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## REUNION ROW RESULTS

by Mark A. Findeis '81

Results from the 2014 Reunion Row, compiled by Stu Schmill '86, MIT Dean of Admissions and Reunion Row Senior Umpire and Master of Ceremonies. Final results include handicap adjustments. Stu noted that "All times are adjusted for age and beauty."

The Reunion Row saw nine crews launch to race in two heats. The top two crews from each race then raced in a four-boat final. As seen from the results, it was a close race, but by combining their regular ongoing rowing, fitness, guile and a healthy age handicap, the Class of 1969 boat managed to leverage a close second place on raw time to the top place upon handicap adjustment.

### Heat 1

Class of 1969 1:00.67  
Class of 1963 1:09.90  
Class of 1964 1:13.97  
Class of 1974 1:22.75

### Heat 2

Class of 1984 0:54.99  
Class of 1989 0:57.18  
Class of 1979 1:02.94  
Class of 1994 1:09.83  
ADP fraternity 1:22.97

### Final

Class of 1969 0:57.71  
Class of 1989 1:00.85  
Class of 1984 1:00.89  
Class of 1963 1:07.20



2014 MIT Reunion Row Victors (left to right): Bow, John Malarkey '71; 2, Rich Gentleman '69; 3, Frank Guillot '69; 4, W. David Lee '69; 5, Dusty Ordway '73; 6, Don Saer '70; 7, John Yasaitis '68; 8, Bruce Anderson, '69; and cox Willie Vicens '70 (front).

# Class of '69 Wins the Gerrit W. Zwart 2014 Annual MIT Alumni Reunion Row – Completion of the Gerrit W. Zwart Endowment Celebrated

by Bob Vernon '63

On Sunday June 8 well over 150 MIT rowing alums, spouses, representatives from DAPER, the MIT Crew coaching staff and other friends of MIT Crew gathered at the boathouse for the annual Reunion Row. However, what distinguished this Reunion Row from others is that the 2014 rendition was specially named the Gerrit Zwart Reunion Row in honor of MIT's legendary lightweight crew coach. There were participants making up roughly ten alumni/ae crews, but MIT's "big reunion" years, the 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reunion classes were especially well represented. Pictured below is the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Crew, the Class of 1964:



It was a hard fought race, but the eventual winner was the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class of 1969. Some might even argue that the playing field was not particularly level because the 1969 crew, the last crew coached by Gerrit Zwart, rows together every year in the Head of the Charles. Therefore the 500 meter Reunion Row for these guys was just a walk in the park. More power to this fine crew consisting primarily of MIT lightweight oarsmen from the Classes of '69, '70 and '71.





But what followed made this year's Reunion Row unlike any other, as MIT formally recognized the completion of the Gerrit W. Zwart Endowment which will support the position of Lightweight Varsity Rowing Coach *in perpetuity*. But prior to the Zwart Fund presentations, master of ceremonies Bruce Anderson '69, President of the Board of the MIT Crew Alumni/ae Association made a special presentation to Dick Resch '61, thanking him for his outstanding support for MIT Crew over many years. Among other gestures of support, Resch established another of MIT's coaching endowments, this one in support of the four freshmen coaching positions. Here's Bruce making the presentation to Dick Resch.



But...on to the dedication of the Zwart Fund. Bob Vernon '63, who chaired the fundraising effort from the beginning in 2007 right up until the fund became fully endowed this past December, was asked to reminisce about MIT Crew in the "Zwart Years," 1959 - 1969. There were eleven Captains of MIT Lightweight Crew during that time span and seven were present for the dedication. Vernon introduced each, asking all seven to join Gerrit Zwart and him on the dock for the presentation.





Then Vernon called upon each alumnus present who had rowed in a Zwart-coached First Freshman or First Varsity Crew to join him for the remainder of the presentation. (This included members of the 1961 Freshman National Champions, the 1962 Varsity National Champions, the two crews which represented MIT at the Henley Royal Regatta in 1962 and 1969, and the crews which finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in 1963, 1964 and 1965.)



