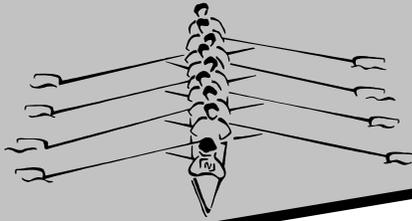


The Pull Hard



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Cool Happenings:

- The top Cougar eights defeat Gonzaga in their first race of the year!
- The Team has hired a new Head Coach! Read here →
- New Alumni Event! Read about it on page four.

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A New Face At the Helm, By Danny Brevick, Commodore

Many of you were aware that the officers have been faced with the daunting task of filling the hole left by the departure of former Head Coach, Michelle Arganbright. Our first step was to enlist the help of our alum by forming a coach selection committee to assist us in our efforts. After four months of effort, and approximately one-gazillion emails, we finally reached our decision. Based on the recommendation of the Coach Selection Committee, the officers are very proud to announce the hiring of the newest Head Coach for Washington State Men's Rowing, Arthur Ericsson. A special thanks to those who were willing to serve on our coach selection committee, Michelle Arganbright, Ken Struckmeyer, Jess O'Dell, and Andi Tideman. You folks are awesome!



Arthur talking to the team in front of the boathouse.

Arthur now resides here in Pullman with his wife, Sharon, and their four-year-old daughter, Sienna. He has been demanding excellence from the oarsmen and cox-

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The Tide Has Turned, By Peter Brevick, Publisher

On Saturday, October 16th, the Team took a much anticipated and awaited drive. Their destination was the Gonzaga shell house for the first race of the fall for the varsity, and the first rowing race of their lives for the novice. Both the teams have had a busy, and challenging fall schedule of workouts and team projects. From the always intense tables and chairs, to back-to-back grade runs, to rent-a-rower, to seemingly never ending water practices. The Crew has been working hard and they had all been looking forward to getting a chance to show it.

For all of the current generation oarsmen, Gonzaga was a school that they had always been close to, but it seemed as if GU was constantly a step ahead. Last year was the closest that any of them had gotten to gaining the upper hand, the varsity eight even beat Gonzaga in one of their fall regattas. Despite the upset, Gonzaga was quick to regain its winning ways and had not been beaten since. Over the course of the summer the guys had been keeping this on their minds, making sure that they got in as many runs and gym sessions as they could while working the summer months away. You

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As Editor, I have kept The Pull Hard free from burden and commitment. My belief is that The Pull Hard is a service to all of the former rowers and coxswains who are more than deserving of its attention. However, when I was informed that a former Commodore wished to address the Crew, I gladly followed the chain of command and enclosed his letter here. I believe that this letter is pertinent to those of you who rowed with Tim, and those of us who have come after him.

From: Tim Richards (a.k.a. "Haole")
Oarsman: 1977 - 1980
Commodore: 1979 - 1980

October 15, 2004

Dear Fellow Crew Members,

During the fall of 2003, some, many, or most of you may have received a mailing from the Cougar Crew. It came in the form of the "Pull Hard". This came as a bit of a surprise to me as I had not heard anything of the crew for many years. Upon occasion I had talked with a few of the old oarsmen and pretty much no one else had heard anything. I am sure I was like many of you and wrote it off.

A second Pull Hard arrived and caught my interest. I figured that something was up but had not heard anything from anyone I knew. I believed that if I were to get any answers, I would go to the source and ask. I started by emailing the Men's Head Coach; a woman named Michelle Arganbright. The response I received from her again peaked my interest. The Cougar Crew of 2003-2004 was trying to figure how they were going to be able to move the program forward. I also received an email from the current Commodore; Danny Brevick. The response from both of them was very upbeat and positive.

