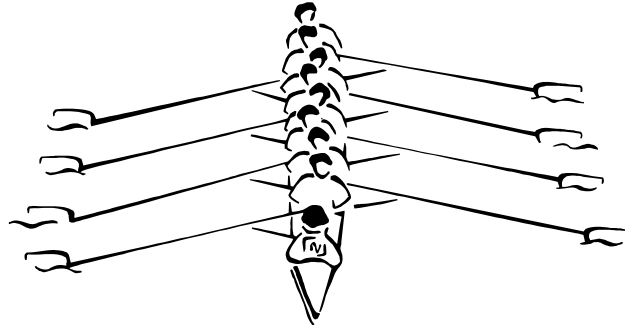


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Washington State University Men's Crew Newsletter

## Crew Classic 2004, By Nick Eaton, Varsity oarsman

The Cougars returned to San Diego, California, this spring to compete in the 31<sup>st</sup> annual San Diego Crew Classic. Dozens of colleges and clubs from around the country travel every year to the Crew Classic where they race down the 2,000 meter course from Sea World to Crown Point Shores Park on Mission Bay. In years past, with airfare, hotel, and rental car expenses, competing in the Crew Classic can be quite a burden on the athlete's pocket books. This year the WSU men's crew team athletes did not pay a dime, thanks to the generous donation from Mr. John Oliver, a Washington State College alumnus and creator of the soon-to-be-famous word game so affectionately named "Cougars." (The athletes had quite a fun



The team with John Oliver after the race at the WSU alumni tent.

time playing this game on the trip down to San Diego.) Thanks to Mr. Oliver's benevolent help, the rowers were able to commit 100 percent of their focus to racing.

Representing the Washington State

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### Special points of interest:

- Cougar boats have highest Pac-10 finishes in over seven years
- The Team has a new racing eight! Read about it in the Class Day article

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## Pac-10's; A Wonderful Journey, By Peter Brevick, Publisher

### Day one; The Beginning, Wed May 12<sup>th</sup>

After having practice in the morning we depart for The Dalles, home of oarsman Charlie Remington, where we will stay the night. It is a good trip, and all three vans arrive at 7:30. Charlie's parents, Rich and Brook, have cooked us a wonderful dinner. All of us were quite satisfied with the meal, but we were somehow able to make some extra room for the home cooked pies and cakes for desert.

### Day Two; The Arrival, Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Brook has once again prepared us a delightful meal for breakfast, and we

head for Sacramento. It is good traveling weather, sunny and not too hot. Somewhere in the middle of Oregon Myles Matsen and Mark Knue, two fellow passengers in my van, decided that it would be fun to play rock-paper-scissors for an hour straight. It ended up 300 to 243 in favor of Mark, it was some intense competition let me assure you. After many other entertaining diversions, we arrive at our hotel just before 8pm. After ravaging an all you can eat buffet for dinner we hit the sack to get some rest before the pre-race practices that await tomorrow.

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## Editors Comments, By Peter Brevick, Editor

Hello Cougar Crew supporters! I hope that this spring edition finds you all doing well and looking forward to a good summer. For us here in Pullman the spring has been a good one, by all accounts too, which I think is just as important as it being good. That is, it was a good spring for ALL members of the team.

I would like to extend my personal thanks first of all to all of the crew supporters. This year we have been able to almost instantly bring our top level of equipment on par with that of other top crews. We could not have done it without your help. I would also like to again thank all of those that made it out to Class Day. I think that all who made it had a good time, and it was great for myself and other current oarsmen to get a glimpse of the great depth and tradition that exists here with WSU crew.

As many of you know, when the team attends regattas on the west side of the state we stay at the houses of rowers parents. They put up with up to thirty large oarsmen for the evening and provide enough food to feed a normal person for about a year. Perhaps most remarkable is that they're always happy to do so, thank you very much! I would also like to thank Zach Tyerman's parents, Mark and Colleen, who brought a tent and food to all of our races in the Seattle area. It was a good meeting place for Cougar supporters and was very nice to have! Last, but not least, I would like to thank all who made it out to our many races this spring. I can't recall a race where there weren't some Cougars cheering us down the course. At every race this spring there was at least a few row-

ing alum giving their support to the team. Thanks, we do appreciate it.

