HOW DID THE TEAM DO THIS SEASON?

THE MEN
By Coach Pete Cathey

The men began the spring season by laying down 35 to 45 kilometers a day during spring training in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. We enjoyed the week, and all the boats made the usual monumental improvements that come with taking that many strokes. The trip was well worth the effort of work weekend and other fundraisers necessary to make it happen.

The boats began the season on a winning note, with the varsity eight beating Bates College, the novice eight beating Wesleyan University’s JV and the varsity four out-rowing Tufts University.

The varsity eight’s next race was close, but it did not go as well; they lost to Wesleyan by half a second. Similarly, the second novice eight lost to Wesleyan’s third varsity.

The following weekend, the varsity and novice eights both lost to powerhouse Trinity University by 10 seconds. The varsity four continued its winning ways, with victories over Trinity and WPI. Although we didn’t know it at the time, the varsity four was actually on its way to an undefeated season.

At a home race against Colby College the next weekend, all boats won by significant margins. The day was perfect: The weather was warm and sunny, and the crowd was large and boisterous.

At the ECAC National Invitational Regatta in Worcester, Mass., the four won a bronze medal, fighting back after finishing out of the medals the weekend before at the New England Championships. The varsity eight just missed the finals, but did win the petites, while the first novice eight came in fourth, with the second novice claiming third in its final.

We took an eight and a pair to the Club National Championships in Oklahoma City, where the competition and the wind were both very strong. With waves crashing over the bow and stern decks, the pairs race was cancelled, which led to a challenging row-over of the course as boats were flipping and getting blown into the seawall. The UNH pair consisted of a couple guys who had mastered the small boat feel, and they made it back upright and dry. The 8+ finals were held. We drew an exposed lane, yet turned in a good time and came in third in the petite final. The guys felt good about how they handled the conditions, and we have something to build on for the coming year.
In March, the women traveled to Oak Ridge, Tennessee for spring break to row on Melton Lake out of the Oak Ridge Rowing Association (ORRA) club boathouse. With two to three practices per day, the team trained hard and made swift improvements despite inclement weather.

The first race after spring break was the Yankee Cup at the University of Rhode Island on March 27. The conditions were cold and windy, causing the fours race to be canceled. UNH competed against UConn, UMass, and URI. The varsity eight placed third and the second varsity finished fourth.

The second race was against MIT, UMass, Williams, and Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The varsity boat finished fifth, the second varsity finished fourth, and the novice eight finished second. The varsity four finished fifth and the second varsity four finished third.

At the Knecht Cup, which took place in New Jersey April 9-11, the varsity eight and second varsity eight both placed sixth in their respective heats. The novice eight placed second in its heat and sixth in its semi-final race.

On April 24, the women rowed at home against Colby College and the University of Vermont. Every UNH boat won its race. The course was roughly 1,750 meters instead of 2,000. There was a strong head wind in some spots, but it was a really nice day for racing.

At the New England Championships on May 1, the varsity eight placed second in its qualifying heat and third in the grand final -- and won a bronze medal! The second varsity eight placed fourth in its grand final. The novice eight did amazingly: The women placed first in their qualifying heat and won their grand final and a gold medal! Overall, the women placed second out of 24 teams.
A SUCCESS!
The first Friends of UNH Rowing fundraiser dinner at the Portsmouth Gas Light Co. on February 6 was an awesome success! Over 120 friends and alumni from all four decades of UNH rowing joined us for a night of pizza, dancing, reminiscing and meeting new friends.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR: FEBRUARY 5, 2011

ALSO SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2010 ALUMNI DAY!

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, at noon
WHERE: The boathouse at Jackson’s Landing
WHAT: We’ll meet at noon for an alumni row on the Oyster River, followed by lunch. Bring a dish to share -- cookies, brownies, pasta salad -- and we’ll provide some pizza. After lunch, we’ll dedicate the first of our two new launches. It will be called The Spirit of Gordon Barker, in memory of our rower and friend.

Gordon Barker ('80) was known as The Hammer for his ability to drive the oar in the water when he rowed in the late 1970s. He passed away last year, and his teammates donated generously to buy a launch in his name.

EAGER TO SQUEEZE INTO THAT UNI AGAIN?
UNH is planning to once again enter a men’s alumni boat and a women’s alumni boat in the Head of the Charles on Saturday, October 23. Alumni boats for HOTC are chosen by lottery, so it’s possible neither (or only one) boat will get in. But there’s also a chance they will!

Want to row on the Charles? Seats in the men’s and women’s boats will go to the highest bidder.
For more information, e-mail board president Matt Treat at president@unhrowing.org

The Friends of UNH Rowing Board of Directors is looking for new members!

Interested?
Contact board president Matt Treat at president@unhrowing.org

Alumni Day 2009
HELP US FIND MISSING ALUMNI!
Do you know where any of these people are? If so, help us update our alumni database by sending their contact information to Matt Treat at president@unhrowing.org. We need e-mail and street addresses. Thanks!

Danielle Adams  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Sue Fahlbeck  Kimberly Keesey
Robin Bather  Kira Cieliczka  Adrienne Fernald  Norton
Betsey Benson  Robert P. Clarke  Catherine Fisher  Suzanne Kennedy
Jason Blackburn  Abi Cleeland  Eric Fontaine  Charles Lange
Ruth Bryant  Gail Cook  Carrie Fosterling  Alexis Laponius
Aaron Burke  Trisha Corbin  Amy Fowler  Bruce Larson
Amy Burlingame  Mary DeBlois  Mike Foye  Elizabeth Long
Sarah Carey  Erin Dewey  Kathleen  Cait McGurty
Cerelia Carosella  Janis Dinardo  Danielle Ghilardi  Amanda McNeil
Greg Wolff  Bethany Earp  Kayla Gorski  Kristen Migliore

Robert Murphy  Moriah Nickerson  Charles Lange  Rebecca Miller
Moriah Nickerson  Melissa Paciulan  Alex Robinson  Carrie Miller
Shannon Provost  Alex Robinson  Helen Saloom  Heidi Miller
Karen Norton  Suzanne Kennedy  Kelly Serfas  Larry Mills
Sue Fahlbeck  Elizabeth Frost  Kathleen  Myrna Jacobson
Catherine Fisher  Margaret  Hembrook  Jess Keen
Eric Fontaine  Colleen Hennessy  Greg Hermetet  Matthew
Carrie Fosterling  Meredith Howe  Meredith Howe  Mittlemark
Amy Fowler  Myrna Jacobson  Carrie Miller
Mike Foye  Myrna Jacobson  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Matthew
Elizabeth Frost  Myrna Jacobson  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Mittlemark
Kathleen  Myrna Jacobson  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Mittlemark
Hembrook  Myrna Jacobson  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Mittlemark
Colleen Hennessy  Myrna Jacobson  Kaitlin Chesnulevich  Mittlemark
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