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Head Of The Charles Triumph!



Charlie Clapp, '81, Fred Schoch, '73, and members of the UW Men's championship crew.

The men's and women's varsities traveled to Cambridge in late October for the annual Head of the Charles Regatta, and the men accomplished what they set out to do by winning the Championship Eights race in a near record time of 14.00.40. What better way to begin a new year than to capture this storied race? And what better way to set up expectations for both the men's and women's seasons?

Racing in ideal conditions on a nearly perfect New England day, the Husky men covered the three mile Charles River course just short of the record of 13.58.99. In a bit of happy irony, that record was set in 1997 by a US National Team 8+ that included Michael Callahan. Michael was quoted on by USA-Today as saying: "the perfect scenario: We win, but you didn't break my record." The Husky crew was manned, bow to stern by Rob Munn, Nenad Bulicic, Ty Otto, Hans Struzyna, Hannes Heppner, Dusan Milovanovic, Tom Lehmann, stroke Mathis Jessen, and cox Valaree Fowler.

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With temperatures in the low-50s, flat water and no wind, the Huskies set off in the number two slot. They overtook Harvard (on their home course) at the two mile mark and then put on a strong finishing kick in the last mile that took them across the line first. Harvard followed 1.9 seconds back; California captured third followed by a US Rowing 8+ and the German national U-23 team.

Speaking to the Boston Globe after the race, Callahan said: "A lot of coaches say they're just here to have fun, but this meant something to us. We came here to win."

The Husky women also made a strong showing among the top collegiate teams. Bow to stern, the boat included Adriene deLeuw, Madison Culp, Kirstyn Goodger, Erin Lauber, Marie Strohmayr, Hanne Trafnik, Kerry Simmons, stroke Veronica Tamsitt and cox Ariana Tanimoto. The winner, Princeton, took a large early lead and finished in 15:48. Not lost in Princeton's victory and the Huskies' seventh place finish, however, was the fact that the women under Bob Ernst have returned to the ranks of the country's elite women's programs. They went east, took on the country's best and showed that they belong once again among the powerhouse programs. We are glad they are back and will be watching closely for continuing success.

A large group of Husky fans, parents and supporters celebrated the day at the Husky's finish line tent. It was a great show, a great result, and another great victory for the University of Washington. Special thanks go out to Charlie Clapp '81 and his team who organized the affair once again.

Race director, Fred Schoch '73, an old Husky himself, reported that 13 course records were set in the 25 medal events.

Pete McLean, director of the Dave McLean Memorial Golf Tournament, needs auction items for next summer's 5th annual tournament. Contact him at PMclean@cardiacscience.com

Fall Highlights

World Championships

Huskies past and present did a lot of barking and biting late this summer when they joined athletes from around the world at the World Championships at Lake Karapiro, New Zealand. Five current and former Dawgs were selected by the Canadian National Team, and 6 others were selected for the U.S. National Team.

Congratulations to Anthony Jacob '11, Conlin McCabe '12, Rob Gibson '08, Will Crothers '09, and Dave Calder '01 who teamed up in the Canadian 8+.

Our U.S. contingent was led by Mary Whipple '02 who picked up where she left off at the last Olympic Games and proved once more what a talent she is by winning gold with the US Women's 8+. Adrienne Martelli, a '10 graduate and fast rising international star won bronze in the 4-. Megan Kalmoe '06, an international fixture, continues to excel. At this event, she placed 5th in the women's double sculls but we know she will be on the winner's podium soon and often. The U.S. team included three members of the great class of 2005, now veterans of international racing. Giuseppe Lanzone raced in the men's 4-, placing 6th, Scott Gault raced in the quad, and Brett Newlin raced in the 8+. And honorary Husky, Ursula Grobler, (coached by Husky volunteer coach, Carlos Dineros), won silver in the US lightweight women's quad.



Megan Kalmoe '06, Mary Whipple '02, and Adrienne Martelli '10 in New Zealand



Sarah Velling '12 and Bedomme Allen '13 were the winners of the annual Turkey Trot "fun" run

The McLean

The final numbers are in on the Dave McLean Memorial - \$17,000. Every year it just keeps getting better for the tournament and the program. Take a look at the donation made by Doug Neil, Captain '68, for the 2011 auction. Doug, a professional artist whose work is available in Seattle, lives in Christchurch NZ. This sculpture is made of Timaru Bluestone, a volcanic rock found south of Christchurch. It is valued at \$1,200 and will be a featured item in next summer's auction. But you have to be there to bid on it and take it home so mark your calendar now for August 13, 2011.



