



Alumni Updates



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a big success. Take a look at our [Golden Grad](#) and [Golf](#) photos, and browse the photo album from the University's [120th Commencement](#).



► **Upcoming chats** On **June 20** meteorologist [Steve Cascione '77](#) will address your questions about the upcoming

hurricane season. On **July 18**, our chat will feature [John Grant '86](#), a member of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Science Team, whose topic is the Mars Rover Mission.



► **Prefer to do your reading online?** Take a look at the latest issue of [QUAD ANGLES!](#)

Featured in the summer issue is a conversation with [Dr. Robert L. Carothers](#) who shares his thoughts on the University as he completes his 15th year of service as the University of Rhode Island's 10th president.



► **College of Pharmacy honors outstanding alumni** The URI College of Pharmacy recently honored Ronald P.

Jordan '76 with the Dr. Norman A. Campbell Award for Ethics and Excellence in Healthcare, and named Adolph Vezza '80 and Amy Gannon '95 Preceptors of the Year. [More...](#)

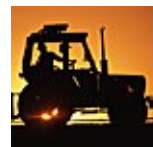
► **Time to get involved?** If you would

University News & Events



► **URI oceanographer says global cooling occurred much earlier than previously believed** Over 400 meters of sediment core collected beneath the Arctic Ocean by an international team of scientists have revealed a 56-million-year record of climate changes that could help clarify present and future climate trends. Results of the research expedition, led by scientists from URI and Stockholm University, are reported in the June 1 issue of *Nature*. "Little direct

evidence about the environmental history of the Arctic Ocean existed before our cruise, partly because of the enormous technological challenges of collecting the samples," said Kate Moran, URI professor of oceanography and ocean engineering and expedition co-chief scientist. [More...](#)



► **Hunger on front burner at Feinstein hunger center** URI is the place to be if you want to look closely at the issue of hunger in America and do something about it. "There are no other undergraduate academic programs in the country on hunger," said Kathleen Gorman, director of URI's Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. URI offers a minor in hunger studies, and more than 1,000 students have enrolled in hunger courses or participated in related service projects. URI's Feinstein hunger center, launched six years ago, has focused much of its effort on the role of government in assuring that its citizens can feed their families. [More...](#)



► **URI holds Tick Control Awareness Day** Rhode Island has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in the country, and the University is continuing its leadership in educating the public about Lyme disease prevention. URI recently held its first Tick Control Awareness Day, which drew the support of a number of state officials. The event was organized by Professor Tom Mather, director of the URI Center for Vector Borne Diseases, and Nathan Miller, the Center's outreach coordinator, who have also launched the nation's first [tick bite prevention](#) Web site. [More...](#)



► **From Cambodia to Rhode Island to Afghanistan** Vanna Nhem '04 was born in Cambodia, but his parents came to Rhode Island when he was 2. Although they rarely talked about it, Nhem knew his parents had been forced into labor camps and that some family members were among those murdered by the Khmer Rouge. Today, Nhem, a first lieutenant, is one of 20,000 American soldiers in Afghanistan. "I remember Cadet Nhem had an irrepressible optimistic attitude. I believe he represents the quintessential American spirit," said Lt. Col. Paul Krajjeski, professor of military science who oversees URI's ROTC program. [More...](#)



► **URI honors late pharmacy alumnus who saved a life** The College of Pharmacy has named its physical assessment workshop in memory of Adam J. Mendelson, a 2002 pharmacy alumnus whose actions saved the life of a woman in the midst of a stroke. Pharmacy Dean Donald E. Letendre announced that the workshop would now be

like to work with fellow URI alums in planning upcoming events, consider becoming involved with one of the Alumni Association's volunteer [committees](#). It's a great way to stay connected!



► **Chapter news** On **July 14**, the **Rhode Island Chapter** will be ringside when the Big Apple Circus makes its annual visit to Ninigret Park in Charlestown. On **July 16**, **San Diego alumni** are planning to take in the Padres/Braves game, and on **July 21**, **New Hampshire Chapter** members are heading to Manchester to watch the New Hampshire Fisher Cats play the Trenton Thunder. [What does your chapter have planned?](#)

► **Show your Rhody pride** Mark your calendars for August 16, [Pride in URI Night](#) at Pawtucket's McCoy Stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m. for an all-you-can-eat barbecue, followed by the PawSox vs. Scranton Red Barons game at 7:05 p.m. Don't miss this great summer tradition. You can [register online](#) today!

called the Adam J. Mendelson Pharm D. Physical Assessment Workshop after the alumnus, who died six months after his graduation from the University. [More...](#)



► **URI announces 2006 Woman of the Year** The URI Association for Professional and Academic Women has named Sociology and Anthropology Chair Helen Mederer as Woman of the Year. "Helen's goal is to transform the way URI deals with workplace issues and to make URI a more family-friendly and worker-friendly environment," said Lenore Martin, association president and associate professor of cell and molecular biology. Mederer joined the University in 1984 and has been an active member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. [More...](#)

► **Your gift makes a difference** Every gift to the University of Rhode Island matters. Every URI scholarship makes a difference in the life of a student, a family, and a community. Whether you make an online gift to the [Annual Fund](#) or the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association](#), or choose to support an existing endowment, your contribution matters. If you have not already done so, we ask that you consider making your gift by the end of the fiscal year on **June 30**. Thank you for your generosity. [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** The third annual [Rhody the Ram Charity Yard Sale](#) will be held Saturday, **June 10**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Keaney Lot on the Kingston Campus. Rain date is **June 11**. An [exhibit by printmaker Dore Page](#) will be will be at the URI Library through **June 30**, with a reception on **June 11**. On **June 26**, former President [Bill Clinton](#) will participate in the Scholar-Athlete Games Speaker Series. Coming to the Ryan Center on **August 22** are the [Wiggles!](#) [More...](#)

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