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FOR

The first Friends of UNH Rowing fundraiser dinner

WHEN: FEBRUARY 6, 2010
5:30 TO 9 P.M.
WHERE: PORTSMOUTH GAS LIGHT CO.
64 MARKET ST., PORTSMOUTH, NH

TICKETS: $35/ADULT
$10/CHILDREN UNDER 12
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THERE WILL BE DINNER, DRINKS,
REMINISCING, RAFFLES AND A CHANCE
TO BID ON SOME GREAT UNH ROWING
MEMORABILIA, INCLUDING SWEATSHIRTS,
OARS AND PIECES OF THE MAMA BAYER
AND THE OYSTER. WOULDN’T THE MAMA BAYER’S STROKE SEAT
LOOK GREAT ABOVE YOUR MANTLE? I THINK SO.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT EVENT COORDINATOR
ALICIA GOLDEN AT
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HELP UNH CREW BUY
TWO NEW
Launch LAUNCHES!

Our launches are from 1984. Remember that year? When Reagan was president, Michael Jackson was king and neon leg warmers were cool?

WE’RE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD OUR GOAL!
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Alumni from the late 1970s and early 1980s have set the precedent by 
\textbf{donating close to $10,000} to the Safety Launch Fund in memory of
their former teammate, Gordon Barker, who died earlier this year. To
raise the rest, they’ve challenged the other decades -- the
mid-80s, the 90s and the 00s -- to a “seat race” to raise the most money.
\textbf{To donate, visit www.unhrowing.org.} We’ll keep track of the
decades’ fundraising progress and post it online. \textbf{Donate today!}

\textbf{Thanks to all of those who have donated:}

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  \item Jack Calhoun
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  \item Leslie Johnson (Tobiason)
  \item Edith Barker
  \item Jeff Hastings
  \item Kathy Emery-Hastings
  \item Jeff Greene
  \item Liz O’Leary
  \item Francie Benton
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  \item Kevin and Brenda Coughlin
  \item Marjorie King
  \item Glen and Kimberly Wass
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FALL 2009 RACE RESULTS
HOW DID THE MENS’ AND WOMENS’ TEAMS FARE THIS FALL?
Recaps by Kerry Feltner (’12) and Coach Pete Cathey

TEXTILE RIVER REGATTA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, LOWELL, MASS.

VARSITY WOMEN:
Quad/4x, 7th out of 7 boats, 19:55.314
Club 8, 5th out of 15 boats, 16:02.466
Open 4, 14th out of 22 boats, 19:24.377
Open 8, 6th out of 7 boats, 17:04.328

NOVICE WOMEN:
Novice 8, 3rd out of 7 boats, 18:29.883
It was a perfect day to race. The fours race and the quad race were a bit shaky since we have been focusing on the speed in the eights, and we just learned how to scull. The eights races were solid -- definitely a great place to start the season as everyone got back into the head-racing mentality.

VARSITY MEN:
Open 4 A Boat, 19th out of 26 boats, 17:02.608
Open 4 B Boat, 8th out of 26 boats, 15:50.104
Club 2x, 11th out of 13 boats, 18:23.853
Men’s 2, 7th out of 8 boats, 17:56.784
Open 8, 11th out of 15 boats, 14:59.915
It was a very good beginning. We have been introducing small boat rowing (pairs and doubles) this year. It was exciting to put our first small boats on the water in years. The men’s team looks forward to making small-boat rowing into the norm. It will pay off down the road, with a greater amount of boat feel and skill.

HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA
OCTOBER 17 and 18
BOSTON, MASS.

VARSITY WOMEN:
14th out of 35 boats, 19:00.488
The regatta was awesome, but it was really cold with wind, rain and snow. Both the men’s and women’s varsity eights had great races. The crowds and spectators were great, and the team definitely fed off of their enthusiasm.

VARSITY MEN:
25th out of 38 boats, 16:58.847
HOTC was our best row in several years. We all stayed to watch the championship eights race in the snowstorm. We have an enthusiastic, good group of men and women, and winter training should be great!

QUINSIGAMOND NOVICE CHALLENGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, WORCESTER, MASS.

NOVICE WOMEN:
A Boat, 2nd out of 15 boats, 17:17.592
B Boat, 10th out of 15 boats, 18:51.220
C Boat, 13th out of 15 boats, 19:52.556
The novice said that they had a great time in Worcester. All three women’s boats experienced great success in their races by passing other boats and not being passed.

NOVICE MEN:
A Boat, 5th out of 15 boats, 15:33.157
B Boat, 9th out of 15 boats, 16:02.635
We have mostly novice rowers, who had the usual eye-opening experience at their first race! They had fun and returned with a great amount of enthusiasm for racing.

FOOT OF THE CHARLES REGATTA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
BOSTON, MASS.

We were expecting white caps and wind, and were happy when the weather brought us lots of rain and flat water! The Foot always provides us with a last bit of racing experience.