Attend the 2011 McLean Memorial Golf Tournament for your chance to win this art at auction.

Lanzone Named Athlete of the Year

Coming off of a strong season of racing for the US National Team, Giuseppe Lanzone '05 was named the 2010 US Rowing Male Athlete of the Year. As a Husky, Giuseppe was an IRA and PAC-10 Champion. Congratulations, Giuseppe!

Huskies Sweep Head of the Lake

Fall racing ended with the annual Head of the Lake, co-sponsored by the UW and the Lake Washington Rowing Club. The Huskies, racing in the Pocock Racing Shells sponsored Championship Fours event, took the first four spots. The varsity women entered the Championship eight event, also sponsored by Pocock, and won by three seconds over the Cougars. The women's second varsity also came out on top against the Cougars. The men entered three eights in the Mens Collegiate Open event and took the top three spots.



Husky rowers competing at Head of the Lake

The IRA, The NCAA, And The Huskies by John Morris



There are some exciting changes on the horizon for University of Washington athletics. In the spring, the soccer field will be re-leveled and replaced. In the early summer, construction will begin on a new baseball clubhouse at Husky Ballpark. And next December, the long-anticipated renovation of Husky Stadium is scheduled to begin – and along with it, a new track will be constructed at a to-be-determined location north of the soccer field.

Though unrelated to facilities, some exciting changes may be afoot in the sport of men's rowing as well. In September, at Coach Callahan's behest, I joined him at the 2010 IRA Coaches Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. I wanted to attend the meeting because the first topic on the agenda was a very important one – the coaches would be reviewing an initial draft proposal for an entirely new governance model for the sport of men's rowing.

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As most readers of Sweep are aware, the IRA has always operated under the leadership of five Steward institutions: Columbia, Cornell, Navy, Penn and Syracuse. The Stewards have done tremendous things over the years to advance the sport and provide a national championship experience for men's rowing student-athletes. However, based on the discussion at the Boston meeting, it became clear to me that the sport of men's rowing is evolving and ready for change. None of the coaches was running out of the hotel to throw tea into Boston Harbor, but as a group, they did seem prepared to embrace a more broad-based governance system that would help the sport adapt and grow in the ever-changing world of intercollegiate athletics.

Under review right now by coaches and administrators is a nationally representative, membership-driven governance organization that, if created, would take over responsibility for conducting the men's rowing national championship event and would administer other aspects of the sport throughout the year. The details of the new model remain to be ironed out (we are awaiting a revised set of draft governance documents to review in January), and the timetable for the adoption of any new model remains uncertain (there is some talk of trying to adopt a new system by the 2011

IRA Championships in June). But if a new system is adopted, the UW's men's rowing program would become part of a national organization with its own constitution and a uniform set of operating bylaws. The new governing entity would be led by a Board of Directors and several committees, each of which would be comprised of athletics department administrators from around the United States – which means that UW and all other institutions that sponsor men's rowing would have a voice when decisions related to the championship or other topics of national interest are being made.

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There are significant challenges inherent in any attempt to create a new system of governance. And this attempt is certainly no exception, especially considering the highly varied characteristics, missions and priorities of the collegiate institutions that sponsor varsity men's rowing around the country. Compromise will be necessary, and no institution will get everything it wants in a new governance model. Of course, UW will not join any new governance organization unless we are confident it is in the best overall interest of the UW men's rowing program. For example, the new governance system would need to provide: (i) fair representation for UW and the Pac-10 on the Board of Directors and other national governance committees; and (ii) a commitment to a first-class national championship experience each and every year for our student-athletes (which would include conducting the championship on the West Coast on a regular basis). However, the UW men's rowing program generally supports the direction this new governance initiative is taking because we believe it will help grow and further promote the sport across the country.

