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## THE RACE TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF CREW AT MIT

### We Need You To Get In The Boat With Us!

By Jack Frailey '44 and Pete Peterson '58

MIT Crew today has two major races underway. The first is with oarsmen and oarswomen who are competing on the water to prepare themselves for future leadership and life challenges. The second race involves us, the MIT crew alumni, who are competing with dollar support to ensure that the sport we so strongly believe in has a permanent place in MIT's future.

Crew and all other athletic programs are under economic stress at MIT and practically all other schools in the USA. A few far-sighted schools such as Stanford, Washington, and Cornell are solving this problem by the alumni raising the stroke and committing to efforts that have, or shortly will, fully endow their programs. Economic stress will continue and may have even more impact in eroding MIT's ability to support non-academic programs.

As alumni, we have a simple choice. Do nothing and let the program continue to suffer from economic strangulation, or become proactive and raise the money necessary to put crew on a self-funding

basis for the long term.

Practically every one of you we have talked with feels strongly about their rowing experiences and are committed to ensuring that future students have the opportunity to learn through crew. We therefore have no choice but to up the cadence and raise the necessary funding. Here is where we are headed and what we believe:

#### **FOMITC Vision—The Five-Year Viewpoint**

1. Rowing unquestionably MIT's premier sport
2. MIT competitive with Ivy League peers and traditional rivals
3. Broader outreach and widespread participation across all of MIT—including graduate students, recreational sculling, clubs, and staff and faculty.

#### **FOMITC Mission**

Collaborate with MIT administration to:

1. Supply financial support to ensure long-term success at MIT
2. Serve as role models and mentors
3. Assist in marketing MIT and rowing to potential students
4. Provide a model for other DAPER pro-

grams to enhance alumni giving

#### **FOMITC/MIT Goals By FY 2008/9**

1. FOMITC will raise sufficient funding to enable 90 percent of crew budget to be alumni funded—estimated 2008 budget \$1.75M
  - Endowment base of \$35M yielding \$1.40m annually
  - Annual crew giving yielding \$0.20m
2. MIT has agreed that if FOMITC provides the funding it will:
  - Provide evidence that the administration wants to and will support crew:
    - Environment and resources that will lead to excellence in rowing programs
    - Funds raised for rowing will be used for rowing unless otherwise agreed to by FOMITC
  - Provide support for the rowing program:
    - Full-time employment for coaches and compensation competitive with Ivy peers
    - Marketing of rowing to potential and current students within NCAA and MIT admissions guidelines.

## FOMITC SEEKS TO INVOLVE ALUMNI

### Encouraging Your Reconnection!

By Jack Frailey '44

The best way to acquaint you with what your board of directors has been doing is for me to aim your attention at the many articles in this issue that describe these activities. I believe you will find all of them very much worth reading.

The underlying theme throughout all we do is to find better ways and means of encouraging your reconnection with the sport—to fan the flame of your memories of the people and events that meant so much to you as a student. Three of our major efforts toward that goal are: 1) the establishment of a comprehensive photo gallery on the web, containing over 500 (and growing) historical pho-

tos dating back to 1921, about which Karl Richter writes (page 8); 2) the inspiration to return at reunion time to experience once again the competitive spirit and camaraderie that bound us so closely to one another back then (see Ron Young's article, page 11); and 3) the inception of our R<sup>4</sup> Project (Regional Rowing Reunion Receptions), about which Pete Peterson writes (page 5). The first two regional receptions are planned for the Seattle and San Francisco Bay areas the first weekend in May; if you can be there, I urge you to plan now to attend.

We feel that this goal for us would be sufficient in and of itself, but we also hope that

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**Designate all of your MIT contributions to Friends of MIT Crew, fund 3855200.**

**Contributions to that fund will be used exclusively for the benefit of MIT crew.**

**Contributions to FOMITC will also be credited to the class fund of the donor.**

# MIT FULLY SUPPORTS CREW

## A Message From The Head Of DAPER

By Candace Royer

It was a real pleasure for me to have the opportunity to speak to the Friends of MIT Crew who were in attendance at the Head of the Charles pre-banquet meeting in October 2003. It was obvious from all in attendance that former rowers are as committed to MIT as DAPER is to making the rowing experience special for the current crop of oarsmen and oarswomen.

A special highlight to this year's HOC event was the return of Steve Tucker with a slide presentation that overviewed his trials, travails, and successes! We are all in his debt for sharing this time to walk down memory lane with us.

Other highlights included some insightful and inspiring personal musings from Percy Nelson, class of 1949; current student accounts of what the MIT rowing experience means to them; and the opportunity for me and members of my staff to enjoy the camaraderie of dining with some of MIT's finest!

What follows now is a brief overview of the comments that I made in the pre-banquet presentation to those in attendance:

- MIT's commitment to DAPER and to athletics has never been more evident. The Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center is a \$60M example of the commitment to athletics and the desire on the part of MIT to improve student life on this campus!
- Other physical changes are all around us. Rockwell Cage, Barry Field, Steinbrenner Track have all been renewed. We now need to move to our boathouse and our sailing pavilion and Briggs Fields for renovations that are long overdue.
- Never has support from the academic/administrative side of the street been stronger. Senior leaders at MIT recognize that participation in sports does not detract from an MIT education, but rather enhances it, is a vital part of it, and that it might even be one of the compelling reasons that some students stay at MIT! We have all heard, and maybe even told, some of those stories over the years!

There are three points I would like to make to the group assembled here tonight.

**Point One:** We have made significant progress over the past two-and-a-half years in moving the agenda of FOMITC forward and to expanding the department's relationship with the organization. Evidence of this is as follows:

- We have dedicated time and effort to meeting with the executive committee of FOMITC, and we have a plan for the future of rowing at MIT.
- We are in the second year of our probationary period for reclassifying women's crew to the Division I level. This is something that was supported by the FOMITC membership, and we have guided this

process to likely fruition.

