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Guide to the use of this Dictionary

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There is no one way to define URI. We all have our own words and ways for defining our time here. For me, URI is defined by the moments that I will take with me, the memories that are forever ingrained in my mind. URI was a place for me to define myself, to grow and find out who I am as a person. I also define URI by the people I've met here and how they have impacted and changed my life in so many ways, and for that, I am forever grateful. By choosing this theme I hope I have captured the many definitions that you all have created for URI. This is your time, your life, and you need to both define it for yourself and let the moments define you. I hope URI has helped you all find definition, and I hope that this book provides us all with a reminder of this defining time in our lives.
What does the University of Rhode Island mean to you?

"URI has been such a great place where I made amazing friends and memories."

• Elizabeth Grotzke
  Senior

"Your experience is what you make of it and I think there is a lot of opportunity at URI to grow as much as you want."

• Robert Preliasco
  Senior
Island mean to you?

"URI is a university where the options are limitless where there are so many places to make an impact."
- Stephen Edwardo Senior

"It is a beautiful campus with a great staff and many opportunities for all different kinds of people."
- Allison Senzer
  Senior
"Quintessential."

• Kevin Dibiase
  Senior

"Memorable!"

• Art Turmelle
  Senior

"Joyous"

• Kate Scozzaro
  Senior

De·fine
URI in one word
"Entertaining."
- Hayley Nemiroff
  Junior

"Windy!"
- Ashley Grandell
  Sophomore

"Exciting!"
- Bryn Conway
  Freshman

"Divertido!"
- Melissa Rounds
  Junior

"Eclectic."
- Stef Dennen
  Sophomore

"Hills!"
- Katie Felix
  Sophomore

"Community."
- Elise Fitzgerald
  Sophomore

"Expensive!"
- Matt Coty
  Senior
How would you define URI in your own words?

"In my own words I think URI is a wonderful public institution dedicated to help people learn, grow, and change. Personally, when I think of URI, I think of great granite buildings, green grass, rhododendrons blooming in the spring, the marching band playing in an autumn afternoon, and sitting on a bench around the Quad. It's the little things that define URI for me. I also think of it as a friendly, nurturing place where friendships are formed and a place that pushes the edge of knowledge through research."
What message would you like to say to the graduating class of 2008?

"First, I would like to say that this year's graduation class is one of the best qualified and prepared classes in URI history. This class has seen many changes and I think change is important in order to grow and develop from passive learners to active learners. This is a time of better prepared students and facilities. I believe that the graduating class needs to continue their path of learning even after college."

"If I had to define URI in one word, I would call it, creative."

- Robert Carothers
  President

What kind of advice do you offer to the graduating class for going into the "real world"?

"I think that they need to be comfortable with change. Our world today is all about growing technology so they need to be ready for anything. The jobs in the future that they will have haven't even been created yet and because of that, they need to be able to embrace change. They need to be able to learn everyday, and be flexible and creative. I think they also need to know that leadership does not come from assertion or from authority but from empowering people to change themselves.

I also think it is very important for them to keep the sense of community that they have created here. They need to always keep thinking about how they can connect with people because that's important in today's world.

I hope the graduating class stays engaged with the University because I am extremely proud of them, and I wish them well in all their future endeavors."
Wicked: adj. A Rhode Island term to describe both good and bad things, i.e. "That's wicked awesome!"

Packy: n. The northeastern term for a liquor store

The Butt: n. Not really what you think it is, just a nickname for Butterfield Dining Hall, known for its yummy waffles

The Dictionary of URI
The Ghetto: n. The group of dorms at the bottom of campus that are notorious for their old age.

Del's: n. A Rhode Island essential, this delicious frozen lemonade is perfect on a hot summer day.

The Elephant Walk: n. The hill that goes from Butterfield Road to Lower College Road; as students stumble up the hill first thing in the morning, they look like elephants trudging to their first class.

"Down-the-line": This term refers to the various areas of Narragansett where many upperclassmen both live and party.

Coffee Milk: n. Found only in Rhode Island, you can't get enough of this coffee flavored beverage.

"The newest term to add to the URI dictionary: hand-scanner, the bacteria infested machine that takes your appetite away."

Kimberly Dubois  
Junior
defining moments
"My favorite part of campus during fall is the quad. I love seeing the leaves changing on the trees."

- Courtney Rose
  Freshman

"Fall is my favorite time of year, and in Rhode Island it's just spectacular!"

- Megan Aldous
  Freshman

"The other day I was sitting in the back of the library by the windows and I noticed the colorful fall foliage."

- Bobby Malouin
  Freshman

"Davis Hall is by far my favorite building on campus, especially during the fall."

- Mike Adelman
  Freshman

"I'm a runner and jogging behind Keaney is a great way to enjoy the outdoors."