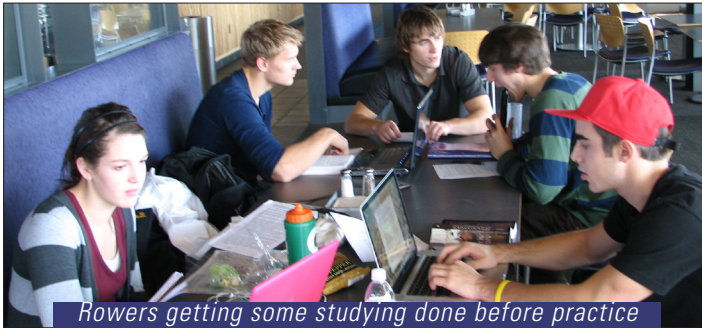
Would the creation of a new, nationally representative governance model be the first step towards men's rowing becoming an official NCAA sport? If so, would that be a good thing for men's rowing? These are interesting questions, and only time will provide the answers. In the meantime, UW believes it's a positive for the sport of men's rowing that these issues are being actively discussed and debated on campuses around the country. And regardless of the ultimate outcome, supporters of the UW men's rowing program should rest assured that the UW coaches and administration will be taking an active leadership role in these discussions and in shaping the future of this great sport.

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Thank you to the benefactors who have contributed 50% towards our new women's Four! We still need \$10,000 more to get the boat in the boathouse. And we are still looking for a new Eight. Want to help? Call Bob Ernst at 206-543-2136.

Husky Commitment

To Academics



Rowers getting some studying done before practice



Michelle Darby '11 in the electrical engineering lab

To Team



Having fun on the annual race up Mt. Si



The Class of 2011 dresses up as their favorite coach for the Turkey Trot

To Community



Helping to plant trees on Seattle Green Day 2010



Husky Alums & Friends running the Head of the Lake Pancake breakfast - a fundraiser for the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

To Victory



The Washington Women at Head Of The Charles



2010 Cascade Cup Champions



How Can I Follow Washington Rowing? by Katie Gardner

We know how much you love to keep up on news of success from Washington Rowing. We try to give you all of the updates through this quarterly publication, but so much happens with the team between issues that it is hard to get everything into print.

Fortunately, the University of Washington Athletic Department and the Husky Rowing Stewards have made several resources available to you, our alums and fans, so that you can keep connected to the program on a daily basis. Through websites, Twitter, Facebook, and blogs, you can keep up to date on everything Washington Rowing - even if you aren't near the Conibear Shellhouse.



News, schedules, the "Rowing Blawg" and much more can be found at www.gohuskies.com

Both www.gohuskies.com and www.huskycrow.org will give you great updates on the UW Rowing team, plus links to the Twitter and Facebook pages. Jeremy Cothran is the Assistant Director of Communications at the University of Washington, and is responsible for all of the rowing articles you see on www.gohuskies.com. Jeremy doesn't just write race reports during the spring - he is busy writing feature stories on Washington oarsmen and women throughout the year (There were 23 unique articles on gohuskies.com about the rowing team from the fall season alone!) Be sure to click on the "news" tab to catch up on all of Jeremy's recent articles.



Find news, photos, video, and more at www.huskycrow.org

Husky Alum Eric Cohen '82 is responsible for the best friends/alum website in college rowing - www.huskycrow.org. Here you can find links to any story written about the UW rowing team - whether it be from the UW Athletic Department, the Seattle Times, the Boston Globe, or the Tacoma News-Tribune - Eric finds them and links them to this site. He has also spent a great deal of time researching the history of Washington Rowing, and has an in-depth historical account of the team from the early 1900's through today. Are you a parent of a current Husky rower? There is a page on www.huskycrow.org just for you - with information on where to watch races, how to help the program, and how to connect with other UW Rowing parents. During racing season, race results are posted to the front page as soon as the Washington crosses the finish line.

Websites are not the only place to find Husky Crew. Timely updates on all things Washington Rowing can also be found on Twitter and Facebook. From real-time race results, to photos and video of practices and races, these are the places to go for everything you need to know. The Washington Rowing Twitter site can be found at twitter.com/UWHuskyCrew, and the Facebook page is located at www.facebook.com/UWHuskyCrew.

So whether you are in Seattle, California, or Australia, we hope you will use these great media resources to stay connected with Washington Rowing.



