



NEWSLETTER

Friends of UW Men's Crew, Inc.

April 2007

Crew News - Spring 2007

Winter Break in Austin, TX was December 28, 2006 to January 12, 2007. For the first time in recent history, the Saltlick Restaurant ran out of food during the crew dinner. Normally an all-you-can-eat venue, where UW's crews have invariably set records for consumption (burning all those calories practicing each day), the restaurant could not meet that standard this time. UW alumni assisting with coaching included Olympians Beau Hoopman ('03) and Matt Smith ('00), Oxford rower Paul Daniels ('03) and Badger coxswain Jeremy "Maurice" Whitish ('01).

The 2006-07 Crew Banquet was held Saturday, March 10, 2007, with 250 attending the men's break-out at Carson Gully Commons. Awards included the Alan Award to freshmen Steve Smith and Max Goff.

March 26 – Lake Mendota is open completely.....from black ice the Friday before!!! While practice had been on the Rock River for 10 days, the first practice on Lake Mendota was March 30!

Spring Break is March 31 to April 8. A few parents and supporters are expected to host 70+ UW rowers and coaches at their homes (for compliance reasons) for a dinner a couple of these nights. Anyone interested in sponsoring a dinner in 2008 is urged to e-mail Coach Clark at chc@athletics.wisc.edu or bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com

April 14 & 15 – Windermere Classis in Redwood City, CA will include the V8, 2V8 and F8 -- see <http://gostanford.cstv.com/sports/c-crew/spec-rel/stan-c-crew-windermere.html> ...a great viewing venue!

April 21 - the Midwestern Championships on Lake Wingra. The following weekend, the Big Ten women's openweight rowing championships will take place at the same venue.

May 5 – Cochrane Cup vs. Dartmouth and MIT in Hanover, NH - see <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~crew/> A beautiful campus with a difficult viewing venue (ask about the best viewing - upstream/ north of the Friends of Dartmouth Crew Boathouse).

May 6 – Jablonic Cup vs. Boston University; easy viewing on the Cambridge side of the Charles River (near the BU Boathouse and Cambridge Hyatt Hotel).

May 13 – Eastern Sprints in Worcester, MA on Lake Quinsigamond – a great regatta of only racing eights.

May 27 – Walsh Cup vs. the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis MD. Watch from the Severn River breakfront, walking distance from the Navy Boathouse on the USNA's grounds on Bowyer Road.

May 31-June 2 – IRA's in Camden, NJ. The Parent Cocktail Reception in Camden, NJ is being organized by Marian Kaufman, mother of Captain Andy Kaufman. For information, offers to assist or information on attending contact: MarianKaufman@tds.net **Many thanks Marian!!!**

Rosters and Bios for 2006-07. The 2006-07 UW men's crew roster, including names and hometowns of both varsity and freshman squads, can for be found on www.uwbadgers.com .



First practice on Lake Mendota – March 30, 2007

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Milwaukee School of Engineering (“MSOE”) will introduce varsity crew (men’s and women’s) - only the second varsity crew in the state of Wisconsin - in the Fall of ’07. Coach Clark says he plans to row against them as soon as possible (probably against our freshmen).

Alumni News

Dr. Palmer Taylor, (UW ‘59), per the *San Diego Union* of 10/13/06, was awarded an NIH grant of \$3.46 million to develop ways to degrade nerve gas and eliminate its toxicity after exposure.

Randy Jablonic (UW ‘60), former UW head coach, in a Fall 2006 article in *On Wisconsin*, was described as one of the ‘co-conspirators’ (our words), with the help of UW Band Director Michael Leckrone, in bringing the ‘Chicken Dance’ to the 5th Quarter Camp Randall and Kohl Center celebrations. Thank you, Jabo (we think).

Phil Schaefer (UW ‘69) – Phil and his son, Michael, were chosen as the two “Birkie Warriors” to lead this winter’s American Birkebeiner race (www.birkie.com). Some 50 former (and current?) UW rowers were believed in attendance. The “Birkie” re-enacts an 801-year-old legend of the rescue of Prince Haakon, a baby prince in Norwegian history. Normally 51-kilometers from Cable to Hayward, the race was shortened this February 24th - for most of this year’s 6,000 participants - for lack of snow. The “Birkebeiners”, named for the birch-bark leggings worn in legend, became a Norwegian symbol of courage, perseverance and character.

Tom Thornton (UW ‘87) has been named President and CEO of the Kansas Bioscience Authority, a position he assumed in October. Tom will run an organization expected to invest more than \$580 million to create new biotech-related jobs and businesses in the next 10 to 12 years.

Upcoming Activities in the Fall of 2007

September 15 (Saturday) – the Milwaukee River Challenge. UW alumni are encouraged to enter. Gary Ahrens advises interested parties should contact him at GAAhrens@michaelbest.com. **Friends** can assist in arranging the use of a racing eight, and its delivery to and from Milwaukee, for \$250; contact bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com with interest.

