words can be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards or forwards. **BONUS:** There is one SECRET WORD. The secret word is horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards. **DO NOT** take the remaining letters to spell a word. **HINT:** secret word is part of the theme of the word search. Once you have found that word, please print it in the space provided below and return the completed wordsearch to Michelle Curreri, President's Office, 35 Campus Avenue, Green Hall. Please include your name, address and e-mail with your entry. A drawing of all correct entries will determine the winner. A URI prize will be given to the winning entry. The winner will be announced in the next issue of URInformed. Good Luck!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

***'TIS THE SEASON!***



**URI will soon kick off its' 9th Annual URI Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive!**

Students, deans, administrators, faculty, staff and Friends of URI - You are invited to join President David Dooley, Vice Presidents Bob Weygand and Tom Dougan, Department of Athletics, Department of Student Life, and Zeta Beta Tau fraternity by committing to participate in this annual Spirit of Giving event.

Here's how you can be involved:

- ☆ Simply provide a new gift for a child or teenager
- ☆ Sponsor a family or families in need this holiday season: adopt a family (or two!) by office, department, college, or student organization
- ☆ Organize a new toy and/or new clothing drive on behalf of your department, college or student organization to be disseminated as necessary to Rhode Island families in need.

Donations of new unwrapped toys and warm clothing, and retail gift cards for a child, teenager or family in need this holiday season will be collected during late November through early December, wrapping up with a Spirit of Giving holiday reception on **Thursday, December 6th, 2012, 3 to 5 p.m. at the University Club.**

This year's gift donations will benefit 3,000+ needy children served by Children's Friend, a leading provider of child welfare, education, family support, mental health, and youth development services to Rhode Island's poorest and most vulnerable children.

This event was a tremendous success last year thanks to the involvement of so many URI staff, faculty and students – an outpouring of significant generosity! We exceeded our donation goals and URI again hopes to have a great impact on the well-being of so many families in need this holiday season – with your help.

More information on the sponsorship of a family and gift ideas for specific age groups for individual donations will be shared in the weeks ahead. Questions and volunteer inquiries may be addressed to Sharon Blackmar at **(401) 874-2433.**

Your participation, no matter how big or how small, will make a difference in the life of a child this holiday season. Thank you.

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## 2012 GINGERBREAD EXPRESS

ACT and NEARI, are asking for your help to sponsor children for this holiday season. Most of the children are from the D'Abate School in Olneyville and need your help to have a joyous holiday season. So please, if you haven't sponsored a child, let this be your first year.

If you or a group of friends or coworkers would like to sponsor a child or more than one child, contact Joan Hernandez with the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bldg. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_  
How many kids: \_\_\_\_\_

She will send you the name or names of children with the delivery deadline.

Joan in Career Services, 228 Roosevelt x 4 4832

*Please follow the few guidelines listed below:*

*The Children's Fund suggests clothing as the primary gift, but be sure to try to add a toy or other fun item that the child has put on his/her wish list. Bigger size garments are more likely to last the winter (or even two), and sweat suits and underwear are always good staples. Wrap your gifts securely, taping boxes together or wrapping smaller packages and enclosing them all together in a larger box. Giant gift bags that fit everything also make it easier for children to carry their gifts.*

**PLEASE ADHERE TO THE DEADLINE—missing it may mean a very disappointed child.**



## URI publishes history book about W. Alton Jones Campus for 50th anniversary

On the 50th anniversary of the University of Rhode Island's W. Alton Jones Campus, the University has published a book about the history of the campus that includes never-before-seen photographs and details about some rather unusual incidents that have occurred there.

*Rhode Island's Natural Laboratory: A History of URI's W. Alton Jones Campus* was written by Todd McLeish, a URI public information officer, and designed by the URI Department of Publications and Creative Services. It details in words and pictures how, in the 1920s, the Louttit family of Providence acquired eight farms that would later be sold to oil executive W. Alton Jones, whose death in a plane crash led to the donation of the property to URI.

"Jones was quite a character who walked around everywhere with a \$10,000 bill in a money clip in his pocket and another \$50,000 in cash in a briefcase," said McLeish, who has written several books about wildlife. "He was an imposing figure, but he also gave freely of his money to the less fortunate he met in his travels, including waitresses and golf caddies facing hardships."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower made several visits during the years Jones owned the property (1954-1962), and the king of Nepal stayed there at the end of a month-long tour of the country.

When Jones died and his wife, Nettie, donated the 2,309-acre property to URI, the University built a Youth Science Center (now called the Environmental Education Center) to host nature camps and educational programs for children. It also turned the homes the Louttits built on the property into the Whispering Pines Conference Center, where 350 conferences and 50 weddings are now held each year.

"My favorite chapter of the book is the compilation of oddball things that have happened there over the years," McLeish said, "like when the State Police asked to use one of the buildings as a safe house to hide a mob informant. They strung trip wire around the building, and when a maintenance worker accidentally hit

it, the police came out armed with machine guns."