Shortly after this, a letter came out from Danny inviting alumni back to Pullman in an effort to reintroduce Class Day, set for Spring 2004. Simply stated, Cougar Crew wanted to get back in touch with its past and roots. It needs the interest and support of the Alumni if it is to succeed. About the same time I received another email from Coach Arganbright. She and Commodore Danny Brevick had gone to see Coach Ken Struckmeyer, our Coach, and get some insight on what had happened in the Crew's history. The three of them had a very insightful meeting and the impression I received from Coach Michelle Arganbright's email was one of "connecting the dots" on what had happened. Michelle reported that Struckmeyer had told her that she and Danny Brevick were the first Coach and Commodore to contact him in 12 years. The Crew now had my attention.

Never being one for not going to the source, in March of 2004, on one Sunday afternoon I called Coach Arganbright. We had a great discussion. A little about her; she came to the Men's crew after rowing for the WSU Women's Crew. She has seen the programs from both sides and I believe now has a good handle on the problems of the past. We talked about the Crew, the oarsmen, and the direction of the Crew. She could not say enough positive about their meeting with Struckmeyer. When I asked her what did the Crew want to do, she replied that first and foremost they wanted to re-establish the contact with their alumni and thus their history. She said that due to the way the university treats them and funding issues (sound familiar?) they were struggling. When someone from the university asked what how they were going to go after the problem, they replied that they were going to reconnect with their alumni. They were told pointedly that it would be like "raising the dead" and nothing would happen. Unwavering, she and Danny had started on a campaign to contact us. I explained that over the years, alumni had not received any communications and did not know the status of the Crew. Some had tried to donate but it was apparent funds were mingled into the Women's Crew and the Men did not get the Funding. This made the donors very unhappy. The rift in the Crew, which had developed in the early 90's, had also damaged relations as the older alumni held Coach Struckmeyer in great regard. Michelle told me she was taken by the fact that Coach Struckmeyer not only remembered the oarsmen under his direction but also **knew** them. He recited back to her not just names but what happened to them after college. My response back to her was that Crew was never just about winning. Winning was important but it was more than that. I told Michelle that I was fairly sure there were alumni out there that would support the Crew if; 1) they knew about the Crew of today, 2) knew the efforts would be directed towards the Men's Crew, 3) knew Struckmeyer was supportive of the efforts. I finished up with thanking her for contacting us and I would see what I could do.

Right after I hung up, I called Danny Brevick and had a conversation with him. At the time he had some freshmen oarsmen over at his place talking about crew. I thanked him for starting Class Day again but said I could not make it this year. I complimented him on his efforts and said I would be there next year.

A few weeks later; after Class Day (March 20), I called Struckmeyer. I wanted to get a sensing from him as to what he felt was going on. Coach Struckmeyer was very positive about the contact he had received. He said the turnout for Class Day was minimal. Tom Anderson was there (his daughter now is a coxswain for WSU Men's Crew). Doug

Engle also made it. He also told me that he was positive about the direction the crew was headed and he was impressed with both Commodore Danny Brevick and Coach Michelle Arganbright.

My take on all of this? It seems that the Crew we knew and worked for is there today. The feeling I received from my discussions was one of true sincerity but not knowing how to connect with us. I then called Mike Pabisz and recounted the story. He was of the mindset as I think many are; whatever happened to the Crew? The communications (Pull Hard, etc) he had received had been discarded because they came out of the blue with no connection.

Last weekend, October 9 & 10 2004, I was in Pullman. I had the opportunity to meet Danny Brevick and discuss Cougar Crew. I saw what I had thought I would; the same attitude towards crew as in my time.

I am writing to all of you to ask a couple of favors. If you are interested in the future of Men's Cougar Crew, let it be known. Email the new Head Coach Arthur Ericsson, Commodore Danny Brevick or myself. I'll pass your email address along to the Crew. Let's start accumulating a list of email addresses. The other thing I would like to do is invite everyone to Class Day 2005 set for March 19. A great time to renew old friends and help Cougar Crew.

