



## Alumni Updates



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



► **URI-Army game at West Point** Join URI alumni, family, and friends on **September 8** to watch the [University of Rhode Island football team take on Army](#)

at West Point's Michie Stadium. Tickets for the game and bus transportation can be purchased through the Ryan Center box office 401-874-RAMS (7267) at \$30 each. For questions, contact Michelle Fontes at 401-874-4854 or [mfontes@advance.uri.edu](mailto:mfontes@advance.uri.edu).



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

recently released film *Buddy* documents the rise and fall of America's most notorious mayor.



► **Interested in getting involved?** The Alumni Association offers you many ways to stay involved with your alma

mater. Consider joining one of our [volunteer committee](#). It's a great way to meet fellow alumni and work together to make a difference for URI.

► **Alumni Chapter Leader Weekend**

## University News & Events



► **URI researchers awarded \$2 million grant to measure Antarctic Circumpolar Current** The Southern Ocean is warming faster than other oceans, and winds in the region have increased significantly in the last 30 years, so it is a key location to look for the impacts of climate change. Kathleen Donahue and Randy Watts, researchers from the University's Graduate School of Oceanography, aim to do just that. They have been awarded a five-year, \$2 million grant by the National Science Foundation to measure the current that flows around Antarctica. [More...](#)



► **GSO professor developing next generation of hurricane forecast tools** Professor Isaac Ginis, who helped develop an ocean-based hurricane forecast model that has been the most accurate hurricane prediction tool at the National Hurricane Center, is completing work on a model that uses satellite technology to help predict a storm's path, intensity, and surge. The next generation of hurricane models is being developed by Ginis, in collaboration with scientists at the NOAA Centers for Environmental Prediction. [More...](#)



► **Alumnus awarded pharmacy's highest honor** URI College of Pharmacy alumnus Ernest Mario, a recognized leader in the research-based pharmaceutical industry, was awarded the Remington Honor Medal earlier this year. The award, which recognizes distinguished service and/or outstanding achievement on behalf of American pharmacy, is the profession's highest honor. Mario received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University College of Pharmacy and his master's degree and doctorate from the URI College of Pharmacy. [More...](#)



► **Golf tournament planned in memory of 9/11 victim** Alumnus Christian L. DeSimone '00, who was an honor student and a linebacker for the Rams football team, died on September 11, 2001 in Tower One of the World Trade Center where he worked as a forensic accountant at Marsh & McLennan. He was 23. Family and friends have established a foundation dedicated to providing scholarship awards in his honor. On July 30, a memorial golf tournament will be held at the Wild Turkey Golf Club in Hardyston, N.J. Tournament proceeds will go toward scholarships for URI students studying German or accounting. [More...](#)



► **URI's commercial clothing pattern collection grows in size** If there was any question about whether or not the University of Rhode Island held the largest clothing pattern collection in the world, the latest donation to URI should dispel any lingering doubt. McCall, which now owns Butterick and the Vogue Pattern Co., recently transferred all of the patterns in its archive to the URI's Commercial Pattern Archive. Joy Emery, professor emerita and curator of the University's Commercial Pattern Archive, estimates the gift includes more than 1,200 patterns dating from 1871 to

**coming up** Our 2007 AAR & Chapter Leader Weekend will be held August 3 and 4 on the Kingston Campus! For more information, contact Kristal L. Cardone '99 at [Kristal@uri.edu](mailto:Kristal@uri.edu) or 401-874-4536.

► **At the chapters** On **August 4**, **Phi Kappa Psi's** annual Pop Top Open will be held once again at the Beaver River Golf Club in Richmond, R.I. On **August 7**, the **New Jersey Alumni Chapter** is hosting its annual Welcome Freshmen Picnic at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, N.J., and on **August 23** the **Chicago Alumni Chapter** is getting together at U.S. Cellular Field for a White Sox-Red Sox game and for a URI Alumni Association Patio Party before the game. [Find out more](#) and see what your chapter has planned.

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► **Tick abundance running below average in Rhode Island** Deer tick abundance in Rhode Island is running 22 percent lower this year compared to this same time last year, according to preliminary results from URI's statewide Tick Encounter Risk Survey. "The lower tick numbers this year could be due to low humidity levels that we experienced in early June. Ticks tend to be more abundant in moist conditions. This year's decline could also simply be attributed to the interannual fluctuations that we have observed over the last 15 years. Last year's numbers were quite high, so we somewhat expected lower numbers this year," said Thomas Mather, professor of entomology and director of URI's Center for Vector Borne Disease. [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** The University of Rhode Island [Department of Art Faculty Exhibition](#) at the URI Fine Arts Center runs from **June 19** through **July 31**. The URI Library Gallery presents the touring [Smithsonian Poster Exhibit: From Sea to Shining Sea](#), which opens on **June 21**. Expert gardeners trained through the URI Master Gardener program will open their gardens to the public for the third [Gardening with the Masters Tour](#) on **July 14** and **15**. 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**. [More...](#)

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