As you may have read already, we were able to field Novice, JV and Varsity eights at this years Pac-10 championships. This is thought of as a milestone of sorts, the rejuvenation of the team. Not mentioned in the main article, but definitely appreciated, was Ken Struckmeyer's sending off of the team from Pullman. As we were boarding the vans the big guy appeared and proceeded to shake to our hands and wish us well in our duties down in California. I think that I speak for the team in saying that I found it to be an inspirational and rewarding experience. Now we not only had the motivation of trying to make some results out of countless hours of practice, but of also giving a respectable showing for all the former Cougar rowers. I hope that we've done well.

Thank you to all of you who have sent me updates on your addresses. The mailing list is now nearly 2,000 names and keeping it up to date is a bit of a task. So if we have the wrong address please get a hold of me via any of the contacts listed so that I can fix it and get all of the Cougar Crew publications to you promptly. If any of you have any stories or announcements you would like to share please let me know. I would be happy to print them. Till next time,  
Peter

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## The End of an Era: Coach Arganbright Retires, By Danny Brevick, Commodore

All of you know that it takes a special breed to coach down on the Snake River. Anyone can chase you around in a launch, but to truly coach, you must possess many gifts that elevate you beyond your peers. These traits will help you to work closely with your athletes, and lead them to succeed. You must lead by example. You must win their respect. You must cultivate the athletes' willingness to work into the refined machine that is Cougar Crew. You must do all this while dealing with the everyday stress and strain that life throws at you. Throughout the past two years, Head Coach Michelle Arganbright has done all these things, and she has done them well. She has enabled us to become competent oarsmen and coxswains, but also empowered us with many skills that will play a major role in our life for years to come. She has served as a great source of motivation, and continues to bring the best out in all of us. Due to external circumstances, Coach Arganbright has decided to move on. Michelle, you will be missed.

Of course this leaves a large hole in our staff, and one that we need to fill. Many of you would agree if I said that the Head Coach was the most important part of this Program. The Team Leadership has enlisted the help

of past oarsmen, coxswains and coaches to establish a Coach Selection Committee to help fill this position with the best possible candidate. This committee contains five people. Our Advisor, Ken Struckmeyer, Our Current Head Coach, Michelle Arganbright, Alumni Representative, Andi Tiedeman, Alumni Representative, Jess O'Dell, and Commodore, Danny Brevick. We will be accepting and reviewing applications through early June and plan to have a coach hired by the first of July. I know that there are many former Cougar Oarsmen who are now involved in the coaching world. This is a testament to the quality of the Cougar Crew program. We would love to get someone who used to pull an oar for Cougar Crew back involved as our Head Coach. If you are interested in the position or know of someone who is, please check out our website and click on the "Coach Selection" link on our homepage. This will lead you to more information including a job description and job requirements.

I would like to take a brief moment and thank the members of our Coach Selection Committee. Their wise words of wisdom and willingness to steer me in the right direction are an invaluable aid. Thanks guys!

## Spring Racing Report, By Chris Kanyer, Vice Commodore

**March 13** UO, OSU, and WSU Dexter Lake - Lowell, OR

Spring racing season started off with a bang with great showings from all crews. The Varsity 8 boat placed second out of four boats, only falling short to the high ranking OSU Novice boat. The Novice 8 also showed promise for the future with their respectable showing against OSU's Novice B boat. But the most turbulent race of the day, due to weather conditions, was the best of the day. The Varsity four claimed victory over both Oregon's varsity four and our own Novice four. Overall we began the season with high spirits and anticipation for our upcoming regattas.