Oh' and by the way, Struckmeyer and Crew Mom are doing well. He is still teaching Landscape Architecture and has recently been appointed as one of the university Ombudsman. One other thing, during Class Day 2004, the Men's Cougar Crew dedicated their brand new shell; "Struckmeyer II".

Let's get started. I look forward to hearing from you. "Haole"

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The current oarsmen, coxswains, coaches, and friends of Cougar Crew would like to cordially invite you to

Class Day 2005!!!

Saturday March 19th

We will be holding our traditional Class Day races down on the Snake River and are looking for alumni to race 500-meter sprints as well. Cougar Crew will be hosting a party Saturday evening in honor of our highly distinguished guests (that's you!). The Team Leadership will be conducting a business meeting Friday afternoon and everyone interested in the long-term support of Cougar Crew is invited. We recommend the award winning Holiday Inn Express (509-334-4437) for those who will require lodging. Additional details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Mark your calendars!

Editors Comments, By Peter Brevick, Publisher

Hello Alumni, family and friends of Cougar Crew! As you can probably tell I am very excited about this issue. There has been a lot happening over the summer and it has been a busy fall.

One of the things that happened this summer is the hiring of a new Head Coach. The other officers, the Team and myself have enjoyed working with Coach Ericsson this fall and are quite happy with the results thus far! We are also very pleased to have Coach Bradley continuing as the novice coach. It should be a good year with these two in the launches.

Just a few weeks after school started, one of the reasons that Coach Arganbright retired, was born. Evan Oaks Arganbright joined his sister, Emily, on Friday the 10th of September. Weighing in at 9lb, 4oz and 20 inches long, he is sure to be picking up an oar before too long.

Another great thing that happened this fall is that

we had 17 returning oarsmen and two returning coxswains. It has made for much more competitive and lively practices this fall and the benefits of 2 varsity eights on the water for training is impossible to measure.

I would also like to thank those who have continued to let me know of any errors that we have with addresses. It is a very big list and the only way that know if an address is wrong is if you let us know, so please continue to do so!

One final note: my positive opinion on the hiring of Arthur as our new Head Coach depended on his sharp mind. This sharpness was reasoned from two main points; talking with him, and finding out that he rowed on the port side.

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The Crew's Pocket Book, By Charlie Remington, Treasurer

Fall is for fundraising; a most crucial time of year. The months between August and December help replenish the treasury and set the stage for another successful year of Cougar Crew. Without the means to fund the teams operating expenses, there would be no racing, practices, or improvement from year to year. With that goal of improvement in mind, the team is pursuing some additional alternatives for fundraising this year.

We will have three chances to sell programs at home football games this year, an unexplored and promising avenue for some further operating funds. Also, it is likely that there will be an expanded line of quality items offered in this year's Christmas catalog. And, of course, we will be continuing with what has been successful in

the past. The ergathon, rent-a-rower, and tables and chairs fundraisers will continue to be the most important events scheduled this year as far as moneymaking goes.

Thanks to a large novice class coming on, rent-a-rower work went quickly and is now completed. The Christmas catalog should be distributed soon and the team will very shortly start a million-meter row as part of our ergathon fundraiser. Everything seems pointed towards our racing goals for this season.

The hard work of all the members of cougar crew has made some of my responsibilities as team treasurer much easier. Everyone has contributed to the team's continued financial well-being and I have the pleasure of overseeing it all. It's going to be a great year.

First Annual Alumni

Post Head of the Lake Party

You are invited to come out to cheer the Cougar Crew through Montlake Cut and enjoy a great day's worth of racing. After the race the Crew will be holding an event at the Pocock Rowing Center for all of our supporters. There will be food, drink, a slideshow showcasing the 2003-2004 season and a short speech from both of our coaches. This is a great opportunity to meet with the oarsmen you pulled with as well as the current generation of Cougar Crew. For directions, please refer to the Pocock website at www.pocockrowing.org. Our Men's Varsity Eight will start down the course at 8:20 with our JV8 following three minutes later. Feel free to email me with any questions at dbrevick@juno.com. See you at the races!