Next was a presentation by the head of crew fundraising, Mark Barron '64, who surprised Bob with a special memento in recognition of his "tireless, creative and persistent" work on behalf of the Zwart Fund from its inception in 2007.





Following Barron was a short presentation by Head Coach Tony Kilbridge who addressed the importance of the three coaching endowments (the Zwart, Resch and Frailey Funds) to the renewed success of rowing at MIT.



Finally, Julie Soriero, Director of the MIT's Department of Athletics, Physical Education & Recreation, gave a motivational talk about the role of the athletics programs at MIT (of which Crew is by far the largest) in the development of well rounded MIT undergraduates.



Then, last and by no means least, Bruce Anderson called on the day's honoree, Gerrit Zwart, to make a few closing remarks. Zwart, truly humbled by MIT's decision to attach his name to the new endowment, expressed deep appreciation to the 400+ donors who have made the completion of this endowment a reality. He then closed by expressing his appreciation to each and every MIT oarsman who made his coaching days at MIT the "highlight" of his life.



The day's proceedings closed with a toast and round of applause for Gerrit's accomplishments as the "winningest" coach in the entire history of rowing at MIT.

# We thank every MIT alumni, parent, student and friend who made gifts to the Gerrit Zwart '62 Men's Varsity Lightweight Crew Coach Fund

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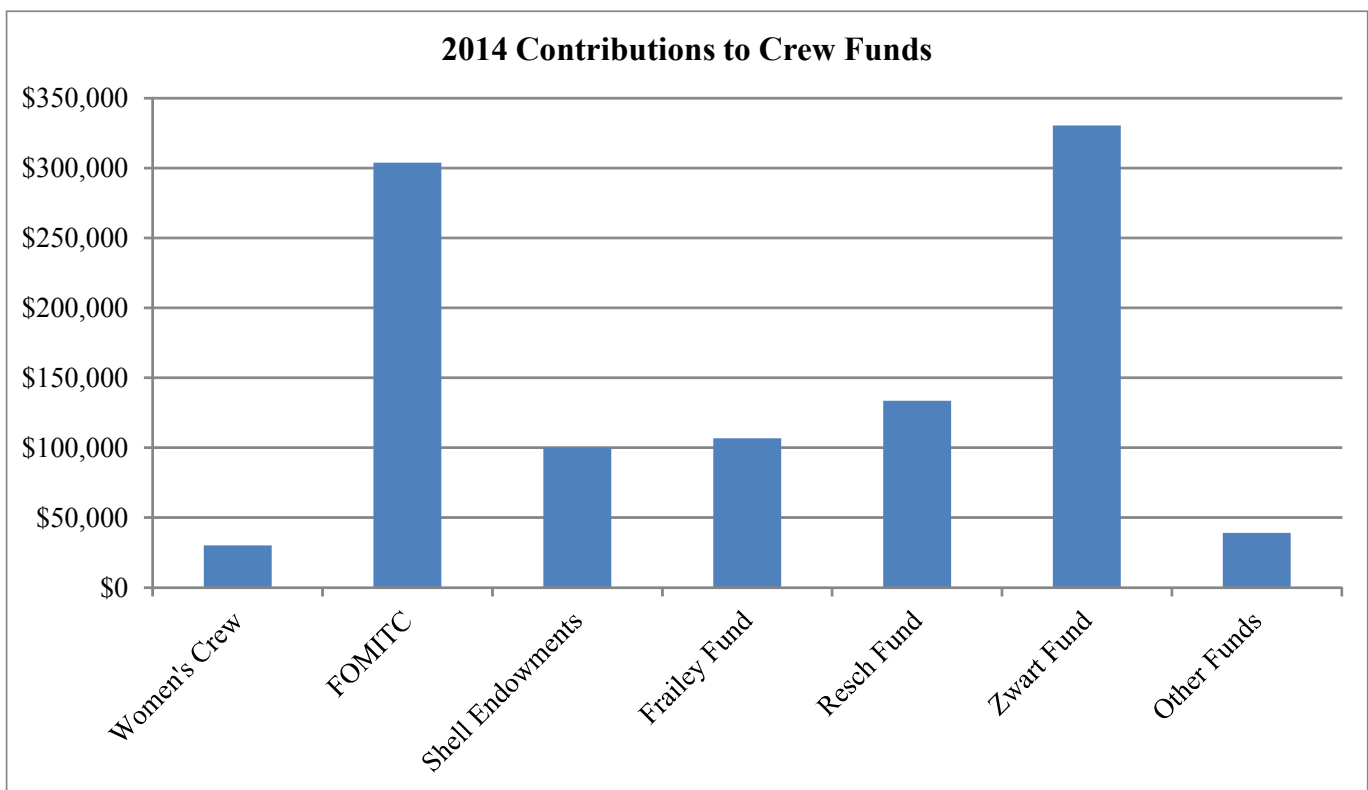
# FY 14 GIFTS TO THE MIT CREW

