

THE PULL HARD

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Class Day should be big event

PULLMAN — Mark your calendar now for a big event.

March 17 will be Class Day for the Cougar Crew. In addition to the usual reminiscing and alumni aches, the day will mark the tenth year Ken Struckmeyer has coached at WSU.

The weekend will feature many of the traditional activities including racing action on the Snake, a Cougar Rowing Association meeting and the banquet, which this year will be held at the Best Western in Moscow. A live band will be available, so bring your dancing shoes.

To highlight the occasion in proper style, the annual Class Day banquet will be dedicated to "Roasting and Toasting" Coach Struck.

Ken has been forewarned of the pending festivities and has more than three months to prepare himself for an evening of compliments and anecdotes so fondly offered by friends and alumni.

Volunteers with classic Ken Struckmeyer stories are needed to participate in the roast. Anyone interested should contact Rich Ray at NW 1560 Turner Drive, Pullman or call 332-6968.

A bulletin board of favorite Ken Struckmeyer photos will also be exhibited for the evening. Anyone with favorite photographs of Ken they would like to share are encouraged to sent them to the same address. The more participation we get, the more fun we'll all have.

PULLMAN — Financial Advisor Ken Abbey reports that the crew has received final approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to build the new shellhouse.

The shellhouse will be located at Wawawai landing, one half mile upstream from Wawawai Park.

Construction drawings and specifications for the building are complete and awaiting approval from Whitman County officials and an environmental checklist for the project has been prepared.

Abbey said that should everything fall into place, the project will go to bid in January.

A floathouse concept for storage of the coaching launches from a design by a Spokane dock manufacturer is also in the works and will require Corps of Engineers approval.

Abbey is hopeful construction will be completed in time for an April or May dedication date.

Regionals slated for Liberty Lake

SPOKANE — For the first time in its thirteen year history, the Pacific Northwest Regional Rowing Championships will be held in eastern Washington.

The largest rowing regatta in the state will be held at beautiful Liberty Lake, hosted by the Cougar Rowing Association on May 12 and 13.

The race on the fully buyoed, six-lane, 2000 meter course will be sanctioned by the USRA.

The decision to move the site for the 1984 championships to Liberty Lake in Spokane was finalized by unanimous vote of the organizations participating in the fall Regional Rowing Board meeting of the USRA and NWRA on Oct. 9.

Following a short presentation of the formal bid to host the regatta, representatives from the Liberty Lake regatta steering committee fielded questions from the representatives of local crews and outlined their request for a \$1,000 loan from the regional treasury in order to cover start-up costs for this year's championships. The loan was also approved unanimously, following the vigorous endorsement of LWRC's Roger Payne.

Aiming at a budget of around \$5,000 for this year's regatta, members of the steering committee have commenced a large scale fund raising drive aimed at netting at least two thirds of that

amount by April, 1984. The remainder is anticipated to be raised by concession sales at the race itself.

The steering committee this year includes Bob Appleyard, officials; Doug Engle, Gene Dowers and Rich Ray, directors.

Expenses will include the cost of upgrading the equipment used to lay out and take up the racecourse lines, buoys and anchors, and a communications system which will be capable of handling race commentary and scheduling as well as official communiques.

On Nov. 17, Dowers and Ray made a brief presentation of the current status and plans for the regatta to interested members of the Liberty Lake community. Those in attendance responded warmly to the news that they would be hosts to the largest rowing regatta in the state.

Bob Wills, president of the Liberty Lake Property Owners Association, and chief organizer of efforts in the community last year, has already begun seeking billeting for athletes in the homes of community volunteers.

Volunteers contributing time, money or other resources to the regatta are needed. If anyone is interested, contact the steering committee at NW 1560 Turner Drive, Pullman, WA, 99163 or call 332-6968.

LIBERTY LAKE '84



NORTHWEST REGIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WSU 4th in Seattle

SEATTLE — The Washington State University crew placed fourth out of 16 crews in November at the annual Green Lake Fall Regatta.