- We have plans for taking recruitment and retention of student athletes to new heights; Karl Richter will talk more about this tonight.
- We have created, for a two-year trial period, a women's lightweight rowing program and hired a full-time coach for that program.
- We have shared financial information with a subset of the board of directors of FOMITC, and we are now working on the budgeting and spending process annually with this subset. One such meeting took place yesterday.
- Monthly, we conduct a conference call with the FOMITC board of directors to discuss issues and plans. These calls have been instrumental to deepening our understanding of each other and to moving the rowing programs forward.
- We are working with Linda Muri to develop the next rowing brochure. When complete, this brochure will assist with the recruitment process of student-athletes to the rowing programs.

**Point Two:** We know what the "SUCCESS" of our rowing programs means to many of you—once again becoming more competitive in the EARC/EAWRC "SPRINTS" events. In support of this element of success, we need several things: ONE: We must attract and retain experienced oarsmen and oarswomen. Our competitors are not starting from scratch in the development of strong rowers, and neither can we! TWO: We must continue to find and retain the best freshman coaches we can find. Compensation for these coaches must keep pace with our peer institutions. We have made progress, and we intend to make more progress in this area. THREE: We must support the professional development of our current rowing coaches: they are willing participants in development activities. FOUR: We must continue to track and upgrade our equipment and our boathouse. This is a huge financial challenge and just one of the areas in which you all can assist us! Pete Peterson will lay out the financial plan for fundraising that he and Jack Frailey are taking on.

To facilitate these initiatives, I have assigned Richard Brewer, Project Manager for DAPER to gather the information necessary to help inform the budget and policy processes for the rowing programs as well as to assist with the fundraising efforts.

Please remember your rowing experience when you plan your charitable gifts for 2004. The programs need your annual giving help NOW to sustain the progress we are making together! Even a small increase, or giving for the first time in any amount, will be helpful. MIT and most other schools are in the same, excuse me, "boat." Without increased annual contributions to the rowing programs, we cannot possibly hope to sustain our pursuit of

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION COMING UP

## Nominating Committee Is Soliciting Names

By Jack Frailey '44

The mission of the Friends of MIT Crew (FOMITC) is to enhance the success of the intercollegiate rowing program, to promote a rowing experience that enriches and extends the total MIT education by encouraging the attainment of excellence, and to provide a vehicle for financial and inspirational support of rowing at MIT. The board of directors is the governing body responsible for carrying out that mission.

This is a request to all members of Friends of MIT Crew for suggestions for the nominating committee to consider for positions on the board of directors. Four of the twelve board members are elected annually for three-year terms that coincide with the Friends annual meeting to be held each June.

The nominating committee is chaired by

Mike Scott '73, the immediate past-president of FOMITC. Other committee members are Jack Frailey '44, the current president, and Linda Muri '85, the current treasurer. The committee is interested in casting the broadest possible net among FOMITC members to identify qualified men and women to serve on the board, and now invites suggestions for nominations from the general membership of Friends. Please communicate directly to: mscott@alum.mit.edu; 919/392-2389; jhfrailey@alum.mit.edu, 508/752-2290; or lindamuri@alum.mit.edu, 617/497-5794.

A word about the election process: Friends as an organization is made up of all MIT rowing alumni. It is neither expected nor required that a quorum of the total membership appear for the annual meeting to cast their vote. The board has discussed voting by

mail, e-mail, and website use, among other options. The board will make every effort to simplify the voting process and to use the experience of the alumni association to streamline procedures. Please look for information on voting in a special mailing. Because the website is developing and the e-mail lists are far smaller than the total mailing lists for Friends, we anticipate allowing for voting using more than one medium.

Thank you for allowing us to reach you by e-mail, the most immediate means for sharing information with MIT alumni. If you would like to unsubscribe from this mailing list, send a blank e-mail to list\_unsubscribe@alum.mit.edu and put the list name in the subject line. For example, to: list\_unsubscribe@alum.mit.edu. Subject: mitcrew.

### ACTIONS ALUMNI SHOULD TAKE TO ASSIST COACHES IN THEIR RECRUITING EFFORTS:

- 1. Sign up as an Educational Counselor (EC) to help the admissions office by interviewing applicants to MIT. Contact Stu Schmill to become an EC.**
- 2. Tell the MIT coaches about any student you meet who is or may be applying to MIT who may also be a candidate for the crews.**
- 3. Introduce the MIT coaches to rowing coaches of your local youth and high school rowing programs. If you know a youth or high school coach, call the MIT coaches and let them know about your connection.**
- 4. Offer to host the coaches if they are in your area on a recruiting visit.**

## RECRUITING FOR MIT CREW: RULES & ROLES

By Karl Richter '99

The MIT crew coaches are starting more significant recruiting programs, both on- and off-campus. Friends of MIT Crew supports the coaches and DAPER in efforts to market the academic and rowing opportunities that MIT offers to potential students, as we believe that a stronger outreach effort will break down stereotypes and contribute to a stronger applicant pool for MIT. Unlike some Ivy peers, MIT's admissions office will never compromise on academic standards, and we would not want them to compromise. The goal of the MIT coaches is to increase the number of academically qualified high school rowers and athletes who apply to MIT and to attract more of the athletes from other sports and potential athletes in the freshman class to convert to rowing when they arrive at MIT.

Over the past 15 years, rowing has been the fastest-growing sport in high schools across the country, including at public schools. In many cases, the top academic performers in high school who are rowers do not even think about applying to MIT because they do not perceive the opportunity to row in the Eastern Sprints league with MIT and/or because rowing coaches at other universities identify them first and encourage them to apply early to other schools. MIT has failed to keep pace as academic peer universities have developed sophisticated recruiting tactics and contact networks with high school coaches, and

have budgets to attract the top high school student rowers. The coaches, DAPER, and Friends recognize this as a competitive challenge, and we are working together to fix it.