Sunday November 14th
12:00-2:00
At the Pocock Center
Seattle, Washington

The Tide Has Turned, By Peter Brevick, Publisher

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could see it in their eyes as they descended upon Pullman for another year of school, training, racing and fun. They were hungry.

When they arrived at the Spokane River you could tell they were ready and willing, to go out and put in a piece that would let people know what they had been up to. Before launching Coach Ericsson brought them the unexpected news that instead of a normal head race start the Gonzaga and WSU varsity eights would start abreast with both schools JV eights following behind. The boats were excited and edgy about going head to head, but both boats were confident that their work would pay off in the race. The novice boats, in consideration of their novice coxswains would be following the normal staggered start

procedure.

Coming off of the water both of the varsity crews were happy with there races. While the water was rough for the Spokane, meaning there was some very slight 4 inch chop, both boats thought that they raced their race and did not let the Gonzaga boats or the weather influence them. The novice were all excited to have finally raced and are eager to resume training for the races yet to come this fall.

The conclusion of the day was a good one and I am proud, honored, and happy to say that I am one of 'them' and 'they'. I am a member of the varsity WSU Men's Rowing Team. The team whose varsity and jayvee eights both finished ahead of their Gonzaga rivals. The team that has won.

A Good Oar & Rudder, By Arthur Ericsson, Head Coach

If you are in touch with Men's Rowing at WSU today, then you surely know Danny Brevick. In his second year as Commodore, Danny is a leader with high standards and a vision that drives the team on and off the water.

Now in his senior year, Danny is majoring in Construction Management and plans on owning his own residential construction company, building high-end custom homes. He was raised in Fall City, Washington and when asked about his family, quickly responds that they are "the greatest thing in the entire universe!" He has the highest regards for his parents. His mother home-schooled all seven of the Brevick children, Danny being the oldest of four boys and three girls. Growing up, the kids were all expected to work on their family's nursery/tree farm, which has 50 varieties of some 4000 trees. "The kids are the man power," putting in hard work most days until it is dark outside. Though he didn't appreciate it so much when he was younger, he can now credit his strong work ethic to this upbringing. Danny proudly claims that he is "almost exactly like" his Dad, and you had better think twice before playing them together in Pictionary.

Danny has a strong athletic background, especially in endurance sports like cycling. He has applied this knowledge of sports training to his rowing. He views the day as a 24 hour practice, making very rower-conscious decisions about diet, recovery, and sleep during his non-rowing time. He's as competitive as they come and a role model of sportsmanship. His athletic abilities are formidable. He is no stranger to the stroke seat, with very steady rhythm, bladework and power.

His biggest inspiration is his teammate Pete Brevick. That's right; his "little" brother is one year behind him in school and is often seated behind him in the line-ups. Not much needs to be said between them, they push each other subconsciously. "We hold each other accountable, and together we can pretty much take on the world." Last winter they set a goal for a 1:35.0 avg. split four weeks before their indoor erg race, and they both were able to meet that goal. "There's no one I trust more. Knowing he's back there motivates me to pull even

harder." They live together, they ride their bikes to school together, they help each other get ready for workouts, and they get along like best friends. A teammate recently noted that, "in more than a year of rowing, this is my first practice that there hasn't been a Brevick at." It was then pointed out that technically that wasn't true, because Danny's sister Karin is now rowing for the women's team as a freshman. So far, 6 out of the 7 Brevick children have taken up the sport.

It's not much of a stretch to say that everyone currently involved with the team is there, at least indirectly, because of Danny. He makes a very strong impression. You can see that he is driven towards excellence, and it makes you want to join him in the pursuit. He plans to stay involved with the team after he graduates to help them gain a stronger financial foundation and to continue to revive the relationship with their alumni. Danny says that the past 33 years of Cougar Crew have been incredible, but that the next 33 years will be even better.

