Did you know?

- The UNH Rowing program has been rowing out of the boathouse built by the team for the last 30 years!

- Do you remember the Mama Bayer and the Papa Bayer? They are both still rowed on the Oyster almost every morning!

- Over the first weekend in November over 80 rowers took to the rakes in our annual Work Weekend “Rent-a-Rower” event and raised over $16,000 towards their spring break training trip!

- Can you guess how many bananas the UNH Rowing team eats in one day?

The first person to respond with the correct answer will win a prize!

Email your answer to rachel.rawlinson@unh.edu

ROWING UPDATES

The biggest news affecting the crews is that all UNH rowers and coxswains (novice, varsity, women and men) are once again organized through the Campus Recreation Department, as the highly competitive UNH Rowing Club. As many of you have heard, this change was announced during the spring of ’06, and implemented during this first semester of the ’06-’07 academic year. Specifically, in January of 2006, the University Administration and Athletic Department made the financially-driven decision to return the women’s varsity squad to club status. At first, the news was shocking, and efforts were made to convince the administration to stop their plans. Over time, the women’s team rallied behind the idea of becoming a club sport and submitted an application to the Campus Recreation Department to be able to continue rowing. Campus Recreation re-created the position of Women’s Varsity Rowing Coach and the program hit the water during the first week of classes, after a near-record turnout of interested novices.

The women’s program is currently under the guidance of Rachel Rawlinson (UNH ’99), who was chosen from four semifinalists for the position. As a former rower and assistant coach at UNH, her familiarity with the tides, equipment and campus life have already helped attract, prepare and support women rowing at UNH.

Overall, the rowing program is reacting to the change as an opportunity to move forward together and strengthen a complete program. The official “UNH Rowing Office” is in Room 103A of the Hamel Recreation Center. It’s a little tight, but there’s always room for visiting Friends and Alumni. From the programmatic perspective it is now easier to plan things like work weekend and spring break. The teams’ racing schedules will be more similar, thus creating greater team unity and saving money on transportation – money that can hopefully be better used on things like boats and oars! The members of the team are working well together, and there is a clear and sincere prevailing attitude of enthusiasm to get on the water and row. The concerns about restructuring are in the past, and it’s great to be rowing. Visit the team’s website, www.unh.edu/unhrowing created and maintained by Jason Dahlstrom (UNH ’06, coach).
The Men’s team is doing well, with 2 varsity eights and 3 freshman eights. We had fun racing in the usual races (Head of Charles, Textile, Foot of Charles) and generally finished in the middle of the pack. Fall training continues to focus on technique, and with the warm weather allowing us to stay on the water longer than usual, the oarsmen and coxswains have been making significant progress.

Additionally, progress is being made in redeveloping Jackson’s Landing. A citizen’s group (the Jackson’s Landing Committee) composed of community members, Campus Rec representatives, coaches, rowers, kayakers, naturalists, architects and others have been working on a 3 phase project to provide more aesthetically appealing, environmentally sound, user-friendly access to the river. Phase I has been approved by the Durham Town Council, and pre-approved by the Department of Environmental Services. This phase includes a new parking lot located opposite the Landing’s hockey rink and across the entrance road, erosion control measures and improving the boat launching area. Phase II and III (essentially landscaping and a new boathouse, respectively) are being planned to follow the completion of the first phase. These plans to develop better access to the Oyster are a positive movement toward what we would eventually hope will lead to dredging of the river. Unfortunately, the river continues to dramatically silt in, and we remain unable to row for three hours either side of low tide.

Importantly, the coxswains and rowers continue to find a way to be able to do what it takes to keep crew going at the university and to keep enjoying being part of the UNH Crew.

Happy Holidays to all, and best wishes in the new year.

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On the woman’s side of things I will start with an introduction—my name is Rachel Rawlinson and I am the new Head Coach of the Women’s Rowing team. I have big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of women like Sue Taylor, Katie Scanlon and Jennie Marshall. I am excited for the challenge! I graduated from UNH in 1999 and rowed during my four years here. I have been coaching at UNH since 2002.

Alicia Golden ‘06 is coaching the novice team and has been an invaluable support. Due to Alicia’s coaching the novice team is strong and ready to work hard.

The women’s team is happy to be back as a club sport and the women have transitioned exceptionally well. They are enjoying their current environment, becoming stronger, rowing hard and making great technical changes. I am very proud of them.

We participated in various races this fall— the Textile, Head of the Charles, the Foot of the Charles (hosted by UNH’s Liz (Hills) O’Leary). In these events UNH achieved the goals that were set and represented UNH well.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays!

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Now that we are all back in one office we are working on a complete men’s and women’s alumni list. If you know a former rower who is not receiving this newsletter please let us know! Send us the correct contact information and we will send them one! You can also go to our website www.unh.edu/unhrowing, and click on ALUMNI and enter the contact information– it will be emailed right to us! Cool, eh?

**SEND US YOUR ALUMNI UPDATES! EMAIL THEM TO RACHEL.RAWLINSON@UNH.EDU**

**HELP US FIND MISSING ALUMNI!**

Greg Young, Amy Wirkus, Laura Corbin, Eric Decker, Michael Irons, Marsha Kraut, Giao Le, Mike Lefebvre, Tim McCauley, Stephen Moore, Karen Motta, Daniel Roberts, Helen Saloom Rizzo, Judy Todd, Rebecca Fortin, James Friedrichs, Robert Durieux, Janet Brown, Matthew Apgar, Laura Jane Begin, Sara Metcalf, Paula O’Brien, Carolyn Miles, Jennifer Bonaccorsi, Joseph Bergstrom
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**UNH Rowing needs...**

*In order of greatest need...*

- Women’s Racing Eight
  
  $25,000 each

- Spring Break Fees
  
  $400 per athlete

- A New Boathouse complete with dredged river
  
  *Priceless*

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