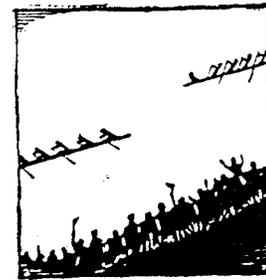


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Washington State University Men's Crew

RACING FALL 2000

October 21: Campbell Cup Regatta,
WSU v. UW, Lake Chelan, WA

October 28: Fall Dual,
WSU v. GU, Spokane

November 3: Frosh/Novice Dual,
WSU v. GU, Wawawai

November 4: Portland LO/OP
Regatta, Portland, OR

November 12: Head of the Lake,
Montlake Cut, Seattle

RACING SPRING 2001

February 3: Ergometer Race,
WSU v. Gonzaga, at Spokane (GU)

March 24: Fawley Cup,
WSU v. Gonzaga, Long Lake, WA

March 31: TBA

April 7: Husky Invitational,
Montlake Cut, Seattle

April 7, 8: San Diego Crew Classic,
Mission Bay, San Diego

April 14: Snake River Dual,
WSU v. UW, Wawawai

April 21, 22: TBA

April 28: Cascade Sprints,
American Lake, Tacoma

May 5: Opening Day,
Montlake Cut, Seattle

May 13: Pac-Ten Championships,
Lake Natoma, CA

ROGER RECONNOITERS THE CORRELATION OF FORCES

As I enter my third year as advisor, I am pleased to report that the team is robust. The end of our fiscal year in June 2001 will mark three straight years in the black. The officers hired Hugh Dodd following Ernie Iseminger's departure in June 1998, and subsequently hired Shawn Bagnall to replace Hugh Dodd. The challenges the team has met successfully in the past two and a half years show that it is very capable of managing its own affairs.

As always, there are individuals whose efforts make them first among equals. Shawn Bagnall in particular has consistently provided intelligent and resourceful leadership since 1997. As commodore in 1997-1998 he re-asserted student control of the team and reduced overall spending.

As novice coach from 1998 through 2000, Bagnall sent up two large classes to the varsity squad, bringing lots of enthusiasm and competition. Since assuming head coach duties he has increased the competitive expectation of the varsity team, intensified workouts, and completed several office projects that had languished.

I have heard much discussion from various points of view regarding the future of WSU men's crew. I think it is important to remember that this team is a club. It is not a varsity sport and it will not be for the foreseeable future. I don't view our club status as a detriment: the team creates its own destiny, just as it did when we were rowing. The viability of the team during its years of formation and early growth was a function of what we did as athletes and officers, and that is still the case.

The team exists officially within the university as a member club of the ASWSU Sports Federation, which makes an annual financial grant to the team that varies with overall enrollment and how well we present our case. Last year the team received a historic high of \$13,500. This year the grant was slightly reduced due to lower undergraduate enrollment. The next highest grant to a sport club was around \$2,000. This disparity reflects both the 30-year track record of the team and the soundness of the funding proposals prepared by the officers, in

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REDUX

adj guiding back, rescuing; that brings back home; brought back, restored

Yep. Risen from the dead. Up from the ashes of perdition and into your snailmailbox. Shouldn't be so scary—after Watergate and Contra-gate and Bubbagate; Marv Albert and OJ Simpson and Linda Tripp.

Fact is, there's a crying need for occasional data exchange between members of the WSU rowing community. No data, community kaput.

So here we go again. We'll try to keep a regular schedule, and do our best to maximize the utility and timeliness of the product. (Racing schedules *before* racing seasons, results *after*, etc.)

The fate of the venture depends on you, dear reader. Send an update on your lifeworld. Better yet, see a regatta and write a report. Still illiterate despite the miracles of higher education? Send photos.

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ROWJOCKS, TAKE WARNING

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 20 (AP)— One of the reputed leaders of the Bulgarian mafia, Ivo Karamansky, was shot dead early today during a quarrel among guests at a party at a villa near here, police said.

The police arrested a 33-year-old man who they said shot Karamansky, 39, and his bodyguard with a Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle.

