



Alumni Updates



► **Family Camp photos**
Our 2007 Family Camp, which was held last weekend, was a sellout again this year and another resounding success. Take a look at [photos](#) from this great family event.



► **Pride in URI Night at McCoy** 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. Don't miss this great annual summertime event.



► **Make Homecoming 2007 better than ever**
This year, all alumni affinity groups are invited to reserve a tent in

Rhodyville, our first ever Homecoming tent village. Rhodyville will be set up outside Meade Stadium and Keaney Gymnasium. We invite you to [reserve space for your affinity group now](#). For more information, contact Jessie Kenyon at jkenyon@advance.uri.edu or 401-874-5957.



► **Golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships** On **October 1**, the Phi Gamma Delta Chapter is

sponsoring its second annual Phi Gamma Delta Golf Tournament at Metacomet Country Club, East Providence, R.I. Proceeds will benefit the Dorothy M. Noble Fund at the URI Foundation, which provides scholarships to Phi Gam undergrads and/or children



University News & Events



► **URI names Thorr Bjorn to lead its athletics program** The University of Rhode Island has appointed Thorr D. Bjorn as its 11th director of athletics. Bjorn comes to Kingston after spending 15 years at the University of Massachusetts, where he rose to the position of senior associate athletic director. At URI, the 39-year-old Bjorn will oversee an athletics operation that has 22 intercollegiate sports. He will play critical roles in budgeting, fundraising, and marketing for athletics, while serving Rhody's approximately 500 student-athletes. Bjorn has a five-year contract with the University of Rhode Island. His appointment is effective Aug. 8. [More...](#)



► **Students place 2nd in international underwater vehicle competition** A team of URI students and their coach won \$4,000 for placing second in the 10th annual International Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

Competition, sponsored by the U.S. Office of Naval Research and the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. The event, held at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego, challenges the student engineers to build a miniature robotic submarine that can self-navigate and independently perform realistic missions. The URI students competed against 27 other teams from the United States, Canada, India, and Japan. [More...](#)



► **Grateful URI alumna, husband pledge \$250,000 to support scholarships for business students** Since earning her bachelor's degree in 1978, Cynthia Marcille Deysher has been giving back to her alma mater. The latest example is a five-year, \$250,000 pledge to fund the [Cynthia and Bryon Deysher Business Scholarship Fund](#).

The endowed fund will provide an annual scholarship for students enrolled in the College of Business Administration who demonstrate financial need. Recipients will be eligible for scholarship renewal, providing they maintain good academic standing and continue to qualify for financial aid. The gift is part of the University's Making a Difference campaign. [More...](#)



► **Oceanographer's first trip to seafloor a riveting scientific endeavor** When URI oceanographer Katherine Kelley climbed into a submersible vehicle for the first time last September, she felt considerable anxiety. She was about to travel three miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean to the southern end of the Mariana Trench near Guam, one of the deepest places in any ocean on Earth. Her trip to the seafloor thousands of miles from home was designed to help her gain a better understanding of how continents are built by studying the rocks ejected from the Earth's mantle when tectonic plates collide and create underwater volcanoes. [More...](#)



► **Widower's love to benefit Pawtucket students attending URI** Chris DiCarlo and his wife Ida believed strongly in education, particularly because their own formal education had been cut short. Ida died last year, just short of their 60th anniversary, and DiCarlo

of Phi Gams. For more details, see www.rifiji.com, or contact doug.whyte@anchorinsulation.com or pjminiati@washtrust.com. ▶

At the chapters On **August 23** the **Chicago Alumni Chapter** will head to the ballpark for a White Sox-Red Sox game and a pre-game party. Coming up on **September 15**, **Northern California Chapter** members will gather for their 12th annual San Mateo clambake. [Find out more](#) and see what your chapter has planned!

Cherry Arnold discusses Buddy Read the transcript of our recent chat with [Cherry Arnold '87](#), who answered questions about *Buddy*, her critically acclaimed documentary film.



decided to establish a memorial in her honor. When his niece Kathryn Haggarty's son Josh enrolled at URI, DiCarlo thought about creating an endowed scholarship at the University. Although DiCarlo wanted the scholarship in Ida's name, his niece convinced him to add his own. This spring, the Ida and Chris DiCarlo Endowment, which will help students from Pawtucket attending URI, was established with a \$50,000 gift. The gift is part of URI's Making A Difference campaign. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** Gardeners interested in improving their vegetable gardens are invited to an open house at the [URI Demonstration Vegetable Garden](#) at East Farm on **August 11**. The [James Montgomery Blues Band](#) will perform a concert to benefit the URI Graduate School of Oceanography at the Narragansett Cafe in Jamestown on **August 12**. Tickets are available for the the **Wiggles** on **August 7** at the [Ryan Center](#). Coming up **November 3** is An Evening of Comedy with **Bill Cosby**, who will be featured as a part of this year's [URI Family Weekend](#), **November 2-4**. [More...](#)

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