by Mark Barron '64

In Fiscal Year 2014 just ended on June 30 a total of **\$1,057,000** was contributed to the crew program by 805 alums and friends of MIT Crew. The highlight of the year was that there were donations of \$332,000 and an increase in pledges of \$375,000 to the Gerrit Zwart (1962) Men's Varsity Lightweight Crew Coach Fund that enabled the fund to meet its goal of \$2 million in donations and pledges. (See Bob Vernon's accompanying article regarding the June 8 celebration of the fund fulfillment).

Other highlights of the year: a total of \$337,000 in donations to the two expendable funds (Women's Crew and FOMITC), \$100,000 to two shell endowments, \$109,000 to the Frailey Director of Crew Endowment, \$140,000 to the Resch Freshman Crew Coaching Endowment, and \$39,000 to all other funds.

The FY14 donations added to past donations resulted in the market value of the crew funds of over \$13.25 million, and a balance in the expendable funds accounts of \$500,000. Thank you very much for your outstanding support of crew!



## Goals for FY15

While the crew program welcomes all gifts, the focus endowment for the year will be the **Richard J. Resch (1961) Freshman/Novice Crew Coaching Endowment** Fund. This is the one remaining coaching endowment, and is critical for both men's and women's crews, as it provides compensation for all of the freshman and novice coaching positions. It currently is at 82% of the \$2 million goal, and needs additional donations and pledges of \$360,000.

Although the growing value of the crew endowments continues to increase the investment income that is available for supporting the crew program, that income is not sufficient to totally cover all of the operating expenses that the MITCAA must cover. Therefore, contributions to the **Women's Crew and FOMITC Funds** comparable to this year (\$330K total) will be needed in FY15.

Please consider donating to one of the 3 funds that are highlighted above. Your support is needed and very much appreciated!

# SPRING RACING SUMMARY

by Mark A. Findeis '81

## **Lightweights Have Strong Racing Season, Sweep Eights at Dad Vail**

MIT's lightweight crews swept the varsity lightweights eight events at the Dad Vail regatta this year as part of a strong spring racing campaign.

After winning bronze and then silver medals over the last two seasons, the MIT women's lightweight varsity 8 crew captured the gold medal this year. In a two-boat race for the Dennis Kamrad Trophy, between the varsity 8 teams of MIT and Bucknell University, last year's winner by ten seconds. This year the Engineers turned the tables on the Bison, winning in a time of 6:40.547, over eight seconds ahead of Bucknell.

The men's varsity lightweights captured the Loschiavo Men's Varsity Lightweight Eight Trophy in their event. After qualifying through the heats it was clear that the Engineer's main competition would be from Delaware, then ranked 6<sup>th</sup> nationally while MIT was ranked 7<sup>th</sup>. Earlier in the season, Delaware had also beaten MIT by 3.1 seconds at the Engineer's home opener on March 29<sup>th</sup> and had only narrowly lost to Princeton, this year's HYP winner, by just one second only one week earlier. In qualifying for the final, MIT logged the fastest time for the event at 5:42.4 indicating that the final would be quite a race.

