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When I first saw the PULL HARD published by former Head Coach Bob Orr, I thought it was an atrocious name. But as time has passed, I've come to the realization this is indeed the appropriate name for the Cougar Crew Journal. The term Pull Hard implies that the student oarsmen are working hard to bring Washington State Crew into equal status with the major rowing schools of the country. If you reverse the term, you have Hard Pull, which indeed it is and has been. With the destruction of the first boathouse by winds; the building of the second boathouse; the purchase of a new four by the oarsmen; the loss of the dock in last spring's flood; the large turnout this fall with limited equipment; the lack of electricity, bathrooms and water at the shellhouse; and finally, the shellhouse a full one hour round trip from campus; it is amazing and exciting to watch the Washington State Crew keep growing and improving.

It is also exciting to watch how Cougar oarsmen and their families keep giving freely of their time and money to help build towards the goal of major rowing status. On the recent trip to Seattle, the freshmen were housed by new families in fine manner. The aunt of one frosh oarsman was excited by the prospect of Washington State rowing through the "Cut" on the Opening Day of the Yachting Season, a major boating and rowing occasion in Seattle. This race features Washington rowing against California or UCLA on an alternate year basis.

With this in mind, a review of last season and a preview of the upcoming season is presented.

## 1973 - 1974 Season in Review

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### Class Day - Pullman

For the third year in a row, a combination Junior-Senior boat prevailed, eliminating a game but extremely lucky freshmen eight. The sophomores were a medium third, while the All-Star boat stroked and led by masked World Champion Oarsmen and Coxlady were a firm and respectable fourth, less than two minutes behind the leaders.

### WSU Invitational - Pullman

This marked the first victory ever for Washington State eights. Both the heavy and light varsity boats won their races, and quite

convincingly. In fact, the lights coasted across the line with just their bowman rowing. The others were applauding and waving to the crowd. The freshmen heavys were second to the varsity lights. The light four was last. Schools participating were PLU and UPS.

#### Western Invitational - Bellingham, Washington

With the previous victories, the three eights and light four traveled to Bellingham to face Washington, Western Washington, Oregon State, Seattle Pacific College and Seattle University. Rowing rather flat, the varsity heavy was fourth of four; the varsity light fourth of five; the freshmen heavies third of four; and the light four last. Perhaps the most thrilling race took place between the Western and Washington State Coxwain fours with oarsmen. The Cougars led the entire race until Crash Yorozu peered out of the boat and proceeded to take two backing strokes thus enabling Western to squeeze past to victory.

#### Midwest Sprints - Madison, Wisconsin

Having received a special invitation to attend the Midwest Regatta, the Cougar oarsmen and oarsladies paid their own train fare to Madison marking the first appearance in Madison of a Washington boat since 1968. After leaving both varsity coxwains in Minneapolis - Mike and Kathy taking pictures? - the Cougars arrived in Madison to fine weather and the warm hospitality of Washington State Alumni and friends. Race day dawned cloudy and windy. However, Washington State rose to the finest performance in its history and the year by taking two firsts and two seconds. The light four and light eight both won their races, the light varsity thus bringing to Pullman the Goodman's Cup. The freshmen and heavy varsity each finished second in their respective races, second to Wisconsin. This in turn meant that Washington State lost only to Wisconsin while defeating crews from Notre Dame, Nebraska, Minnesota, Purdue and Kansas State. A steak dinner that night given by friends marked a sensational and memorable trip. Guests at the banquet included the host families as well as relatives of oarsmen who traveled from San Francisco, Pittsburg, Chicago and Minneapolis.

#### Washington at Washington State - Pullman

The Huskys came to Pullman the following weekend. While the freshmen and varsity were disappointing seconds, the light varsity accomplished another first, a victory over Washington.

### Stewards Cup - Seattle

On a day which the ducks protested as too fowl, a regatta was held in the Bay at Seward Park. Washington State fortunately remained afloat in all races. We did not do well in terms of placement, but all had a miserable time at the site. Things improved greatly a bit latter when for the third year, the Lake Union Elks Club hosted the entire squad for a great luncheon. We owe a great thanks to these fine gentlemen!