- David Rodin
  Freshman
Autumn:

n. a time to start over fresh and enjoy the fall foliage
"It's my favorite season at URI because the campus is gorgeous with all the color!"

*Justine Metro*
*Junior*
Organization Fair
September 18th, 2007
The annual Organization Fair is a great time for all the URI organizations to represent themselves to the URI community and to gain some new members and friends.

Blood Drive
September 25th - 27th, 2007
URI students gave back to the community by donating blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center.

"This is my 7th time giving blood. I do it to help people and because it's a good cause."

• Jordan Heath
  Junior
ALS Walk
October 17th, 2007
The URI faculty, students, and staff joined the community in a walk to help raise money for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and to honor Economics professor Yngve Ramstad.

"We just wanted to come out to support Professor Ramstad because he's a great supporter of us as well."
- Matt Gallagher
Senior

URI students got a chance to see what it's like in the army with a day of rappelling down steep walls provided by the ROTC.

ROTC Rappelling
September 29th, 2007
Men's Soccer:

n. the sport of life and war where one must obtain goals in order to survive

"We define the word family. Everybody sticks together."

• Geoff Cameron
  Senior
Women's Soccer:

n. the sport of kicking around

"The team this year was great. This team is my family at school."

- Becca Fish
  Junior
Diversity Week: n. the celebration of peoples' unique qualities

Diversity Week is held every September and encompasses a variety of events and informational sessions. These events exemplify the similarities and differences we share with each other. Musical performances, poetry jams, art displays, and intellectual speakers gave URI students and faculty another taste of unfamiliar worlds.
I liked how the President was telling us to step outside our comfort zone. Everyone should try and step out of their box this week.

Kyle Anderson
Senior
cheering
Rho•dy Rally:

n. an explosive gathering introducing all the sports teams

The second annual Rhody Rally was held the night before the homecoming game to recognize the various sports teams on campus while also featuring performances by the Ramettes and Flava Unit. This year there was a record number of students who came out to show their Rhody pride.

"This used to be Midnight Madness, but we changed it to a pep rally for all the sports teams."
• Ian Palombo
  Senior
"I can honestly say these have been the best four years of my life and I am so sad to be graduating this May. Becoming Homecoming Queen was definitely a pleasant surprise and I will cherish this and all of my memories from URI for years to come."

• Amy McDermott, H. Queen 2007
  Senior

"I truly thank God for all the experiences that I've had here and the relationships made along my journey at URI."

• Christian Apollon, H. King 2007
  Senior

Homecoming Court

To attract as many alumni as possible, this year's Homecoming went above and beyond, as the Student Alumni Association invested in an elaborate fireworks show, outdoor games and rock climbing walls, face-painting and balloon-making, and a free BBQ for those wearing school colors to the game. Despite an upsetting loss to James Madison University, URI students never failed to cheer on their football team, cheerleading squad, marching band and Homecoming King & Queen, with spirit levels rising so high it was difficult to not get caught up in the excitement.
"I absolutely love the art department here at URL. Every time I walked into the fine arts building I would always be happy because I was constantly surrounded by amazing people."

- Nyssa Peele
  Sophomore

Fall Art:

n. expressing the beginning of a new school year
"I couldn't ask for better people to run with. We run to live and live to run."

- John Cuoco
  Senior

**Men's Cross Country**

*n. the sport of facing the elements to finish the race*
Women's Cross Country

n. the sport of endurance and strength

"This year the team worked well together and that is why we were able to accomplish all we did together."

• Lindsay Post
  Senior
Greek Philanthropy Week

n. a week full of exciting events designed by members of the Greek community to raise money for a good cause

Philanthropy week is sponsored every fall semester by the Greek system to raise money for charities by holding various events. A sorority and fraternity pair compete with other pairs for events to generate interest and sell tickets. The week kicked off with a Powderpuff Football Game on Sunday Nov. 4th, followed by a World Series of Pop Culture game show on Monday, "So You Think You Can Dance?" dance competition on Wednesday, and a Date Auction to conclude the week on the 9th. All efforts helped collectively raise $10,000 for the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Philanthropy Week is all about making a positive difference in the world by devoting your resources and your time to causes that you believe in."

- Aaron Emelock
  Freshman
"The season was fun-the girls on the team were all so nice and welcoming. I was lucky to be a part of a sports team"

- Katie Condon
  Freshman

Field Hockey:

n. the sport of sweat, heart, and blood
We won more games than last year so it's been a great season.

Bob Schneck
coach
Kwanza Ball
December 8th, 2007

Uhuru SaSa, who is dedicated to establishing and maintaining the cultural, social and educational enrichment at the university, hosted its annual Kwanza Ball in December with this year’s theme being "Maquerade." All the students donned traditional masquerade masks all while having great food, music, and fun.

