



NEWSLETTER

Friends of UW Men's Crew, Inc.

2006-01 April

Crew News 2005-06

At the Head of the Charles on October 23, Wisconsin's varsity eight finished 9th overall and 4th among the college entries – behind Princeton, Brown and Cal. The boating: Phillips (cox), Wallen (stroke), Murphy, Vice-Reshel, Larson, Syzmanski, Kaufman, Donoghue and McMullin (bow). The varsity four with coxswain finished 6th of 26 entries and 2nd among the collegiate entries, behind only Harvard, who was rowing on their home course. The boating: Barhamand (cox), Stuart (stroke), Schneider, Anspach and Rasmussen (bow). A week later, Wisconsin led all entries in the six events entered at the Head of the Iowa.



First row of the year on Lake Mendota.

for Glenna Cose or Sue Furlong (son is Chris Anspach) at the races or contact Glenna at “glennacose@sbcglobal.net”

Former Badger Paul Daniels (UW '03) has been selected to row in Oxford's “Dark Blue Boat” (the British ‘varsity’ shell) against Cambridge in “The Boat Race.” (Oxford won the April 2nd race by 5 lengths!)

Over the spring, the NCAA is expected to address Legislative Proposal 2006-127 which would add men's crew as an NCAA sport, with the NCAA sponsoring a national championship. If approved, the rules would add a ceiling to scholarships in men's crew, a move that would substantially level the playing field among the public universities. In addition, the national championship regatta would likely move around the country each year, rather than being held exclusively on the east coast.

Rosters for 2005-06. The 2005-06 UW men's crew roster, including names and hometowns of both varsity and freshman squads, can for be found on “www.uwbadgers.com.” From this website, scroll down the “Select Sport” menu and click “Rowing-M”. From here, look under the heading “MEN'S ROWING,” to find “Bios” and click here. On the “Bios” page is another link titled “Click Here for Novice Roster.” Maps to the boathouse, and Madison course maps, are links on the right side of the MEN'S ROWING webpage.

Men's crew spent two weeks over semester break practicing in the warm weather of Austin, TX and one week in March over spring break rowing on the Rock River in Edgerton, WI. The first competition is April 8th, against Michigan in Madison. Plan to come and visit or re-visit the Porter Boathouse and cheer on the Badger boats. The balance of the season's schedule is available on “www.uwbadgers.com.” The ice broke (or “was broken”) on Lake Mendota on Wednesday, March 29, when 7 eights were launched for the Spring's first practice on home waters.

A Parent's Cocktail will be held after the IRA's on Saturday, June 3 in the Marriott's Garden Room. All UW men's crew alums are invited. Price is \$50/ head for graduates of 2000 and later; \$100/ head for graduates before that. Look



Launches push 1/2 mile by 75 yards of ice flow away from Porter Boathouse shoreline.

The 2005-06 Banquet. The annual crew banquet was held Saturday, February 18 at the Porter Boathouse. Because the weekend became too frantic when combining the Midwest Regatta and the annual Banquet, the two events were separated. Over 500 people came to the opening remarks period of the event, before the three teams separated into break-out groups, the men holding theirs near the boathouse, upstairs at the Carson Gully Commons.

Alumni Activities in 2006

A Milwaukee cocktail – following on the successful John Streur-sponsored Chicago Cocktail on November 1, 2005 - was held March 28, 2006 for over 25 rowers and supporters at the University Club. John Dragisic and Friends co-sponsored the event. A Madison area cocktail is being planned at the Porter Boathouse on June 10th (watch “www.WiscoRowing.org”); a sponsor or co-sponsor for the event is also being sought. The annual Alumni Race Day event is planned at the Porter Boathouse on Saturday, September 9, as is a Curt Drewes Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 14, 2006.

A Jablonic boat dedication may be organized for the spring of 2007, if Coach Clark needs another eight. The Jablonic Boat Fund, still open to gifts and being funded by outstanding pledges, now has a balance of over \$130,000 at the UW Foundation. As a plaque is being planned for the boathouse to highlight the fund’s concept, get your pledges, gifts and/or bequests to the Foundation this spring.

Gifts to the Program from Friends

Friends was formed in December 2004. It’s first year of operation, 2005, was very successful indeed. Gifts from Friends to the program in our first year included a racing eight, *Friends of UW Men’s Crew*, a practice four (both from a large anonymous gift), funds to send rowers to a development camp and to the World Championships in Japan in August 2005, a color printer, a video-editing laptop, two hubs and two TV screens for “Venue Racing” (real time, digitalized characterizations on a TV monitor of erg competition), a mini-DVD digital video camera for recording an individual rower’s stroke on the water, a Kohl Center style Ten Eyck erg room banner, seven radios and four electronic megaphones.



TV screen showing “Venue Racing” among athletes rowing on ergometers.

[“www.WiscoRowingHistory.org”](http://www.WiscoRowingHistory.org)

Help us out by going to the website above, reading your years of rowing and then i.) sending back corrections and additions, ii.) e-mailing back stories you’d like to be added to the “Stories” page (remember, decorum) and/or iii.) scanning or lending a good photo you’d like added to the site. Please...all photos should have your own name and address on the back (for their return); the names of people in the photo, as best you can remember (top row, left to right, etc.). Your sending the photos represents your permission to use. E-mail comments, stories and scanned photos to "bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com" or snail mail to the return address on this mailing.

See also “WiscoRowing.org” for merchandise and alumni news; “www.uwbadgers.com” will have the latest results. In time, we hope to post video of races on one of these sites soon after the event.

