



# ALUMNI SPRINT

Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association Newsletter

Summer 2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our second newsletter!! This publication marks the end of the Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association's first year in existence. This year went better than we had expected, and we reached many important milestones. This past year we elected a Board of Directors, both approved and submitted a set of bylaws to the University, sent out two newsletters, welcomed new members, and were granted money by the University of Delaware Alumni Association to use for our Spring Event, the tent

at the Dad Vail Regatta. All in all, we have solidified as an Association, both as a social organization and as a supportive one for the current team, and we are on our way to being recognized by the larger University Alumni Association, with all the benefits that entails. Please refer to the article regarding the financial statement for further information on the financial current status of the DMCAA.

I would like to thank everyone who has been working so hard to make this Alumni

Association work, from those who volunteered to work as Directors, to those who planned our events, to those working on our newsletter and upcoming website, to those who were just excited and decided to attend our events. Everyone's hard work and enthusiasm for this association is what is making this so successful. Can't wait for next year!!!

Mary Vaughn, '03  
President

## UD MEN'S CREW OUTLOOK 2008/2009

The University of Delaware Men's Crew came off a tremendously successful 2007/2008 season with its first ever win of the Dad Vail Regatta overall men's point trophy. The Frosh team dominated the competition by winning both the lightweight and heavyweight eights. Kudos to Coach Joe Kleiman, and his guys, for that awesome performance! The Varsity Lightweight 8 finished second to a strong Fordham crew and the 2nd Varsity lights rowed in the JV Heavyweight Event making the final and finishing fourth. The varsity heavyweight eight raced hard in the heats and semis drawing the 1 & 2 ranked crews: Purdue and Colgate in the Semi. They finished a close third less than a length off eventual winner Purdue. We also had the depth to row competitive fours which did not advance to the finals in the Frosh event; the lightweight and heavyweight varsities all demonstrated UD Men's Crew's toughness.

The lightweight Frosh went on to finish fifth at the EARC Sprints, another solid performance. The Lightweight Varsities did not fare as well in that tough league but with the group coming up, Coach Belden hopes to have the Lights in the Finals at next year's Sprints. The Heavyweight squad participated at the IRA with the Frosh 8, a Frosh

4 + coxswain, a Varsity 4 + coxswain and a pair. Again, this competition stretched the limits of our Club athletes in racing against the top Varsity programs in the country. We showed determination and resolve and this has us on the cusp of breaking into the Elite level of Collegiate Rowing.

The dedication and leadership of the members of the team is truly exciting. I am beginning my fifteenth (15th) year of coaching UD crews and have never looked forward to September's new beginnings as much as this year. I truly believe that coming off last season's terrific performance at the Dad Vail regatta, we will do even better this coming year. Our goal for 2009 will be to improve the Varsity performances and match the Frosh's dominance. We could possibly collect medals in every men's eight in 2009. In addition to having Coaches Joe Kleiman and Andy Belden back, we will have recent graduate Phill Kleiman and graduate assistant Pete Seymour assisting. John Williams will be back assisting part time on the water and helping with repairs and legal advice again this year.

We will continue on the path of proven results through hard work and dedication. Our squads have learned that success comes to those that work for it. We hope to see

you at upcoming regattas this Fall, including Alumni Day, October 12th.

Many of you have seen my favorite quote by Mahatma Ghandi which hangs in my office. It is:

"First they ignore you,  
Then they laugh at you,  
Then they fight you,  
Then you win."

We are right there, just where we want to be. Yeah, Delaware! Go Hens!

Chuck Crawford  
Head Coach

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni & Parent's Day  
October 2008  
Faith and Gordon Pizor Boathouse,  
Wilmington, DE

Winter Party/Annual Meeting  
February 2009  
Philadelphia, PA

## DAD VAILS

May 10, 2008 marked another year for the UD Men's Crew team at the Dad Vail Regatta. This year was arguably the team's most successful yet, with four boats making the finals in their events-both the Freshman/Novice 8 and the Freshman/Novice Lightweight 8 won their events with a gold medal, the Varsity Lightweight Eight received a silver medal in their event, and the JV Heavy Eight got fourth in their final (please refer to the team's webpage or [www.row2k.com](http://www.row2k.com) for full Dad Vail results).

The Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association also celebrated the team's success and hosted a tent on the banks of the Schuylkill River for the event. Both the alumni and the parents of the rowers enjoyed a day cheering on our team with drinks, a grill, and a lot of team



*Alumni and friends gathered at the Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Tent to cheer on the Hens!*

spirit. With a very generous gift from the University of Delaware Alumni Association of \$ 570, we were able to host the event with food and money donated by all who attended. Special thanks to the parents of

the rowers for their generous donations; it was quite the spread! I'm sure that everyone will be looking forward to next year's tent!!

## WINTER PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING



*Alums kicking off the first meeting of the DMCAA!*

On February 23, 2008, the DMCAA hosted our first ever Winter Party/Annual Meeting at the Nodding Head Brewery in Philadelphia. This annual party is intended to serve as our winter event and to serve as our annual association-wide meeting. At this event, we will discuss upcoming issues and events as well as elect directors for the new year.

The party this year was a success, with approximately 30 Alums ranging from

the class of '02 to '07 attending. Current coaches Chuck Crawford and John Williams were also in attendance. Alums and Coaches caught up over beer and appetizers before having a brief meeting to discuss the new bylaws, upcoming events, and elect the first officers and directors of our new organization. Special thanks go to Jamie Danz '06 who planned this event. Thanks to everyone who attended, and we'll be looking forward to next year's meeting!!

### DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

**President:**

Mary Vaughn, '03

**Chief Financial Officer:**

Mike Wood, '04

**Directors:**

Mike Iacone, '94

Chris Gorzynski, '02

Jon Heimall, '02

Evan Price, '04

Carolyn (Serey) Ehn, '04

Sean Galvin, '04

Mike Hoffman, '06

Jamie Danz, '06

Nick DePompeo, '07



## WELCOME PARTY



This April, the newest members of the Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association met with Director Mike Hoffman '06, Chief Financial Officer Mike Wood '04, and President Mary Vaughn '03 at Grotto's Pizza on Main St. in Newark. Everyone had

a great time as the graduating class of '08 and existing alums mingled over pizza (well, everyone but the lightweights) and discussed the alumni association and its future plans. Congratulations, Class of '08!!!

## WELCOME CLASS OF '08!

Peter Bundy

Shawn Duff

Kathryn Goffredi

Daniel Hagelberg

Matt Hood

Ryan Jorlin

Eric Juergens

Phil Kleiman

Andrew Millspaugh

Matthew Pfaeffli

Pete Seymour

## FINANCIAL BRIEF (REVIEW FROM 1/1/08-6/30/08)

The DMCAA has been a huge success ending the first half of the year with a net profit. We have had 3 major events with expenses which include the Winter Party, News Letter #1 and Dad Vail Alumni Tent. Please see the DMCAA Financial Review for details of what expenses we have had for the first half of 2008.

In addition to "being in the green" for the first half of the year, the financial goals continue to be two important ideas. First, our goal is to maintain a clear transparency of revenue and expenses. Starting up a new organization can pose many speed bumps along the way, but it's important that everything is being done in an open and organized environment. As we become more involved with the University, they should be able to help us too. Our second goal is simply to spend less than we bring in.

As for Dad Vails, we were fortunate to receive a Satellite Assistance Award from the University of Delaware in the amount

of \$570. This money was used to pay for the Dad Vail Tent, which was a huge success! Thank you to the University for providing the funding and congratulation to the team for their success. In addition, many thanks to all the personal donations given at both the winter party and Dad Vails that made everything possible. These events could not have taken place without the generosity of the Alumni, Parents, Rowers and coaches.