"I call this evening sophisticated, glamorous, and spicy!"

Tyrene Jones
• Sophomore

"It’s great to see everyone here and so elegant!"

Jessica Derezende
Freshman
The Indian Student Association organized their annual Diwali event. The "Festival of Lights" event symbolizes the victory of good over evil within every human being. The ISA serves to promote the awareness of cultural diversity on campus by organizing cultural and social events for the URI community.

"It was a great success! The students did a great job and came up with all the ideas!"

*Vijayalakshmi Manneth
Graduate Student*
"The entire cast and crew were amazing to work with. I've never been a part of a show before where everyone is treated as equals and we all got along with each other so well!"

*Benjamin Rose
Sophomore
"This is my second show at URI and I have had so much fun! I have loved this story ever since I was a little girl and was thrilled when I got cast as one of the four sisters."

• Micah Tougas
"Living in the dorm is a great way to meet people. A lot of my friends are right in my hall!"

- Theo Kontos
  Freshman

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**Dorm:**

*n. a college student's room, which has multi-purpose functions of a bedroom, kitchen, study, bathroom, and place for social gatherings*

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"Dorms are great because they provide a place for students to hang out, study, and of course, sleep!"

- Nevan Richard
  Sophomore
halls
Hope Commons:

n. the new building where once you get your hand scanned you can eat and talk to your friends
"French toast sticks on weekends at Mainfare! I love Rhody dining!"

• Juliana Belizario
  Freshman
The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Organization hosted a performance of Rocky Horror in the Chafee auditorium. Many members of the URI community came out to enjoy the musical and creative, colorful costumes for a fun filled night.
Up 'Til Dawn

November 6th, 2007

Up 'til Dawn is one of the biggest events on campus each year in which students come together to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hundreds of students and friends came out for a night of fun, food, and music.

Bingo Night

December 6th, 2007

SpeakEasy, the organization of peer educators who provide confidential and reliable information on any aspect of sexuality to the URI community, hosted a bingo night for all students and URI friends to enjoy.
"At the end of the day the 2007 Rhode Island Football season will be one to remember."

- Ashley Pierre
  Senior
Foot·ball:

*n.* the sport of killing each other in an organized fashion.
Cheerleading:

n. the art of motivating teams

"We are looking forward to a great football and basketball season."

• Ray Lyons
  Cheerleading Coach
Marching Band:

n. the art of combining music and dance to create entertainment.

"It's a great way to meet people, have fun, and entertain the crowd at games."

- Michelle Cefaretti
  Sophomore
Winter:

n. the time of year when URI is transformed into a snowy, white wonderland.
"I like watching kids sled down the hills on dining hall trays!"

- Jeff Bonaccorso
  Freshman

"Yeah, I like the rain...NOT!"

- Ben Sienko
  Freshman

"I wish URI would have underground tunnels during the winter so we wouldn't have to slosh through all the snow."

- Bethany Perrault
  Senior

"Winter at URI is kind of dreary, but when the snow is falling and finals are coming around, life becomes just a little brighter!"

- Alisha Pavao
  Freshman

"The fireplace in Rhody Market is a great spot to warm up a bit!"

- Caitlin Dowd
  Freshman
"Nothing says winter here at URI like a six-and-a-half foot tall mutant snowman!"

- Nick Higgins Junior
"We tried to do a different theme this year to make it more exciting and we came up with Winterforce, a comic book super hero theme."

*Jen Baker
Senior*
Winter Force

n. Student Entertainment Committee's week-long series of winter festivities; the last splurge of fun before finals
down the line
"My favorite dance this year was Welcome to the Jungle because we danced really crazy and it was a lot of fun!"

- Ashley Willcox
  Senior
Fla·va Unit:

n. a dance crew that embodies the spirit of hip-hop

"Flava is not just a unit, its life."

• Julianne Rotondo
  Freshman
The Electronic Music Association is a polyphonic group of students who are credited with providing the University with all its musical needs. The group spins tunes at University fuctions such as dances and fundraisers for other University groups. EMA keeps the University up to beat!
The annual Adams-Browning RA Date Auction was a great success this year. The RA's strutted their stuff in order to get their highest bids. The Adams-Browning residents sat on the sidelines and yelled for top the bid and the highest bidder won a date with the lucky RA.
Vaginal Monologues

n. a theatrical performance in which various women share stories of grief and happiness through the viewpoint of their vaginas

"I think this is important because it raises money to stop abuse and domestic violence on campus. It's my third year doing this and I love it!"

- Kate Gorton
  Senior actor
This performance was held as a part of V-Day, the global movement to end violence against women and girls. It attempts to raise awareness about issues facing women worldwide, including rape, incest, battery, female mutilation, and sexual slavery. Each monologue tells the audience a little bit about these issues women face worldwide, with some inspiring laughter, others bringing tears. The proceeds from this performance benefitted the URI Violence Prevention and Advocacy Services program.