**March 27** Daffodil Regatta- WSU, WWU, UPS American Lake - Tacoma, WA

Both the Varsity and Second Varsity 8s placed second only to strong UPS crews, which placed high in the WIRA Championships this year (May 1). The Novice 8 stole the spotlight this weekend by finishing first overall. They enjoyed their first Spring victory and it got them hungry for the races to come.

**April 3** Husky Invitational Mont Lake Cut - Seattle, WA

While the Varsity and Novice 8s were away at San Diego, a Varsity four traveled to Seattle accompanied by assistant coach Carl Cronk. The crews were treated to a race in some beautiful weather, a rare find here. They borrowed a boat from the Sammamish Rowing Club, but it provided little help in their race. They raced well and enjoyed the regatta, but did not place well compared to some stiff competition.

**April 10** WSU vs. UW Mont Lake Cut - Seattle, WA

With the cheering of many Cougar supporters and family, all crews put forth the best fight they could muster up this weekend. All crews raised the bar for focus and intensity, but it wasn't enough to overtake the tradition of fast UW crews. The Novice 8 again showed their strength by staying overlapped with the Washington C boat. The race experience will definitely come in handy when we meet these crews again at the Pac-10 Rowing Championships.



The N8 vs. UC-Davis race finish, at Silver Lake, WSU is in the foreground.

**April 17** WSU vs. UCD Silver Lake - Spokane, WA

The Novice 8 came up all smiles after nearly defeating one of the top West Coast crews. They finished just 1.2 seconds or about 2 seats down on UC Davis. The Varsity 8 had a solid race that might have been satisfactory, but it left an emptiness that all agreed could be filled with a better performance. All crews were making progress in the right direction.



The JV8 heading off the docks at the WSU-GU dual at Wawawai Landing

**April 24** WSU vs. Gonzaga Snake River - Pullman, WA

A tail wind and some fast times were part of our only home regatta of the year. The Varsity 8 fell to Gonzaga's boat, but showed that they were now determined to make their mark and not give up the fight. The Second Varsity showed an outstanding effort by gaining back about a boat length in the last 500m of their race. Yet they too fell short of victory. The Novice 8 did not win, but made Gonzaga nervous for their future races with our Novice men's strong effort.

**May 1** Opening Day Regatta Mont Lake Cut - Seattle, WA

Huge crowds and another warm day met crews in Seattle this weekend. All WSU crews put out great efforts, but didn't stack up to some top West Coast crews. The Varsity 8 was honored by being invited into the Erickson Cascade Cup with UW's Second Varsity and OSU's Varsity 8. For the main event of the day the Italian National Team was beaten by UW's Varsity 8. Thanks to all of the alum that came and watched us race.



The varsity eight on the Cut at Opening day in Seattle.

## Class Day Returns!, By Michelle Arganbright, Head Coach

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 marked the revival of an old tradition: Class Day. A time for WSU Crew alums and current athletes to meet, reminisce, and reconnect. Several years ago it had been decided that at the end of Spring Break (traditionally reserved for Class Day) the WSU men and women would instead participate in dual regatta with Gonzaga University. This year the WSU men decided to do something different and return to the tradition of Class Day and intend to continue the event annually.

A small gathering of rowing alums arrived at the boathouse that afternoon. Those in attendance were Ken Struckmeyer, Doug Engle, Ernie Iseminger, Tom Anderson, Jeff Corwin, Joel Jones, Shawn Bagnall, Kevin Harris, Carl Cronk, and Joey Tennison, as well as the current coaches and athletes. The day began with the ceremonial naming of the newly purchased Pocock Hypercarbon Men's Eight. The team had decided to name the boat after Ken Struckmeyer, and at his suggestion the boat was officially named the "Struckmeyer II," a name he said was not only inclusive of he and his wife Marj's union, but a name that is also meaningful and symbolic to him in "many other personal ways," he said. Welcome back, Struck!

