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Men's Rugby Reaches Out

This last Sunday, a group of Michigan Rugby players traveled to Detroit joining an effort to beautify some of the area surrounding Douglass College Preparatory Academy. Joining up with alumni Michael Olszewski, Jamie Hickey, and Ted Pixley, the ruggers brought out the shovels and brooms to eradicate weeds that had not been maintained for several years. Neglect for the surrounding sidewalks rendered them inaccessible to the handicap and another eye sore to pedestrians, and motorists. Working with the Detroit city skyline across the horizon, the players shuffled down W. Forest Avenue between 12th and 14th Street hacking away at growth that had broken out of the concrete. Motivated by friendly honks and waves, the team worked several hours until all the weeds had been removed.



The restoration was inspired by a summer initiative for makeovers in the form of murals to buildings along Grand River Avenue, while simultaneously cleaning up accumulated trash and pesky vegetation. Olszewski, Hickey, and Pixley worked for several days prior but realized their lack of man power made their work inefficient. They turned to Michigan Rugby for a hand and now have a team eager to return to in the spring. Local volunteer groups including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and organizations from Wayne State University have previously helped out and will continue to throughout the year as well. More about the project and photos can be read by this [article from the Huntington Post](#).



University of Michigan Women's Ice Hockey Team Undefeated Through November

The Women's Ice Hockey team finished November with nine consecutive wins, placing them fourth in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) most recent ranking. The Michigan State Spartans were among the team's opponents during the month and featured 2-1 and 5-0 victories for the visiting Wolverines. Senior forward Kristin Griebe leads the team and ranks third overall in the ACHA with 25 points. Next, the team travels to Oxford, Ohio to take on the Miami Redhawks in a battle between two of the league's best teams. Visit <http://www.umich.edu/~hockeywm/> for additional information and to purchase tickets to the NCAA Men's Division I Great Lakes Invitational scheduled for December 28th-30th.



Kristin Griebe takes a face-off against Michigan State forward. The team went on to defeat the Spartans in back-to-back games, contributing to the team's nine-game win streak.

Sailing Wins Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta

Over the weekend of November 17-18, the Michigan Sailing Team traveled to Chicago to compete in the 66th annual Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club. The regatta is also the fall co-ed championship for the MCSA, which provides an added incentive for teams to perform well. Although Chicago is nicknamed "The windy city," conditions throughout the weekend were predicted to be exactly the opposite. With high pressure systems surrounding the Midwest, the regatta was predicted to have 5-10 knots of breeze for both days of competition and unseasonably warm temperatures.

On Saturday morning sailors were greeted by the friendly atmosphere generated from a fantastic breakfast provided by the Chicago Yacht Club and the smiling faces of our other MCSA friends. Of the 13 total teams competing, all were from the MCSA except for Bates College and the University of Buffalo. The Timme Angsten regatta is held inside of Monroe harbor in downtown Chicago, which is possible because in mid-November all of the boats usually connected to mooring balls which fill the harbor are gone. This provides a fantastic view for people on shore and enables fast on-the-water rotations. Sailors were greeted with sunny skies, upper 50 degree temperatures and 2-6 knots of breeze from the southwest in the morning. These conditions provided a shifty and puffy race course, which forced competitors to keep their eyes out of the boat as much as possible. As the day wore on, an easterly thermal from Lake Michigan ranging from 4-7 knots began fighting the onshore wind which totally shut off the wind inside the harbor. This forced race officials to move the last 2 races of the day outside of the harbor wall to sail in the new easterly breeze that was unable to reach the harbor. Despite the fickle conditions, race officials were able to run 6 races for A fleet and 2 for B fleet. At the end of the day both our A fleet (Ryan Seago '14 and Evelyn Hull '13) and B fleet (Will Cyr '14 and Sophie Lucente '16) were in first place!

After competing on Saturday our team went back to the house of current team captain Rachel Barch('13) whose mother hosted the team for the weekend. The team enjoyed a fantastic dinner and then headed over to the semi-formal "Butter Ball" which was held on the second floor of the Chicago Yacht Club. The Ball comprised of light appetizers, music, and the chance to socialize with a few other teams that were in attendance. After a couple hours of fun the team returned to the Barch's house and enjoyed some needed rest after the long day. Sunday, started off once again with sunny skies, warm temperatures and a 2-5 knot southerly breeze with choppy seas. Two races for B division were completed outside the harbor wall in these tricky conditions, 2 races inside the harbor for A division. However, at 1 pm the thermal once again began to fight the southerly breeze and the wind totally shut off for good after the end of the 7th B race. This meant that for first time since 1977 the University of Michigan won the Timme Angsten trophy! In addition we also won both A and B division's and the annual MCSA fall championship trophy. Needless, to say our team performed very well all weekend from the very first to the last race, and had a lot of fun throughout the entire weekend. Congratulations to the seven Michigan sailors Alex, Evelyn, Heather, Kendall, Ryan, Sophie, and Will for their great performance and Go Blue!



Women's Rugby BIG10 7's Tournament

The Women's Rugby team traveled to Columbus, OH on November 17th to compete in the first-ever Big 10 7s Rugby Tournament. For those unfamiliar with rugby, "7s" is a version of traditional rugby where only 7 players (as opposed to the usual 15) compete on a full-sized field for 14 minutes (as opposed to 80). Rugby 7s is the version that will be included in the 2016 Rio Olympics! The game is fast-paced, with lots of dynamic sprinting and exciting open-field tackles! U of M made it to the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost to Indiana University, who ended up winning the Championship. Despite the disappointing loss, the tournament was an crucial event for Women's Rugby, who will be developing their 7s program in the years to come.



Wrestling

On November 18th, the Wrestling Club traveled to Flint to compete in the annual Mott Bear Open. This was the first individual tournament for the club's season and showed great competition. Out of the nine athletes competing in the tournament, seven were able to place in the top four for their weight class. The best finish for the day was Scott Robbins with a 2nd place result for the 197 pound weight class. William Lamping and Nolan McPartlin finished in 3rd place for the 285 and 174 pound classes, respectively. Other placers for the day were Sam Corey (4th-125), Zach Dieterle (4th-165), Alex Devries (4th-174), and Terence Browner (4th-184). The club will be back in competition on January 14th at the Michigan Duals Team Tournament.



The wrestling club also has just finished a charity campaign to raise money and donate toys to the Washtenaw county salvation army's Christmas toy drive. The club was able to donate around \$230 worth of toys, books, and games that will be distributed by the salvation army to less fortunate families in Ann Arbor and the surrounding communities. This is the first year that Wrestling Club has done such a campaign but it was a major success.