"This performance is important because it lets women appreciate and love themselves. It goes towards an awesome cause too."

- Rebecca Kittredge
  Freshman actor
"Rhody! Rhody! Rhody! Pretty much sums it up."

- Brian Tupper
  Junior

"URI now has one of the best atmospheres in all of college basketball."

- Andrew Glidden
  Junior
Men's Basketball

n. where students fly across the court and dunk the ball with a slam
vote 70

Senate Elections
2008 Student Senate
Women's Basketball

*n. a sport that requires power and grace*

"It's great to get to part of the band and see the women's basketball team. They always have a great attitude."

*Tim Marren
Freshman*
"We do our part to put the best of URI forward for everyone to see."

- Tom Garrick
  Coach
"To prepare for the play I read a couple biographies on Mozart's life and read tons of letters that he wrote to various members of his family, his wife, and friends. That was the best way for me to get an insight of what this musical genius's personality was like."

- Tyler Fischer
  Mozart Junior
"It's been a great experience working on the show. It's a wonderfully written, brilliantly structured piece of theatre. And it features a surplus of genuinely moving moments."

Jamie Dufault
Joseph II, Emperor of Austria
Senior
Gym·nastics:

n. the ability to tumble, keep one's balance, perform with grace, and possess the determination to stick with it
"This is a great group of girls, we're all like sisters, and we're really going to miss this team next year."

- Deanna Staats
  Freshman
Swimming & Diving:

This year has the potential to be the best in Rhode Island history.

- Jason Jacintho
  Senior
"We enjoy performing at all the basketball games. It's a great opportunity to do what we love for our peers!"

- Amanda Riddle (Left)
  Junior

Ram·ettes:
n. the art of dancing to inspire team spirit
Winter Art:
n. the skill or mastery of illustrating abstract thought through various forms of expression

"Art: it's just a passion and something I'm good at. I enjoy making and creating things."

- Stephen Benitez
  Senior
"The best part of art is not having to buy books and it's definitely more interesting than math."

-Brian Blake
Senior
193 Degrees
Coffee House

Menu

Coffee  $1.00
Hot Chocolate  $1.25
Chai (Chocomint)  $1.75
Espresso  $1.00
Lattes  $3.00
Tea  $1.99
Fruit Water  $1.25
Soda, Coke, Dasi...  $1.25
Red Bull/$2.00  $3.12
Bread  $1.99
Cashews  $1.99 (10oz)
Cheese  $3.99 (10oz)

Next Open Mic:
April 8th  8pm
The 193 Degrees Coffee house is one of hot spots on campus. It's a place for students to grab a cup of Joe, play some board games, or kick back and relax on the comfy couches. The Coffee House also hosts local bands and Open Mic Nights for the ultimate coffee house feel. And, if you're tired of drinking Pepsi, the Coffee House is the only place on campus that serves Coke!
Blues and Cues
February 13th, 2008
The URI Police sponsors a "Blues and Cues" night for the URI students to come out, meet new people and build community. The students get to meet the URI police and other students over a few games of pool in the Union.

Free Hot Chocolate
March 4th, 2008
The Union Board handed out free hot chocolate to the tired and cold students in the Union to get them through their day and warmed up.

"This is really great for a break in the middle of a long day! Yum!"

-Justine Metro Junior
"My favorite thing about the date auction was dressing up and raising money for a good cause with all of my closest friends."

Melissa Simandl
Sophomore

WOWW/ZBT Date Auction
November 14, 2008

The girls of We're Offering Women Wisdom and the boys of Zeta Beta Tau showed their stuff off cowboy style, all for a good cause. Both groups came together to raise awareness of domestic violence in honor of Aura Diaz. The money raised from the auction was put to the Women's Center to help spread awareness of domestic violence in a greater scale.
winter snow
Spring:

*n.* the best time on campus, also known as Quad season
"Coming out to do work on the quad is always fun!"

- Brittany Stone
  Freshman

"Spring means the end of school is near."

- Brandee Piazik
  Junior

"Springtime means skipping class to hang out on the Quad!"

- Sarah Hayden
  Freshman

"Winter makes Spring at URI worth the wait."

- Liz Fusco
  Freshman

"Springtime at URI, this is why I came here!"

- Brianna Sihi
  Freshman
"The first few days of Spring are so nice. I always look forward to the weather warming up enough so I can sit on the quad and relax between classes."

Sara Champlin
Senior
sandals

Spring
"Perhaps the biggest lesson I learned, was from one of the very lessons I was able to teach as Jean Brodie, which is, 'Deep in most of us is the potential for greatness, or the potential to inspire greatness.'