Mr. Karamansky, who was the country's national rowing champion in 1981, ran a prosperous insurance company. In 1986, he was sentenced to a two-year prison term for fraud. ("Bulgarian Crime Boss Slain," *New York Times*, Dec 21, 1998, p. A7)

THE VIEW FROM THE LAUNCH

ATHLETICS

Excitement surrounding the Men's 2000-2001 racing season is already at fever pitch. Seven athletes from last year's top novice eight are returning. This solid base has the benefit of the experience of four returning upperclassmen, and an enthusiasm and energy level that suggests there is little holding them back from a very successful season. This year's varsity combines the power and excitement of youth with the leadership and vision of experience.

Currently the team is focusing on building strength and boat speed and looks forward to a full calendar of Fall racing, culminating with the Head of the Lake in Seattle November 12. As you would expect, the athletes are eager to race against all of the teams on the west coast next spring.

EQUIPMENT

The team will be purchasing a new novice coaching launch for reasons of reliability and team safety. We never know when we'll get caught in one of those Snake River squalls. With the help of advisor Roger Crawford, we are considering purchase of

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either a new launch or a used launch with a new or slightly used engine. We hope to complete the purchase as soon as possible, hopefully before the start of the Spring season.

The team is also planning to purchase a coxed four suitable for racing. As always, a fair amount of work

is required to keep the equipment up to date and up to speed, including periodic repairs to shells, blades, coaching launches and the like. This is an on-going battle which we are fighting as best we can.

CALL TO ALUMS

We hope to see more alumni and Cougar Crew fans at the races. At the 1998 Head of the Lake regatta, the alumni set up a tent and served hot drinks—a *great* idea, and we hope to see more like it at upcoming races. The chance to meet former WSU rowers is valuable for the athletes and the team, and fun for the alumni too.

We appreciate your help and thank you in advance for supporting our passion for rowing in the Palouse.

—Shawn Bagnall, Head Coach

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello everyone, my name is Aaron Husted, Commodore for the 2000-01 season. I just want to let everyone know that I think this is going to be a very strong season for Washington State University Men's Crew. We have returned four varsity members and nearly all of last year's novice. We are bigger, stronger, faster, and more determined to win.

In April of 2000 we purchased the Gary Reynolds, a new Pocock EII racing eight. Colors are Pocock gray with crimson detailing. The Reynolds

is our fastest shell and will be used by the varsity until the next boat is purchased in Spring 2003. The Reynolds replaced the Defiant, a 1996 Pocock EII which became the racing shell for the first novice eight.

The boat is named for the father of 1998 rower Paul Reynolds of Olympia. Gary Reynolds is a fervent Cougar Crew fan, attending many regattas. Paul took many of the photographs on our web site. The team voted to name the new shell for Gary Reynolds to salute his enthusiasm

for WSU crew and to support him as he deals with health problems.

Once again, we are fund-raising like madmen. We are currently doing "Tables and Chairs" in the Fieldhouse for the football game food and beverage service.

We are also planning our annual Ergothon coming up in January. The Ergothon lasts two days, and contributors pledge their support by the meter. In the past this has been a huge success and this year is sure to

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ROWING BY PAIRS: COX: ERIN WALKER (JR.), STROKE: JOEY TENNISON (SO.), 7: BRETT MITCHELL (JR.), 6: AARON HUSTEAD (SR.), 5: LAYNE GOOD (SO.)

be the best Ergothon yet.

If you would like to pledge, please send me an e-mail at "rowman1969@yahoo.com" with the title 'Ergothon Pledge' and I will send information about the event. We are also planning to run the concession stands at some of the home basketball games and to deliver phone books in the Pullman area.

I look forward to seeing your support and hope to meet some of you at the regattas this year.