### Western Sprints - Vancouver, British Columbia

After a hurried review of NCAA and Pac 8 eligibility rules, we found that we had misinterpreted them. As a consequence, we lost the varsity two man as well as the light four. We also had to move the freshmen into the junior varsity classification. The lights collapsed completely and finished last. The "J.V." made it into the finals and after a gallant try for fifth, finished sixth. The varsity managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and finished second to Oregon in the Silver Division, a grouping of small schools and new programs.

The season suddenly renewed in early June when we entered the Seattle Invitational scheduled for the middle of June. With one week of practice, a boat consisting of varsity, freshmen, and lightweights rowed in the Junior Varsity level competition. We were clobbered on Friday but managed to finish more respectably on Saturday. Overall we placed fourth. Although we didn't get to race Harvard directly, Washington State was the only crew in the nation to have rowed with the top three crews in the country, Harvard, Wisconsin and Washington. Of course they faced each other.

In review of the season, we did extremely well in only our second year of rowing. Not only did we win some races, but we finished last in others. In all, we had a good time. We formed new friendships and gained much in rich and lasting experiences. These are all necessary to build a rich and valuable program.

### Friends of Cougar Rowing - Cougar Crew Booster Club

A new Club has been formed aimed at bringing in financial and moral support for the Crew, the Cougar Crew Booster Club. A window decal, subscription to this journal, and a certificate are received for a donation of \$10.00 or more. Also within this group are persons who have specifically donated \$85.00 for an oar. Known as the Oar Club, it's members include:

Robert W. Austin  
Jean Austin  
Mr. and Mrs. Felix Enquist  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wainwright  
Mr. and Mrs. Norling  
Craig Illman  
Larry Miller

Fred H. Struckmeyer  
Helen E. Struckmeyer  
Donald F. Struckmeyer  
Barbara J. Struckmeyer  
K.A. Struckmeyer  
Donald Schmick

Their names appear on an oar. When the oar becomes unusable, they will receive their oar or may donate it to the Boat Club for appropriate distribution.

With the larger club, we would like to investigate the establishment of an independent tax-exempt organization, which would be administered by people outside the immediate crew family in Pullman. Perhaps a Board of Directors could aid in raising and managing future potential incomes. This is quite important. It would relieve the coaches and student-oarsmen from a time consuming but extremely important aspect of building a solid and long lasting Crew at Washington State. It means the students can study and the coaches might retain their teaching and research appointments at the University.

At this time, I perceive no immediate action by the Athletic Department to aid this sport, for they have no money. The organization and management of the Crew needs firm and long range planning to ensure its continued and lasting existence.

#### Finances

The Crew is a club and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the student government, The Associated Students of Washington State University. This year the crew has been budgeted \$900.00. To supplement this, the crew has sold apples, sun visors, buttons and hats.

We currently have liabilities of approximately \$900.00 from last year. We have \$400.00 cash on hand plus an additional \$400.00 which was just appropriated today by the student government. This means we can close these accounts soon and begin to build new debts this spring.

At the same time, the oarsmen have identified the following equipment needs for the immediate future; a new eight, \$4800.00; a new four, \$2800.00; and a pair-without-coxwain, \$2200.00. Perhaps of greater importance are twenty new oars at \$85.00 each. With the debts of last year paid off, the oarsmen may try to raise the money for the pair themselves.

A way of financing these boats is to copy the practice of Washington. They have boats donated by alumni from various cities. For example, we have rowed in the Spokane, City of Edmonds, The Puyallup, The Seattle, and the Bellingham. Those who donate the boat have the privilege of naming the boat.

#### 1974 -1975 Schedule

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The schedule for this year is much the same as last year. If finances don't work out, we may cancel the Wisconsin trip. We may do this because the Western Sprints are being held in southern California, a long expensive trip.