You can find Twitter, Facebook, photos, and video of the team at www.gohuskies.com. Just look on the Men's or Women's team page. The icons are located on the right side of the screen, under the "Support" button.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Washington Husky rowing program's 2011 annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Conibear Shellhouse. We hope you will attend.

The Washington Rowing Stewards board is poised at a pivotal point in its history and your input will be both welcome and important. We have adopted a new corporate status (501(c)3), have new bylaws to govern our activities, and an important new initiative that will focus and coordinate our thoughts, plans and activities with those of the men's and women's programs as we move forward. This work will result in clear objectives and priorities, and will highlight appropriate course corrections for the board. This important work will profit by your input.

We will also announce the process established for recruiting can-

didates for seven board seats that will be voted on in June. Under the new bylaws, the remaining board seats will also be subject to election or re-election in 2012 and 2013. The result will be three groups of directors serving overlapping three year terms. Officers of the board will be elected from within this group.

We will also give you a clear picture of our financial condition which remains perilous but will be resolved in the next few years.

We need your input and your ear. Be sure to join us on the 19th.

National Team Calendar

The US Women's Rowing Team has published a 2011 calendar "Power & Grace" featuring US Olympic and National Team athletes. Our own Megan Kalmoe '06 is featured as Miss May. The price is \$10, the supply is limited, so act quickly. Order your calendar at www.yearbox.com/rowing. All revenues will be donated to "Athletes on the Water," which funds US National Team daily living and training expenses.



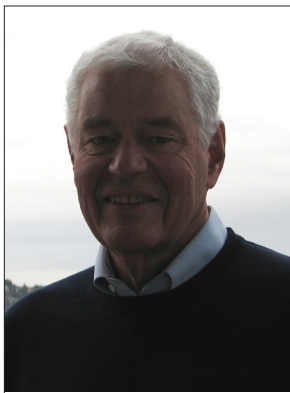
Husky Graduation Rates High

In an October press release from the Athletic Department and quoted here, we learned that the Husky nation improved on last year's graduation rates for student athletes. We remain number two in the Pac-10 (to Stanford) and number one among West coast public institutions. Further, our UW student athletes graduate at a rate that ranks among the best in the nation, according to figures released by the NCAA.

"I believe these statistics are a testament to both the hard work of our student-athletes, and to the mechanisms for academic success we have here at the University of Washington," Scott Woodward, UW's director of athletics said.

And what about the rowing program? Just what you expect and demand. Both the men's and women's team, in spite of their large size, rank high among the Husky programs.

From the Chair



It has been a great privilege to lead the Washington Rowing Stewards Board. Place, time, players and a little luck have helped us build a stronger foundation for the future, and your enthusiastic and growing support tells me that it will continue. I can't think of a healthier time than now to pass the leadership role to someone with new ideas, new goals and new enthusiasm.

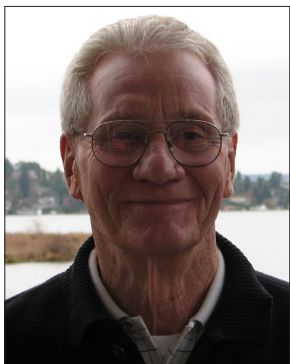
Chuck Turbak and I were classmates and have been friends for over 50 years. More to the point, he and I competed together and, as any rower knows, you learn everything you need to know about a person's character in a boat. For those of you who have not yet met him, you can trust me on this: Chuck will give the board and our alumni, family and friends the commitment required to carry on the work of inclusion and financial stability.

Chuck set the performance standard as Class Captain for the classes of 1961 and 1962. He located just about everyone, including many who rowed a single year. You can expect a strong focus on reconnection, especially with our women and our younger alumni. He will be looking for leadership from these groups on the Washington Rowing Stewards Board.

Back in 2007, the Stewards executive committee agreed on general governance objectives for the board. The important last steps were sidetracked by our need to focus on fundraising but now have been completed. I can promise you this: Chuck will be the last appointed chair. New bylaws will ensure that seats on the board will be open to anyone with interest, that they will rotate, and that progression through the chairs will be encouraged in order to build a leadership pool for the future.

I can't pass the gavel without thanking a few folks and you are at the head of the list. You've rekindled your interest, you've opened your wallets, you've come out for the races and events, and you've been rewarded with a re-energized program.