September 22 (Saturday) – the fall men’s Alumni Race Day. If six or more 8’s entries are received, age-handicapped heats of 500-meters will determine entries in the grand and petite finals. **Start looking for your coxswains today!!**

During Alumni Race Day, Coach Clark will also be dedicating the first racing eight purchased from the Jablonic Boat Fund, a permanent endowment at the UW Foundation established to honor Coach Jablonic on his induction into the UW Athletic Hall of Fame. The “*Coach Randy ‘Jabo’ Jablonic*” is to be delivered over the summer. Coach Jablonic is planning to attend (but may not row). Another racing eight, the *Paul O. Eckhardt, Jr. ’33* (donated by Friends, thanks to an anonymous gift in 2005), will also be dedicated and we hope the family of this special supporter of Badger rowing will be in attendance.

As this is the weekend of the football game with Iowa, start now looking for football tickets and join the fun. A block of tickets will be sought via the W Club; contact Sara DeTienne at the “W Club at 608.262.1008 or at sjd@athletics.wisc.edu. If the football game starts at 11AM, we’ll need to have an early start to the races!!

October 20 – the weekend of Head of the Charles, the world’s largest head race.

November 13 (Tuesday) – A Minneapolis cocktail is planned for the Minneapolis Club. More news later; contact bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com to confirm your interest.

Activities of Friends

In the first quarter of 2007, Friends has received \$4,000 in contributions and other revenues. Over that same period, we’ve spent a roughly similar amount on power horns, binoculars, boat repairs (damaged in last year’s Alumni Race Day), database upgrades, trophy preservation and advance funding of some early Midwest Championship expenses.

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As we have several other program enhancements in the planning (such as an additional IRA banner for the erg room and flat screen TV's for the assistant coaches offices) **we urge you to annually support "Friends of UW Men's Crew" with a 2007 donation** (see our return address on the address page).

Coach Clark is also looking for a donor to contribute a badly needed Vespoli racing coxed four (about \$18,000).

Friends is hoping to enhance the boathouse over the years with one or more oil paintings of Wisconsin rowing, one of which commission by Janus Gallery in Madison is the subject of this issue's insert. (See image of painting at right)



UW Varsity and The Red Gym, an oil by Onelio

Endowment Funds Report (funds dedicated exclusively to UW men's crew)

The Captains' Fund, formed in the fall of '06, now has eleven (11) donors of \$10,000 each including the family of Duane "Doc" Daentl (Captain 1950-51); Joe Irwin (1957-58); Phil Mork (1960-61); Tom Schuchardt (1976-77); Kevin McAleese (1986-87); Todd Williams (1988-89); Nick Donovan (1990-91); Aaron Berger (1996-97); Nelson Williams (1997-98); Matt Smith (1999-2000) and the family of the late Alan Geweke (2000-01). The cash balance of this endowment at the UW Foundation at the end of February was \$49,700. Past captains, their families and any other supporters are invited to consider supporting this open-ended and potentially major long-term men's crew endowment fund. Any sized gift is appreciated.

The men's crew endowment funds at the UW Foundation showed a total balance of \$520,000 at the end of February. Friends encourage gifts to the Murphy Fund as the "central" fund in our efforts. Please also remember corporate matching gift programs when donating to either the UW Foundation and to Friends.

Additionally, known bequests to men's crew endowments are \$565,000, based on the June 2005 bequest letter sent to all rowing alums and many supporters, and added to by subsequent commitments. As a future (June 2007) bequest letter is in preparation, we'd love to hear from more alumni and supporters interested in making a bequest of \$25,000 or more and in adding your names to these bi-annual appeals. A strong endowment underpins the program for the long term.

Last Pieces

Check out www.WiscoRowingHistory.org and www.WiscoRowing.org for merchandise and alumni news. For the latest competitive results, go to www.uwbadgers.com

Thanks – to Jim Almquist for heading the upgrade of our alumni and supporters' e-mail database. Changes and corrections (see WiscoRowing.org) should be e-mailed to either Jim or Brad.

In memoriam.... We regret to note the February 2, 2007 passing of former UW rower Alvin Jacobs (UW '54). Former colleagues at IBM have made a memorial gift to the Murphy Fund at the UW Foundation in Alvin's name.

Alumni Parents – Anyone wishing to have this or future newsletters sent to their parents should forward their names and snail mail addresses to bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com.

Missing e-mail addresses

{please send yours (or your teammates) to bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com }

Brian Hertzberg '99

Mark Abbott '99

Paul Nicholas '95

Ryan Torgerson '94

Kevin Krueger '93

Steve Krakora '93

Hayes Milani '92

Eric Mollgard '92

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Alumni Questionnaire (Please complete and return)

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

Interests:

I plan to attend: _____ a spring Crew banquet _____ Alumni Race Day on September 22, 2007
_____ Minneapolis Cocktail on November 13, 2007

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

_____ Alumni Race Day (9/22/07) _____ Dinner for rowers over Spring Break 2008
_____ 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 of UW Men's Crew, Inc." in 2007 (check enclosed)**
_____ Contributing to a Class Boat Fund at the UW Foundation – {Use URL below; BE SURE TO ADD, in box below *Designation* "For Men's Class of (insert year) Boat Fund"}

<https://www2.uwfoundation.wisc.edu/MultiPage/processStep1.do>

_____ Making a bequest in my will to benefit 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/contribution 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**

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