As Friends of MIT Crew, we want to see MIT on a level playing field with academic peers and traditional rowing rivals in recruiting. A significant positive step in that direction occurred in December 2003, when Candace Royer, head of DAPER, approved a limited budget for "official visits" for fiscal year 2005. The coaches and Friends have been lobbying for a budget allocation for recruiting for some time, and we are optimistic that this budget allocation can rise to parity with academic peers and traditional rowing rivals over a number of years, pending increased financial support from alumni giving.

With expanded recruiting efforts for MIT crew, there are new ways for alumni to help, as well as rules and limitations that alums who are eager to help need to understand. The key message is that alumni can and should assist in limited ways, but that the crew coaches and DAPER drive the recruiting process and only they should communicate directly with applicants in any detail about the crew program.

We have posted a more thorough set of guidelines for alumni on the Friends website: <http://www.fomitc.org/images/alumguide.pdf>. DAPER and Friends have cooperatively developed these guidelines.

# HEAVYWEIGHT MEN'S CREW WRAP-UP

## Varsity Heavyweights Enjoy A Very Successful Season

By Gordon Hamilton  
Heavyweight Men's Coach

This has been one of the more successful fall seasons for the varsity heavyweights in several years. The first race we entered was the Head of the Ohio in Pittsburgh. The heavyweights have been racing in this regatta since 1989 as guests of Chris Ryan '69, whose generosity—along with that of several other alumni of western Pennsylvania—has allowed us to participate in this growing event. Now that the Head of the Charles has become a two-day regatta, I believe that it is now the largest single-day regatta in the country. We began the day by winning the club eight event by 16 seconds over second-place Rochester Institute of Technology. There were a total of 24 crews entered in this event. As we only bring one eight to this event, everybody doubled up to race again in the open fours event. Here we came in second, behind a very strong Penn A.C. crew and fifth out of eight entries.

Our next race was the New Hampshire championships the following weekend. We regard this as a sort of dress rehearsal for the Head of the Charles the following weekend. Unlike the Head of the Ohio, for which boats are made strictly on normalized erg scores, boats for the New Hampshire championships are made up to produce the fastest crews, which also will be racing in the Charles. This is often the first race for our freshman heavyweights. The frosh came in second behind Bowdoin in the frosh four event and 11th out of 20 in the frosh/high school eights event. The varsity placed first

and 11th out of 20 in the open eights event, setting a course record in the process.

The next week was the Head of the Charles. The MIT heavyweights had a club eight (our second varsity), a collegiate eight (our first varsity), and a club four (our frosh) entered. The club four came in 36th out of 41, the club eight was 33rd out of 53, and our collegiate eight was eighth out of 40, only 11 seconds behind the University of Minnesota, which was second in the event. This was an outstanding performance by the MIT varsity.

After the Head, we broke up into fours and shifted our practice times to the mornings to take advantage of the daylight, which

were about to begin a three-minute piece at 30 strokes per minute, our typical seat racing format. We paddled for three, built for three, and set off for three minutes. I specifically looked at where we finished up. We were well past the 1500 meter mark. We had traveled somewhere around 1000 meters in three minutes at a 30! The first four was set! Unfortunately, this boat never got a chance to race. The night before the race, the three seat in the boat ended up in the hospital. We did not learn of this until the morning of the race, so we did not make any changes to our other boats and just scratched the first boat. Our second four came in 25th out of 70 entries and nine seconds ahead of Dartmouth's second four. Our third four was 48th and our fourth four was 56th. The freshmen came in 16th and 26th out of 29 in the freshmen eights event.

This is the first year for new freshman heavyweight coach Dan Perkins, who comes to us from Dartmouth, where he was the captain for two years, and has also coached at Tufts. Most recently, Dan rowed for the winning Oxford blue boat against Cambridge in The Boat race. Having now spent two weeks at the end of IAP coaching the Cambridge University women's blue boat for the past two years, I try not to hold this against them. Dan has done a wonderful job with retention of the frosh heavies. He began the year with two eights and we still have two eights of frosh. Spirit is very high, especially after a successful and productive two-weeks training in Florida, and we are really looking forward to getting back on the water when the Charles thaws.



2003 varsity heavyweights tune up for competition.

leaves us in the afternoons. Our focus now is the Foot of the Charles, held every year the weekend before Thanksgiving.

An indication of how much potential the varsity has this year came one frosty, still morning when we were doing some seat racing to establish the first four for the race. I noticed that we were lined up right on the 500 meter mark of the basin 2K course as we

## MIT Fully Supports Crew

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MIT rowing excellence!

Contact Pete Peterson or Jack Frailey to find out more about how you can "row again" for MIT through your generous financial support!

**POINT THREE: WE MUST REMAIN POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE OF FOMITC, DAPER, AND MIT!**

Some of you have probably heard of the challenges in retaining freshman coaches, the difficulty in retaining large-enough crews at times, and the struggles with making financial ends meet. We understand that you might view these things negatively, as non-support of the rowing programs. However,

you must also recognize that programs of this size and importance are not built in a day, or a week, or even in a year or two. It takes constant, positive, energetic emotional and financial support to get where we all obviously want to go!

To recap: evidence of department and MIT commitment to the rowing programs is found in the reclassification of women's crew; in the much improved and now productive relationship between DAPER and FOMITC. It is found in the time and the dedication of department human resources to put the issues on the front burner and to solve them!

John Benedict, Assistant Director for Athletics, who meets with our rowing coaches

on a regular basis and carefully monitors the rowing programs, and Richard Brewer, newly-assigned to assist with the financial processes in the rowing programs, are but two examples of the allocation of DAPER human resources to your sport.

