

# The DU CREWS—LETTER

Official newsletter for the Denison University Crew Club

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## Spring at the Capital

Denison Crew has enjoyed a successful year, but an especially successful Spring Season! We had a large group of Freshman join the ranks in the fall and almost all continued to row this spring. We saw some huge improvement in our 2k scores and even saw Kevin Burdette a Freshman (and our VP and HS rower) brake the 7 min barrier. Kristen Ewer our ex pres and a graduating senior finally got below the 7:45 mark! The WV8 beat Miami on their home course and just missed qualifying for finals at Gov Cup. And this boat has 6 Freshman! Watch out for



these girls next year. The MV4 began the season with a rough start at RedHawk but stormed back at Gove Cup to demolish Xavier by 15 seconds and narrowly miss making the finals. Their secret move (Frenchie) paid off moving them from 6th place to 4th place in less than a minute. All boats had a stronger sprint as each crew moved significantly on the boats ahead of them in the final 500.

\*Special thanks to all the parents who supported us with cheers, food, and housing!\*

### A Strong Finish

DU Crew has changed a lot in the last 4 years. Our numbers have gone from 50 to 10 and back up to 23. We used to spend an entire practice period de-rigging boats and loading the trailer. Now we can get 30 minutes of water time and prepare the trailer. We have reinitiated the Wittenberg Dual (The Witt/DU-al). We used to practice 3 days a week now we practice 5. Our goal went from not being last to making Finals.

The tremendous amount of change that has taken place over the last four years is a direct result of this group of Seniors. They have experienced a spring season with only one regatta and they have experienced the pride in beating a varsity level program. We will miss this core group of individuals next year, but their hard work has built a solid platform from which the class of 2010 can begin their campaign to be the first Denison boat to race at Dad Vails (the Collegiate Club National Championships and the largest collegiate regatta in the country) THANKS SENIORS!!!!



L to R: Lorelei Orfeo, Lindsay Doss, Kristen Ewer, Brett Masarky, Matt Kowallis

DU CREW 2007 –2008 tentative schedule

#### FALL 2007 SCHEDULE

8/29—First day of classes
9/29—Frog Town Races—Toledo, OH
10/06—Parent's Weekend
10/13 Columbus Fall Classic —HOME
10/20 Head of the Charles—Boston (Selected Boats)
10/20 Homecoming/Alumni weekend
10/28 Speakmon—Columbus, OH
11/3 Head of the Hooch—Chatt, TN

#### SPRING 2008 SCHEDULE

1/14—First Day of Class
2/2—Cincinnati Tanks
3/1—MCES—Columbus, OH
3/8-3/15 Spring Training
3/29—RedHawk Sprints—Oxford, OH
4/5—John Hunter—Oak Ridge, TN
4/12—Ohio Cup, Dublin, OH
4/19 Witt DU-al, Springfield, OH
4/26 WV Gov Cup—Charleston, WV
5/9-5/10 DAD VAILS—Philly, PA (Selected Boats)



#### **DU Crew Plans Spring Training Trip to Miami Florida** Eat, Sleep, Row & Build a house with Habitat for Humanity

Denison Crew wants to set a new standard for Spring training. It involves eating, sleeping, rowing, and building. The students all want to go to the beach, the coaches want them to row, and everyone feels good about helping others. The three have converged. Skybus goes to FT. Lauderdale and Miami Beach Rowing Center is a popular spring break destination that rents equipment and there is a regatta at the end of our break. We are trying to connect with the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Miami to make this happen. With plane tickets, housing, food, and boat rental we are looking at around \$900 a person. We need your help in making this dream a reality.

It's time to work the Denison Connection so DU Crew can train and help those in need by building a house. Please contact the team with any creative ideas or contacts in the Miami area.



### **Denison Crew Helps Local Rival Wittenberg**

Wittenberg Crew has a lot of things that make a good team a great team—solid technique, dedication, and heart, but they don't have the means to get to regattas. When DU Crew traveled to Springfield for the annual Witt DU-al this year, we learned that Witt could not afford to travel to WV for the Gov Cup.

In a moment of brilliance and selflessness DU Crew offered to pick up Witt's boats, take them to the regatta and bring them back. It is teamwork and generosity that brings us together in times of need. Also for MCES this year, Wittenberg supplied 2 ergs that saved MCES from going until dark. Great job DU for helping our competitors in a time of need!

#### Who is DU Crew?

President—Kristen Johnson '08 VP—Kevin Burdett '10 Treasurer—Liz Adair '10 Secretary—Katie Limongelli '10 Coaches— Head and Varsity Coach—Scott Ingraham Asst. and Novice Coach—Annie Boehm

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