



NEWSLETTER

Friends of UW Men's Crew

Spring 2010-1

Crew News

2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Venue
April 10	Michigan	Madison WI	Porter Boathouse, Lake Mendota
April 16-18	Stanford Invitational	Redwood City CA	Redwood Shores
April 17	Minnesota	Madison WI	Porter Boathouse, Lake Mendota
May 1	Cochrane Cup (Dartmouth and MIT)	Boston MA	Charles River
May 2	Jablonic Cup (Boston University)	Boston MA	Charles River
May 16	EARC Conference Championships	Worcester MA	Lake Quinsigamond
May 28	George Washington	Camden NJ	Cooper River
June 3-5	IRA National Championships	Camden NJ	Cooper River

Rowers winter in Austin, Texas

A real treat for UW alumni and parents outside the Austin area was a local Austin TV station's video of the UW crews' workout. There is an accompanying interview with Coach Clark included.

Video link is:

http://www.myfoxaustin.com/dpp/good_day/010510-Wisconsin-Crew-Team-Practices-in-Austin



Spring Break Rowing

Coach Chris Clark reports that this year's Spring Break Rowing started on the Rock River. In response to the unusually warm weather in Madison (a high of 81 degrees during that second week) the crews moved to an ice-free Lake Mendota for the second week of practice beginning March 29th.

Three Badgers Rowing in England

Three former Badger Men's Rowers recently competed in the 156th Oxford-Cambridge Race on April 3, 2010 on the Thames River in London.

Coxswain [Adam Barhamand](#), who is in his second year at Oxford, was coxswain for the Oxford Dark Blues. [Derek Rasmussen](#) rowed for the champion Cambridge Light Blues in a come from behind victory.

[Ed Newman](#), who is in his first year at Oxford, rowed in their Isis (second crew) boat.

Congratulations to all three rowers.

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April 10th

The Badger crews swept Michigan in the inaugural race of the season on Lake Mendota.

On April 16 the Varsity will travel to Redwood shores, CA to face California, Stanford and Oregon State. The third, fourth and fifth varsity boats as well as the freshmen will take on Minnesota at home, April 17th.

Alumni News

Berkibeiner 2010



This year's Berkie participants above, dressed in their stylish gear are, left to right: John Jablonic (80), Matt Darga (98), Chip Kakas (98), Greg Myhr (92), Nelson Williams (squatting) (98), Al Erickson (81), Eric Mueller (93), and Kevin McAleese (87).

There were many other oarsmen there at the Birkie, but they just weren't close enough to gather for the picture...

I am also pleased to say that a check will be in the mail shortly for \$1,250 made out to Friends of UW Men's Rowing based on proceeds generated from the sale of these vests and sponsorships shown in the picture below. It was a big success, and generated a lot of camaraderie.

I can't tell you how many people came up to me afterwards and said that they rowed, their son rowed, etc. Hopefully in years to come it will help as a word-of-mouth recruiting tool to get some good skier athletes interested in the sport.

-Nelson Williams



Alumni Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 22, 2010	Crew of '46 Boat Dedication
September 11, 2010	Alumni Race Day
February 26, 2011	The Berkie

Boat Dedication of the "Crew of '46"

Wisconsin Crew Corporation NEWS LETTER

JUNE, 1948



Wisconsin's Championship Crew pictured with the shirts that they won in the May 11 regatta. Left to right, Navy, Columbia, Rutgers, Cornell, Penn, Princeton, M.I.T., and Harvard.

1946 Conference Champions at the inaugural Eastern Sprints

Please join us on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 9:00 am at the Porter Boathouse on Babcock Drive (where the 2nd boathouse stood) for the racing eight dedication "Crew of '46." Parking is available in Lot 34, near the Boathouse.

Carlyle "Bud" Fay and Ralph Falconer, donors of the racing eight being christened May 22nd, rowed for Wisconsin in 1946 when the Badgers won the inaugural Eastern Sprints, the conference championship for men's crew. Wisconsin did not win again until 2002 and then in again 2008.

Today's Badger crews stand on the shoulders of those rowers and supporters who came before. Help us acknowledge and celebrate the rowing successes of 1946!

Please join us for breakfast and the dedication of the Crew of '46. Meet Bud Fay and Ralph Falconer and their families.