In closing: I ask tonight that you view the proverbial "glass" that contains the MIT rowing programs again. Is it half-empty or is it now half-full? I ask tonight that you think about how you can help to fill the glass to the brim! And finally, I ask that you keep in touch with FOMITC and DAPER. Many of you are pulling hard on the oars of change, excitement, and a strong future for MIT rowing. Thank you!

# LIGHTWEIGHT MEN'S CREW WRAP-UP

## The Torch Passes To The Next Generation Of Rowers

By Ian C. Hutton

*Lightweight Men's Coach*

Coming into the fall 2003 season, the MIT lightweights were looking to the youth of the program for some much-needed leadership and inspiration. Having graduated more than half of the squad (nine rowers and two coxswains) in the spring of '03, the torch was passed to the next generation, and they wasted no time in proving themselves. But the fall season is a test of both maturity and preparedness, and the lightweights would quickly learn the hard lessons of just how important summer training can be.

With just three oarsmen returning from last year's freshman team, numbers at the outset of the fall were small. But the squad was committed and began in earnest to prove that willpower was worth something. The first varsity opened the fall season with their fourth consecutive win at the Textile River Regatta, rowing the course in 18:41, just nine seconds ahead of second-place Holy Cross in the lightweight eight category. But with minor complications at the morning's weigh-in due to a last-minute lineup change, the results were declared unofficial. The second varsity went on to compete in the club eight division, posting a time of 20:33 and finishing 19th in a field of 25. A group of recent alums also fielded an eight at the regatta, racing in the open eight category and finishing 15th out of 20 crews in a time of just 20:06.

In contrast to the varsity's relatively small squad size, the freshmen began the season with over five eights, due largely in part to a massive on-campus recruiting campaign. The freshman lightweights opened their season the weekend following the Textile, taking two eights to the New Hampshire championships. With less than three weeks' experience in their rowing careers, the two freshman eights fared quite well in their debut, finishing 14th and 19th in a field of 20 eights, and getting their first taste of the

racing experience.

The Head of the Charles would prove to be a true test of the varsity's preparedness and maturity. With less than half of the crew returning from the eight that went to IRA's in the spring, the first boat struggled with the poise and confidence necessary to compete against the league's best, to say nothing of the talent from elsewhere in the country and abroad. The first varsity stumbled through the first mile, failing to gain a sense of rhythm in their settle, and it wasn't until the end of the second mile that they finally got comfortable and began to lengthen out. But by that point, the damage had been done and the first varsity would finish the lightweight eight race in 23rd place with a time of 15:55, nearly a minute off the pace of the likes of Princeton, Navy, Harvard, Penn and Cornell—thus proving once again that there is no margin for error in a league such as ours. The second varsity would compete in the club eight race and, despite their admittedly more comfortable race, would also post a mediocre finish in 46th place with a time of 17:30, including a 10-second penalty for a missed buoy. Those same alumni who made their appearance at the Textile River Regatta suited up one more time and also competed in the club eight event. Striking up a more moderate pace than their younger, and ostensibly fitter, second varsity counterparts, they would finish in 50th place, posting a time of 17:52.

The appearance of the freshman lightweights at the Dartmouth Invitational Regatta is an annual reminder that the fall season is drawing to a close and that winter is not far away. Traditionally plagued by freezing temperatures and heavy rain and/or snow, this year's regatta stayed true to form. But this year's freshmen dealt with additional adversity in the form of high-speed collisions. Having their composure shaken on the starting line after being run down by a women's eight from BU, the freshman squad regained what they knew of poise

and made their way down the course quite adequately, the three eights finishing a respectable 13th, 14th, and 15th in a mixed field of heavyweights and lightweights.

The freezing temperatures in Dartmouth would be just a bit of foreshadowing for the remainder of the fall season as the varsity broke down into fours and the freshmen forged ahead in their preparation for that numbing experience known as the Foot of the Charles. This year, the weather gods would grant a one-day reprieve as the regatta would be rowed under chilly but otherwise near-perfect conditions. In the varsity race, which would be a mixed field comprised of heavyweight and lightweight fours, as well as elite and masters' doubles, the three varsity fours would post times of 14:34, 15:09 and 15:52, placing them 6th, 9th and 11th respectively among the lightweight crews. The freshman eights managed to avoid most of the bridges, as well as the majority of other obstacles on the course such as competing crews, and turned in a solid performance for the day, finishing 4th and 7th among the freshman lightweight eights.

Hopes of staying on the water for another week or two after the Foot of the Charles were dashed by the early appearance of ice on the river, relegating the entire team to the much-loved erg. Both the varsity and freshman squads have taken to the weight room in earnest, hoping to get a leg up on the competition by maximizing their strength. For the first time in several years, the lightweights brought four eights—two varsity and two freshman—on the IAP training trip to Florida. Much headway was gained in terms of technical progress, and many good times were had as the varsity and freshmen got to know each other and develop that fraternal bond that will prove essential in pushing through the arduous workouts ahead as the team moves back inside and continues to prepare for the spring season.

## REGIONAL CREW REUNIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

By Pete Peterson '58

Whenever MIT crew alums get together, they always have plenty to talk about, and it is always a stimulating time. When we realized that there are 470 MIT crew alums in the San Francisco Bay area and 150 in the Seattle area, we saw a terrific opportunity to bring people up-to-date on the status and the future of MIT crew. We all loved our sport and got a lot from our rowing days that continues to benefit us in many aspects

of our lives.

FOMITC will host a reception from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on May 1 in Seattle and at the same time on May 2 in San Francisco that you all are invited to. The agenda will include lots of pictures and a history walk by Jack Frailey. Jack will also share his view of the future that FOMITC and MIT are jointly working on.

Pete Peterson will talk about the goals and the things alums are doing to help en-

sure the future of our sport at the institute. It will give us a valuable opportunity to answer your questions and learn the things that you feel are important. If these first two receptions are a hit, we will have them in all major cities in the next few years.

