With support from Athletics and Campus Recreation, UNH Crew purchased an 8-person training barge. Novices have primarily used the barge this fall for introduction and ongoing instruction of the rowing stroke. The barge allows the coach to walk down the center and teach the fundamentals of rowing more easily. We are hoping that it will have the flexibility to be used as a tank in the winter, as we are still without one. Novice Coaches Brian Mehr (Men) and Rachel Rawlinson (Women) are thrilled with the new piece of equipment.

Jarlith ('96) and Julie O'Neil-Dunne announced the birth of their daughter, Ailsa, earlier this month. Sean ('87) and Christa O'Connell ('94) continue to further the rowing ranks with the birth of their son, Aiden, last winter. Greg Young ('99) and long time girlfriend Shauna married in August of this year. Jud DeCew ('99) and Amanda Briggs announced their engagement this past summer with a date set for their wedding on July 23rd, 2005.

Sue Taylor ('96) is pregnant and expecting in January! Melissa Dickey ('02) is our new assistant coach and doing a great job! Kelly Harris, former assistant coach and graduate ('00) currently coaches at Vassar College. Sarah Attwood ('99) is living in Wisconsin working and coaching too! Caroline Miles ('98) is the Assistant Director of Athletics at Sarah Lawrence College and Head Crew coach.

Alumni News

Alumni Day is set for Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 1:00 pm. We are trying to give all of you enough advance warning so we can see a strong showing at Jackson’s Landing of past rowers, coxswains and friends of UNH Crew. Just think, a little over 30 years ago, young men and women worked hard to start the first UNH Crew. Since then, many things have changed around the boathouse, but two common goals remain throughout the years: #1, Work hard to put UNH at the top. #2: Leave the program better than when you started.

We will surely send a reminder in the spring newsletter, but feel free to drop us a line with an RSVP with suggestions and/or comments for a great day on the Oyster with food and alumni rowing. We hope to see a contingent of former teammates.

Fall Schedule

- October 3
  Textile River Regatta Lowell, MA

- October 16
  New Hampshire Championships Hooksett, NH

- October 23-24
  Head of the Charles Cambridge, MA

- October 30
  Head of the Oyster Halloween Regatta Durham, NH

- November 6
  Dartmouth Novice Invitational Hanover, NH

- November 13 & 14
  Work Weekend

Results are available through the websites.

Fall 2004

“The secret of success is consistency of purpose.”

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First, we are bursting at the seams at the boathouse on Jackson’s Landing. The boathouse is essentially unchanged since it was built, but the numbers rowing out of it have increased dramatically. The men’s team is the largest it has been, and between the women and the new club for the town (Great Bay Rowing, formed by ‘87 alum Sean O’Connell) the Oyster is resembling the Charles River in the mornings. At last weekend’s New Hampshire Championships, we had two trailers and over 300 people from the Durham area. The boathouse is really becoming a hub of activity as rowing popularity is surging. The difference over the last several years is amazing. The quality is as high as the quantity, with the local club, the women and the men all winning races this fall. The downside continues to be the siltation of the Oyster river, but we persevere with our efforts to get the channel restored through dredging. Our rowing programs would be even more successful if we could actually practice when the tide is lower – unfortunately we are still off the water for several days at a time, during the days when high tide is in the middle of the day. We’ll keep you posted on the progress of the river.

The other news is that the Alumni/Friends relations are now being done in the crew offices, and it is being done on our computers. As a result of having coaches and rowers with computer savvy, we have a more interactive website (www.unh.edu/mens-crew), and the capacity to produce our own newsletters. This should make things easier and faster for all of us, when it comes to Alumni/Friends communications. A lot of time and effort (from the assistant coaches and rowers) went into improving and updating our communication ability, so we hope you’re able to use it!

As for the upcoming spring season...I think we will be competitive, beyond that – no promises. We are small this year, but scrappy. The guys really enjoy rowing, so we will see how strong we can get. We do have a senior on the team (Francis Cuddy) who trained in Boston over the summer and got a bronze medal in the single at the Canadian Henley Regatta. It will be interesting to see what he can do at UNH this spring, and elsewhere in the rowing world after graduation. In addition to the racing season, our main goals include boathouse expansion or relocation – depending on dredging developments or other means of achieving access to rowable water. Boathouse changes would be made in cooperation with the town, and you’ll all know when that starts! Big ceremony in the new boathouse foyer, but don’t mark you calendars quite yet. It’s in the initial planning stages, but at this point it is an exciting necessity.

Enjoy the fall, and please utilize the alumni website area,
Pete Cathey

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We received this note from Jeff Friedrichs (‘83) seeking other UNH contacts. As we are at a maximum for equipment, maybe someone in the UNH crew world can help out.

UNH Crew,
My wife (Susan Coupland ’84) and I (’83) are both UNH crew alumni. We live in Northern New Jersey and recently found the East Arm Rowing Club, which has gotten us back into the sport. The club has about 50 members and we are actively trying to grow the club. To this end, I am writing to ask the following… - If you know any current or alumni rowers/coxswains that might live north of NYC, on the NY/NJ boarder areas, please pass along this email so they can contact me about rowing with us. We do have a summer/student membership and we row in competitive races. The club is located in Greenwood Lake, NY. http://www.eastarm.org/

As we grow the club, we are looking to improve and expand our fleet of 4s and 8s. If there are any excess boats and or oars that UNH has, or that you know of at other clubs, please let me know.