The next event was the spectacle of inter-squad racing, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> year eight was victorious over the novice eight and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year pair prevailed over the 4<sup>th</sup> years. This was followed by a 500m sprint of alums vs. the victorious 2<sup>nd</sup> WSU rowers. (Of course, we sent the alums out to row in the Struckmeyer II.) Ken and Doug watched from shore, Ernie rode in the launch, and the rest of the alums and one WSU rower went out against a mixed eight of WSU rowers. Julia Anderson coxed the alumni eight and was quite pleased at the opportunity to yell at her father, Tom Anderson, to get his catch in

quicker. While the alumni eight started out fast and strong, about 200m into the piece the stern pair (Cronk and Tennison, who both graduated last year) began to hear cries from the



The alum, and Ken, With the *Struckmeyer II*

"crew forefathers" in the bow to "Settle! Settle!" The alum eight kept fighting, though the WSU mixed eight pulled through and prevailed by two lengths.

That evening, the athletes, alums, and coaches gathered for an hors d'oeuvres reception at the Holiday Inn Express. Former WSU coaches Struckmeyer, Iseminger, and Bagnall each stood and spoke about what WSU Men's Crew meant to them and shared fond memories. Novice Coach Ginny Bradley and Head Coach Michelle Arganbright gave closing speeches addressing their experiences with WSU Men's Crew, coaching philosophy, and the vision for the future.

Afterwards, several alums commented that they were glad to see the revival of Class Day and hope to see it grow into what it once was. Likewise, several WSU athletes commented they now felt more "connected to a tradition" and "enjoyed hearing the past coaches speak about WSU crew."

You, too, can help us make Class Day a big event! Mark your calendars for next year's Class Day regatta and banquet to take place on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## Crew Classic 2004, By Nick Eaton, Varsity oarsman (continued)

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men's team at the Crew Classic were the novice and varsity eights. Going into the competition, the varsity eight was seeded fourth in the Cal Cup, up against schools such as Gonzaga University and USC. Taking a second-lane draw in the third heat, the WSU men's varsity eight placed fourth, only two seconds behind first place. This secured the varsity eight's spot in Sunday's petite final. On Sunday, racing in typical San Diego conditions – teasingly sunny skies with a respectable crosswind chop – the varsity eight came in sixth in the petite final, a disappointing 10 seconds behind Gonzaga, the first place finishers.

In their Saturday heat, the novice eight jumped off the start even with the Oregon State novice crew, but

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The novice eight in their heat on Saturday on Mission Bay. Cox; Leigh Oliver, Stroke; Mark Knue, 7; Miles Matsen, 6; Ken LaBelle, 5; Jason Lackie, 4; Dave Buchanan, 3; Pat Pursely, 2; Nick Farley, Bow; Chris Seaman

## Novice Spotlight: The Novice Eight, By Ginny Bradley, Novice Coach

Novices are unique in the sport of collegiate rowing. They come from all walks of life and athletic backgrounds. None of them have any sort of background in rowing, and so they learn the sport from the ground up. They learn the elements of the stroke and how to work as a team. Amazingly, they come together and learn to row and amidst all the diversity, they create a unified crew with a common goal – to win.

This year's men's novice eight showed an incredible amount of variety in interests. Miles Matsen, for example, started off as a football player for the Cougars. He became a bit disenchanted with the lack of team camaraderie however, and decided to try rowing, "the ultimate team sport" instead. He thought rowers, who had no money or publicity were more "hardcore." He has brought his football intensity to the boat this year. Mark Knue also has a background in football, although his pas-