When the final began, the Engineers leapt off of the starting line, immediately closing the margin that the Schuylkill's dogleg necessitates and then gaining additional ground to the 600m mark. At the turn, with the advantage, MIT all but sealed the deal, moving to a full length ahead of Delaware. While the Blue Hens attempted to fight back, they never recovered any ground. The final margin for the race was 2.9 seconds to Delaware and almost 10 seconds to Purdue in 3<sup>rd</sup> place; MIT clocked in at 5:46.5. Below, you'll find a picture of both squads modeling their hardware.



MIT Women's Varsity Lightweight Eight: C: Emily Chen, 8: Priya Veeraghaven, 7: Lauren Rotkovitz, 6: Katie Gorick, 5: Anne Kim, 4: Ella Branch, 3: Sophie Geoghan, 2: Sarah Brennan, 1: Sharon Wu. Men's Varsity Lightweight Eight: C: Yoonjeong Kim, 8: Tom Altmann, 7: Luke Koblan, 6: David Danko, 5: Mycal Tucker, 4: Chris Schlaepfer, 3: Elezhan Zhakiya, 2: Christopher Knapp, Bow: Johnathan Kongoletos.



## **IRA National Championships**

MIT crew's 2013-14 campaign, which had begun amid ice, wind and rain in late March, ended on a warm sunny day in New Jersey, with the final day of the IRA National Championship on Sunday, June 1. Conditions were perfect on Lake Mercer as MIT's heavyweight men and lightweight men and women tied in for their final races of the year. (Tech's openweight women had finished their season two weeks earlier at the Patriot League Championships, where their varsity 8 and 4 both won bronze medals.)

MIT's heavyweight men entered the varsity 4 event, which required them to race four times over three days (heats, reps, semis and finals), as the field of 18 crews was sorted into grand, petite, and 3<sup>rd</sup> level finals. Tech's 4, comprised of coxswain Janelle Mansfield, stroke Nate Colgan, 3-man Trevor Day, 2-man Matt Connelly, and bow-man Daniel Dalton, finished fourth in their heat, first in their repechage and fourth in the A/B semifinal, to find themselves in the petite final on Sunday. The final was a barn-burner, with Tech relinquishing its early lead to Navy, then fighting Northeastern stroke-for-stroke over the last 500 meters. MIT finished second, four seconds behind Navy, .3 seconds ahead of Northeastern, and farther ahead of Temple, Princeton and Colgate.

While Tech's lightweight women's 8 struggled to find their fastest rhythm in their heats, finishing last, they rallied in the repechage, finishing third, behind Princeton and Wisconsin. This landed them in the petite final, which they won in convincing fashion, beating Tulsa by five seconds and Georgetown by twelve. The women's lightweight 4 event lacked a petite final, so Tech's 4 was done for the day after failing to advance through the heats and reps.

MIT's lightweight men's 8 distinguished themselves by being invited to IRA for the first time since the current selection rules went into effect, based on their excellent showing at Sprints where they were the first MIT varsity to advance to a grand final since 1997. By getting to the final at Sprints, where they finished sixth, they had secured a bid to the IRA National Championship. Under the rather strange IRA schedule, the heats and finals of the men's lightweight events occurred within a few hours of each other on the final morning of the regatta. Despite showing good speed all spring, Coach Oliver's men came out somewhat flat on Sunday morning, finishing last in their heat. With no time to reset between heats and finals, the crew finished on a disappointing note, losing to Navy in the petite finals. MIT's lightweight 4 also finished their day in the petite finals, where they finished third, ahead of Georgetown and Drexel.

All of Tech's results at IRA were an improvement over recent years, and provided further evidence of the team's upward trajectory. The Mercer County venue provided fair racing conditions in a beautiful setting. IRA will return to Mercer in 2015 and 2016, then move to Sacramento for 2017.

For additional news on spring racing, please read the latest Squaring the Blade from the boathouse.

Thanks for reading this, and Go Tech!

