

# ALUMNI SPRINT

Alumni Newsletter

Winter 2007-2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE (INTERIM) PRESIDENT

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association. Membership to this organization is open to any former UD rower and coach, regardless of the role or time spent as a member of the team. Our goal is both to provide members with an opportunity to maintain contact with each other socially and to support the current rowers financially as best we can. We intend to do this by developing and maintaining a close relationship among the alumni, current rowers and coaches, and the University of Delaware.

We are currently in talks with

the University to become an officially recognized satellite organization within the larger University of Delaware Alumni Association. We hope for this status to become official in about a year. Current progress for now includes finalizing a set of bylaws, including a mission statement, as well as formalizing our financial vision and setting up a bank account with the University. We have been working closely with Dr. Rapposelli and have made great progress over the past few weeks.

I hope that any alumni reading this are as excited about starting this organization as I am. I'm sure that all of you will agree that

being part of the University of Delaware Men's Crew Team played a great part in our college experience and helped us to develop lifelong friendships. We hope that this Alumni Association will enable us to continue to enjoy these friendships, develop new bonds with others, and help ensure that the current team members have the same great experience that we had. I hope to see you all at our future Alumni Events!!!

Mary Vaughn, '03  
(Interim) President

## RECRUITING AND FUTURE EVENTS

Currently, there are 65 members of the alumni on our roster who range in graduation years from '93 to our most recent grads, the class of '07. While we're extremely excited about finding so many alums who are interested in being part of this organization, there are many more members out there. We need your help! If you have not submitted your information to us and wish to be part of the organization, or know of other alumni who have not done so, please contact us at the addresses listed on the right. Currently, we have been using a Google



YouDee at Alumni Day

Group to facilitate communication among the alumni and to inform each other of upcoming events. If you are not part of this group, please don't hesitate to join.

This fall we have had a few meetings and social events aimed at spreading excitement among the alumni and encouraging as many alumni as possible to get involved. I am pleased to report that these events have been well attended by members from a broad range of graduation years and there appears to be great interest in the Delaware Men's Crew Alumni. We hope the excitement for these functions will grow along with the expansion of our group.

Our upcoming events include a Winter Party on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Nodding Head Brewpub (1516 Sansom St., Second Floor, Philadelphia, PA) from 5-8pm. The cost will be \$30 per person and will cover an hour of open bar and a buffet. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Please RSVP no later than February 9<sup>th</sup> either to UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com or to the e-vite. Not only will the Winter Party be a great way to reconnect with old friends but it will also serve as our first large Association-wide meeting, where we'll reveal our bylaws, elect our directors, and celebrate

our formation as an Alumni Association.

We will also have an Alumni tent at the Dad Vail Regatta. More information will be sent out to the google group to keep you up to date.

Hope to see you at these great events!!

### CONTACT US!

Google Groups  
<http://groups.google.com/group/udcrew-alum>

Email  
UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Party, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(more info at left)

Dad Vails Alumni Tent  
Saturday, May 10, 2008

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Tell us what you're up to so we can add it to the Summer 2008 Newsletter

## 3RD ANNUAL ALUMNI &amp; PARENT DAY

The University of Delaware Men's Crew team held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni and Parent Day on October 14, 2007, at the Wilmington Youth Rowing Association boathouse in Wilmington. The team clearly put a lot of effort into this year's event, with catering, a silent auction, and a special appearance by YouDee.



From left to right: Dan Greeley, '03; Nick DePompeo, '07, Evan Price, '04; Mary Vaughn, '03, Ivan Baldychev '06; Mike Wood, '04 Darren Burke, '03; Sean Galvin, '04

The day began with sign-ups for the Alumni Races and socializing with the team, coaches, parents, and alumni. The ceremonies began with Head Coach Chuck

Crawford presenting awards to the '03 Lightweight boat, who won the Dad Vail Regatta, received 6<sup>th</sup> place at the IRA National Championship, and traveled to race in the Royal Henley Regatta in Henley-On-Thames, England. This spring will

mark the 5 year anniversary of their accomplishments. The members of this boat were Ian Cosden '03, Dan Greeley '04, Sean Galvin '04, Andy Seifried '04, Mike Wood '04, Ivan Baldychev '06, Darren Burke '03, Evan Price '04, and coxswain Mary Vaughn '03.

Also honored was Ivan Baldychev '06, who received 6<sup>th</sup> place at the World Rowing Championships in Munich, Germany, in the Individual Lightweight Men's Event. Ivan helped dedicate a pair named the Ivan Baldychev in honor of his success.

After the ceremonies were finished, the alumni once again boated up to compete against each other and the current team. Fueled by Yuengling and cookies served for



6 Seat: Ivan Baldychev, '06; 7 Seat: Darren Burke, '03; and Stroke: Evan Price, '04.

lunch, the Alumni donned their spandex and prepared to race. As in the past, the alumni were robbed as the Junior and Senior boats beat the very skilled alumni rowers from spots in the final race. The races were close; the Seniors only winning by two seats. I'm sure the Alumni rowers will be back next year after daily training to regain the Alumni Day title.

All in all, Alumni Day was a great chance to catch up with old friends and get to know the current team. It's an event to look forward to. See you all next time!!

## ALUMNI NEWS

Ian Cosden '03 writes, "Well, I've finally made an honest woman out of Mali. We got married in October, and were happy to have **Mary Vaughn '03, Dan Greeley '04, Sean Galvin '04, Mike Wood '04, Evan Price**



Ian Cosden, '03 and Mali Liu.

**'04, Jon Heimall '02, John Heinzl '02, and Dan Meckley '03.** It was a great time,

and we made the team proud with our fist pumping to Bon Jovi."

**Andy Siefried '04** writes, "I've moved out to California to attend Stanford to get my doctorate in Engineering. The West Coast is great, and I look forward to getting my first visitors!!"

**Sarah Lucas (Slater) '02** was just hired as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Newark Charter School. Congrats, Sarah!!

Congratulations also goes out to **Sean Galvin '04**, who just passed the bar exam. Sean would like us to know that we are welcome to call him Esquire.

**Carolyn Serey Ehn '04** just completed her Master's in Publications Design from the University of Baltimore and is now "proud to take on the position

of publications chair for this alumni organization as well as a real job of course."

**Mary Vaughn '03** writes, "I had the opportunity to practice with the Wilmington Rowing Center four consisting of John Williams, who coaches for the UD Men's crew team, **Brian Venti, Matt Iacone '93, and Steve Rosenberg '97** this fall. I had a great time coxing with them, and I'm so excited to announce that they got 9<sup>th</sup> place in the 2007 Head of the Charles Regatta in the Men's Club Four event, only 6.1% off the first place time!!

Also at the Head of the Charles, **Evan Price '04** and **Ivan Baldychev '06** raced together in the Championship Pair Event, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place, only 2.2% off the winning time. Congrats to all!!!!"