Jeff Friedrichs ‘83
dee.friedrichs@hp.com
Greetings all!

It is exciting to be able to write to you all as not only an alum but also as an employee. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Rachel Rawlinson. I graduated in 1999 as a four year rower here at UNH and as of August, I am the coach of the novice women’s team. I have spent the last two years as the graduate assistant here which not only allowed me to earn my Masters in Public Health but it also gave me the opportunity to be a part of UNH Women’s Crew on the coaching side of things. Sue and I both think that it feels great to have former UNH rowers back in the office again as we continue to confront many of the same issues UNH Women’s Crew, and UNH Crew in general, has faced in the past.

This year we have two seniors on the team who are our captains – Cait Stevens and Emma Hewson. They are doing a great job this fall in creating a competitive environment and nurturing the novice and varsity women to push themselves. This year we are doing things differently than we have in the past. Athletes who have been recruited to UNH as high school rowers are being bumped right up to varsity. Both Sue and I feel this will assist us in being more competitive, and in lieu of scholarships, provide a more challenging environment for recruited athletes. During winter training we plan to merge the team into one team and no longer have a “novice” and a “varsity” team. This will mean when it comes time to make boats in the spring they will be made from both teams and not just varsity, therefore increasing the competition for the first eight and hopefully producing faster boats all round.

We are currently competing in a new league called the ECAC Metro League. This league was created three years ago by Division I schools not competing in Eastern Sprints, not allowed to race at ECAC’s (once known as “Champions”) because of the no-scholarship rule, and not wanting to race at Dad Vails. The benefit of being in the Metro League is that scholarships are permissible and we supported the creation of this League with the hope that it will soon be considered a qualifier for NCAA’s. Having this new race opens the door for UNH to make financial decisions that will decidedly help our program in the future. In a nutshell – it gives us a race to race in that will allow us to offer scholarships. With women’s rowing becoming so competitive and now an NCAA sanctioned sport, we feel that this is right direction to go in if we want to remain competitive. The coaching staff continues to look for ways to regain the scholarships we once had and we can only hope that the UNH administration sees our logic.

Some of the schools we will be competing against are University of Rhode Island, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Buffalo, University of Delaware, Colgate University and Villanova. It is highly competitive and our women will need to row hard!

As for all of you…we would love to hear updates about how you are doing! Please send myself (rachel.rawlinson@unh.edu) or Sue (sue.taylor@unh.edu) an email and give us an update. We are planning an alumni day for April and would love to see all of you there!

Sincerely,
Rachel Quentina Rawlinson

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UNH Crew Alumni and Friends,

Currently, UNH Crew has four options in making a donation to the program. Whether you want to earmark your donation for program wide support or towards a separate fund, all donations help the student athletes row, train and race by providing equipment or offsetting costs for membership dues, uniforms and travel fees. For any specific information on the current needs of UNH Crew please refer to the back page of your newsletter or contact any of the coaching staff.

FRIENDS OF UNH CREW:
The Friends of UNH Crew Fund serves as a general source of financial assistance for the combined efforts of the Men’s and Women’s teams. The fund serves to help with newsletters, alumni mailings, offset costs for the spring break training trip and other program wide expenses. Endless possibilities exist for this fund. If each Friends member gave $40 each year this fund would gross $48,000 every year. This money would allow the UNH Crew program to purchase two new 8’s which we desperately need.

To continue building UNH Crew, please consider giving to the Friends of UNH Crew.

TIM STOUT ’83 BOAT FUND:
Established in 2002 by alumni to honor the life and memory of Tim Stout ’83 who was lost on 9/11. Tim was a four year rower, lightweight captain and loved all things UNH Crew.

The goal of this fund is to purchase four pairs in the name of Tim and his three children. Pairs are critical as the ongoing silting of the river continues to block an 8’s passage at low tides.

Please consider giving to the Tim Stout Boat fund to ensure the rowing spirit continues.

TINA TRUE MEMORIAL FUND:
Established through the generous contributions from family and friends of Tina True, Class of 2003. Tina died in an automobile accident during her junior year. Tina was a co-captain and coxswain of the women’s crew team and was known as a leader whose positive attitude contributed greatly to the success of the team.

The purpose of this fund is to provide a perpetual source of financial assistance to the crew team in Tina’s memory. Consider earmarking your donation for the Tina True Memorial Fund.

KELLY QUINN GODE ENDOWED FUND:
Established through the generosity of Kelly Quinn Gode,

Make a pledge ONLINE at www.unh.edu/mens-crew/giving.html

Or check the appropriate box where you would like your gift earmarked, cut out this section and send to:

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☐ Friends of UNH Crew (Both Teams)  ☐ Tim Stout Boat Fund (Men)
☐ Tina True Memorial Fund (Women)  ☐ Gode Endowed Fund (Women)

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In order of greatest need...

* Men’s and Women’s Pairs
  $9,000 each
* M & W Racing Eights
  $25,000 each
* M & W Used Eights
  (Novice Training)
  $10,000—$15,000
* Women’s Racing Four
  $13,000

* Racing Oars
  $3,300 per set of 10
* 4 Model D Rowing Machines (Ergs)
  $850 each
* Extension to Rowing Barge
  $5,000 (4 seat extension)
  $10,000 (8 seat extension)
* Spring Break Fees
  $400 per athlete

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