



Alumni Updates



► **Golf tournament photo album** Our [2007 Alumni Golf Tournament](#) raised nearly \$7,000 for student scholarships.

Thanks to all who participated and made the day such a success. Take a look [photos!](#)



► **Upcoming chat** Coming up on **July 24** is our Web chat with filmmaker [Cherry Arnold '87](#), whose film *Buddy*

documents the rise and fall of America's most notorious mayor. Read the transcript of our recent chat on [global warming](#) with GSO Dean David Farmer and Associate Dean Kate Moran.

► **Wait list for Family Camp** Alumni [Family Camp](#) on July 27-29, 2007 has sold out! We are keeping a wait list, so if you are interested please contact Michelle Fontes at 401-874-4854 or mfontes@advance.uri.edu.



► **Alumni Association Executive Board** Welcome to [Gary Kullberg '63](#), newly

elected president of the URI Alumni Association, who succeeds Peter Miniati III '85 and will serve a two-year term. Welcome also to the new members of the Association's [Executive Board](#).



► **Show your Rhody pride** Register now to attend this year's [Pride in URI Night](#) at McCoy Stadium on **August 21**.

Cheer on the PawSox as they take on



University News & Events



► **URI hydrogeologist awarded World Bank grant to develop drinking water sources in rural India** Associate Professor of Geosciences Thomas Boving has been awarded a \$190,000 grant from the World Bank to develop a system providing villagers in rural India with safe, affordable, and reliable drinking water. Boving is one of just 22 grant winners from 13 countries selected from a record pool of 2,900 applicants for a total of \$4 million in funding. The World Bank's Global Development Marketplace and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are the funding agencies. [More...](#)



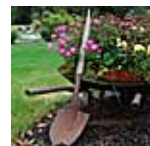
► **URI economists protect habitat for nesting birds** Farmers in Jamestown, R.I., are being paid by local residents to delay haying their fields until after birds have completed nesting in a unique test to establish investment markets for ecological services. The project to protect habitat for bobolinks, a grassland-nesting bird whose population is declining in New England, was designed by a team of University of Rhode Island economists in collaboration with Providence-based EcoAsset Markets, Inc. [More...](#)



► **Mark your calendars for URI capital campaign kick-off and Distinguished Achievement Award Celebration** On October 13, 2007 at the Providence Westin Hotel, the University will hold its 2nd annual Distinguished Achievement Award Celebration in conjunction with the *Making a Difference* campaign kick-off. This special event will signal the end of the leadership gift phase for the campaign, and will also celebrate our [2007 Distinguished Achievement Award winners](#) and the 26 influential alumni and friends who have been named to the 2007 Dean's List. Further details and online registration information will be available soon. [More...](#)



► **English professor takes a detour to awkwardness** URI English Professor Mary Cappello took the road less traveled and the result is a book-length essay called *Awkward: A Detour* released this month by Bellevue Literary Press. It's a literary hybrid: part memoir, part cultural criticism, part philosophical meditation. Cappello didn't set out to write about awkwardness. Instead a set of serendipities led to awkwardness, a singularly human condition, she says, one that is a wholly pervasive, but woefully ignored and unexamined. [More...](#)



► **URI Master Gardener donates \$24,000 to support gardening education programs for children** Art Fischer, one of the first URI Gardeners, has made a lasting gift that will provide gardening education for many generations to come. Fischer, 82, has contributed a \$24,000 gift to the Master Gardener Foundation of Rhode Island to create an endowment to aid URI Master Gardener educational programs for school children. The programs are conducted by the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences Outreach Center, formerly the Cooperative



Syracuse, enjoy an all-you-can-eat barbecue, meet players, Rhody the Ram, and Paws at this popular annual summertime event!



▶ **At the chapters** On **June 28, Boston Alumni Chapter** members are getting together for a Cooking Light Supper

Club event at the Westin Copley Place. On **June 29**, it's barbecue and baseball for the **White Mountain Rams Alumni Chapter** at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Ball Park. On **July 13**, the **Rhode Island Chapter** will be ringside for a performance of the famed Big Apple Circus in Charlestown's Ninigret Park. [Find out more](#) and see what your chapter has planned.

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▶ **You can make a difference** If you have not already done so, we hope you will consider [making a gift](#) before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Annual gifts provide critical support for scholarships, athletics, faculty development, and alumni programming. Big or small, every gift counts. Enjoy our celebration of [Rhody pride](#) and see how you can make a difference for URI. *Download times may vary.*



▶ **On the calendar** At the [Ryan Center](#): **Vince Gill**, the Friends and Family Tour, featuring Amy Grant and the Del McCoury Band on **July 19**; and two performances of the **Wiggles** on **August 7**. Deal or No Deal II, a *Making a Difference* campaign event, will take place on **September 10** at Boston's Seaport Hotel. The event will feature a panel discussion with alumni Mike Fascitelli '78, Dick Harrington '73, and Tom Ryan '75. For more information, please contact Myrna Bizer at mbizer@advance.uri.edu or 401-874-2145. [More...](#)

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