• Elyssa Baldassarri
  Junior

The Prime of
Miss Jean Brodie

"URI theatre is a unique undergraduate program because the teachers and students are so close and we're all very passionate about what we do and I think that's apparent in the work we produce like The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. The cast felt comfortable doing all the scenes in the artists studio because Joe is such a respectful and dedicated actor I knew I could trust him completely and our director, Bryna Wortman, the cast, and the crew were so supportive and professional.

• Jolie Lippincott
  Sophomore
"This show was a great experience and I love being able to share it with the public."

- Jolie Lippincott
  Sophomore
Men's Tennis:

n. where guys can create a racket
Women's Tennis:

n. where the girls can fall in love

"I feel like the team was really strong this year. We not only had a great year, but it was a lot of fun!"

• Amanda Barletta
Sophomore
Gaming Convention
February 22-24, 2008

The Gaming Club held this year's weekend long gaming convention. This event is held so the URI community can get together, play any type of game, meet new people and spend time with old friends. It's a great place to learn new games or introduce other people to your favorites, while relaxing and having a great time.

"The gaming convention is a great way to spend a weekend where you can meet new people."

Kevin McCarthy
Senior
Golf: *n.* the sport that’s anything but puttin’ around

"I'm working hard to go out on a high note."

- Jarryd Dillas
  Senior
"A game like that is a real confidence booster."

• Ron Bracchi
  Sophomore

Baseball:

*n. where you won't find a diamond in the rough*
Softball: 
*n. a sport that's anything but soft*

"Every game makes us better for the next one."

- Danielle Quimby
  Senior

Spring
Spring Break

Health Education

March 12th, 2008

Health Services decked out the Union all in Spring Break fashion right before the big break. The staff of Health Services provided students with workshops and advice on how they can be healthy, safe, and take the right precautions to have a great Spring Break.
Lost At Sea, But Not in Our
Hearts
Concert
March 12th, 2008

Friends and family of late students, Daniel Donahue, Fandia Shloul, and Geoffrey Wilkes, held a two-year anniversary concert in their memory. Friends and fellow students performed several musical numbers in honor of their friends. The URI community gathered together in Edwards Hall to remember these students who are greatly missed.

"It isn't just to raise money, it's to bring everyone together to remember them."

• Brittany Wilkes
"The quick wit of the Cigar is unmatched!"

• Lisa Mcgunigal
  Junior
"The paper is truly a team effort and it would not have been possible without the amazing and fantastic staff that we had this year."

Christopher Barrett
Editor-in-Chief
Senior
"I like how the art department at URI is small. It's nice to walk through the halls and know each other."

• Heidi Schiller
  Senior
Spring Art:
n. blooming creations from budding young artists
Earth Day

April 22nd, 2008

This year, Earth Day was a great success. Celebrated on the Quad, many student groups and local organizations came out to spread the word on how to be Green. There were different workshops, demonstrations, and activities for the URI community to see how they can make an impact on Mother Nature.
"I'm glad we could get the University involved in a good cause. We had a really good turnout."

• Nick Russell
  Junior
Track and Field:

*n. events that display the strength endurance of URI's best*

"The team was a lot of fun this year!"

• Najla Singleton
  Freshman
"Our team is a second family and always comes together to really show what Rhody Rowing is all about. We train just as hard as we race and we race knowing that we are fit and ready to win."

- Whitney Phaup & Beth McArthur
  Seniors

**Yankee Cup**

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**Women's Rowing:**

*n.* the sport in which timing and poise are required to pull oars in unison
Springtime
Rainville Awards:

n. a ceremony honoring people and organizations that exemplify leadership qualities

Student Employee Award Recipient:
• Paula Arruda

Team Excellence Award Recipient:
• We're Offering Women Wisdom

Student Leadership Award Recipient:
• Jill Anderson

The Robert A. Rainville Awards, named in honor of the man who served the University in various positions in Student Activities and Student Life, are held each year to "recognize, encourage, and celebrate" leadership qualities found in students and groups around the campus. Selection committees in the categories of Student Employee, Team Excellence, and Student Leadership determine the finalists to be recognized with an award at a special reception.
"Winning the Rainville Team Excellence Award has been such an honor, and I know the members will take the distinction and continue to do powerful things for the University of Rhode Island."

*Kristen Motel
President of WOWW
Senior*
Relay For Life

*n. an event where thousands of dollars are raised by walking all night for the fight against cancer*
This year hundreds of people showed up with tents and raincoats to bear the wet elements all night in the battle against cancer. Throughout the night, members from each team continuously walked around the outdoor track at URI. With music provided to keep the crowd moving and candles lighting the path, this night truly showed the URI community at its best.

"Relay for life is an awesome fundraiser that lets people get involved with a great cause."

-Angela Olenik
Freshman
"I loved working with the FMS team to make the fashion show a success. It was awesome to see the results of our skill and hard work."

