This past Monday, The Harvard Crimson Heavyweight Crew Team selected Bandit as their coxswain for this weekend’s Head of the Charles. “This is a big deal for us…it’s like our Super Bowl; we need a competitive boat” says Jason Guild (’16), “We have been practicing with Bandit all week, and we feel he gives us our best shot at winning this event.” This news comes at the heels of both Cambridge and Oxford Heavyweight Crew selecting a bird and a crocodile respectively as coxswains to gain a competitive advantage. “On the surface it seems unorthodox, but if you talk to the experts and hear what they have to say, it makes sense.”

Bandit could not be reached for comment after being selected the first dog to represent Harvard in an athletic competition, but those closest to him know he will be ready. “I have seen Bandit a lot this semester, always walking around, playing with toys, it seemed like he was preparing for something” says McKinlock resident Bertha Okland (’18). “I know he is ready. He just has this look in his eye that tells me he has been mentally preparing for this since last October.”

Bandit, for his part, has become somewhat of a recluse in the days leading up to his big event, but his trainers are adamant that his absence is normal, and not indicative of nervousness or injury. “Bandit is in the best shape of his life right now, we know he will be physically and mentally capable of leading all of Harvard’s boats to victory” says trainer Melissa Lindel. “Imagine Roger Federer, combined with Michael Jordan, Serena Williams, Tom Brady, Wayne Gretzky, Stefi Graf, and Muhammad Ali…all in their prime. That’s what we have in Bandit right now.”

The Head of the Charles begins on Saturday, October 17.
LEVERETT WELLNESS TUTORS REVEAL ELABORATE NEW WEIGHTLIFTING REGIMEN

All Leverett residents are fondly aware of the weekly emails sent out over our house email list by Lev’s resident wellness tutors, Elena Lisitskaya and Siri Uotila; these emails often provide information about healthy and fun fitness opportunities such as house yoga, flu vaccination clinics, and scuba diving certification classes. However, last week, while in the G-tower gym, Lev’s beloved wellness tutors revealed their dedication to another type of fitness: the sweet, sweet aesthetics of a well-sculpted weightlifter’s body.

Her biceps rippling as she curled a 50-pound weight with each arm, Uotila outlined her plan to introduce a high-powered lifting regimen to Leverett residents. “We’re going to be lifting all day, seven days a week,” said the joint-Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School student. “Some people might tell you that you need to take rest days, but that’s a myth—it’s for the weak. We need our squad to be ready for the Mr. and Mrs. Universe Championships next summer, and since most Harvard undergrads spend more time lifting books than they do weights, we’re gonna use all the time we can get until then.”

Lisitskaya echoed her comrade’s sentiments. “Listen,” said the tutor while bench-pressing a treadmill, “Yoga and all that stuff is great, and we’re definitely going to keep doing that. Some people lack the bravery that is necessary to lift every day, and for those people we must provide alternative programming. But if anyone thinks that we’re going to beat Eliot in IM squash by doing upwards facing dog poses, they’re in for a rude awakening. No, the only way for us to reach the top is through a carefully regulated system of lifting exercises paired with a high-protein diet. Abs are made in the kitchen, you know.”

At press time, this writer’s computer screen was in the process of shattering due to the force of this week’s wellness email arriving in his inbox.

MYSTERY QUOTE:

“Americans love a winner. Americans will not tolerate a loser. Americans despise cowards. Americans play to win all of the time...for the very idea of losing is hateful to an American.”

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER:
Henry V
(“And Crispin Crispian shall ne’er go by, from this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered, we few, we happy few, we band of brothers.”)

CARTOON

You can do it!

Family-Faculty Community Night!!!!
Thursday 10/15
5:00 PM

The Leverett Dining Hall will be HOPPING Thursday night with faculty and their families, including about 25 kids from age 2 to teenage. Please be helpful and patient and enjoy the chaos that will almost certainly ensue.