Alumni Updates

**Mars exploration is focus of July chat** On July 18 at 1 p.m., our Web chat features John Grant '86, one of the scientists coordinating the rovers used to explore Mars. Grant, who will discuss space exploration and answer questions about the Mars rovers, joined the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in 2000, and leads the day-to-day operations of the Mars rovers. You can submit a question at any time.

**Save the date** The inaugural URI Distinguished Achievement Awards Gala will be held on Saturday, October 14, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence. This special evening event will include dinner and presentation of awards. Registration information and the announcement of 2006 award recipients coming soon!

**A great summer tradition** It's time to get your tickets for our annual Pride in URI Night, held August 16 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.

**Attention, golfers** The Phi Kappa Psi affinity group is planning its annual Pop Top Open on August 5, at Beaver River Golf Course in Richmond, R.I.

University News & Events

**Former President Bill Clinton at URI for the 2006 World Scholar-Athlete Games** On Monday, June 26, former President Bill Clinton delivered the keynote address to the students who attended the 2006 World Scholar-Athlete Games that were held on the University's Kingston Campus June 24-July 2. Clinton spoke at the Ryan Center to the thousands of students who came from more than 155 countries and all 50 states. More...

**URI, Food Bank partnership to grow food for the hungry** The URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences and the Rhode Island Community Food Bank formed a partnership to grow at least 100,000 pounds of squash and corn this summer to provide Food Bank clients with fresh produce. URI has committed approximately five acres of land to the project, and the Food Bank has agreed to hire a URI student for the summer to manage it. Crops will be harvested in the fall by URI 101 students as a community service project, and by other students from the URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America. More...

**Professor sees a pattern in swimwear** While you pull and tug your way into another bathing suit season, you might like to know that Joy Emery sees a pattern. Swimsuits reflect the style of the time in which they are created, according to Emery who oversees the Commercial Pattern Archive, which is housed in the Special Collections Unit of the URI Library. With nearly 30,000 patterns, fashion periodicals, tailoring journals and other related artifacts dating from the 1860s through the 1980s, it's the largest such collection in the world. More...

**Sen. Reed, nursing leaders examine critical issues** U.S. Sen. Jack Reed visited URI recently to hear directly from nursing leaders how to bolster a profession facing unprecedented demands. Reed, President Robert L. Carothers and Nursing Dean Dayle Joseph hosted more than 50 nursing leaders from around the state to discuss critical issues facing the profession. Reed noted that as our population grows older, our need for a "robust supply" of nurses is critical, and the ability to educate large numbers of new nurses is made difficult because there is a dramatic shortage of nursing faculty and academic nursing facilities. More...

**Pharmacy student wins national Goldwater scholarship for work in HIV prevention research** URI pharmacy student Michael Hanley was recently named a 2006 Barry M. Goldwater scholarship winner for his work in HIV transmission prevention research. Hanley, a fifth-year pharmacy student, has worked with Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Keykavous Parang for more than two years. Together they have started developing compounds for possible use in a topical microbicide ointment to help prevent HIV transmission. Hanley has designed eight anti-HIV compounds that show great potential for further development. More...
And coming up on October 2, is the Phi Gamma Delta Charity Golf Tournament at Metacomet Country Club in East Providence.

At the chapters On July 16, San Diego alumni will take in the Padres-Braves game. On July 21, the New Hampshire Chapter will watch the New Hampshire Fisher Cats-Trenton Thunder game. On August 1, the New Jersey Chapter will host its annual Welcome Freshmen Picnic. Find out more.

Homecoming events Come back to Kingston for Homecoming 2006 on October 14. The 6th annual Rhody the Ram 5K will be held at a 9 a.m., and kickoff for the URI-Richmond game is at noon. See what else is planned!

Retired math teacher finds URI scholarship fund adds up Cynthia Grinnell '58, a retired teacher of math and computer science, established an endowed scholarship in 2002 for women students majoring in math or science. "I don't have kids. What was I going to do with my money? Buy a bigger car? Buy a bigger house? I'd rather do something useful with it," she says. This year, senior Sara Day was awarded a $1,600 Grinnell scholarship. More...

On the calendar The Kingston Chamber Music Festival returns to the University of Rhode Island for its 18th season, July 11-21. Founded in 1989 by violinist David Kim, the festival presents extraordinary musicians during a two-week summer festival of six reasonably-priced evening concerts. Programs feature many of the world's established music stars playing alongside young rising stars. More...

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