## **MIT WOMEN'S CREW RECEIVES MULTIPLE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS**

Claire Martin-Doyle, Lightweight Women's Varsity Coach, and Holly Metcalf, Openweight Women's Varsity Coach are pleased to announce recent scholar athlete awards. Six lightweight women were named CRCA (Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association) scholar athletes - the most of any other DI (NCAA Division I) program! Seven openweight women were named. The two programs combined were second to Georgetown for the most lightweight and openweight women scholar athletes in DI. This honor is given to the student-athlete who has had a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher for her career.

In addition to the CRCA scholar athlete honors, four openweight student-athletes were named Academic All-Patriot League scholar-athletes, more than any other Patriot League rowing program. Capping off the Patriot League honors,

senior Erin Meyer was named scholar athlete of the year (Erin Meyer Named Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year! – link: <http://www.patriotleague.org/sports/w-rowing/spec-rel/052214aaa.html>), the third time for the Engineers in four years. Meyer maintained a 4.0 GPA while rowing in the Varsity 8 all four years.

The Openweight Women’s team earned one more academic accolade for the seventh year in a row: The NCAA Public Recognition Award. This honor is awarded to teams that had an NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

## **Congratulations to our student-athletes for their academic and athletic excellence!**

### **Lightweight Women CRCA Scholar Athletes**

Sarah Brennan	Mechanical Engineering
Emily Chen	Brain and Cognitive Science
Katie Gorick	Biological Engineering
Anne Kim	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Katie O’Neal	Brain and Cognitive Science
Catherine Potter	Brain and Cognitive Science

### **Openweight Women CRCA Scholar Athletes**

Katherine Adler	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Briana Chen	Brain and Cognitive Science
Andrea Howell	Biology
Clíodhna McCarthy	Mechanical Engineering
Erin Meyer	Mechanical Engineering
Elizabeth Soukup	Mechanical Engineering
Rebecca Taylor	Chemistry
Veronica Toro	Biological Engineering

### **Openweight Women All-Patriot League Scholar Athletes**

Andie Howell  
Erin Meyer  
Rebecca Taylor



A complete list of CRCA Scholar Athletes can be found online at:  
<http://collegerowcoach.org/news/details.asp?tid=70&cid=&nid=611>



# MIT CREW NOSTALGIA TRIP WITH JACK FRAILEY

by Bill Gadzuk '63

The stage was set for a wonderful 2014 Reunion Row weekend; great weather, on-the-Charles rowing Saturday morning for our practice, Sunday morning the real deal, and for six of us, a long-time planned and eagerly anticipated Saturday, June 7, 2014 trip to visit, schmooze, and nostalgize with Jack and Jean Frailey at their nearby senior living community, Southgate at Shrewsbury. Our glorious afternoon and dinner camaraderie focused on days past as well as on future projections for MIT crew-related interests. For all of us, Jack has been a very special inspirational figure, first as our coach and mentor in the early 1960's and later as a prime mover for alumni activities not only through the MITCAA [for which he is the *President Emeritus in Perpetuity*], DAPER, IRA Alumni Masters, and the like, but also on a person-to-person level.



[from left: Dick Millman '62, Jim Latimer '63, Bob Kurtz '63, Chet Riley '62, Jack and Jean Frailey, Ken Andersen '63, Bill Gadzuk '63]