VARSITY WOMEN:
Varsity 4, 42nd out of 49 boats, 15:44.1

NOVICE WOMEN:
A Boat, 16th out of 27 boats, 15:51.0
B Boat, 19th out of 27 boats, 16:23.7

Questions, thoughts or suggestions for the newsletter? Contact newsletter editor Mel Asmar (’04) at newsletter@unhrowing.org
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALUMNI WOMEN WHO ROWED IN THIS YEAR’S HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA!

This year, the Friends of UNH Rowing held an auction for seats in a women’s alumni boat to race in the Head of the Charles on October 17. The auction was a way to offset the cost of boat registration, as well as raise money for the team.

Friends of UNH Rowing board member Eileen Dunn ('04) won one of the seats. Here, she provides a recap of her experience:

This past fall, I bid on a seat to row in the women’s alumni boat at the Head of the Charles. When my bid was accepted, I was stoked to race again!

We were able to organize a boat dinner in Cambridge the night before the race, which was a great opportunity to catch up with old teammates and hear stories from alumni who rowed at different points in the program’s history. It was a really nice evening but we had to part ways too soon because races mean early rising!

In the morning, we met at the trailer and changed into our Friends of UNH Rowing t-shirts, which we voted to wear rather than sport our old unis. Many of us hadn’t been in a boat in years but when the coxswain called hands-on, it was as though we had never left the rowing world.

We shoved off the dock and started our journey to the starting line. Once we hit the start, we were ON! Although the warm-up was the first we had rowed together, I was surprised at how the boat felt. We were together, we were strong, we were UNH rowers. We hauled on it and by the time we crossed the finish line, our tanks were empty. We had given it our all. We may not have finished in first place but we had a fantastic time!

I walked away from the race with more than blisters and sore muscles. I reconnected with old teammates, met amazing alumni, and remembered how proud I am to have rowed for UNH.

The women of the HOTC alumni boat! L to R: Emma Hewson ('05), Sheila Dyer ('03), Elaine Manley ('03), Carolyn Miles ('98), Eileen Dunn ('04), Kathy Dowd Muller ('81), Arielle Freiberger ('09), Marion Haber ('99), Jan Bolland Tanner ('88)

AND THANKS TO ALL OF THE ALUMNI WHO RETURNED TO JACKSON’S LANDING FOR ALUMNI DAY!

By Phil Cohen ('05)
On a blustery fall afternoon in Durham, many UNH rowing alumni gathered at Jackson's Landing to visit the famed UNH boathouse for an afternoon of storytelling, reminiscing and catching up. Alumni from each decade of UNH rowing history were present, dating back to the program's origins in the 1970s. The day’s activities included a potluck lunch and rowing. Two eights braved the winds on the Oyster River and launched to take a few strokes. There was also a raffle, with prizes including both Celtics and UNH Hockey tickets, as the team continues to raise the funds needed to replace the dated safety launches.

We look forward to continuing the Alumni Day tradition in 2010 and hope that you can join us and build momentum for future years.

ALUMNI DAY 2009!
A REMEMBRANCE OF GORDON BARKER ('80)
BY JACK CALHOUN ('79)

For those of us that knew Gordon as a fellow rower, his untimely death from a heart attack last August came like a bolt of lightning out of nowhere. The stories and reflections of Gordon that flowed in the aftermath of his death and at the beautiful memorial service at his family farm, the Barker Farm in Stratham, underscored the extent to which his life influenced and impacted countless people.

Reflecting on his memories of Gordon, 1970's UNH Crew Coach Whit Mitchell, wrote, “Gordon was known as 'The Hammer' for his ability to drive the oar in the water like a nail while yanking hard on every stroke. He had a great sense of Yankee humor.”

Particularly moving were the tributes to Gordon from the young people who worked on his farm. They talked of his endless shenanigans. One was running races down the dirt road to the edge of the fields, in which the participants had to wear heavy rain pants and rubber boots. The prize was to be showered with rotting tomatoes by a gauntlet of the “losing” contestants. They also spoke of his influence on their life path. Some are now teaching organic farming and running their own farms. Three young men took up rowing. After successful careers at Harvard, Brown and Dartmouth, two later went on to compete for crews at Oxford and Cambridge while attending graduate school.

Reminiscing in an email, UNH crew teammate, Rick Durkee ('78), wrote, “It's funny what we remember at times like this. I believe it was the summer of 1979, Gordon and I drove down to Oak Ridge, TN to watch the women's nationals. When I arrived at the Barker Farm to pick him up, he invited me in to his parent's house for a big breakfast. Gordon put curry powder on my scrambled eggs. It was good, and from then on that is how I have them.”

It is in this spirit that many of Gordon’s friends from the 1970’s have made significant commitments to re-connect with one another, and to support the Friends of UNH Rowing Launch Fund with gifts in his memory. For those of us who knew him, this affords us a small way to honor his memory, and a more importantly a chance to rekindle friendships begun more than 30 years ago while trying to find that ever-elusive swing together on the Oyster River.