-Aaron Husted

FRESH NUMBERS

CAMPBELL'S CUP (1250M)

Lake Chelan, WA

•UW A: 3:34.5; UW B: 3:38.1; WSU A: 3:49.7

GU/WSU FALL DUAL (5K)

SPOKANE, WA

•GU V: 16:23; WSU V: 16:37
 •GU JV: 16:47; WSU JV: 16:58
 •GU N8A: 17:29; WSU N8A: 19:04; WSU N8B: 19:22; GU N8B: 19:33; WSU N8C: 19:33; WSU N8D: Not reported

POPULAR DIVERSIONS

(SINCE 1170 AD)

According Stow's *Survey of London* (1720), the most popular London diversions were "football, wrestling, cudgels, ninepins, shovelboard, cricket, stowball, ringing of bells, quoits, pitching the bar, bull and bear baitings, throwing at cocks and lying at alehouses." Also "sailing, rowing, swimming and fishing in the river Thames"...This is a pattern of leisure very similar to that described by William Fitzstephen in 1170, with its emphasis still on ball games, athletic contests, animal fights, human combat and river sports.

-Stephen Inwood

A History of London (New York: Carroll & Graf, 1998), pp. 306-307

THE BIG EVENT? FOUNDERS, ALUMNI HONOR KEN, LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Editor's Note: Please excuse such stale-dated reportage. The event recounted is certainly old news, but the purpose of the gathering and the opinions expressed are as vital as ever.

Seattle, November 1998

Close to 100 rowers past and present gathered for dinner at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle on the first Friday in November. A reception line for guests of honor Ken and Marj Struckmeyer lasted at least half an hour. The signature booming laugh

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 -KJ (GUS) KRAVAS**

was audible in the remotest corners.

Emcee Doug Wordell showed a photo from the 1970-71 WSU annual, assigning names to faces, then introduced Rich Stager, Jan Koal, Dave Atherton, Bob Appleyard, Jim Austin and Mike Kimbrell—all present.

First to speak was Vice-Provost for Student Affairs, KJ (Gus) Kravas. Dr. Kravas observed that he and his wife Connie have long been impressed by the rowing community, and noted the generosity of WSU alumni as shown by it's nationally prominent rate of giving. Ken's years of dedication to the crew, and the crew itself, said Kravas, are similarly evidence of the generosity WSU seems to inspire.

Paul Enquist followed, alledging that Ken was the only coach he rowed under who spent a season coaching from shore: "one honk meant row, two honks meant weigh enough." He noted that the upset of UCLA in the 1977 Pac-8 quarterfinals put WSU on the rowing map. "That victory," said Enquist, "was Ken's achievement."

"Speed" Enquist concluded, "is a puzzle, and each coach has a piece of that puzzle, so listen to them all."

Frank Cunningham of LWRC, author of *The Sculler At Ease* and one of Paul's coaches enroute to the

1980 Olympics spoke next. Cunningham touched on the beginnings of US collegiate rowing, his days at Harvard, and the founding of Greenlake, Lakeside and LWRC.

Sustained laughter followed his account of a conversation with ...the father of an oarsman who had at times-many times-been a trial to me. He said he was very grateful for all I had done for his boy. At the moment I could consider only that I had been able to restrain myself from kicking the boy. "Yes," he said, "his grades have improved and he is now polite to his mother."

Bob Appleyard next sketched the beginnings at Boyer Park and the can-do bravado which sustained the team through its perilous infancy. (*Rowable water. Let's go!*) Then he sharpened the focus:

We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of Cougar Crew. But we are also here to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of one individual...we have never stood up as a unified group to say, collectively, thanks Ken, for what you gave to us, and made possible for us to do...

The lapping waves of a standing ovation pushed Coach Struckmeyer to the rostrum.

He had been asked, he said, to reflect on the accomplishments of the team, but had decided to think of the future, and what we should ask of coaches to come. To Ken, a coach should be a teacher able to:

- help rowers cope with the stresses of athletics, academics and daily life.
- teach by example both courtesy and respect...

**"THANKS KEN, FOR WHAT YOU GAVE TO US, AND MADE POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO"
 -BOB APPELYARD**

• ensure that everyone who works hard during the year is able to compete in the spring.

• accommodate as many athletes as possible...the more the better.