The Nov. 12 race was the lone competition of the fall season as the Head of the Lake regatta scheduled for the following day was blown off a white cap filled Lake Washington.

Highlighting racing results for the Cougs was the first place finish by the men's lightweight four in a field of 11 boats. The WSU crew completed the 1,000 meter race course with a time of 3:55.8.

In other men's racing action, the open novice eight finished seventh in a field of 12, behind two UVic and three UBC crews.

The men's light eight was third behind WWU and LWRC, with a

time of 3:31 while the men's open four placed third behind UBC and UVic.

The men's open eight placed eighth, the men's novice four took fifth and the intermediate eight was fourth.

A close race in the women's novice eight race highlighted racing action for the women as WSU placed third in a time of 4:16, behind the University of Oregon crew who won it with a time of 4:13.

The women's intermediate four was third, the open four second in a time of 4:13.4. The women's intermediate eight placed second behind Green Lake crew in a time of 4:19.4 while the open novice four scored sixth.

The women's open eight captured third behind Western and Green Lake.

Coug Crew numbers up for fall

PULLMAN — Coach Rich "Flip" Ray reports numbers are up somewhat this year on the women's team as three full eights occasionally ply the Snake River waters while the men's crew will see hot competition for the lightweight eight.

Freshmen make up nearly half of the women's crew, which should translate into tough competition for seats in the frosh eight.

Of the returning athletes, Ray is looking for outstanding performances from the sophomore class. Lisa Stivers (co-commadore this year along with Tracy Coates) and Brenda Frederick, last year's bow pair in the varsity eight will be attempting to achieve the elusive status of lightweights. Should they do so, a light four, inspired by senior Natalie Nelson and junior Colleen Towery, both veterans of the outstanding light eights of '80 and '81, could prove one of our toughest combinations.

Among the open ranks, seniors Sara Bolson and Tammy Boggs, stroke pair from last season's eight, retain positions of leadership. Teammates Sue Van Leuven (senior) and Mary Jane Sheenstra (senior transfer from SPU) are both second-year athletes and top contenders for the open eight. An open four composed of these women should be extremely competitive.

Seniors Cheryl King and Anna Stowe and sophomores Terri Jacobson (club treasurer) and Tracy Coates, all returning from the last spring's novice eight, are consistent performers who will be filling seats in the varsity eights this year.

Coates will fill the coxwain's seat, a position to which she is a recent, and very promising convert. Of last year's coxwains, senior Brook Thomson will be transferring from nursing school in the spring, but Kim Heggeness, club entrepreneur par excellence, will be with the crew in the spring.

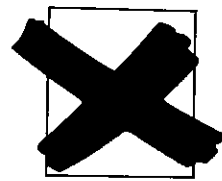
Ray reports all are looking forward to racing in '84.

Among the men, varsity prospects have been slim for a number of years, though this season will see 12 lightweights, eight of them experienced, battling for seats in what is consistently the club's winningest boat.

Brian Dugan, will be leading the pack after two summers at Vesper Boat Club and the highest ergometer score on the team (heavies included) to his credit.

In the heavyweight ranks, seven members of last season's outstanding frosh eight have returned. Three of them, Mike McQuaid, Joe Eastwood and Pete Ramels, spent a summer racing

March 17
Class Day, Pullman



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Cougar Rowing Association
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Please write!

We are interested in keeping in touch with Cougar Crew alumni, but the only way to keep our address list current is for you to help us out by letting us know the latest.

Please, clip out the "coupon" below and send us your address and telephone number, along with any suggestions, ideas or contributions to the Cougar Rowing Association effort.

Send those to Kari Ranten, 121 North Ball, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., 98284 or call (206) 856-4976. Kari would also be interested in any comments or ideas for future editions of the "Pull Hard" which she and Kathy Randall will be putting together on a quarterly basis.

Please call or write — would love to hear from you.