• Marla Horenbein
Sophomore
FMS Presents
The Fitting Room:

n. the 2008 annual FMS spring fashion show; a display of unique, student-created and designed fashions that depict some of the latest trends and innovations in the fashion world

"The Fitting Room," the title of the 2008 Annual FMS Spring Fashion Show, was an entirely student-run production that showcased the skill of URI's most talented fashion majors. The event featured over 25 different student designers and over 60 of their original ensembles. The annual show allows members of the Fashion Merchandising Society to attain valuable "hands on" experience in design, advertising, and production. FMS is an organization open to all students with an interest in fashion, and provides its members with opportunities to explore and become familiar with the fashion industry. During the 2007-2008 school year, the Fashion Merchandising Society was under the leadership of President Jenna Richards.

"FMS gives us so many opportunities to learn about fashion. It's a hands-on experience that goes beyond what we learn in a classroom."

- Amy Levinson,
  Emily Pascoe,
  Chelsea Lynch
Freshmen
Greek Week:

*a Greek’s favorite time of year involving raucous competition and shenanigans that are designed to prove who is the best house, and ultimately, to have fun.*
Every spring, a fraternity/sorority pair participate together and separately in performances and events to accumulate the most points throughout the week. Afternoon Greek Week events include chariot, torch, tricycle, and sack races, tug-of-war, and a softball game. Evening events include the annual Mr. & Miss Greek Week pageant, Slip & Slide Bowling, Dodgeball, Greek Sing, and Lip Sync, with the new recreation of Nickelodeon's Double Guts Hidden Temple Competition. When points are added up at the end of the last event, winners can call themselves the best fraternity or sorority on campus.

"Greek Week really showed me a sense of unity between the sororities and fraternities. I love competition and we won!"

• Katie Collela
  Freshman

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"It's my first Greek Week here at URI and Double Guts Hidden Temple is my favorite event so far."

• Brian Henock
  Freshman
"I am ecstatic about winning Miss Greek Week 2008. After my sorority Phi Sigma Sigma won last year, I am so proud I get to carry on the torch and represent our sorority in the best way!"

- Sarah Cohen
  Sophomore
"It's a good time. It's a good way to get to know everyone else in the Greek system."

- Mike Vaillancourt
  Sophomore
"Greek Week brings Greeks together no matter the letter."

• Melanie Martell
  Freshman

Spring
Block Party:

n. UB's annual day of fun for students wishing to escape the stresses of class

"The laser tag was awesome!"
- Rosie Pebrito
  Freshman
The Union Board holds a "block" party for one day towards the end of the spring semester to give students a break from preparing for final projects and exams. Several carnival-like events are located in front of the Union and are surrounded by booths highlighting the various organizations on campus. Students can play games, win prizes, make crafts, and purchase t-shirts and Build-A-Bears while learning about campus clubs.

"Mmm the smoothies were great!"

• Aly Marchand Freshman
"This year's Springfest was full of awesome events - my favorite was the lobsterbake."

- Amy McDermott
  Senior
Springfest:
n. Student Entertainment Committee's annual week of spring celebration

The Student Entertainment Committee's annual Springfest celebration had several great events this year. The week kicked off with their traditional "one ton sundae" at the morning's Block Party, followed that evening by an assortment of mocktails. Other events throughout the week included a surfing simulator ride and servings of delicious food at the annual lobsterbake. Celebrity appearances included Mr. Belding of Saved By The Bell, a concert by newcomer Colbie Caillat, and a presentation by two MythBusters stars Kari and Tori.
"I think it's cool we get so many celebrity acts to come."

- Marissa Colson
  Junior

photo | Amy Levinson

photo | Dan Caya
Treats

"I never realized how many people loved Lobster! We never expected a line down the quad!"

-Jenn Baker
Senior

Spring
Ooze-ball:

*n*: the one time of the year you want to wake up early to get down and dirty
water
Finance
Laura Donnelly (left) is a Junior who served as the Finance Editor along with the help of her Assistant Finance Editor, Sophomore, Melissa Simandl (right). They are responsible for handling the budget, sales, and advertisement. Because of their knowledge and business skills the yearbook was able to increase sales for a record-breaking number this year!

Memories
Marissa Colson (middle), Junior, served as Special Events Editor this year with the help of Meghan Lingenfelter, Freshman (left) and Caitlin Dowd, Freshman (right). This section was responsible for documenting all the special, annual, events that happen at URI to make it what it is. This staff exemplified new design and photography that contributed great quality to the book.

Art
Emily Moore, Junior (middle) served as Arts Editor with the assistance of Sara Champlin, Senior (left) and Jenn Lashinsky, Freshman (right). This staff was responsible for finding up and coming artists and their work. They were also responsible for showcasing URI's theatre by interviewing the actors and actresses of the plays performed by the students. This staff contributed an artistic flair that makes the book stand out and shine.