• avoid the Vince Lombardi philosophy of sport. If the oarsmen can say honestly at season's end that they did their best, the coach has been

successful...

In conclusion, Ken advised:

The alumni must begin to take an active, ongoing interest, indeed make a tangible investment, in their team.

The base of graduated rowers is now quite large. You need to mobi-

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lize those former rowers, and persuade them to give a little back to a program that may have given each of you something irreplaceable.

The banquet was organized by former head coach Ernie Iseminger and a group of alumni whose intention is to build an endowment within the WSU Foundation specifically for the provision of coaching salaries.

Everyone in the crew database should by now have received information regarding the Coaching Endowment Campaign. If you have not but would like to, please contact the editor.

COACHING STAFF SHAKEUP

Shawn Bagnall and Lucas Olona have been named coaches for the 2000-01 season. Bagnall succeeds Hugh Dodd who stepped down in September to attend to health problems in his family. Shawn is a 1999 graduate of WSU, served as Commodore (1997-98) and novice coach from 1998 until this promotion.

Lucas Olona rowed for the Cougars from 1996 through 2000 and served as Commodore (1999-00). As a lightweight, he trained at Lake Washington Rowing Club for several summers and attended many summer regattas. He volunteered to assist with the novice team for the year but was promoted to novice coach when Shawn Bagnall moved to the head coach position.

LITCRIT FOR NONPROFITS

We may restate the necessity for the existence of a donor in yet another way by pointing out the fact that in the beginning the hero is never strong enough to conquer by himself. He suffers from some initial lack of being: either he is simply not strong enough or not courageous enough, or else he is too naive and simple-minded to know what to do with his strength. The donor is the complement, the reverse, of this basic ontological weakness.

—Fredric Jameson

The Prison-House of Language; a Critical Account of Structuralism & Russian Formalism (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1972) pp. 67-68

ADVISOR'S REPORT...continued

particular Jason Hizer in 1999 and Lucas Olona in 2000. The annual ASWSU grant constitutes about one third of our operating budget (equipment purchasing excluded). The athletes generate the remainder through dues and fundraising.

ASWSU funding, plus the attention of ASWSU staffers like Chris Tapfer and Bob Stephens, are important reasons that the team has been a fixture on the West Coast for so long; the hours, dollars, and energy donated by Ken Struckmeyer and Ken Abbey are another.

These crucial institutional and individual factors, and our collective efforts as athletes and alumni of Cougar crew, have brought us to the point where we can state with confidence that this team is here to stay. WSU Men's Rowing is truly student-run, and is possibly the most successful and long-lived collegiate club on the West Coast.

Let's celebrate that fact, thank one other for what we did to get us here, and turn our attention to those who are yet to come.

—Roger Crawford

BRIEFLY NOTED

ERG ROOM TRANSFER

Demolition of Spillman Hall, home to the erg room for the last four years, will begin this winter. The team has relocated to a racquetball court in the Fieldhouse Annex, which is generally viewed as an improvement. "The lighting is better and the location is good, but it gets pretty hot in there when we're all going" said Aaron Husted.

The team anticipates staying in the Annex for several years because the entire Outdoor Recreation Center is moving from the CUB to the Annex in the spring of 2001. The Fieldhouse became available when the new Student Recreation Center opened near the Coliseum. Activities such as weightlifting and racquetball now take place in the Student Rec Center.

ROWERS IN MARATHON

Several varsity rowers and their head coach are planning on running the Seattle Marathon or half marathon on Sunday, November 26th. Look for them there and be sure to cheer on the team.

Ever run a marathon? Send your name, the event, date and finishing time to the editor (see pg. 2, col. 1), along with any color commentary, and maybe we'll do a little blurb on this singularly self-destructive athletic activity.

CHECK IT OUT

Next time you're surfing, check out "www.wsu.edu/~mcrew/", the web site for the men's crew. Fill in the address box to join the men's rowing listserv. You'll get up-to-date info on events, results, etc. Contact us the old fashioned way: (509) 335-8097.



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