From the Chair-Elect



I am incredibly blessed and honored to step in as the new chair of the Washington Rowing Stewards Board. We are in a transition period that makes this new undertaking exciting and challenging and I want you to know about four episodes in life that I believe prepared me for this task.

My first nine years were spent in foster homes - mostly on farms. My day began at 0430 doing chores. A strong work ethic with the theme of 'no excuse for not completing your task on time' came from those years. The second was my four years

The athletic department has been superb. O.D. Vincent, Jen Cohen, John Morris, and their staffs "get" rowing at Washington. They understand the place the program occupies in Husky athletic history and in the minds of all sports fans throughout the Pacific Northwest, not just our core fans. They know that rowing is an embedded Northwest sport and have gone out of their way to find ways to help us.

Some of you, such as Carl Lovsted, Jim McCurdy, Jon Runstad, and the LaFramboise Foundation have been there for years. No two alumni have done more for the program than Mike Hess and Eric Cohen, but the entire Board, the old members and new, have given countless hours and valuable direction.

Bob and Michael, you know how I feel. You have been endlessly patient in allowing me to plunge forward on initiatives. Yes, guys, I saw your eyes roll each time and I apologize for ignoring them. Some ideas bloomed, some died, but on the whole it's worked out pretty well.

And yet, when I reflect on the last few years, it all comes back to you - the newer, larger contingent of donors who heard the call and stepped forward with support. You have become difference makers. It is no accident that the Huskies are poised to win every time they hit the starting line; you put them in that position and my hat is off to all of you.

Thank you all for allowing me to pay back a small measure of what I took from Husky Crew so many years ago.

From the UW Athletic Department:

John Wilcox is the recent recipient of The Dave and Ruth Cohn Alumni Merit Award, which is awarded annually to a former letter winner who has demonstrated outstanding service and support to the University of Washington. This person exemplifies integrity, leadership and community involvement that parallel athletic goals of UW. John is the 23rd winner of this award. He was selected in recognition for his tremendous leadership of the Rowing Stewards over the past couple of years.

on the Washington Crew as oarsman and Commodore. Teamwork, sacrifice and commitment were the lessons learned. The third was my seven plus years in the US Marine Corps as an infantry officer. Leadership, discipline and pride are the three words that describe that experience. The fourth part was marriage and six children - love and responsibility are the words that fit.

John mapped out a course for the Rowing Stewards to transition the organization from an informal to a formal organization and much has been accomplished. The State has granted us corporate status and the IRS has registered us as a non-profit. We have written and adopted bylaws, and now have a formal governance structure. We have expanded our list of alumni, family and friends - a never ending task, and we have recruited larger numbers to provide both

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financial resources and sweat equity for the rowing program. But it is still and will continue to be an evolving process.

My first task is to continue the forward momentum. I'm a Marine; I believe that you lead from the front, but the momentum comes from the bottom. The first boat never went fast without the last boat striving to move up. John instituted a Class Captains program to increase the reach down. This has become a very fruitful idea for momentum from the bottom. I intend to revisit the program and recruit new blood where needed.

Two voices that I see as under-represented in the Rowing Stewards are our women alumni and our younger classes. We old guys provide a reminder of the past but we need other voices to help shape the future. If you are not involved now, expect a call to ask for your ideas and help. Time and commitment are the life blood of the Rowing Stewards mandate - money is the sustenance. We need both - I am looking for rowers of all ages and identities who

are willing and committed to putting time on the oar. I want your help to fulfill the theme: 'no excuse for not completing your task on time'. I will ask of you the same lessons we all learned as oarsman - teamwork, sacrifice and commitment.

I intend to provide the leadership that will ensure that the Board continues to provide commitment to excellence for the rowing program. But I need your help. As members of the Rowing Stewards, each and every one of you has a voice - we need to hear it. Each of you who was touched by the rowing program has a responsibility to give back to the passion that gave you so much in your formative years.

We know you are proud of your time spent at the shell house - the program needs that pride to be translated into action - time and money talk - silence will put you in the last boat. Contact me at turbakgrp6@aol.com, get into a boat and start moving up.