Sports
Audrey Gould, Junior (right photo, middle) served as the Sports Editor with the help of Emily George, Freshman (left), Yvonne Burnett, Freshman (right), and David Kelvey, Freshman (left photo). This group showed off their school spirit by attending several games of all the URI sports in order to capture the best moments and action shots of the most athletic crew on campus.
n. an amazing, dedicated group of individuals who aim to capture and document all the great moments of URI life

"Being Editor this year was really tough, but without my outstanding staff, this would never have been possible. I would like to thank them for all their hard work this year. We've overcome many obstacles and changed several things this year and I'm glad this staff stuck with me through it all. With their knowledge and skills, we combined together to form a great team that accomplished much. Thanks Yearbokers (this is not a typo)!

*Justine Metro
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Seniors:
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- Anthropology
- Art
- Art History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Computer Science
- English
- Film Media
- French
- German
- History

- Italian
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Public Relations
- Russian
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- Spanish
- Theatre
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- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
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- Industrial Engineering
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- Coastal & Marine Policy
- Environmental Economics & Management
- Environmental Horticulture & Turfgrass Management
- Environmental Plant Biology
- Geology & Geological Oceanography
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- Microbiology
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Dental Hygiene
Elementary Education
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Michaela Anne Connor
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Jennifer E. Curtin
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Jeanette N. Gourd
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Kathleen Victoria
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College of Pharmacy

Fogarty Hall
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Undergraduate Programs:

Pharmacy
Graduation
Last Words:
Just because it's the end of a chapter of your life doesn't mean it's the end of your book. You've got more chapters to write and it's up to you to fill in the pages with your own meanings. Hopefully these past four years have helped you to define yourself and become the person you want to be. Creating this book has helped me define myself because of all the skills I've had to use and acquire during the production of this book which have helped me become a better person.

I would like to dedicate this volume of the Renaissance Yearbook to all the teachers who have touched my life. They have helped me create and find the definitions and meanings in my own life. Not only have these teachers aided me in my journey throughout my studies, but they have also empowered me, guided me, and showed me how important and powerful education can be. They have been mentors, friends, and advisors who have always been there, however, at the end of the day, they are teachers, some of the most extraordinary people you will ever meet.

Take what you have learned here at URI and use it as a tool to help you in your journey of life. And please, go to a teacher or professor that has changed you in some way and thank them for all their hard work and dedication and let them know they have changed your life.

So, thank you to all the teachers out there who have helped me! I'm very grateful for all that you have done!

• Justine Metro
  Editor-in-Chief
Dearest Sara:

It has been the greatest pleasure getting to know you either over the past few years or for a few short months. Your contributions to Renaissance Yearbook will never be forgotten, as we will remember you for your artistic photographs, creatively designed pages, and your reign as co-editor of the entire book your junior year. We all know that you will do great things now that your time at the University of Rhode Island has come to a close. Visit us when you can and continue to share your wisdom with the world. You will truly be missed!

With love,
Renaissance Yearbook Staff
James (JB) McLaughlin,
We remember your first days riding the bus to school with your butterfly name tag. You have accomplished many things since that first bus ride. On graduation day, you will proudly wear your cap and gown and go out into the world. We are very proud of the wonderful young man you have become and can only hope that no matter where you go or what you wear you will go with that childlike determination and make a difference in this world.

Our Loving Daughter-
How proud we are and with to congratulate you for your achievement. You have realized your dreams and the path ahead of you will be blessed with much happiness. Remember we are always here for you.

Matthew,
Congratulations! May all of your dreams come true. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Andrew, Danny, Grandma Florence, Grandpa Jack, Grandma Joyce, and Grandpa Eddie

We always knew you would go places...
We are very proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and George

Congratulations MEZ!
We’re so proud of you. Always pursue your dreams and remember how much we love you.

MOM and DAD

Jr.,
The path you have chosen and the manner in which you taken it, we could not be more proud of you! Not only have you made academic discoveries over these last four years, you’ve also developed into a young man whose character is the one to be admired, your courage to explore new challenges continues to impress us, aden your commitment to seeing things through is admiral. We wish you all the health and happiness this world has to offer as you begin your next journey!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Congratulations Shawn!

We are all proud of you and we know that you will do very well in life. You've been through a lot in your lifetime and came out great.

Good luck,
Dad

Your big blue eyes have always managed to see the wonders of the world, and now that you are beginning this chapter, your options are limitless. Celebrate your achievements, yet remain humble. Life holds so many lessons - some come from adversity, so don't be afraid of it. Looks towards the horizon, but keep loved ones close. Always listen to your inner voice - it will never steer you in the wrong direction. You are the architect of your life, and you have built a strong foundation. Welcome each stage with open arms - each has it's own magic, Peter Pan. We are soooo very proud of you. Always know that you are loved.
Ashkan:
Congratulations, we are proud of you and all you have accomplished.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Afsheen, and Arezou
Dear Brian,

There are those that follow and those that lead.