Danny knows the difference between giving a reason and an excuse. He won't confuse one for the other; he always holds himself responsible before anyone else. His passion for being Commodore stems from, as he says, "I love leading people and I'm so proud when the Team does well". He has learned a lot in this leadership role. An important tenet that he tries to employ is that "people are more important than projects." Danny says that he would give his "right arm for the guys on my team, and I know they would do the same." Danny sends a lot of emails, but despite his busy schedule, he almost always takes the time to remind us to enjoy "this wonderfully beautiful day." And he is often heard describing a friend as "the nicest guy you could ever meet." Danny, we feel the same about you.



Danny at the Mom's Day picnic last spring at the shell house.

Results WSU Vs. GU Dual, October 16 th , 2004				
Washington State	MV8	10:40	Gonzaga University	MN8 "A" 11:16
Gonzaga University	MV8	10:52	Washington State	MN8 "A" 12:08
Washington State	MJV8	11:35	Gonzaga University	MN8 "B" 12:30
Gonzaga University	MJV8	11:41	Washington State	MN8 "B" 13:21
Washington State	MV4 "A"	11:55	Washington State	MN8 "C" 13:40
Gonzaga University	MV4 "A"	12:02	Washington State	MJV4 13:23
Gonzaga University	MV4 "B"	12:18	Washington State	MJV4 12:51
Washington State	MV4 "B"	12:39	Note: MV4 "B" was racing in a training shell.	

Alumni, Crew and a Sense of Self; By Jason Lackie, Varsity Oarsman

Last fall, as a novice new to the sport, I was overwhelmed by the bonds almost immediately formed between fellow fledgling rowers and myself. With every passing practice I felt more and more a sense of support from my teammates, even from those I barely knew. A glance between gasps or a shoulder pat after a piece was all that was needed for us to assure each other that we were all in the same boat. Over the course of the fall season's races my sense of community grew to the point that I worked and pushed myself solely for my boat mates. They became my motivation and my counsel, my reason for rowing. This support, however, was short-lived.

*"Class Day opened my eyes to the tradition that had been lurking for an entire year."
--Jason Lackie*

To quote a rower whose identity I've forgotten, "winter training is a necessary purge, a separation of those who want to give their all from those who have given all they want." As the days shortened and the air became frigid, our numbers instantly began to dwindle; one by one the people I had come to rely on for inspiration left the team. Who could blame them? What was

left for us to train for? We weren't on the water, and spring season was nothing more than a myth; a collection of stories from the overheard eavesdropping of varsity rowers. As the winter drug on I began to search for some meaning, some sense of tradition to validate what I was doing. My search would come to an end on one weekend in the early spring.

Class day really didn't mean much to me when I woke up that morning but it meant everything to me as a member of Washington State Men's Rowing by the time I went to sleep. The day started out boring enough, a gathering of alumni talking amongst themselves about their lives since they parted ways. However that night when we gathered for their banquet I sat in awe at what was shown to me. As their stories unfolded I began to see crew not as my own personal journey, or as the trials of a select group of rowers but as the combined wills of every WSU rower past who overcame their own obstacles and achieved their own glories. I finally realized that I had been wrong the whole time. Crew wasn't ever about me and my connections; it was a continuing legacy that I was privileged to be a part of. By earning the title of WSU rower I inherited a debt to all those who came before me, a debt that only a will to succeed would repay.

Novice Spotlight; Tak Niino, By Ginny Bradley, Novice Coach

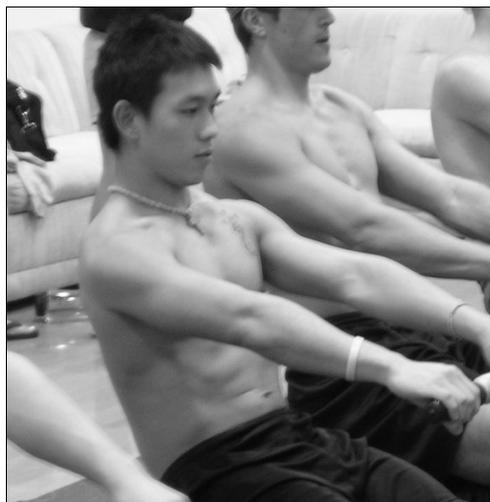
All good things must come to an end, and therefore, I had to graduate my Novice class of '03-'04 to Varsity status last May. However, with every new fall comes a fresh batch of Novices, and this year's batch is exceptionally fun and talented. With 34 members right now, it is a large group that is easy to get lost in. So, let me take the time to introduce you to one of them: Tak Niino.