The novice eight posing for the camera after their final at Pac-10's

sion (aside from rowing) is in golf. He even spends his summers working on a golf course. Mark has brought patience and the careful technical expertise of golfing to his rowing. The Novice eight has swimmers (Nick Farley) and former track athletes (Tim Frantz, Dave Buchanan). We even have outdoorsmen: Ken LaBelle's sporting love is hunting and fishing. He can hardly wait to hit the river and fish this summer. Not only is the eight diverse in sports backgrounds, but also in interests. Jason Lackie and Dave are aspiring architects, Miles hopes to be a dentist and Chris Seaman is a mechanical engineering major. Leigh Oliver, the little girl with the big voice, is in the Air Force ROTC and will be attending boot camp in sunny Florida this summer. She hopes to learn better discipline and a more commanding presence to bring to the boat next year. Several of the athletes will travel abroad to gain more world experience. Tim Frantz plans to spend his summer working in Slovakia. Some will stay closer to home, Nick Farley, from Seattle, plans on working at a marina on Orcas island for the summer and hopes to further his rowing experience by sculling at a local club. They are from different places, they have different backgrounds and they all love different pastimes, but when they all sit in that shell together, they move and struggle together as one being. Jason says that he feels he is a different person than he was at the beginning of the year. Rowing has changed his life. Miles says that the guys are "like brothers," and will be "friends for life." Their unity has taken them far this year, with successful races at the Daffodil Cup, the San Diego Crew Classic and the Pac-10 Championships. Novices on the team have immense variety, but they come together in an incredible fashion to be more than athletes. They become a Crew.

## Crew Classic 2004, By Nick Eaton, Varsity oarsman (continued)

slowly fell behind, ultimately finishing third behind OSU and UC Davis. This secured *their* spot in Sunday's petite final. Their performance in the heat had everyone eager to see how their final would turn out. On Sunday, the excitement rose as the watching southern California crowd witnessed a very close race among third through sixth places as UC Irvine, UC Davis B, Santa Clara, and the Cougs battled it out for third place. In the end, the margin between third and sixth place was a mere .76 seconds. Unfortunately, the WSU novice boat was the unlucky crew, coming in sixth by just a hair.

Although the Cougar men's results could have been more pleasing, all the rowers looked at the regatta in a positive light; as experience needed to improve for the Pac-10 Championships in May. The Crew Classic gave

the athletes, novice and varsity alike, a chance to compete at a level that helped build and develop the team into a stronger crew.

And above all, it was fun. Competitions on such a scale as the Crew Classic bring about a sense of camaraderie and solidarity, qualities that are crucial to the success and future of WSU men's crew. A teambuilding event such as the Crew Classic serves not only as a chance to race other schools, it does just *that*: it builds the team.

*"This year's Men's Crew has gotten fast, VERY fast!"*  
--Ben Fields

## Fish Stories, By David Perkins, Varsity oarsman

Over the course of a season rowers and coxswains go through series of trials and tribulations that in the end make them a better person and can bring laughs and smiles for years to come. Having shared stories with various rowing and coaching alumni this past year I have decided to recall a short, but timeless tale that rowing on the Snake River can provide a person.

As dawn was breaking in the wee hours of a typical Wednesday, both of the varsity 8's took to the race-course at Wawawai to practice for the upcoming dual against Washington. While the boats went through their standard warm-ups, the eights glided smoothly through the glassy water. Suddenly, the JV8 was forced to weigh enough as a scream emanated from the stroke seat. I had the luck of being in 7 seat of that boat, with Bryan Anderson at Stroke and Julia Anderson coxing. From my posi-

tion I saw a stunned look on Julia's face and Bryan was screaming and wiggling in his seat [editors note: you could hear him from a LONG ways away!]. I soon realized that a 20-inch steelhead had jumped in between Bryan's legs and was flopping around. After we stopped, Bryan and Julia finally were able to get the fish out of the boat and we were able to continue on with practice.

Once the boat got over the shock of having a fish in the boat, we were all able to laugh about what had happened and move on with practice. The fish story is just one of the many unique facets of life as a rower on the Snake River. It is times and stories like the fish incident that allows us as rowers and coxswains to sit back and chuckle. We can also take pride in the fact that we probably had a better day of fishing than the fishermen who had come out to actually catch fish did.