You have proven you are one of the latter.

We are so proud of your accomplishments and dedication.

We know that you will continue on the path of success while accumulating all the happiness life can offer along the way.

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Dearest "Nikkidemus,"

At the time you were born, you were given a gift that most of us forget about as we get older. It is the power to design your own unique life. You are an artist—the canvas is your life. From this moment on, take ownership of this gift and use it wisely. If you do, your life will become an extraordinary work of art.

We believe your life will be a masterpiece! Just don't ever lose your "joie de vivre!"

Congrats and much love,

Aunt Linda & Uncle Mike

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Corey,
Where to begin? You are a remarkable young lady! Memories bring smiles and laughter from Miss Maggies' Ballet classes, Girl Scouting adventures, Father/Daughter Weekends, Disney trips, and making it to the "Horseshoe" in Cheering Nationals, giving drive-thru at Wendy's a new meaning, and cheering at URI! Your drive and focus on your future is something we admire! Wishing you happiness, we will always be there for you, just look over your shoulder!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Carl & John

It seems like yesterday that you were a small boy...
Over the years as you grew more confident and independent, you brought us so much happiness and pride in all your accomplishments.

MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE...
enough success to make you proud,
enough trials to keep you strong,
enough luck to make you smile at life,
enough work to keep you challenged,
enough of all life's treasures,
To keep you truly happy.

CONGRATULATIONS!
You Bring More Pride and Happiness Than Words Can Ever Say.

All My Love Always,
Mom
Christopher,
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. We are sure that you will be successful in all your future endeavors. As you begin your journey know that we are always there for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad
May 2008
Matthew,
Our dream is for all your dreams to come true. You have always been true to yourself never to follow a crowd, and we are proud of your independence. Let the stars be your guide no matter where you are in the world, and hope you will be touched by kindness and inspired by your strength and wisdom. We love you and are very proud of you.
Congratulations
Mom and Dad

Matt,
Thank you for always being there for me. You're the best. Congratulations. I love you.

Alicia

Our pride in Max continues to grow. He has always taken on every challenge committed to succeed. Once he completed his degree requirements, he immediately went on to another challenge spending the Spring semester in the Rockies with the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Congratulations on your graduation Max and for having a dream and the courage to live it.

Dad and Mom
Congratulations Kristin!

You've spent a long, but fun-filled, six years here at URI and have accomplished SO much. You have exemplified what a great Yearbook Editor is while producing an award winning book and have given Renaissance a new definition. Not only have you discovered and learned the ways of producing a great book, but also have aided others to do the same after you. You have contributed many things to URI and the Renaissance group, but you have also contributed many things you may not know and have touched the lives of so many people. There are certain people put on this planet to touch the lives of others, and for all of us here at the Renaissance Yearbook, as well as so many more on campus, you have been that person. You have given us great memories such as "yearbok", "duckponds", and the greatest analogies that anyone could ask for. While being our "yearbook mentor" you taught us how to work as a team, and by being our friend you taught us so much about life. There is no doubt in our minds that all of these wonderful doors are opening for you because you truly deserve it. Make us proud by following all of your dreams, and we'll make you proud by trying our best to follow your in your footsteps. We're so proud of you, we'll miss you.

Congratulations Kmoney!

Love,
Justine, Kaila, and the 2008 Renaissance Staff
Justine,

You have given us so much joy and happiness watching you in the Marching Band, Pep Band, and concerts. We are so proud of you. These past four years have given us so much pride. You truly are "The Pride." Go Rhody! Go URI! We love you Justine

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sean, and Ashley

We could not have asked for a more wonderful Daughter, Sister, and Aunt.

You have excelled at URI beyond our highest expectations, not only in your academics but also in the challenges you have conquered, the relationships you have made and your maturity in finding yourself while looking toward the future. You have such a love of life the permeates all that you do! You have made us and the whole family so very proud and we know there is more to come...

WE LOVE YOU!
Dad, Mom, Jonathan and Shawn, Dawn, Emily, Myles, and you Kitty, Mittens
Marie K. Day-Lewis  
Class of 2008

Marie, Congratulations!

Follow your dreams. You have a bright future ahead of you. You are a wonderful daughter and sister and we are proud of you.

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Lauren, and Erin

Thank you Renaissance 2008!

Special thanks to the 2008 Renaissance staff for all your hard work and dedication! The book would not have been possible without you all.

Much yearboker love,  
Justine
Success is... doing what you can do well and doing it well whatever you do. -Longfellow

Congratulations on you wonderful achievement and best wishes for the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and the Family
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