Tak is one of the few freshmen that hail from OUT of state. Tak was raised in the far away town of College Station, Texas. When I asked him why he came to Washington State from halfway across the country, he cited the quality Animal Science program here at the university. Tak hopes to become a vet for a small animal clinic. I asked him about his impression of Eastern Washington, compared to his home in Texas. He said, "There's a lot more hills." He doesn't seem too worried about the frigid winters here, but does admit that he hasn't seen snow very often in Texas!

The desire to try a new sport is a motivation for many Novices to join the rowing team here at WSU, and Tak is no exception. He played both rugby and soccer in high school, which are two physically demanding team sports. But having seen rowing on TV, Tak was impressed by the intensity that rowers and coxswains possess. After his first two months of rowing, he feels that rowing puts more of the "team" in team sport, and re-

quires a much higher level of focus than the other sports

he has played in the past. While his current class schedule doesn't allow him to go to the river every day for practice, rowing on the water is definitely his favorite part about crew. He is looking forward to races this fall and new challenges for the Novice team in the coming weeks.



Tak doing form work on the erg with the other novice.

Tak impresses me with his hard work ethic, his commitment to showing up every single day and his good sense of humor. With his small stature, he is certainly not the tallest guy on the team, but he is strong and puts in more effort than most. Tak said if there's one piece of advice he could give to other people, it's that "size doesn't matter," and he is proving that to the team every day.

A New Face At the Helm, By Danny Brevick, Commodore

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swains and presenting us with feats that challenge us both physically and mentally from the first day of practice. His experiences as a highly competitive lightweight rower allow him to present a unique approach to workouts and drills. He is not afraid to join us on our runs (I am going to go out on a limb and say he is probably the first Head Coach to run the grade twice in the same day), and enjoys competing with us on the erg as well. His skill as a novice coach are valuable to a club program such as ours where few of the athletes have any previous rowing experience, but he is able to compliment that with his high degree of technical sophistication. His decidedly energetic personality and no nonsense demeanor builds on the strong tradition of WSU coaches and continues to develop this team to its highest potential. I could drone on for pages about Arthur, but I thought the best way for you to get an accurate picture of who our new Head Coach is was to ask him a few questions and let him respond in his own words.

What programs have you been involved with in the past?

I started to row shortly after I graduated from college on the Willamette River in Portland, Oregon. I saw a "Learn to Row" poster and I knew right then that this is what I should have been doing all along. Eleven years later, there has not been one day in which the sport has failed to live up to my hopes and satisfaction. Before long I moved to Sacramento, California where I began rowing with River City Rowing Club, and also became the owner/operator of a full-service vegetarian restaurant. RCRC rows in the Port of Sacramento (also home of UC Davis). I rowed with the Men's Masters and began sculling. The demanding restaurant career simultaneously inhibited my ability to row, and fueled a passion to come back to the sport as a collegiate coach. After I sold the restaurant, I began coaching at California Maritime Academy. I was their Head Coach (and only coach) for their men and women, novice and varsity. We fielded the first women's 8 in the history of the school and were able to defeat every team in our conference at one time or another during my three years there. Meanwhile at RCRC, I coached the largest and fastest Novice Masters program in the country for seven years, with teams as large as 65 rowers at a time. Last year I raced in the Men's 8+ which took 6th place at the Head of the Charles and have had numerous top results in men's sweep and as a lightweight sculler.