## Varsity Spotlight; Meet Mike Poth, By Michelle Arganbright, Head Coach

Mike Poth is a laid-back, considerate guy with strong morals who's basically never been in trouble in his life. "I've never even had a speeding ticket," he says. "Well, maybe except for when I was fishing on a closed lake... but that was in a boat, and I didn't know the lake was closed." Poth is quite the outdoorsman. He enjoys fishing, especially for sturgeon, and bow hunts for deer and elk. He goes duck hunting with Max, his black lab, and also enjoys hunting turkey. He is probably the only team member to ever bring "goose jerky" as a travel snack to share with the team. (And yes, it tasted good!)

When Coach Arganbright first spotted Poth at the Novice practices in the fall, he was at the top of her list as a "Varsity hopeful." At 6'6" 198lbs, the long, lean Poth certainly stood out. He spent his first several weeks on the novice team,

though Arganbright immediately snatched him up onto the varsity team along with a few other novices immediately after Thanksgiving Break. Poth hasn't looked back since, rowing in the 5-seat of the Varsity Eight and recently seat-racing into the Varsity Four which will row in the Intercollegiate



Mike after dueling with UC-Davis at GU

Rowing Association (IRA) national competition June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Not bad for someone with no previous rowing experience.

Poth is not the typical novice rower, however. He is a 23-year-old transfer student, a junior majoring in Criminal Justice. His hope is to become a private investigator. Poth also got engaged this year and he credits his fiancé, Kelly, with motivating him to pursue his 4-year degree. Upon starting classes at WSU, he ran into Danny Brevick, a childhood friend with whom he used to play Little League, and later had classes with at community college. Brevick and Poth had both grown up in Fall City, located in the Snoqualmie Valley. Brevick encouraged Poth to come out for the team, and Poth, who "enjoys a challenge" and "wanted to stay busy," showed up at the informational meeting.

While being tall and lean is highly advantageous in the sport of rowing, it will only get you so far without the right attitude and work ethic. Mike Poth is a very coachable athlete and his easy-going, relaxed nature helps him remain open to technical criticism without taking anything personally. At the same time, he is also highly competitive and thrives on the challenge to "continually get better." Poth, who highly values family and friends, explains that it was his parents Jeff and Debbie Poth who instilled in him the tenacity and strong work ethic he brings to the team today.

"Basically, I just say, follow your conscience and know what's right and wrong," Poth says. Only one more year remains in his rowing career, and Poth looks forward to achieving greater heights as a WSU rower. His kind heart combined with his competitive nature will surely bring forth a quiet yet strong leader in the year ahead.

**Pac-10's; A Wonderful Journey, By Peter Brevick, Publisher (continued)**

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Day Three; Final Preparation, Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>

After a hearty continental breakfast at the hotel we went to the course to rig boats and have a morning row. However there was some confusion in the trailers departure time and the boats had not yet arrived. Upon returning to the lake Natoma after some nap time at the hotel we were able to rig the boats and have a nice late afternoon row. All of the oarsmen were loosened up and are excited for tomorrows racing.

Day Four; Let It Begin, Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Today is PCRC's, a.k.a the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships. We have the JV8 entered in the open eight event and the varsity four was in the open four. The JV8 had a solid race coming in fifth in the grand final, beating Sac State by the same amount that separated them from third place, a team that they had their sights set on all season. The varsity 4 lineup had only been finalized in the week before the race and was just looking to have a solid race. That was accomplished with the boat coming in at a strong third place. The winners were Western, whose top boat this year has been the four, they were followed by SDRC, WSU,

race went on. They also finished fifth in their heat, right on Sac States heels. The novi were the first ones off in the afternoon finals. The had a very close and competitive race finishing in third in the petit final, only .6 seconds behind Sac State, a close race indeed. They were happy with the result and the opportunity to have such close racing. The varsity eight had a better start than in the morning and was only four seats down on UCLA off the start. They kept increasing the pace and pulled even with UCLA and Sac State at the 1000m line. By the time they entered the last 500m they were a few seats up and extended that to win the petite final by 2.6 seconds over UCLA. The boat was quite happy to finally put together the solid, complete race that they had been working all season to do.