The chapter also details the day in 1976 when then-Gov. Phillip Noel's helicopter crashed on the campus and became impaled on a tree stump. The helicopter's pilot provided his personal photographs of the crash scene for inclusion in the book.

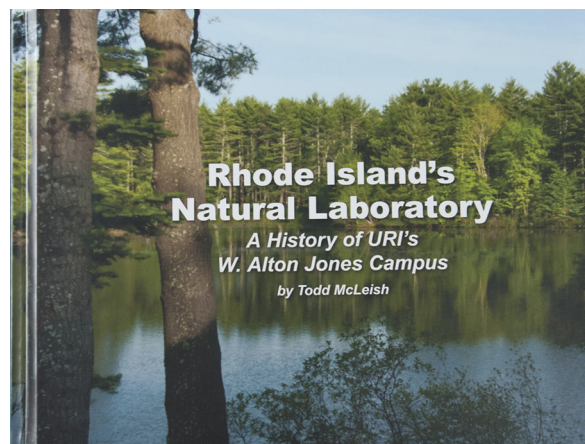
"Todd's book really pulls together the story of the W. Alton Jones Campus," said Thomas Mitchell, director of the campus. "We had pictures in lots of different files and archives, and for the first time this book brings everything together into a fun and very readable history."

One chapter in the book focuses on the approximately 50 research projects that URI faculty and students have conducted at the campus. Among the research subjects were salamander migration, fish populations, eels, lilac blooms, soil moisture, caddisfly larva, and colors that elicit avoidance behavior in mallard ducks. The 24-hour BioBlitz event in 2004 counted 1,005 species of wildlife living on the campus.

"The undisturbed nature of the campus makes it an ideal site to study wildlife in pristine ecological conditions," McLeish said.

The book can be purchased in hardcover for \$24.95 by contacting Cheryl Conti at the W. Alton Jones campus at 401-397-3302, ext 6043 or [cconti@uri.edu](mailto:cconti@uri.edu).

An excerpt of the book can be viewed at:  
<http://www.uri.edu/ajc/50th/book/>



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sustained opposition to any and all expansion in the field of liberal arts.” Later that month, Dr. Woodward relayed in a letter to Miss Eldred that the Board of Trustees voted to bestow the title of associate professor emeritus.

In an article in the *Providence Journal*, June 1, 1940, reporting on the gathering honoring Miss Eldred at Roosevelt Hall, then acting president, Dr. John Barlow is quoted, “By her quiet, unobtrusive life and unflinching zeal in inculcating the

love of beauty in many generations of State College students, Miss Eldred helped raise the standards of her protégées more than any of us can appreciate.” The Burlingames wrote further in their letter: “I feel that my praise is presumptuous and inadequate but it expresses my appreciation of your distinct place among the college builders.” Mabel DeWitt Eldred died on March 22, 1957 at the age of 82.



**Mabel DeWitt Eldred in her studio.**

*photos courtesy of the URI Archives*

**URInformed Word Search Winner**

Congratulations to **Liliana Costa**, Controller's Office, the winner of the URInformed Word Search! The secret word was **SANDCASTLE**.

Please contact Michelle Curreri in the President's Office (4-4462) to claim your prize.

This month's Word Search is on page 9.

**Secret Picture Contest Winner**

There was no winner of the May 2012 Secret Picture contest.

The secret picture was of the stairway in Swan Hall.



# Personnel Script

## Job Opportunities

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## ... and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired

Carol A. Budnik (Communications & Community Relations); Donna M. David (Provost for Academic Affairs); William E. Emery (Custodial Services); Linda S. Greene (Public Safety Administration);

## In Memoriam

Roberta K. Koppel, Director, Career Services and Employer Relations  
Lewis Pakula, Professor, Mathematics  
John Babson, Professor, Pharmacy, (retired)



# Cook's Corner

Share your favorite recipes in the Cook's Corner

## Pumpkin Walnut Bread with Streusel

*Pumpkin bread with a spicy streusel twist!*

### Ingredients:

#### Streusel:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of Kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons cold butter

#### Bread:

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) melted butter
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted walnuts
- 12 whole walnut halves for decorating the top of the loaf

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 F with the rack positioned in the bottom third of the oven. Butter a 9" x 5" loaf pan.

*To make the streusel:* Stir together the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a small mixing bowl. Using a pastry blender or 2 forks, cut in the butter until it creates pea-sized crumbs. Set aside.

*To make the bread:* In a medium sized mixing bowl, whisk together the melted butter, sugar, pumpkin, milk, eggs and vanilla until combined.

In another mixing bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, ginger, nutmeg and baking powder. Add the flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture and mix with a rubber spatula just until combined. Do not overmix. Spoon half the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Spread

the streusel over the batter and cover with the remaining batter. Place the walnut halves over the surface of the bread.

Bake until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 65 to 70 minutes. Transfer the pan to a wire cooling rack and let cool for 15 minutes. Using a thin knife or spatula, release the bread from the pan and let cool to room temperature.

*Makes one loaf.*



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