For more information on the Seattle reunion, contact Lola Ball '91 via e-mail at lolab@microsoft.com. For more information on the San Francisco reunion, contact Bill Hatrick '54 at starbd7@adelphia.net.

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# OPEN WOMEN'S CREW WRAP-UP

## Women Train Hard, Excel On The Water

By Susan Lindholm

*Open Women's Crew Coach*

The varsity open weight women's squad is a young but determined group. Fifty percent of the squad is composed of the 2002-2003 novices. We also have the welcome addition of two Cambridge exchange students and a high school oarswoman who has taken up the coxswain seat. As we prepared for the Textile regatta, we learned that three of our upperclassmen would not be able to compete, and many oarswomen learned a new side. We took a mixed eight of half 1V, half 2V to test the waters. We finished 11th out of 31 crews just five seconds behind U Mass. The women did a great job executing our even pace strategy. U Mass moved on us early on, but we opened back up as mile three approached. We also slowly overtook and passed Colby in the final half mile.

We came home to prepare for the Head of the Charles. We welcomed the return of our coxswain, Maria Tanner '04, to our team. The upperclassmen were to race in the club four. We raced a steady race and returned with our fastest time down the course. Our time placed us beating George Washington and just seconds behind Dartmouth. We had entered the championship eight rather than

the club to test ourselves against our sprints competition. We were very pleased to see that we are beginning to move up through the ranks and will continue to make that progress for the remainder of the year. Our club four finished 34th out of 50.

After the Charles, it was time for our novices to head up to Dartmouth. All heads in the boathouse turned when our novices arrived. We have five squad members between 5'10" and 6'2"! Next year will be exciting to combine an experienced varsity squad with some great size. At the Dartmouth race you enter an "A" and a "B" boat of as even speeds as possible. Our "A" boat's time would have had us finishing third over Radcliff and UNH, but unfortunately, our "B" boat lost its fin.

Our boat of truly "novice" novices tries to see how close they can be to the experienced novice eights in the Foot. This year we could not catch the experienced novice boats, but we did finish ahead of Radcliff and Dartmouth's inexperienced rowers. Our "A" boat placed 12th out of 22, and the "B" boat 19th. This group of novices has great potential, and we look forward to watching them race this spring.

The varsity raced a four and an eight in

the Foot. Once again we had to move the course upstream due to poor water in the basin. We entered three sophomores and one junior in the fours race so that they could experience the different level of racing between novice and varsity racing before the spring. They did a great job and held their composure. The four finished 22nd out of 30, nice improvements from the 27th place earned last year. The eight held off our lightweights and BC.

It was great to see our lightweight alumnae back in the boathouse and racing. We do need to make a push and develop an MIT alumna rowing organization so we see more and more of you racing in the fall regattas.

Our race schedule has changed a little bit now that the open and lightweight teams are separate. We will begin our spring racing with a scrimmage in Florida over spring break. Our first dual race will take place at Georgetown on April 3 versus Georgetown, George Washington, and Navy. We return home to race BC, URI, and UNH on April 10. Our Dartmouth race has been rescheduled for April 17. We finish off our dual racing May 1 at home versus BU and Radcliff. Then we head off to sprints in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on May 9.

## PHOTOS OF YOUR OLD MIT CREW ARE ON THE WEB

By Karl Richter '99

We have assembled a collection of approximately 500 historical photographs of MIT crews. We hope you will enjoy seeing photos of your MIT crews and help us fill in the missing names of your fellow oarsmen.

The direct URL for the photo search page is: <http://www.fomitc.org/picturegallery/>. There are also links to the historical photos from the Friends of MIT Crew site (<http://fomitc.org>) and from the MIT crew undergraduate site (<http://web.mit.edu/mitcrew/www/>). Don Burrer '55 and Jack Frailey '44 located and scanned most of these im-

ages from collections at the boathouse, the MIT Museum, past *Technique* yearbooks, and private collections of several oarsmen.

The photo database is searchable along a number of parameters: Name, Year, Squad (lwt. men, hvy. men, lwt. women, open women), and Event (such as Henley and Head of the Charles). Unfortunately, we do not yet have names associated with every image, so the name-based search will not always work. If you are unable to find your old crews with your name, try searching again using the squad and year range parameters only and leaving the name field empty.

We know that there are errors in the photo database. Please help us find and correct these errors. Some photographs are labeled as the wrong year or wrong squad, many photographs are missing names of all or some oarsmen, and some photographs are mislabeled by squad or year.

Contact Don Burrer '55 at [donburrer@comcast.net](mailto:donburrer@comcast.net) if you can help us with names of oarsmen in photographs or help us correct any other errors. Also contact Don if you have additional photographs to contribute to the web-based collection.

## FOMITC Seeks To Involve Alumni

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these efforts will lead to a greater appreciation for the need for your financial support of the MIT crew program as well. Mike Scott writes about this need and how we're trying to fill it. It is especially severe this year and next, as the Institute-wide budget crunch will have its greatest impact on us.

So, if you have already given to MIT to get

inside the IRS tax year, please consider adding to it before the alumni fund year ends on June 30. If you haven't yet made your donation, there's no better time than now; it's tax-deductible whenever you give it. And if this is a five-year reunion year for you, remember that your gift to the Friends will also count in your class's total giving record.

Lastly, if you feel you can support the

Friends' vision, mission, and goals laid out in the article Pete Peterson and I wrote, we welcome it in any form you may wish to give it. Clearly, financial support is an immediate need, but we urge you to consider the giving of your time and energy through service on the board of directors. You will find an article describing how that can happen; elections to the board are imminent.