Crew of '46 Boat Dedication Reservation Form is available on www.wiscorowing.com.

Last Pieces

In memoriam...

Phillip W. Mork (8/5/39 – 1/17/10)

UW crew captain Phil Mork passed away at age 70 on Sunday, January 17, 2010 having never recovered from a serious logging accident almost one year earlier. Mork captained the Badger crew during the 1960-61 season under Coach Norm Sonju, which year was also Coach Randy Jablonic's first year as UW's freshman coach. Mork lettered in crew at UW in 1959, '60 and '61; two of his daughters, Pamela and Suzannah, also lettered in crew at UW in years 1992-94 and 1996-98, respectively.

Teammate Randy Jablonic remembered Phil Mork as "a man with an infectious laugh. You could hear his joyous laugh across the room and you knew it was Phil." Dick Ahner, who spoke at the memorial, noted, "Phil was a hard-working athlete proving a tall physique wasn't everything. While his own man with a very successful business career, Phil never had an unkind word and was always well-liked." Teammates Jim Bowen, Dale Sharpee, John Hanson and former UW freshman coach Dave Kucik also attended.

Mork spent most of his career with Bucyrus Erie in Milwaukee, retiring as President in 1995. He also served on the board of Pyramex Bank for 13 years. From 1996, Mork refereed the sport of rowing and was the Regional Chair of the USRA referee committee.

Always supportive of crew, Mork was a founding donor in creating The Captains Fund for Men's Crew, a permanent endowment at the UW Foundation intended to financially underwrite the longevity of men's rowing at UW, Wisconsin's oldest varsity sport. -Brad Taylor, 2/9/10

Donald E. Haack (UW letter in '49) of Huntersville, North Carolina passed away on May 1, 2009

Mission of Friends:

Our men's crew organization exists to:

1. Strengthen the ties among UW's rowing alumni and supporters to each other as well as to the rowing program at UW ;
2. Build an endowment base at the UW Foundation that will support men's crew into the indefinite future;
3. Encourage direct gifts to the program by alumni and supporters and
4. Support collegiate and intramural team rowing in general.

The endowment goal can be achieved in many ways, from creating individual endowment funds, contributing to existing endowment funds - the central fund being the Murphy Fund - and making bequests in one's estate.

Check out our websites WiscoRowingHistory.org and WiscoRowing.org for merchandise and alumni news. For the latest race results and the UW Men's Rowing (Multi) Media Guide, go to www.uwbadgers.com or www.row2k.com for all collegiate rowing results.

Keep in touch?... please provide Brad Taylor (bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com) with your updated email address and snail mail address.

Donations to UW Men's Crew

When making contributions to the UW Foundation for Men's Crew please make checks or donations payable to "UWF-Murphy Fund for Men's Crew," rather than "Badger Fund- Men's Crew." The Murphy Fund is an endowment so your donation is never spent, only the annual earnings from your gift are. And you are still credited with Badger Points!

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- **First varsity in 1892**
- **First IRA title in 1900**
- **14 team Ten Eyck trophies**
- **Every Olympics since 1968**

Memorabilia at UW Steenbock Library

Some 25+ archival boxes of IRA programs (from 1898 to date), UW crew newsletters (from 1939), UW media guides on men's crew (from the late 1940's), Eastern Sprints programs (first race was in 1946; first guide was early 1950's); news clippings (actual and microfilm) from 1892; 2,000+ photos; several scrapbooks, among other items, have been donated to the Steenbock Library's archival collection.

Steenbock's archivists, in addition to cataloging the collection for future research access, have prepared a short historical website exhibition to announce the collection. (<http://archives.library.wisc.edu/uw-archives/exhibits/crewteam/intro.html>)

Many of the images will also become part of the UW Library's larger digital image collection.

Two requests rise from the donation of this collection:

- 1.) the collection is missing IRA programs from the following years (1946, '72, '81, '83-85, '88, '90, '91, '94, '96-'98 and '04-'08) and
- 2.) contributions totaling \$1,500 (which could be matched by corporate gifting programs) are being sought to support the Steenbock's expanded digitalization of and web access to more elements of this collection. Both missing IRA programs and tax-deductible contributions can be sent to:

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