The Mission of Friends of UW Men’s Crew, Inc.

The primary mission of Friends of UW Men’s Crew is i.) to promote interest - among the alumni rowers of the University of Wisconsin–Madison (“UW”) and supporters - in the men’s crew program at UW and (ii.) to strengthen the long-term financial underpinnings of men’s crew while enriching the current program.

The UW Athletic Department has implied the continuation of the smaller booster clubs associated with many varsity sports - the Wisconsin Rowing Association or “WRA,” in the case of men’s and women’s rowing – may no longer be a priority, because the oversight requirements outweigh the urgency for near-term funds

from such smaller booster clubs. As a result, the WRA and other similar booster clubs are being allowed to “go dormant,” while more arm’s length “friends” entities have been encouraged.

Friends intends to avoid ‘booster club’ status by focusing primarily on alumni and supporter social activities as well as endowment building. Friends will refrain from: contributing any benefits to eligible athletes, such as awards, banquets and travel, or supplementing the compensation of coaches. Further, Friends will decline the use, free of charge, of UW Athletic Department logos, licenses and trademarks, which also reflects ‘booster club’ status.

A strategic plan for men’s crew was reviewed and discussed in 2003 by a group of men’s rowing alumni. The long term strategic goals of that plan were i.) to achieve the sport’s financial independence through endowment building (similar to what several Ivy League programs have already accomplished) ii.) to seek NCAA recognition of men’s crew so as to level the playing field in collegiate rowing by defining a common ceiling on the number of scholarships offered in Division I men’s rowing.

Some Notes on Donating to Men's Crew

Funds at the Athletic Department, UW Foundation or Friends

Gifts to men’s crew at UW come from many origins and go to various “funds” and destinations. **Badger Fund** gifts off-set the Athletic Department’s annual operating budgets of each of the 23 varsity sports at UW. Premiums paid the Badger Fund for a favored season ticket seating location may **NOT** be designated to a specific sport; **ALL OTHER** Badger Fund gifts may be designated toward a specific sport and off-set that sport’s annual operating budget.

Endowment fund gifts are more closely aligned with the mission of Friends. A permanent corpus of money sustains crew forever, while its annual interest and earnings support the program’s yearly operating expenses. Several colleges have targeted (or already achieved) the complete financial endowment of their crew program. Friends, following its Strategic Plan of 2003 and having seen men’s crew twice threatened, in 1971 and 1991, has set a similar goal. Insulating the sport from financial vulnerabilities has led to Friends' setting the long term objective of building men’s crew endowment levels to \$20 million by 2023. To date, funds under management of the UW Foundation - for the benefit of men’s crew - have reached about \$350,000, with another \$350,000 in known bequests in the wills of several supporters.

A comparative, and hopefully clarifying, table of the various funds now being managed by the UW Foundation is below. If further questions arise, inquiries are encouraged, by e-mail, to Brad Taylor, Secretary of Friends, at "bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com"

	Premium Seating-Badger Fund	General Donation Badger Fund	“Mike” Murphy Fund	“Dad” Vail Fund	Alan Geweke Fund	Jablonic Boat Fund	Class Boat Fund(s)	Friends of Men’s Crew Inc.
Contributions go to annual Operations:								
Funds off-set current year operations	x	x						
Funds enrich/supplement annual crew budget								x
Contributions go to permanent Endowment:								
Earnings (only) to annual budget			x	x	x	x	x	
Corpus/principal remains forever			x	x	x	x		No
Logical fund for estate bequest			x	x	x	x	x	
Convertible to men’s crew scholarship			x	*	x	x		x
Earnings (only) acquires shell each 5 yrs.							x	
One-time shell purchase is objective								x
Badger Points – donor earns Badger points	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	No
Tax deductibility – Yes/No	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Existing men’s crew scholarship fund

In memoriam.... We regret to note the passing of several former Badger rowers. Recent losses include Dick Tipple (UW ’50, who passed away on 2/5/05), Paul Eckhardt (UW ’33, on 10/21/05), Robert Heuston (UW ’50, on 11/10/05), LeRoy Jensen (UW ’48, on 1/10/06) and Bob Hood (UW ’53, on 2/15/06). Memorial gifts have been received by Friends for several of these departed teammates.

Alumni Questionnaire (Please complete and return)

Name: _____ Class: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

Interests:

I plan to attend: _____ a home crew race _____ the Midwest Championships
_____ Crew banquets each year _____ Parent Cocktail on June 3, 2006
_____ Alumni Race Day on September 9, 2006 _____ Curt Drewes Appreciation Day, on October 14, 2006

I'd be interested in working with Friends to organize/assist:

_____ Alumni Race Day (in the fall) _____ Dinner the night of Alumni Race Day
_____ Adding content and/or photos to WiscoRowingHistory.org for my years at UW

Friends should consider organizing the following event: _____

I'm interested in supporting UW men's crew financially by ("x" one or more):

_____ **Making a contribution to Friends in 2006 (check enclosed)**
_____ Contributing to a Class Boat Fund at the UW Foundation
_____ Making a bequest in my will to a men's crew endowment fund at the UW Foundation
_____ Contributing currently, (cash or stock) to a men's crew endowment fund at the UW Foundation
_____ I've access to a Corporate Matching Gift Program (of _____ (name of corporation))

Please return questionnaire to:

Friends of UW Men's Crew, Inc.
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- **Oldest sport at UW**
- **First varsity in 1892**
- **First IRA title in 1900**
- **14 team Ten Eyck trophies**
- **Every Olympics since 1968**

[Insert name/
address/
city/state/zip code]