# LIGHTWEIGHT WOMEN'S CREW WRAP-UP

## Crews Focus Hard, Make Great Progress

By Buzz Congram

*Lightweight Women's Crew Coach*

It has been a busy and productive inaugural fall and winter season for the varsity and novice lightweight women's crews. With the able assistance of Marika Page, novice women's coach, and Conan Hom, volunteer assistant coach, the lightweight women are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to test out their new style, improved endurance, and increased strength against our challenging race schedule against more established programs.

I have been very impressed with how earnestly this group of athletes has embraced everything we have been trying to teach. They have been quick to process information and turn it into precise physical motion. They have been highly motivated to be as good as they can be. They have been conscientious about developing their capacity for the rigor and discipline of regular practice.

The varsity has consistently boated an eight and a four since the first day of practice. We had no experienced coxswains, and our three walk-on novice coxswains, Jeanna Liu, Nilika Chaudhary, and Amy Lee, have been working diligently to get up to speed as quickly as they can. The novice numbers have been up and down since the fall, but we hope to have a full novice eight this spring.

With a varsity squad dominated by inexperienced but eager sophomores, we decided to forego early fall racing and concentrate on learning how to row more effectively. There was steady progress all fall that was evidenced by our eight rowing down the Head of the Charles course with a distinct style that had the elements of similar body posture, and a sense of rhythm, timing, and swing. Although we were rowing considerably lower than our opponents, our mission of "making the boat feel better than it ever had" was accomplished.

Further evidence of continued progress was apparent in the Foot of the Charles when our first varsity four beat two out of the three Radcliffe lightweight fours entered and a number of open-weight fours. Stroked by freshman Laura Harris and backed up by senior Elina Groberman and sophomores Shutsu Chai and Sarah Newman, the four had our strongest row to date. The boat was coxed by senior Annemarie Grandke, one of our strongest rowers who had a shoulder injury and was unable to row.

Twenty-three athletes made our IAP trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida, which allowed the team to reach yet another level of increased awareness and performance. The opportunity to have the athletes completely focused on rowing really accelerated the progress of both the varsity and novices. Our last workout of three times 2000 meters at 28—32

strokes per minute—was by far the fastest the varsity eight had moved all year.

As we continue to pound the ergs and begin the ice watch with visions of open water dancing in our heads, the varsity squad has become more and more competitive as people narrow the technique gap and push to gain more strength and endurance. In addition to the athletes already mentioned, senior Captain Jeanette Fershtman, junior Yong-Hwa Lee, and sophomores Antonella Alunni, Kat Hung, Veena Ramaswamy, and Cathy Yao are all awaiting their opportunity to seat race their way into the varsity eight. Two newcomers as of this quarter, senior Peh-Hua Wang and sophomore Erin Wei, are playing catch-up, but they are showing a lot of desire and aptitude for the sport.

There is a lot of potential in our novice squad, which is a pretty athletic group that includes Vicki Deng, Christina Feng, Kimberly Harris, Pamela Hollingsworth, Cynthia Lin, Jessica Lowell, Tiffany Wang, Kathleen Yeh, and Debbie Zhuang.

There is a real sense of anticipation for the upcoming season and an eagerness to see where our preparation will take us. I expect that this team will continue to improve as the season goes on and derive a lot of satisfaction from their efforts toward learning how to go as fast as they can go.

## "WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF BROTHERS"

*The following speech was given by Jeanette Fershtman, captain of the MIT women's lightweight crew, at the Friends of MIT Crew banquet held in October 2003.*

By Jeanette Fershtman '04

When you walk into the boathouse, there is a picture in the front area with the quote, "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." I noticed it my freshman year and liked it because I knew where the quote was from and came to find it wonderfully appropriate to rowing. But I'd say the quote or mention the picture to other people, and I always got a blank stare, which I thought was a shame because not only is the quote appropriate to rowing, but the context of the quote is so wonder-

fully applicable to MIT crew.

The quote is from Shakespeare's *Henry V* in a speech given by the king the night before a great battle in which they are outnumbered five to one. And even though the odds are so overwhelmingly against them, the king says that any man whose heart is not in this fight is free to leave because he would not fight with such a man by his side. But for those who stay:

*We few, we happy few, we band of brothers*

*For he to-day who sheds his blood with me*

*Shall be my brother.*

(Act IV, Scene III)

They will be as close to him as family.

And so it is with MIT crew. Every year we

get a large group of new faces around the boathouse. Many of them are freshmen looking to try something new. But MIT crew isn't easy. Rowing is a mentally and physically exhausting sport. It is not for the faint of heart. So, in the end, those who remain are those whose passion and whose hearts are truly in it. And we are as close as family.

And, of course, as always, this family could not continue to grow and prosper without the active support of its longest standing members, our alumni. And so to you I say, thank you. Thank you for keeping this family strong. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get out of the rowing experience the same thing that you got out of it, the same thing that keeps you so dedicated to us today. Thank you.

# MIT CREW IS IN A RACE FOR FUNDING

## Alumni Can Keep MIT Crew Afloat

By Mike Scott '73

We're in a race to the finish line. While MIT crew teams are competing with their Ivy League counterparts (Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Radcliffe, etc.), we MIT crew alumni are competing in a race to provide adequate funding for the crew program itself. Right now, we're lagging behind in this important race, with most of our Ivy League counterparts ahead of us. However, we're gaining momentum and asking you for additional help this year to close the gap.

In MIT's fiscal year 2003 (FY'03), which ended June 30, 2003, FOMITC contributed \$182K toward MIT crew expenses. We raised a record \$134K from MIT alums. Do the math and you'll see that we spent \$48K more than we were able to collect from alumni contributions. Fortunately, we have a reserve balance in the FOMITC (and women's crew) funds from previous years that allowed for this additional expenditure. In fiscal year 2004, which ends June 30, 2004, the current budget calls for FOMITC to contribute \$290K toward MIT crew expenses. And even while we've launched a more organized fundraising campaign this year, we're unlikely to raise that much money at our current rate.

