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2007 Alumni Row & Intra-Crew Races Recap

On a glorious sun-drenched Saturday in mid-May, eighteen alumni returned to Northwestern to participate in the 2007 NU Crew Alumni Day and Intra-Crew Races.

Alumni attending were: Valerie Conn (1986), Mark Klitgaard (1989), Mike Andrews (1997), Bill Stergio (1997), Brian Boardman (1998), Eric Lev (1998), Jon Moncton (2002), Greg Andrianis (2004), Raph Anstey (2004), Jeff Gebler (2004), Seth Peabody (2004), Derek Roller (2005), Brian Wedel (2005), Deanna Williams (2005), Eviatar Frankel (2006), Jody Koplo (2006), Sarah Miletello (2006), and Bri Perlman (2006)

Alumni who couldn't attend but sent their regards included: Ruth Brenner (1988), Kathleen Watt (1989), Charles Lindzy (1991), Amy Edwards (1994), Andy Huang (1997), Heather Blannin Schimmel (1999), Brenda Whitney (2000), Emily & Ryan Kaliney (2002), and Allison Walk (2003).

The day's events were held at the Dammrich Rowing Center in Skokie, which is where the team has been rowing out of since 2004. The festivities began with two alumni eights enjoying a vigorous recreational row on the North Shore Channel of the Chicago River.

Following the alumni recreational row was the Class Mixed Boat Challenge, which is Henley-style racing over a 1,000 meter course. This year, the challenge was between mixed fours (two men and two women rowers). In the heats, the Freshmen (Class of 2010) beat the Seniors (Class of 2007), and the Juniors (Class of 2008) beat the Sophomores (Class of 2009). In the finals, the Juniors emerged victorious, winning the Purple Blade trophy. Rowing in the Junior boat were: Emily Gates (cox), Thomas Wytock (4), Ken Wade (3), Stephanie Gravenor (2), Amanda Troxler (1).

In the race for the Queacumque Sunt Vera Plate trophy, a group of alumni men who rowed together in the 2004 varsity 8 faced off against a boat of current men's varsity rowers. The alumni rowed in one of the team's newly christened boats named for one of their own, the Jon Moncton. In addition to Jon rowing in stroke seat, the alumni in the boat were: Deanna Williams (cox), Raphael Anstey (7), Greg Andrianis (6), Seth Peabody (5), Derek Roller (4), Brian Wedel (3), Eviatar Frankel (2), and Jeff Gebler (1). In a very competitive and spirited race over the 1,000 meter course, the men's varsity pulled away over the last 250 meters to win the trophy.

The race for the BCRF Alumni Cup trophy saw another lively race between a four comprised of alumni and a four comprised of alumni and current rowers. The boat comprised of Emily Gates (cox), Eric Lev (4), Mark Klitgaard (3), Brian Boardman (2), and Valerie Conn (1) defeated a boat that included current women rowers and alumnae Sarah Miletello.

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The races were followed by a leisurely barbeque on the boathouse lawn that gave alumni and current rowers time to mingle. The day concluded with short speeches by the coaches and members of the team's executive board and the presentation of the trophies to the winning crews.

Additional details and photos of this event will be posted on the NU Crew website:
<http://groups.northwestern.edu/nucrew/>

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