Alumni Updates

- **Picture perfect weekends** Browse the photo albums from two recent special alumni events—the Class of 1958 50th Reunion and Golden Grad Weekend. You are sure to see some familiar faces. Take a look!

- **The Big Apple** Join URI alumni and friends for the 30th anniversary show of the Big Apple Circus, CELEBRATE!, which will be held in Charlestown's Ninigret Park on Saturday, July 12 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $28 per person. Deadline to order your tickets is June 25. Order your tickets online today!

- **Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit student scholarships** The Christian L. DeSimone Foundation will sponsor its second annual golf tournament on July 18 in Hardyston, N. J. Held in honor of Chris DeSimone '00, who died on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, the tournament raises funds to provide scholarships to URI student-athletes. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Learn more.

- **All in the family** If you and your family are looking for a great summer weekend, you won't want to miss Alumni Family Camp July 18-20. Enjoy the 30th annual South County Balloon Festival, an authentic New England lobster bake, skating at Boss Ice Arena, and lots more. There is even an optional Personal papers of 19th century judge shed light on last R.I. trial to end in execution A University staff member and professor have discovered papers belonging to Job Durfee, the 19th century Supreme Court chief justice who presided over the last case involving capital punishment in Rhode Island. Scott Molloy, professor of labor and industrial relations at the University's Schmidt Labor Research Center, called it the most important find of his professional career. The papers were discovered by Christine King, a data control clerk at the Office of International Education, who grew up in a Revolutionary War era home in Tiverton. She contacted Molloy about several hundred pages of mid-19th century papers she saved from the scrap heap. More...

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- **Women's hockey coach earns top national honor for second time** URI women's hockey coach Beth McCann has been named the 2008 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Women's Division 1 Coach of the Year. McCann began her college coaching career in 1999, forming URI's first women's ice hockey team. Since the 2003-2004 season, McCann has led her team to five consecutive ACHA Women's Division 1 National Tournament Final Four appearances and five consecutive Eastern Collegiate Women's Hockey League Championships. She was also honored as coach of the year in 2005. More...

- **URI researchers work on substance use prevention with Rhode Island middle school students** Based on decades of research and success in helping to change smoking and other high-risk behaviors among teenagers and adults, the University's Cancer Prevention Research Center is now bringing tailored programs to younger children to prevent these behaviors from even getting started. In cooperation with school leaders, officials, and parents, URI Psychology Professor Wayne Velicer is bringing "Tailored Interventions to Prevent Substance Abuse" programs, also known as "Project BEST," to 6th through 8th grade children in 20 middle schools across the state. More...

- **Commencement 2008 is a family affair** Commencement is always a time of celebration for graduates and their families. This was certainly true for new sociology grad Alina Swonger, who received her diploma from her father, Alvin "Al" Swonger, a longtime professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences retiring this month. Commencement was also a family affair for Adam Justin Greenberg, who graduated May 18 with a degree in mechanical engineering, becoming the sixth URI alumnus in his family.

- **Professor is finalist for "Inspire Integrity" awards** Professor of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature Alain-Philippe Durand is one of 15 finalists for the "Inspire Integrity" awards, a national award recognizing faculty members who have had a significant impact on their students' lives and instilled a high degree
day trip to Block Island offered this year. Find out more and sign up today!

Seeking ROTC Hall of Fame nominations The ROTC Alumni Chapter is seeking nominations to the URI ROTC Hall of Fame. Membership in the Hall of Fame is open to any person who is either an ROTC alumnus of URI, a supporter of the URI Cramers Sabers ROTC Battalion, or an individual with a distinguished history of service to the military, community, or to URI ROTC. Send nomination and supporting information to LTC (Ret) Paul Helweg, '86 Berry Hill Lane, Kingston, RI 02881 or helweg1@cox.net. Nomination deadline is January 4, 2009.

At the chapters On June 15, members of the Arizona Chapter are heading to the ballpark for a Diamondbacks game. And June 16-21, the Alumni Association is taking a Southern California road trip with events in Ventura, Los Feliz, Orange County, and San Diego. Find out more.

URI graduates first writing, rhetoric majors Recent grads Marie Andrews, Jeremy Hawkins, and Lindsay Ryan were the first at URI to receive the bachelor of arts degree in writing and rhetoric. Approved only recently, the writing and rhetoric major asks students to write and publish in a wide range of situations and styles. Courses in the major emphasize written production for public consumption, thorough research, and sensitivity to multiple audiences in a variety of situations. More...

On the calendar The annual Rhody Charity Yard Sale will be held June 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Keaney Parking Lot (rain date: June 8). URI will host a six-session summer gardening school for amateur gardeners beginning June 10. The ALS Association Rhode Island Chapter's 12th annual "Evening of Hope" on June 12 will honor URI Professor of Economics Yngve Ramstad. The URI Ocean State Summer Writing Conference will be held in Kingston June 19-21. Roger Swain, former host of the "The Victory Garden" on PBS, will deliver a lecture sponsored by the URI Master Gardener Association on June 28. More...

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