FOMITC increased its investment in the crew program because of its expansion and our determination to help today's crew

champions compete on a level playing field, so to speak, with their rivals. Examples of increased FOMITC spending include the new women's lightweight crew program and increased salaries for frosh coaches, who have been significantly under-compensated when compared to MIT's Ivy League peer group. We're working closely with MIT

our part to save and preserve this program by raising additional funds. Your participation in the next couple of years is especially crucial, as MIT budgets have been significantly reduced. In parallel, we have developed a longer-term plan to build endowment funding that will sustain MIT crew in the long-term and reduce dependence on annual expendable funding. But we also know that building long-term security will take many years to achieve. If you have an interest in setting up or contributing toward an existing MIT crew endowment, please contact Pete Peterson (ppeterson@alum.mit.edu; 978/264-9500). MIT crew alums can make gifts of stock, planned gifts (gifts that pay you back), or include the crew program in estate planning as additional ways of strengthening the crew program both in the short- and long-term. Learn more about this at <http://web.mit.edu/giving/how/index.html>.

So how much have we raised for MIT crew in FY'04? We are

about 60 percent through FY'04, and we have raised about \$104K thus far, which is about 50 percent ahead of last year's pace, but short of where we want to be. Let me divide up the sources for those contributions into three categories described below.

### 2004 reunion classes:

Crew alumni from classes celebrating their reunions this year—the classes of 1929, 1934, 1939, etc. to 1999, have increased the focus on their crew connection by using the reunion as an opportunity to renew giving to the crew program. Additionally, we encourage reunion year alumni to participate in the reunion row on Sunday, June 6 (see Ron Young's article for more information). There is a lot of fundraising potential for crew alumni celebrating their reunion, and FOMITC is working to leverage those efforts. Crew campaign captains for each reunion class and additional reunion year alumni are calling and writing their fellow crew alums to encourage support for MIT crew during the reunion year. Gifts to any MIT program or fund, including MIT crew, will be credited toward the overall class reunion gift, announced during Tech reunions. As you can see from the spreadsheet below, 191 crew alums (~23 percent of all crew alumni celebrating a reunion this year) have contributed \$30,912 toward MIT crew and over \$100K to all MIT causes! This total is as of January 1, and we would like to double or triple this total by June 30. See how your class is doing in this "MIT crew alum

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**Non-Five Year Reunion And Total Crew Non-Endowment FY'04 Fundraising Status**

Years	FOMITC Fund 3855200		Women's Crew 2641700		Total	
	# Crew Donors	\$	# Crew Donors	\$	# Crew Donors	\$
35-38	4	\$290			4	\$290
40-43	11	\$3,750			11	\$3,750
45-48	11	\$930			11	\$930
50-53	18	\$4,599			18	\$4,599
55-58	22	\$6,205			22	\$6,205
60-63	20	\$6,440			20	\$6,440
65-68	28	\$7,206			28	\$7,206
70-73	25	\$6,645			25	\$6,645
75-78	25	\$7,066		\$100	26	\$7,166
80-83	27	\$4,907	4	\$699	31	\$5,606
85-88	33	\$2,293	4	\$250	37	\$2,543
90-93	21	\$3,073			21	\$3,073
95-98	21	\$1,780	4	\$135	25	\$1,915
00-03	10	\$705	1	\$20	11	\$725
05-08	6	\$285			6	\$285
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>\$56,174</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$1,204</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>\$57,378</b>

Note: Outstanding pledges are NOT reflected in above figures.

to allocate resources cautiously and carefully in FY'04, and in FY'05 to reduce the heavy reliance upon FOMITC funding that was observed during FY'03.

Having established the nature of these financial challenges, it's clear that we—the alumni and friends who recognize that MIT crew is a vital part of student life and learning and the overall MIT experience—must all do

**Five-Year Reunion Class Fundraising Status As Of Jan 1, 2004**

Year	Total	Crew Campaign Captains	Crew Captain MIT email alum.mit.edu	Alumni Association Contact	# Alum Donors	% of Alum Donors	MIT Crew \$ Raised	Total MIT \$ Raised	Helpers
1934	6	Mike Scott	msscott	Joe Collin jscollin	2	33%	\$0	\$850	
1939	15	Mike Scott	msscott	Joe Collin jscollin	4	27%	\$225	\$549	Jack Frailey
1944	48	Jack Frailey	jhfrailey	Joe Collin jscollin	12	25%	\$2,345	\$4,531	Lang Flowers, John Hull, Norm Sebell
1949	42	Jack Saxe	jrsaxe	Joe Collin jscollin	17	40%	\$2,770	\$27,720	Jack called everyone he could reach.
1954	43	John McGann	johnmcgann	Veronika Bulkin vdbuklin	13	30%	\$3,145	\$13,765	Roy Riedinger, Ron McKay
1959	43	George Haymaker	glh	Veronika Bulkin vdbuklin	14	33%	\$640	\$4,745	
1964	36	James Monk	jimonk	Charley Eaton cfeaton	13	36%	\$895	\$2,795	
1969	61	Bruce Anderson (LT) Jim Black (HW)	bruceanderson jblack	Charley Eaton cfeaton	14	23%	\$8,567	\$11,377	
1974	45	Andy Moehlenbrock	awm74	Charley Eaton cfeaton	21	47%	\$1,545	\$8,695	Ralph Nauman nauman@proaxis.com
1979	46	Mike Scott	msscott	Steve McAlister stevemca	6	13%	\$600	\$3,750	
1984	59	Steven Larky (LT) Charlie Oppenheimer (HW) Ann Berner (Women)	larky copenheimer aeberner	Steve McAlister stevemca	23	39%	\$6,620	\$12,095	
1989	120	Rachel Kaminer (HW) Doug Vincent (LT) Anh Thu Yo (Women)	rkaminer dvincent avo	Veronika Bulkin vdbuklin	16	13%	\$1,390	\$5,070	Patrick Goshtigian
1994	124	Tolga Uzuner (M) Victoria Smith (W)	neslihan vlpanson	Heather Hagerty hkispert	16	13%	\$995	\$5,045	
1999	130	Karl Richter (M) Tyra Rivkin (W)	krichter trivkin	Heather Hagerty hkispert	20	15%	\$1,175	\$2,260	Duane Dreger, Eric Bevan, and Paul Oppold
	818				191	23%	\$30,912	\$103,247	