#### The Schedule:

March 15	Class Day	Pullman
March 29	WSU Invitational	Pullman
April 12	Western Invitational	Bellingham, Washington
April 26	Midwest Sprints	Madison, Wisconsin
May 3	Washington	Pullman
May 10	Stewards Cup	Seattle
May 16 & 17	Western Sprints	Long Beach, California

#### Fall Turnout

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The turnout this fall was massive. The only problem was the lack of equipment. With informational letters sent to all registered freshmen, we boated two eights and a four. As you will see, there is perhaps a lack of several big guys of the 6-6,190 pound variety.

In addition, we picked up a complete new boat of upper classmen which came along extremely fast. They will challenge the varsity for their seats this spring.

The light varsity rowed sporatically this fall. Several freshmen and new upperclassmen will challenge for this boat this spring as well.

A regatta was held in Seattle November, 17. Washington State had the second largest turnout of schools present. This included five men's eights, a four, an alumni four, and a women's eight. This means good things for the future. Although we didn't do as well as we had hoped, poor weather and other factors can be overcome in the spring.

Roster of Oarsmen

<u>Name</u>	<u>hgt</u>	<u>wgt</u>	<u>yr</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Bob Appleyard	6-1	155	sr	Glenview, IL
Jim Austin	6-4	185	sr	Mercer Island, WA
Brian Beaulaurier	6-0	180	fr	Sunnyside, WA
Steve Blaska	6-0	180	fr	Lacey, WA
John Bullock	6-0	155	fr	Omak, WA
Dan Bushy	5-7	143	fr	Edmonds, WA
Greg Carl	6-0	185	jr	Longview, WA
Mike Craft	6-1	155	jr	Tacoma, WA
Fred Darvill	6-1	163	so	Mt. Vernon, WA
Paul Day	6-1	160	so	Pittsburg, PA
Gene Dowers	5-7	125	fr	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Kelvin Eder	6-5	187	fr	Port Angeles, WA
Charles Elliott	5-9	135	fr	Longview, WA
Paul Enquist	6-6	190	so	Seattle, WA
Jim Estes	5-9	140	fr	Seattle, WA
Kathy Figon	5-4	115	jr	Bellevue, WA
Jim Fischer	6-2	190	so	Pullman, WA
Dale Fleming	6-0	167	so	Kent, WA
Jim Flynn	6-4	195	jr	Maple Valley, WA
Mark Forsythe	6-0	170	fr	Bellevue, WA
Steve Fredrickson	6-2	182	fr	Tacoma, WA
Lynn Gibson	5-10	148	jr	Kennewick, WA
Dave Hennings	6-0	155	so	Seattle, WA
John Herr	6-1	175	so	Seattle, WA
Craig Illman	5-6	110	sr	Sequim, WA
Doug Kee	6-0	160	sr	Seattle, WA
Mike Klier	5-10	125	sr	Maple Valley, WA
Brian Klug	6-0	175	fr	Longview, WA
Mike Kimbrell	6-2	195	jr	Pullman, WA
Tom Kratzke	6-1	185	sr	Bellevue, WA
Pat Kvietkus	5-11	140	fr	Redmond, WA
Jim Lomax	6-3	180	fr	Seattle, WA
Dean Longwell	5-10	135	fr	Seattle, WA

Jeff Matson	6-0	135	fr	Kent, WA
Rich Mattrass	5-9	155	so	Redmond, WA
Brian McManus	5-11	165	so	Seattle, WA
Mike Nichols	5-10	166	fr	Omak, WA
Dan Olson	6-1	165	jr	Pullman, WA
Tom Pestal	5-10	152	sr	Herts, England
Steve Porter	6-6	225	so	Tacoma, WA
Steve Rowlett	6-4	196	sr	Auburn, WA
Rolan Ruoss	5-11	148	fr	Federal Way, WA
Tony Shapiro	5-10	145	jr	Fullerton, CA
Brad Sleeper	5-11	155	so	Bellevue, WA
Mitch Wainwright	6-2	185	so	Gig Harbor, WA
Jeff Ward	6-2	185	jr	Bellevue, WA
Ray Wittmier	6-2	185	so	Seattle, WA
Dave Yorozu	5-5	145	so	Seattle, WA
Ken Yorozu	5-5	125	jr	Seattle, WA