Days Six and Seven; A fine Ending, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

These were a nice reversal of the first two days on the trip. The team had safe travels back to The Dalles and then on to Pullman the next day. We are all quite satisfied with the weekend, and the entire spring season for that matter. After some sad goodbyes, everyone left Pullman for their summer pursuits and we are looking forward to next years novice crop and some more exciting Cougar Crew!

Pac-10 rankings for 2004.  
The Cougs did good!

Team	Placing	Club/Varsity
UW	1	Varsity
Cal	2	Varsity
OSU	3	Varsity
Stanford	4	Varsity
WSU	5	Club
UCLA	6	Club
USC	7	Club
UO	8	Club
ASU	9	Club
UA	10	Club

the team is confident that the race should be able to once again qualify the 4+ for IRA's at Camden, NJ. They are also happy to have gotten medals, nice to finally get some hardware. After the racing all the oarsmen that are racing tomorrow went out in their eights for a swing row on the

course. As the V8 was heading to shore a fellow in a launch yelled "Any of you know Ken Struckmeyer?". We all happily answered in the affirmative and learned that it was Bob Winford, former coach at Stanford, that we were talking to. From this and other incidents it would seem that everybody know Ken. Talk to you tomorrow....

Day Five, Some Exciting Racing, Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Finally, the Pac-10 championships! The day started with the novice men's heat. They had a pretty good race finishing fifth, which would put them in the petite final. They wanted to go into that with both fists swinging. The varsity eight got off to a poor start in their heat, a weak point all season, but kept getting faster as the



The team happy and satisfied after a good showing at Pac-10's

**Note:**

Pac-10's marked the end of the season for the majority of Cougar Crew. However the 4+ will likely be racing at the IRA national championships June 3rd-5th in New Jersey. To follow along with the team is please log on to our website which will have results and information as soon as it is available. Thanks!



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### **Introducing Next Years Officers, By Danny Brevick, Commodore**

Every spring the Cougar Crew elects the officers that will govern it throughout the following year. This year is no exception. I am very proud to introduce our very competent group of officers for the 2004-2005 season. They have already proven themselves to be capable team leaders and qualified to take on the responsibilities associated with their positions. I am looking forward to seeing the difference they make in our program.

I will start with the person you may be most familiar with, my little brother, Peter Brevick. Peter will be serving as the Publisher. He is responsible for all dealings with the fine people at Cougar Publishing and is the Editor in Chief of *The Pull Hard*. He will be a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and he hails from fabulous Fall City, Washington.

The very capable Julia Anderson will once again handle the office of the Historian. Julia is the daughter of former oarsman and faithful Cougar Crew supporter Tom Anderson. She is one of two second generation members of Cougar Crew, and has successfully piloted shells through finish lines across the Nation. A junior in Agriculture Education, she will be working hard to bring Cougar Crew to you through our website and other publications.

Third year oarsman, Charlie Remington, will be

serving at the Treasurer. He has already established himself by assisting and implementing a detailed accounting system in Quicken that will help us to manage our funds with even greater accuracy. He comes from The Dalles, Oregon, and thanks to his extremely hard work, owns the fastest lightweight erg score. He is an Agriculture Business major and will be splitting time between the family farm and the Pacific Rim during his Semester at Sea this summer.

After reading the spotlight article in the last issue, most of you probably know Dave Perkins almost as well as I do. Dave will be serving as the Vice Commodore, and we are glad to have him. In addition to his hilarious antidotes, he adds great personal skills, ambition, and solid decision making to the current leadership team. He will be a senior in Social Studies Education, and will be taking the reins on numerous projects throughout the year.

I will be returning as the Commodore while I complete my last year in the Construction Management program. I am looking forward to working with this highly talented staff, and I can assure you that these officers represent the finest qualities that Cougar Crew has to offer. They will be leading the Team as every good leader does, from the front.