# 2004 REUNION ROW: SUNDAY, JUNE 6

## Compete By Reunion Class For The Reunion Row Bowl!

By Ron Young '63

### The Race

On Sunday, June 6, alumni will compete by reunion class to claim the Reunion Row Bowl! In the previous reunion row in 1999, the class of 1954 won in a time of 1:12.5. The competition begins at 8 a.m.

### The Challenge

The row consists of two heats, a qualifying heat and a final heat, using eight-man shells. Both heats begin at the near side of the Harvard Bridge and end at the far side of the boathouse pier. All boats compete with a handicap of 1.5 seconds for every five years out.

We expect at least one boat each for reunion classes '54 thru '99. Some classes will try to field separate lightweight and heavyweight boats. Others may have separate men's and women's boats. There will be one or more "pickup" eights for five-year classes without multiples of nine folks present. There will also be "pickup" eights for non-reunion alums who want to row. We have two '49 alums who will be included in this.

We encourage all alums to attend regardless of their graduation year and regardless of whether they are capable of going out in an eight. For example, we expect a good turnout from the '44 alums attending their 60th reunion.

### Get Psyched!

If you are interested, members of five-year reunion classes should contact your class's reunion row manager. The accompanying table lists the reunion row manager(s) for each class, along with their alum.mit.edu e-mail address ID. We urge you to get in touch with them so they can start planning boat-seating assignments.

If there is interest, the reunion row managers could incorporate a practice row and/or crew luncheon.

We have arranged with Gordon Hamilton at the boathouse for practices the weekend of the row. Practices will be held Saturday morning (June 5, 2004), 7 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m., on a first-come, first-served basis. Boats and time are in short supply, so please contact your reunion row manager to sign up for practice as soon as you can.

The reunion row will be included on the Tech Reunion's registra-

tion form this year. There will be space for people to indicate whether they would like to come as spectators or rowers. However, members of five-year reunion classes should also check in with their reunion row manager.

For updated information, see the reunion row page at: <http://alum.mit.edu/ne/reunions/reunion-row.html>.

Year	# Alums	Reunion Row Manager(s)	@alum.mit.edu ID
1949	42	none	
1954	43	Stanley Kolodkin	skolodkin
1959	43	Steve Spooner	stevespooner
1964	36	Michael Drooker	miked
1969	61	Bruce Anderson(LT) Chris Ryan(HW)	brucenanderson cryan
1974	45	Andy Moehlenbrock	awm74
1979	46	Rick Meinig	rpmeinig
1984	59	Steve Larky(LT) Charlie Oppenheimer(HW)	larky coppenheimer
1989	120	Ann Berner(Women) Rachel Kaminer(HW) Doug Vincent (LT) Anh Thu Vo (Women)	aeberner rkaminer dvincent avo
1994	124	Hans Liemke Eric Martin	hage ermartin
1999	130	Karl Richter(M) Tyra Rivkin(W)	krichter trivkin

## Alumni Can Keep MIT Crew Afloat

race" and see if you can help your boat "win the race" in FY'04 fundraising! At the moment, the '69 crew alums are leading the race for MIT crew contributions!

### Annual giving:

Fortunately, we have a very loyal group of MIT crew alumni who are consistent annual donors, providing vital support to MIT crew EVERY year! We would like to strongly applaud this commitment and encourage more alumni to follow suit! The classes not having a reunion constitute about 80 percent of the alum population. We want to keep ALL MIT crew alums informed and involved on an ongoing basis, not just during a reunion. As you can see from the enclosed chart, 296 crew alums (~9%) have contributed \$57,378 toward MIT crew! This total is as of January 26, and we would like to at least double this amount by June 30. See how your range of class years is doing in this "MIT crew alum race" and see if you can help your boat "win

the race" in FY'04 fundraising. At the moment, the '65-'68 classes have a very slight lead in the race for MIT crew contributions.

### Matching and foundation gifts:

As of January 26, there has been \$15,823 donated in matching or foundation gifts to one of the two MIT crew accounts in FY'04. These are not broken out by alum class, so we put this in its own category. A key point here is to take advantage of corporate matching gift programs whenever possible, since they can double or even triple the impact of your gift.

Most of you have been or will be contacted by mail and/or phone from fellow alums or crew students who are helping in the fundraising drive. If you're in a position to make contributions to MIT crew, we greatly appreciate your generosity and support. We are focusing considerable attention on fundraising out of necessity. We aren't raising money to buy extra boats or anything that

isn't essential to maintain or enhance the MIT crew program. Giving to MIT crew is very easy. In fact, you can even bypass red tape, right at this moment, by making your contribution at MIT's online giving site:

<https://alum.mit.edu/giftform/GiftMain.dyn>.

There are two funds that directly benefit MIT crew: FOMITC Fund 3855200, which supports all the crew teams; and the Women's Crew Fund 2641700, which supports the women's crew teams.

If you prefer, we can send you a contribution form via mail if you would rather transmit your gift using the traditional method. Or call 800/MIT-1865 to make a pledge and/or to request that a contribution form be mailed to you. Make sure that all of your contributions go to one the crew funds listed above.

We will update you in upcoming STBs on this very important crew alumni race, in which every alumnus and class wins by raising funds for MIT crew!

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