Endow the Future

The Athletic Department's Development Office has a number of ways for you to help create futures for Washington student-athletes. Charitable gift annuities, gifts in a will or living trust, and a host of other tax advantaged giving plans may make sense for you and the Husky rowing program.

For information or a visit, call Roy Shick on 206 221-3105, or Phil Pilewski on 206 616-3624 today.

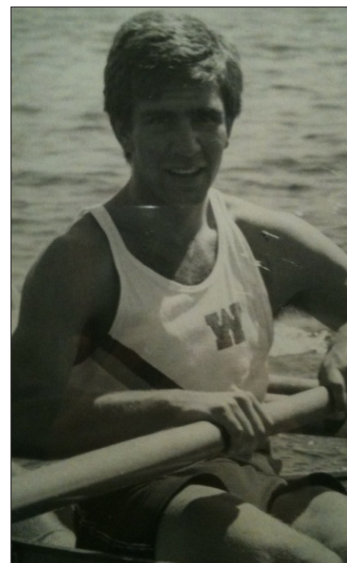
The Hess Family Legacy

Among our many great alumni supporters, a few sit at the top year after year. Those of you who know Mike and Andy Hess know that their commitment to the Husky rowing program has been not just deep but also immensely valuable in a variety of ways. Still, we were overwhelmed recently to learn that they stepped forward once more with a truly splendid major gift to the program.

The Hesses have ordered two straight fours from Pocock Racing Shells, filling a big hole in the men's program equipment list needs. In addition, they have underwritten the purchase of eight Row Perfect ergometers, indoor training equipment that has been tested and perfected by Coach Callahan and our special volunteer coach, Carlos Dineros. You need to see this equipment in action to appreciate its value to the team so come on down to Conibear and take a look.

Michael Callahan said: "Intercollegiate rowing isn't only about recruiting the best student athletes. We've been successful over the years because we've been at the forefront with the latest training techniques and equipment. The Hess gift allows us to be competitive and innovative in all phases of our program. Both Andy and Mike were highly competitive student athletes at the UW, so they understand what it takes to win."

Once again we thank Mike and Andy for their dedication to the Husky rowing program, and for their willingness to underwrite such magnificent gifts.



Andy was co-captain of the 1977 Track & Field team at UW, while Mike captained the 1977 and 1978 Rowing team.

Regents Act on Endowment Payouts!

You will remember that the 5% payout formula we had enjoyed on our endowments was halved by the UW Board of Regents awhile back in response to the financial crisis of the time. At the time of their announcement, the Regents promised to review the decision within the following three years. In October we received news that the policy had been revisited, and that the Regents found that valuations had improved enough to modify the payout formula in order to increase program support campus-wide.

In short, the new formula that took effect in December will increase our endowment earnings from about 2 ½ % to about 4%. That means that we will see an increase over the second half of the university's fiscal year. It begs the question of the future of the Power3 Campaign.

“The annual shortfall still continues and the campaign must carry on because of it.”

The PoWer3 Campaign was born as a consequence both of a decrease in endowment payouts and a substantial increase in tuition costs. We set a goal of \$1 million to cover the gap and, in the first year, raised over a third of that amount. We also secured pledges from some donors for the second and third years of the campaign. That means that our effort to close the funding gap has been successful so far but the annual shortfall still continues and the campaign must carry on because of it.

Why? There are several reasons. First, in prior years the program couldn't balance revenues to costs so that we ended each year paying a portion of the prior year's costs from money raised in a current year. Second, costs did not fall with the fall of earnings. Third, student-athlete costs (tuition, books, and the like) have increased dramatically in the face of State cuts to the University's funding.

Fourth, because our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, the program will enjoy the endowment payment enhancement for only half this year. So while the windfall is terrific, it won't come close to closing the program's shortfall this year.

Will there be an end to it? Yes. Prior to the crash, our endowments reached a peak of \$7.2 million. They fell precipitously but have climbed back to approximately \$5.5 million. Further, we have been fortunate in picking up new endowments each year. You can do the compounding math. It won't take many years to reach a point where endowment payouts at a restored level of 5% will underwrite the scholarship costs of our student athletes.

Yes, there are other expenses we alumni pay for as well and those undoubtedly will be the focus of future campaigns. But the day when we can manage our affairs in a normal fashion instead of a crisis fashion is coming one day soon.