Thanks to Jean's skilled planning, we were able to settle into a comfortable setting of easy chairs and sofas in the spacious Southgate lounge for our nostalgia trip. In his characteristically caring way, Jack went around the circle asking each of us "what have you been doing?" in a manner in which it was clear that he really was interested. Since we all have been involved with Jack through MIT crew activities over the past decade or two, our updates could be relatively brief. Although all of us are sort of retired, everyone is quite active in his own special thing. Of the four of us who rowed in the historic 1962 Compton Cup winner, Ken Andersen (and Lonnie) can frequently be found touring the country in their highly livable recreational vehicle while Chet Riley lectures on and restores antique as well as now-producing New England barns, Dick Millman luxuriates in St. Petersburg still maneuvering in the aero/military business, and Bob Kurtz practices some medicine in New York and serves as co-chair of the MIT Industrial Advisory Committee on Minority Education. Both Jim Latimer and Bill Gadzuk continue semi-actively in their technical fields, Jim as a consultant at Mitre Corporation and Bill as Scientist Emeritus at NIST where they each spent a large part of their professional lives. Having been brought up to speed on our whereabouts, Chet then offered a heartfelt impassioned reflection of Jack's impact on our lives that said well what we all felt. A major early message from Jack that helped us the rest of our lives was to believe in ourselves. Never give up just because the task at hand presents seemingly unsurmountable challenges [or as Jack rephrased it, "just because we're the smallest boat"]. This was also a dominating theme in Bob's recollections, particularly of the 1962 and 63 seat-battles that he and Ken as a pair seemed to be in with whoever were the incumbents du jour. As Bob recalled, Jack tried all sorts of musical chairs with and without Ken and him but was ultimately always stuck with the reality that the boat went better with them in it, even if it looked like it shouldn't on paper. Jack honored this reality and as a result, came up with a winner although his take was "I didn't know what I was doing. Those guys did it all." Looking past our undergraduate years, Bob feels that Jack's lessons in perseverance carried him through medical school and beyond.

Jack's belief in the importance of each one of us has been a much-valued trait that has pervaded our complete MIT crew life from undergraduate years through the participation of Chet, Dick, and Bob in post grad Olympics and National teams up to our IRA Alumni Masters involvement over the past 15 years and of course through his seminal presence as a founding father of FOMITC/MITCAA.

The crown jewel of the excursion was what we learned about Jack, from his own rowing days at MIT up to the present. To set the stage, I suggest that you all read the magnificent book *The Boys in the Boat* which has been #1 on the NYTimes paperback bestseller list for the past several weeks [as of 7/13/2014]. This is the story of the University of Washington heavyweight crew that won the 1936 Olympics in Berlin; certainly must read not only for all crew aficionados, but apparently for many others outside our rowing world. What few of us have appreciated was how crucial a role "*the Boys*" had played in the future of MIT crew, from 1940 up to the present. 1940 was a watershed year in which Bobby Moch ["the savvy little coxswain"] and Jim Stub McMillin [the team captain], both from "*the Boat*" and, coincidentally, Jack Frailey [an entering Class of 1944 freshman] all arrived at MIT, irrevocably changing the face of MIT crew forever. Moch stayed for four years as the varsity heavies head coach while he went through Harvard Law School. McMillin was initially the frosh heavies coach and then from 1945 until 1957 the towering [both physically and influentially] varsity heavies coach and head of the MIT rowing program. It was in the shadow of these giants that our Jack began his rowing career, phase one culminating in his captaincy of the 1944 varsity lights while a senior at MIT. At this point Jack left crew and entered the Navy OCS program at Cornell. Over the next three years he completed OCS, was sent to Oahu where he commanded a PT boat, and was sent back to MIT to obtain a SM degree in aeronautical engineering which was awarded in 1947.

We hear the oft-used phrase "It's not rocket science" applied to many things. A corollary to this could be that if it is rocket science, call in a rocket scientist, which is exactly what California-based Lockheed Aircraft did when they presented Jack with the job directing their new Polaris missile project in 1948. He was so successful there that he was offered a great position in the Boston area with a firm that ultimately became Itek. This in combination with he and his wife's wish to NOT raise their children in California insured their return to Boston in 1953. It did not take long before Stub McMillin summoned Jack to return to MIT in January, 1954 to fill the varsity lights coaching vacancy. Six months into his coaching career his lights won the 1954 Thames Challenge Cup at Henley: "Bingo, the first crew I ever coached was a national champion and a world champion", a feat that they repeated in 1955. We noted that Jack must have been recognized as quite a hot-shot rocket scientist during his actual working hours in order to convince Itek that it was okay for him to take off rather early in the afternoon traveling into Cambridge rather than hanging out with his fellow rocketeers at Itek. For the first two months of the 1958-59 season he coached the freshmen heavies before succeeding Stub McMillin as the varsity coach. It was at this point where both the spirit as well as the near-blood links between the Boys in the Boat and MIT crew were permanently sealed and it was here that our lives began to come under Jack's influence.

