



Fall Newsletter

Friends of Crew
University of New
Hampshire

September 2002

Teamwork Makes a Difference

Hi again. Just when you thought that Labor Day signaled an end to Summer, I sit at the keyboard as the mercury steadies at 94 degrees.

The Tim Stout Boat Fund has reached—what I hope is a temporary—plateau. The generous donations that started the campaign have enabled us to buy two boats with a target date of Spring 2003 for the dedication. But we are still looking for your support. **We have collected nearly \$8,000.00 from donors as of September, 2002.** The donations have ranged from \$15 to \$2,500 and each one continues to be important.

Here is something I would like all of you to think about...

As of September 2002, the Friends of Crew organization is nearly 1,200 members strong! If each member were to donate ten dollars per quarter—or forty

dollars per year, our operating account for the Friends would be \$48,000.00 annually.

What can \$48,000.00/year do for UNH Crew...

1. Buy new boats
2. Buy new cox boxes
3. A new trailer
4. Supply coaches with spare parts (you can never have enough of these—especially in salt water)
5. Defer some of the Spring break training trip costs
6. Erase dues for rowers—remember these???
7. Purchase the final two pairs for the Tim Stout Boat fund
8. Roll over unused funds to grow operating account

These are just some examples of what a minimal donation by everyone of us can do.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE



DIFFERENCE!

Whether you rowed or were a parent of a rower, UNH crew did a lot for us all. Let us step up and help continue this great tradition. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you.
-Jason

Homecoming 2002

THE 2ND ANNUAL Friends Homecoming tailgate is on! Just like last year, we will be on Boulder field next to the football field. This is a tailgate for all ages, so bring your kids as I am sure Pete and Sue will be recruiting!!

Festivities start at 9:00 AM, Saturday, October 12th.

Fall Schedules Women (W) and Men (M)

Sunday, October 6
Head of the Textile (W,M)

Saturday, October 12
NH Champs (W,M)
-Hooksett, NH

Saturday, October 12
HOMECOMING
Boulder Field
Behind Football Field

Saturday, October 19
Head of the Charles
Boston, MA

Saturday, October 26
Dartmouth Invitational
Dartmouth, NH
Freshmen crews only

A quarterly contribution of \$10 from each member means \$48,000/yr. for UNH Crew Teams



WOMEN'S CREW

Greetings,

Another season is upon us and I am glad to report that things are going well after day two of practice. The water has been flat, the temperatures warm and the rowers abundant. The Varsity Women showed up in great numbers for the first meeting and we boated three eights on the Oyster for practice. We have a strong class of seniors who will provide much

needed leadership for the youngsters on the team. Seniors include Doris Manley, Melissa Dickey, Melissa Haney, Kristine Williams, Sheila Dyer and tri-captains Maria Cole, Megg Byrnes, and Claire Pollock. Juniors include Jenn Hunt, Mel Asmar, Sarah Lomonaco, Sarah MacLean, Andrea Cervenka, Judy Lojaco, Eileen Dunn, Heather Sands, and Liz Cominole. The 11 sophomores joining the Varsity this year will add to the depth of the team after coming

off a very successful spring racing season last year, placing fourth at the Avaya Championships in Princeton, NJ.

Jenny Witherell also returns for a second year to coach the Novice women. The first informational meeting attracted 120 interested candidates and 90 showed up for the first practice. They have yet to have an early, early morning at the boathouse so this week will show who is really interested!

Homecoming 2002

- **WHAT?**
Alumni tailgate at UNH football game
- **WHEN?**
Saturday, Oct. 12th, 9:00 am
- **WHERE?**
UNH Football stadium—Boulder Field
- **Bring...**
Refreshments, snacks, Nerf toys, family and friends
- **Friends will cook the burgers and dogs**



Team News Continued...

We also had to say a very sad goodbye to last year's assistant coach Kelly Harris. Kelly, who graduated from UNH in 2001 was a stellar athlete for her four years at UNH. She came back to coach last year with us and worked with both the Novice and the Varsity. This summer, Kelly accepted a coaching position at Vassar College working with the Novice Women and Men. To try to fill her shoes, Rachel Rawlinson has joined the coaching staff this year. Rachel graduated in 1999 and was a member of the Varsity Eight who placed 1st at New England Cham-

novice/freshmen coach. Last year's novice/freshmen coach (Matt Treat), who led his team to a gold medal at the New England Championships, will be the assistant varsity coach. Both of these positions are essentially volunteer coaching jobs, so all of us associated with UNH Crew should be thankful to have personnel of such high quality and dedication, representing UNH. We had 65 novices at the first meeting, of which 45 look like they should be in the top boats, so the year is beginning well. Our greatest concern is not having enough equipment to get people on the water, which is a great concern to have. It's fun to see so many people interested in rowing on the Oyster. The Oyster continues to be a problem as a result of the silting problem. We still row on Mendum's Pond every-other week. The dredging process continues, and we have finished sampling the sediment for pollutants, and are awaiting the results before applying for a permit to restore the channel. It is still amazing to me that I have happy memories of the S-turn, but an S-turn is a lot better than nothing at all. We have gotten

pionships, 2nd at Champions and also helped the team win the Women's All-Around Point Trophy. So we are very glad to have her experience (and attitude!) to help us out. Look out Novices!

I have started a project that I need your help with. I am putting together a plaque that lists all the senior rowers, how many years they rowed and year they graduated. I think it would be a great way to show the present rowers how important the Alumni are to the depth and the success of the program. Please c o n t a c t m e

great help from professors at the University, and I will keep you all posted on the process. I am glad to be back at UNH, after a months of watching other crews row. I spent a lot of time with the Cal-Berkeley crew and watched them with their fourth consecutive national championship. I got some great ideas about training and equipment, and we are working on upgrading both areas to be able to produce championship boat speed throughout the squads. Jason has good fundraising ideas, and the teams are in dire need of equipment. The men's and women's novice teams will again be using the original Mama and Pappa Bayer, and at this point those leaking hulls no longer really float, they just achieve a semblance of neutral buoyancy. The women and men also need to replace old oars, and I'm still pulling boats with the trailer Chris Allsopp bought in 1983. There's never a dull moment driving that thing, but I could part with it... I think in a couple more years it will qualify for "antique" tags. Please help the teams as they train through this year and prepare to match up

(sue.taylor@unh.edu) with this information and others who graduated with you so I can be sure to get everyone on there!

As always, I thank you for your support of UNH Crew and I hope to see and hear you at the races!

Sue

MEN'S CREW

Hello Alumni and Friends, The year has started out well the return of both coaches from last year. Brian Mehr, who coached the Varsity last year, will be the

with other crews during racing season. For our fall, the crew will remain engaged in technical training. I'm sure there will be a lot of parents at the Textile, and if it's a classic New England fall day, the Charles is a great place for an off-campus alumni day. Regards, Pete Cathey

For more information on all things UNH Crew check out the following links:

Women's Crew...

<http://www.unhwildcats.com/crew/index.html>

Men's Crew...

<http://www.unh.edu/mens-crew/>

Send me your news and any address updates, and I will see you at the races!

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Donations can be sent to:

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"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

- Sir Winston Churchill

Milestones and Good News

I can't believe I have to leave this blank...

Send me your good news!!