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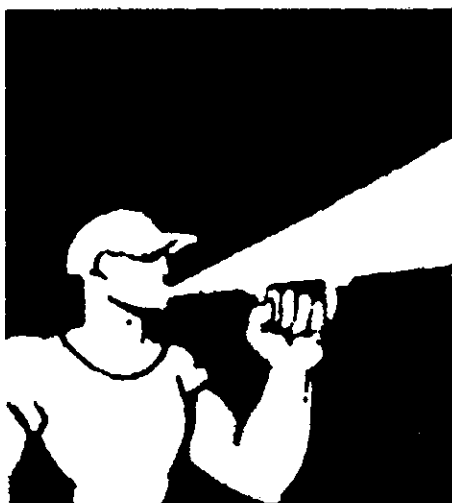
in Philadelphia for Vesper.

None of the seven are shoo-ins, however, as Commodore Paul Hensel leads a knot of returning heavies determined to retain their positions.

Competition for seats in the light and heavy eights should produce something the crew hasn't seen for some time: a spirited and quick JV boat.

Among the frosh recruits, the loss of continuity due to the departure of coach John Holman will be felt. Coaching duties have been shared this year by Kash Van Kleef and Bob Appleyard, who have had the misfortune of watching two eights of recruits dwindle to a consistent four and an occasional eight. Barring an unforeseen improvement in attendance, our frosh class will have rough waters ahead.

Despite the usual difficulties attending it, fall turnout, aided by an unparalleled stretch of fine weather, holds great hopes for the '84 racing season.



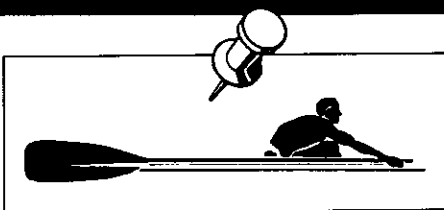
Attention Class of '74!

We're still waiting to hear from some members of the class of 1974 — we know you're out there!!

In hopes of publishing a special Class Day edition honoring the graduates in the class of '74, we would like to hear from those who rowed to learn where you've been since leaving Pullman and what you're doing now.

If anyone who rowed in 1974 would like to offer their photographs, newspaper clippings or fond memories of their crew days, please send them to Kari Ranten, 121 N. Ball, Sedro-Woolley, Wash. 98284.

Deadline for the next edition of the Pull Hard will be February 15. Thanks!!



New AD seeks alumni opinions

PULLMAN — With the change in command in the Athletic Department, discussion is now going on with Athletic Director Dick Young regarding the possibility of the Cougar Crew becoming part of the department.

Before any decision are made on the subject, however, alumni opinions are being sought.

Ken Struckmeyer, Ken Abbey and Rich Ray met with Young in November to discuss provide the new Athletic Director with an overview of the Cougar Crew program.

Abbey called the discussion a "very, very positive" meeting and said Young responded well to many of the crew representative's concerns and ideas.

The next step will involve a brief budget proposal from the crews which will be presented early next year.

At this time, there is some consideration for both the men's

and women's programs to be accepted into the department, Abbey said.

Before that will happen, Young would like to hear from Cougar Crew alumni on their opinion of the idea.

Alums are encouraged to write to Young to offer their reactions, pro or con, to any plan for entering the athletic department.

Send your comments to Dick Young, Bohler Gym 102, Pullman, Wash., 99163-1610.

A new project

SEATTLE — Next month will bring announcement of the annual Cougar Rowing Association membership fund raising drive.

The yearly effort to raise money to support the crew at Washington State University will ask for participation from every alum through contributions.

1983 proved to be one of the most successful fund raising years on record for the Cougar Rowing Association. More than \$1,200 was raised in the request for funds by the CRA.

The 1983 fireworks stand also proved a success, with a net income of \$2,695.64.

The money was allocated between the men's and women's crews and the alumni association, according to level of participation.

The distribution of cash resulted in \$1,455 toward new ergometers and more than \$1,200 to the alumni association.