On this day of our visit, we did not so much relive specific races back then, but more gained new insights and appreciation for how life looked from Jack's perspective. A revealing segue into how he saw things has been provided in a Boston Globe article from the spring of 1961. The bold-face headline screamed **M.I.T. Crew Astounds Experts with Two Wins** which was indicative of the prevailing attitude in rowing circles. As reported, Jack's take was "I love to win and hope we keep going, but come what may, these kids already have pleased me greatly. They've got terrific dedication and spirit, for one thing. You've got to hand it to them because we're small in numbers; I'd say about half the size of what other major rowing schools have for heavyweight crew. [Ed. Note: Some things seem to never change at MIT!] But these kids won't say die and are making do with what we have....These fellows aren't going to be overawed by anyone else-even Harvard." And so it was with Jack and his MIT crews for the next several years. For more on this, check out our [tribute to Jack](#) [originally presented at the 2006 IRA on the occasion of his 80th birthday] and our 50th reunion crew notes (part of the [Class of 1963 50th Reunion Memory Book](#)) both of which is available online via the [MITCAA website](#).

Everyone who knows and loves Jack is aware that one of the things he likes best is to tell stories based on past events. As we also know, it is important to keep him on track completing one story before he becomes diverted into another perhaps more interesting one, as we fondly experienced on our visit. Going back to the unexpected successes in the early 1960's, he recalled an encounter with a [probably] Yale coach who somewhat condescendingly complimented him on "your fine looking freshman crew". Later in the day when this same crew which was really Jack's varsity convincingly beat Yale, the earlier put down made the victory all the more sweet. Jack continued coaching the heavies until 1970 when

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he returned to his first love as the varsity lightweight coach. In 1973 he made a big jump into MIT administration as Director of Student Financial Aid, a position that he “liked very much”.

While being a huge force within MIT crew, his contributions to rowing beyond MIT were also significant and recognized by his peers. He had been a member of the USRowing Board of Directors and president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen for the period 1976-78. In 2002 he received the rarely-awarded USRowing Medal for conspicuous service to the rowing community, the highest honor that USRowing can bestow on an individual, last presented eight years earlier in 1994.

With a devilish smile, Jack recalled a particular annual banquet of the National Association of Rowing Coaches when he was president. As tradition has it, the president would describe a possibly hypothetical problematic coaching situation and then would call upon one of the wise older sages in the room to spell out for the benefit of the younger coaches a solution to the problem. On this occasion Jack called upon the legendary Stork Sanford to provide guidance. Jack described a scenario in which an earnest and sensitive young man tried and tried but just couldn’t seem to row well. Stork implored Jack, “tell me about it”. Jack constructed a very sympathetic picture but one in which it was not obvious what if any basic rowing potential this hypothetical but quite plausible candidate had. “Tell me more” was Stork’s response. Jack tried everything and finally pleaded “what should I do?” After a learned pause, the wise elder declared “Get another guy”; no magic potent from the old sage, just hard-nosed realism.

While we did not explicitly dwell on this, it is only fitting to call attention to Jack’s seminal intra-MIT organizational contributions. Without Jack, FOMITC, MITCAA, various crew endowment funds, cooperation with DAPER, and the Bulletin would most certainly not be where they are today and I say this in the most positive way.

Still when all is said and done, Jack’s greatest gift to the six of us [and to all for whom we were proxies] was Jack the coach and mentor. This is a role that he truly loved and continued on with whenever opportunities begged for his presence. We actively experienced this with him frequently well into the 21st century, as illustrated for instance in this mini-gallery of pictures. From top to bottom Jack is seen: a)giving last minute advice to the ultimately victorious ’63 boat as it launches in the 2003 Reunion Row; b)coaching in the rain the MIT Alumni Masters crew at the 2005 IRA; c)chatting with MIT President Susan Hockfield at the 2008 Reunion Row. What a great way to live your eighties!