Why do you want to coach at Washington State?

I am here because I want to coach a program that has the ability to compete with the best. I know that there is a rich history for men's rowing here at WSU and I can see the pride the team has in this legacy. It has a great impact on the energy and efforts of the men and women now involved. They have the maturity and work ethic to really work together as a team and achieve their fullest potential. That is what inspires me the most. We have just been accepted into the WIRA (Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association) so that we can face off against virtually every team in the Western U.S. With the exception of the few varsity programs, there is not one team that I feel should be faster than WSU. WSU Men's Rowing is a "Sleeping Giant" and I am here to start waking it up.

Describe your coaching style.

So much in becoming a first-rate crew relies on their ability to maximize their endurance for mental focus. Each practice we try to train with the mindset that will be needed come race day. I believe there's never time for a careless stroke. I try to offer mental challenges as part of every practice so that the team will know that they can overcome just about anything.

Where there is room for improvement, I will be direct with the rowers and try to explain what we are trying to achieve and offer some specific drill work to address it. I believe that the crew is here to train to be their best, and that through their hard work, they will inevitably have fun and grow to respect each other and become friends. I'm not afraid to mix it up with the rowers on the ergs and runs. I do want to keep training and rowing (and learning) because I think that it will always make me a better coach.

If one of your rowers was asked what they had learned from you, what would you want their answer to be?

The most important thing I would want them to gain is an appreciation for the power of their team and how each committed member was equally important to its success. The challenges and expectations of a team are often greater, but when one member gives that extra effort for the sake of the team, the rest of the team will back them up, and everything rises to its highest level. The rewards will always surpass the struggles, and the depth of this experience will be something each member will have within them for a lifetime. You couldn't conceive of a better team sport if you tried.

Arthur is proving himself to be a very capable successor to the strong line of talented coaches here at Washington State Men's Rowing. I am looking forward to being even faster this year as we continue to develop individually and as a team.

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*Check out our web site at:
<http://cub.wsu.edu/wsumensrow>*

New faces, New blisters, New glory; By Nick Eaton, Varsity Oarsman

A week into the school year, the varsity men carried out their ritual recruiting efforts. Setting the new, sleek four in front of the Student Recreation Center, intriguing passers-by, the varsity team handed out flyers, taunted passing prospects, and sought out athletic men (and small women) interested in rowing. Each year, the efforts of the oarsmen prove effective, usually recruiting more athletes than the previous year. This fall was no exception.

Over seventy prospective rowers showed up to the informational meetings. There, they were introduced to the fine sport of rowing by our second-year novice coach, Ginny Bradley, our new head coach, Arthur Ericsson, and several team officers. After whittling down to the still-interested ones, the novices took their first trip in the team vans on that thirty minute journey down to the beautiful Snake River.

Now, the novice team has strengthened to a strapping, competitive, and committed thirty-eight athletes, including four coxswains. Immediately taking to the brilliance of rowing and the wisdom of the ergometer, the



Novice eight at work on the Snake River.

WSU Men's Crew novices are proving to be very promising. Showing great potential on the water and on the ergs, the novice team is sure to turn some heads this fall and on into the spring.

Coached by their fearless leader, Ginny Bradley, the WSU Men's novices are in a unique position; they spell the future success of the team. As they improve, they will start pushing the varsity oarsmen to maintain their superiority. Their accomplishments will push the team upward, setting a precedent for the team that can only be surpassed by those who work even harder. As the team grows, it becomes more competitive. As we become more competitive, we start winning races. And when we start winning, we will bring the Cougars back into the spotlight as a competitive, successful, and predominant club team.

Coach Arthur Ericsson has been successful in getting Men's Crew inducted into the WIRA (Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association) Conference, where we will be able to compete in a championship regatta against such competitive teams as UC Davis and Gonzaga. This year is the beginning of a new era in WSU Men's Crew. The novices hold the future of the team in their blistered hands; and that responsibility couldn't be safer anywhere else.