Finally, I wanted to reiterate our financial state in relation to the University. Since we currently do not have a bank account, we are working on a cash basis. We are working with UD to setup a bank account through the University and hopefully an account will be set up soon. This is important to ensure we have a safe secure account and the University will add another layer of transparency to our organization. As with anything through the University, this will take time!

Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association Financial Statement- Semi Annual			
June 30, 2008, Year-to-Date Prepared by: Mike Wood			
Account Balance		Balance 1/01/2008	Balance 6/30/2008
		\$0.00	\$332.87
Activity	Date	Profit	Expense
Alumni Winter Party (Nodding Hill)	2/23/08	\$110.00	**
Alumni New Letter Fees (#1)	2/23/08	**	(\$40.00)
Dad Vail Alumni Tent	5/10/08	\$1,005.00	\$742.13

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This October, the current team will be hosting their annual Alumni and Parent's Day, October 12th. It will be located at the Faith and Gordon Pizor Boathouse in Wilmington, and will feature alumni racing, hamburgers, and beer.

Look forward to this year's Winter Party/Annual Meeting! As it did last year, this party/meeting will take place in Philadelphia at the end of February. At this time we'll catch up with each other, update

everyone on the status of the Association, and elect three new members to our Board of Directors. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these three positions, please let Mary Vaughn know at [UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com)

As always, if you know of someone that isn't receiving this newsletter or is not yet taking part in this Association, please give them our information!!



## ALUMNI NOTES

*Do you have any news? Whether it's weddings, births, moves, new jobs, or just hanging out with other DMCAA members, we want to know about it!! Send news and pictures to [UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com](mailto:UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com)!!*

All the way from California, **Bret Strogen '03** writes, "Rowing took too much muscle, so I took up sailing. Here's a picture of me steering the "Voyage for Cleaner Energy" 25 miles off the pacific coast in april. I steer sailboats about as well as I coxed....if you can recall that experience (ie hitting a bridge, a dock, and a rock within an hour). Otherwise, I'm doing my PhD at Berkeley , and hope to finish before my hair is grey."



**Adam Smith '03** and his wife Kristi writes, "The biggest news of the day is that, we are currently expecting two boys! Yes, boys...lucky them, they have me to look up to! HA! The doctors can't tell us if they are identical or not. If they can't figure it out, I'm threatening to bring a sharpie with me to the delivery room just in case. I'll label them if I have to! As of right now, the due date is October 21. However, I doubt we'll make it that far. The doctors say that twins usually come early (around 35 weeks), which will put us at mid-September for a due date. Not long to go! Crazy!"

Congratulations are in order for **Ben Pinder, '04**, who proposed to his girlfriend Molly Buckie this winter. **Rob Terasciwicz '05** is also engaged to Elizabeth Lazpolous. The wedding is planned for December. Best wishes to you both!!

**Evan Price '04** announced his retirement from rowing this winter. Evan's very successful rowing career included a 5th place finish at the 2006 World Rowing Championships in the Men's Lightweight Quad event and membership on the United States National Rowing Team. Evan and Christine are soon moving to Pittsburgh, where Evan plans to spend more time with his wife and try out something he's heard of called "free time."

**Drew Schoenster '05** writes that he has moved to Houston for a job, if anyone wants to check out Texas . Yeah, Drew!

**Ryan Jornlin '08** was made one of the

tion (ACRA) 2008 All-American First Team rowers. Athletes were selected based on 2000-meter erg test scores, performance of the crew (with most consideration on ACRA results), career racing results, accomplishments within their team, individual performances, and coach recommendation. **Andrew Millspaugh '08** was made a third-team Academic All-American, one of 149 ACRA athletes to receive this honor. Congratulations!!

**Nick DePompeo '07** is being sent by Septa to South Korea for 12 weeks "I'm very excited to go and visit South Korea, and plan to go to Seoul to check out the Olympic rowing facility there. I'll give you all a full report when I get back"

**Mike Hoffman '06** is getting excited to move into his freshman dorm to serve as an RA for this upcoming school year. He writes, "I keep getting older, they stay the same age."

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