And then we moved on to the private dining room for a fine dinner that capped off a most wonderful afternoon and evening spanning more than 75 years of MIT crew. We look forward to our next “family” reunion with Jack and Jean.



# MITCAA WANTS YOUR HELP

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The MIT Crew Alumni Association board of directors is seeking the help of alumni to support our rowing community through contributions of time, effort, and expertise.

Specific areas in which we are seeking help include:

- Fund raising, from concept development to execution.
- Writing, editing and publishing the Bulletin.
- Content creation and editing for our various other communications including the website and related social media.
- Local/Regional support for alumni gatherings such as at away races like the Sprints, IRAs, San Diego Crew Classic, and other regular spring and fall races.
- Interactions with local/regional MIT Alumni clubs to coordinate MIT Crew-centric events, whether alumni gatherings at races or club-related alumni gatherings including fund raising.
- Any other great idea you can contribute to our efforts.

Participating in these activities is a great way to support MIT crew, the MITCAA, reconnect with fellow alumni, and make new connections with alumni you don't yet know. We can find an activity that matches your level of time commitment and effort, including:

- Seasonal, short duration activities such as organizing alumni at an away race or Bulletin article
- More consistent editing and publishing of the Bulletin

These are not elected board positions, but ad hoc volunteer efforts to support the efforts of the board. Learn more through the Volunteer page on the MITCAA website (<http://crew.alumgroup.mit.edu/s/1314/clubs-classes-interior.aspx?sid=1314&gid=217&pgid=15396>)

You can also learn more about specific MITCAA committees at <http://crew.alumgroup.mit.edu/s/1314/clubs-classes-interior.aspx?sid=1314&gid=217&pgid=15390>.

Any level of effort makes a difference and will be welcome. Please come join us by contacting a member of the MITCAA board of directors.

# LINDA MURI NAMED HEAD COACH OF WOMEN'S ROWING AT DARTMOUTH

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Our fellow alum, MITCAA board member, and friend Linda Muri '85 has been named the new head coach of women's rowing at Dartmouth College. Press releases from Dartmouth and from Harvard University on August 13 announced this appointment. Linda will be moving on from her position as the freshman men's lightweight coach at Harvard.

A representative quote about this news is from the Director of Athletics & Recreation at Dartmouth, Harry Sheehy. He said, "I am thrilled to welcome Linda to Dartmouth. She brings a wealth of world class and collegiate experience to go along with an unrivaled passion for teaching and coaching. The program is in wonderful hands with Linda at the helm."

Enough said. You can read more about Linda's new appointment and her prior accomplishments at the related complete press releases at:

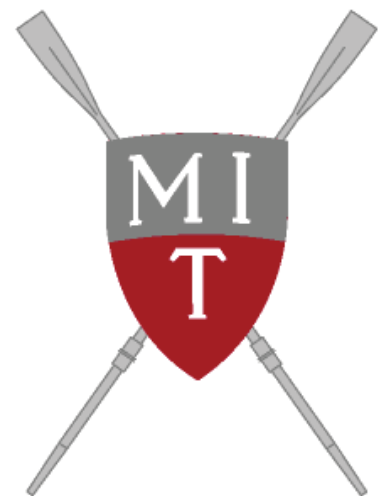
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SAVE THE DATE  
For the fall  
ALUMNI DAY



Please join us for the fall Alumni Day on Saturday, October 4th, 2014. The day will begin with the Alumni Row starting at 8am. Former and current rowers will get on the water to enjoy the fall air and some friendly competition. After we finish rowing, there will be a brunch in the boathouse.

But the fun doesn't end with the morning row. We will have a cocktail reception that evening at 6pm, followed by dinner at 7pm. This is a great chance to meet and network with fellow alumni as well as get to know the current MIT team of rowers.

For further details, including to register and information about hotel rooms, please visit the MIT Crew Alumni Association website.

We hope you will join us for a fun filled day with former and current MIT rowers!