But right now we need your help. Those of you who have been reading these pages for a few years know that contributions from alumni, family and friends have been central to our performance success. The results are there on the water and in the record books. We need you to stay with us in this. As a large team, non-revenue sport, rowing is a hugely expensive operation, especially at the competitive level you all expect. I don't know how to say it more directly than this: Without you, it wouldn't be happening down at Conibear. You have been generous at a time of crisis and I trust that you will continue to be so. Make an online commitment today at this link: www.gohuskies.com/tyeeclub/getinvolved_team.html#rowing, or go to www.gohuskies.com, under sports click on “crew,” then click on the “Support” button. You can also fill out the form below and mail it today with your check or credit card payment.

Pledge/Gift Form

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Address _____

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Payment Information

____ Credit Card (V/MC/Amex) Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____

____ Check (Payable to University of Washington)

Return to: University of Washington Athletics, Attn: Husky Crew Fund, Tyee Office – Box 354070, Seattle, WA 98195

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John Magnuson Remembers the Drying Room

Did you ever wonder what became of all the sox, sweaters and shorts? Y'know, the ones in the drying room? No? Well, why not? Let me refresh your memory: rancid, ripe, and more rotten than fresh, stiff with salt. Ahh, now you remember, don't you? I won't name names but there was that starboard guy who had ... well, how to put it delicately ... a signature scent.

It was our own rite of passage, especially on those two-a-days during spring break. Remember the alarm at 6:30 a.m., stumbling from the deck down to the locker room, grabbing shapeless sox, sleeveless sweatshirts, navy wool shorts, all if it stiff and crusty? Then pulling it all on with blistered and calloused hands and getting smacked with that ammonia aroma jolt. Remember coming back in the afternoon but this time your stuff isn't quite dry and *Good God, The Smell!*

I always had a vision of the guys at The Naval Academy or any Ivy League school with freshly laundered practice gear, all neat, all tidy. Disgusting wusses!

Are you wondering what this has to do with anything? If you rowed before 1980, it has a lot to do with you – with your commitment then and the need for your commitment now to the Husky rowing program. By now you have raised your kids, helped with their education, mastered your profession or vocation, maintained a close friendship with your rowing buds, and provided for your comfort. But have you made a commitment to the program that did so much to form your work ethic and integrity? I want you to

consider a painless way to make a legacy commitment – without having to spend a minute in the drying room.

Do you know what a codicil is? Well, think of it as an amendment to your will. Simply stated, a codicil may add beneficiaries to your will without changing the entire document. All that is needed is this simple document granting a gift to Washington Rowing. That's it! Certainly easier than that haul around Mercer Island. It will be painless to you, for obvious reasons, and it will benefit a new generation of deserving rowers. Think of it this way, the gift comes from your estate so you've preserved your present net worth and cash flow. If your family is provided for adequately, make this commitment to help the Husky rowing program.

A quick visit with your attorney or estate planner is all that is needed. You got where you are in life due in no small part to the lessons you learned on the water. Perhaps you, like me, didn't win an Olympic gold medal or an IRA championship. We won otherwise. We won the game of life through perseverance, dedication, loyalty and no fewer than a dozen other values and virtues that rowing teaches. Share that with rowers for their future. Certainly share the idea with your spouse and family so they are aware of your largesse.

Those sox, shorts and sweatshirts have long since moldered away in a landfill. There's nothing left of them but there's much left of you. Make this arrangement so that your legacy survives.



Washington Rowing
2011 Schedule

March 26 - Class Day; Montlake Cut, Seattle, WA, 10:00 a.m.
April 2,3 - San Diego Crew Classic (Women), CA, All Day
April 9 - WSU (M,W); Snake River, Pullman, WA, 8:00 a.m.
April 9 - OSU (Men); Dexter Lake, Dexter, OR, All Day
April 16 - TBA

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April 23 - California; Montlake Cut, Seattle, WA, 9:00 a.m.
May 7 - Windermere Cup; Montlake Cut, Seattle, WA, 10:20 a.m.
May 15 - PAC-10's; Sacramento, CA, All Day
May 27-29 - NCAA Championships (Women); Sacramento, CA, All Day
June 2-4 - IRA National Championships (Men); Cherry Hill, NJ, All Day

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