Alumni Updates

- **Talent Development celebrates 40th anniversary in grand style**
  Talent Development is turning 40, and the Alumni Association and the Talent Development Program are hosting special 40th anniversary activities on August 1 and 2. Among the events planned are a golf outing, a gathering at the Black Repertory Theatre, and a 40th anniversary dinner at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Learn more about the celebration and register online today!

- **Calling all film buffs**
  The Alumni Association invites you to opening night of the Rhode Island International Film Festival at the Providence Performing Arts Center on August 5. The group alumni rate, which includes admission to the premiere and post-screening gala, is $35 (a savings of $25). Register online today!

- **Show your Rhody Pride**
  Head to the ballpark on August 20 and enjoy Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium. Join alumni, family, and friends for a great night out as the PawSox take on Syracuse. Gates open at 5 p.m. for an all-you-can-eat barbecue. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Don't miss this great Rhody summer tradition.

- **URI alumni head to Six Flags New England**
  Join URI alumni, family, and friends on August 24 for a great day at Six

University News & Events

- **According to URI researcher, China can't fully fix its air quality problem for Olympics**
  The outlook for air quality in Beijing during the Olympics is borderline, and there's little that the Chinese government can do to improve it. That's the conclusion drawn by a URI atmospheric chemist who analyzed pollution data collected regularly for the last five years by Chinese scientists. "There is both a local component and a regional component to the pollutants that cause unhealthy air in Beijing, and the severity of their effects are driven by weather fronts and winds," said Kenneth Rahn, a retired URI professor who travels to China several times a year to help scientists at Tsinghua University interpret their data. "Since it's controlled by the weather, it will be a matter of luck whether the bad air periods correspond with days of outdoor Olympic events." More...

- **Coastal Institute director receives Hawkes Award from R.I. Department of Environmental Management**
  Peter V. August, a professor of natural resources science and director of the Coastal Institute, received the 2008 R.I. Department of Environmental Management's Alfred L. Hawkes Environmental Achievement Award. "Pete August is an accomplished leader and scientist who has been keenly involved in land conservation efforts throughout the region, as well as GIS development, monitoring, mapping, and education for decades," said DEM Director W. Michael Sullivan. "He has made the Coastal Institute a nexus for scientific research and environmental problem solving for coastal ecosystems and their watersheds." More...

- **Study of 'green tides' aims to reduce impact of summertime algae blooms**
  Seaweed covered beaches and algae filled waterways are an increasing problem around Narragansett Bay during the summer months, but not enough is known about the size, duration and effects of these "green tides" to predict and manage them effectively. URI seaweed ecologist Carol Thornber and Roger Williams University algae systematist Brian Wysor are trying to provide some answers. With the help of a Collaborative Research Grant from the Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council, they are spending the summer identifying the algae species involved and proposing management strategies designed to reduce their impact. More...

- **URI achieves gold standard**
  The University of Rhode Island's Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society has been notified that it has achieved the "Gold Standard," or top level, for its leadership and service efforts. Last year the chapter's standing was "Good Standing." This year, the University leaped past the Bronze and Silver standards to the highest level. Golden Key, the first and largest global academic honor society, recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among college and university students from all academic disciplines. Membership is by invitation only, to the top 15 percent of college/university
**Flags New England.** Your ticket package includes all-day admission to New England's thrill capital and to Hurricane Harbor Water Park, an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch, a free parking pass, and more. Tickets are just $42 per person (a $98 value). Children two and under are free. Deadline to order tickets is August 11.

**At the chapters** On July 31, the New York Metro Chapter is hosting an event for NYC area alumni at the Beekman Tower Hotel's Top of the Tower. On August 11, members of the Chicago Chapter are taking in a White Sox-Red Sox game, and on August 12, the New Jersey Chapter is holding its annual Welcome Freshmen Picnic. Learn more about these and other chapter events.

**Take a look!** Browse the July 2008 issue of QUAD ANGLES online.

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**Two URI library studies students win scholarships** For the second year in a row, two students enrolled in the University’s Graduate School of Library and Information Studies program have won New England Library Association scholarships. The library association provides a multitude of services and opportunities for librarians in every type of library throughout the six New England states. Full-time student Alison Messier will receive a $2,000 scholarship, and Marilyn Hines, a part-time student, will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship. More...

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**On the calendar** University of Rhode Island marine outreach scientists will offer a free beachcombing program for children at Jamestown's Fort Getty on July 19 and August 16. Explore South Ferry history with a free walking tour on July 23 and August 6. The 20th anniversary Kingston Music Festival at the University of Rhode Island will be held July 22-August 1. The URI Summer Gardening School continues, with sessions on July 29, August 5, and August 19. The informal class meetings run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and are $15 per session. At the Ryan Center: Tickets are now on sale for the following concerts and performances coming up this fall -- Carrie Underwood, Jeff Dunham, and Playhouse Disney Live! More...