



the Wave

Newsletter of the McGill University Rowing Club

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President's Message

Laura Gordon

Greetings Alumni!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the new head coach of the McGill University Rowing Club. Henry Hering is a recently retired 10-year veteran of the Canadian National Team, and has previously coached the McGill heavyweight and novice men's crews. Presently, he also serves as the technical director of the Quebec Rowing Association. Henry's knowledge will be a tremendous addition to our program, and we are eager to benefit from his vast rowing and coaching experience in the 2002-2003 season. We are looking forward to an exciting fall, and hope to see many of you out at the races!

Alumni Crew Representatives, 2002-2003

Four alumni crew reps have been named for the 2002-2003 season. They are Sidney Omelon (heavyweight women), Anne Marie Gerber (lightweight women), Scott Pritchard (heavyweight men) and Robert Macdowall (lightweight men). Email murcalumni@hotmail.com to get in touch with your rep.

Get ready for a real Wave to hit your mailboxes in January 2003! Any submissions (in the form of stories, photos, or gossip) can be sent to the editor at murcalumni@hotmail.com.

MCGILL IN SEVILLE...

Three former McGill rowers recently represented Canada at the FISA World Championships in Seville, Spain, held September 15th to the 22nd. Doug Vantor of Dewittville, Quebec, won a bronze medal as part of the lightweight men's four. This is Doug's first year on the national team. Earlier this season, his crew captured a gold at a World Cup event in Lucerne. Genevieve Meredith, of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, rowed the lightweight women's single, and placed third in the B final. Gen has been on the national team since 2000. Sarah Pape, of Toronto, Ontario, was coxswain of the heavyweight women's eight, which placed sixth in the grand final. This is Sarah's second year as coxswain of the women's eight. Her previous experience with the national team includes coaching the lightweight women's double at the Sydney Olympics.

... AND NOTTINGHAM!

Another former McGill rower, Emily Poupart, also represented Canada this summer as part of the World University Championships crew. Emily won a gold medal in the eight and a silver medal in the four at the Commonwealth Regatta in Nottingham, England. She also won a gold as part of the four at the World University Championships Regatta, also held in Nottingham. Emily currently rows at the University of Victoria.

MURC Racing Schedule - Fall 2002

October 5th	Head of the Trent, Peterborough
October 12th	Brock Invitational, St. Catharine's
October 19th	Head of the Charles, Boston
October 26th	McGill Eastern Invitational, Montreal
October 27th	Queen's Invitational, Kingston
November 1st & 2nd	OUA Championships, St. Catharine's
November 9th & 10th	CURC's, St. Catharine's

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ERG DRIVE 2002

ERGING - Essential for winter training in Eastern Canada. Hated by all!

McGill Crew is in desperate need of new ergs for our winter training. We have set a goal of **\$5200** to cover the cost of four new ergs from Concept II. Every little bit counts! We are looking for corporate sponsors, alumni donations, and anything else that might help us reach our goal. Help fuel the frustration of winter training for current McGill crew members! For information about donations, email murcalumni@hotmail.com, or contact VP Alumni Affairs, Ulrika Drevniok, at (514) 284-2452. Thanks for your support!

September 25, 2002

Dear Alumni,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few new changes to the McGill University Rowing Club. Earlier this summer we were informed that the MURC had been re-classified as a level II team by the Athletics Department. Previously, we had been considered a club sport by McGill Athletics, and as such did not receive funding from the university. Our new status as a level II team means that we now receive funds for coaching, registration fees, hotels and buses for our men's and women's varsity open-weight boats. Simply put, we are now being provided funding for these two crews while the varsity light-weight and novice programs are receiving no funding. While this is a very exciting development, our challenge as an executive has been to keep the crew unified in such divisive circumstances.

One important addition to the crew that has assisted us in the maintenance of crew cohesion has been the appointment of a new Head Coach of the MURC, Henry Hering. Henry is a great asset for McGill Crew not only because of his vast experience as a national team athlete, but also because we have been able to create a unified coaching and training program.

While we were extremely disappointed that we were not granted full funding, we see this re-classification as a step in the right direction. The continued allocation of funds and the potential for full funding depends heavily on our racing success as a crew. Therefore, your continued support is greatly appreciated – we love to have you cheering for us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at laura.m.gordon@mail.mcgill.ca.

Sincerely,

Laura Gordon