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# NEWSLETTER

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Friends of UW Men's Crew, Inc.

2006-2 June

At the annual crew banquet Feb. 18, Coach Clark dedicated the new *Dylan Cappel* eight, a gift of the Cappel family in honor of their late son.

All who knew Dylan had a tear in their eye as Dr. Cappel spoke of lessons learned from his son and then as a letter was read which had been sent back from Iraq from UW's year 2000 crew captain, Matt Smith.

Madison enjoyed many home races this season, beginning with a five-event sweep of Michigan on April 8<sup>th</sup>, though the varsity eight race was the closest, with a winning margin of only 0.9 seconds. "Michigan was far racier than we were," commented Clark.

In Redwood City April 14 and 15, UW lost by 3 seconds to Stanford and by the same margin the next day to Cal, both ranked high in early season polls. The varsity eight boating, which remained unchanged for the season: Jim Murphy (bow), Joe McMullin, Ben Szymanski, Derek Rasmussen, Max Vice-Rechel, Andy Kaufman, Matt Donoghue, Scott Wallen (stroke) and Adam Barhammand (cox). Back in Madison April 15, the Badger 2V8 tamed the varsities of both Minnesota (by over 22 seconds) and George Washington (by 7.7), the latter led by former UW rower and frosh coach Greg Myhr. The Badger 2V8 and other UW 8's entries then out-rowed a mixed Minnesota 2V8 of frosh and varsity rowers. UW's three frosh eights then defeated GW and Minnesota's frosh entries.

On April 19, Brad Taylor spoke to a luncheon gathering of over 400 at the Downtown Rotary Club of Madison about his book *Wisconsin Where They Row*. Coaches Bryans and Clark also spoke briefly and took questions. About 20 autographed books were sold after the luncheon, with royalties to the Murphy Endowment Fund for Men's Crew at the UW Foundation.

The April 22 Midwest Rowing Championships were held, as usual, on Lake Wingra, an 1,850m course, with UW winning all its events. The regatta is an important way to build youth interest in rowing around the upper Midwest.

April 29<sup>th</sup>, Wisconsin hosted Dartmouth and MIT for the Cochrane Cup, which had been lost to Dartmouth in 2005. The result – on the unusual course of a Memorial Union start and a Willow Bay finish - was UW (5:53.5); Dartmouth (6:05.7) and MIT (6:25.3). The Badger's 2V8 – at 5:56 - (and 3V8, at 5:59) also prevailed over Dartmouth (6:16) and MIT (6:39.2) in the 2V8 event. Neither Dartmouth nor MIT brought their frosh eights. The next day, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, Wisco defeated Boston University for the Jablonic Cup.

At the Eastern Sprints of 16 varsity entries on May 21, the Badgers put a boat in the finals of all five men's heavyweight events. UW won the gold in the 3V8 race for the fifth time in seven years. The boating: Hans Hebl (bow), Matt Helmrick, Greg Orciuch, Mitchell Daane, Ken McMahan, Tom Velarde, Joshua Iverson, Dan Schneider (stroke), and Andres Abreu (cox). The 2F8 was second in their event. The 2V8 won the bronze medal; their boating: Chris Anspach (bow), Nate Millin, Mike Tupek, Anthony Hoell, Sam Austin, Ryan Larson, Lawrence Stuart, Mike Miller (stroke) and Chase Phillips (cox).

The frosh eight (6:06.282) was a close 4<sup>th</sup>, behind a fast Penn boat (6:02.281), Northeastern (6:04.542), Harvard (6:05.898); Princeton and Yale rounded out the finals event. After a 1½ hour delay for a heavy rain squall – followed by an unusual calm which reduced the disadvantage of the outside lanes - the Badger's varsity eight (5:49.3), in lane six, finished fifth, behind Princeton (5:41.6), Harvard (5:44.0), Brown (5:46.2) and Northeastern (5:47.1); Yale finished sixth (5:52.0).



2006 Sprints-winning 3V8 Badgers show their gold:  
(standing, l to r) Coaches Golding and Boyle,  
McMahon (5-seat), Velarde (6), Iverson (7),  
Schneider (stroke) and Abreu (cox) and (kneeling)  
Hebl (bow), Helmrick (2), Orciuch (3), Daane (4)

On May 28 in Annapolis, Wisco took both the Walsh Cup (for the V8 victory) and the Fisher Cup (for the team victory) in sweeping Navy in the seven-event, IRA-preparatory competition.

The college season ended well at the IRA's in Camden, NJ on Saturday, June 3, with Wisco medaling in five of the eight events, including silvers in the V4-, the F4+ and the men's pair. The boatings: (V4-) Andy Henn (bow), Kenneth McMahon, Mitchell Daane, Josh Iverson (stroke), Hans Hebl (bow); (F4+) Patrick Winter (bow), Kevin Kneir, Matt Sundby, Richard Ruzga (stroke) and Louis Bien (cox) who follows two sisters, Clara and Cecile, as UW coxswains; and (2-) Greg Orciuch (bow) and Collin Payne.

Bronze medals at the IRA were won by the 2V8 (same boating as in the Sprints above) and the Open 4+, an event requiring at least one freshman rower and one upperclassman rower. The boating: Max Schumitsch (bow), Tim Cose, Steven Voss, Darren Gary (stroke) and Christopher Harvey (cox). "It was a great turnaround year," said Coach Clark. Many thanks to Glenna Cose, Sue Furlong and Linda Miller for co-hosting the widely complimented annual Parent Cocktail following the IRA's.

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The Pac-10 initiated effort to have the NCAA begin sponsoring a national championship for men's heavyweight crew, the world's oldest college sport, was turned down this spring by the 51-member Management Committee of the NCAA. In an atmosphere that was a mixture of both ambivalence and highly-charged behind-the-scenes opposition, the "legislative proposal" was voted down. An effort to resurrect this logical validation of the historic sport is expected, for many reasons, including validation of the sport (which might increase high school participation, and thus upgrade the U.S. 'pool' of quality rowers), consistent governance (rules set by other than the participants) and fairness (such as leveling the playing field among colleges for the amount of financial aid flowing to rowers or moving the annual event around the U.S.).

**Media Guide for 2006-07.** Next season's Media Guide for Men's Crew is in the works by the Athletic Department's Paul Capobianco. The finished product will be available, on-line at [www.uwbadgers.com](http://www.uwbadgers.com), around September 1 (Friends is expected to have a limited supply of hard copy Media Guides; they can be purchased by mailing a check to "Friends" for \$20, which covers the cost of the Guide and postage). The 2006-07 schedule and rowers photos and bios can also be found, later in the summer, on [www.uwbadgers.com](http://www.uwbadgers.com).

### Alumni News and Activities

Through May 31, 2006, Friends has this year received contributions from 73 alums and friends of the program (vs. 40 for all of 2005).

### The "Fat Smoothie" Oar Campaign

Coach Clark's late April call for help in the purchase of 5 pair of "Fat Smoothie" oars for his frosh eight was responded to well by the alumni and supporters of the program. New oars were in hand before the Sprints competition in mid-May, where the frosh finished 5<sup>th</sup> in a field of 16. UW rower and former Luke Duke in the "Dukes of Hazard" television series, Tom Wopat, contributed to the "Fat Smoothie" campaign while visiting the Porter Boathouse the weekend of the Midwest Regatta.

A Madison area reception was held at the Porter Boathouse on **June 8<sup>th</sup>** with about 65 attending. Coaches Clark and Jablonic informally 'dedicated' a plaque in memory of U.W. rower, Dick Tipple, who passed away in 2005. Dick's wife, Joan, and many other Tipple family members also attended. The plaque has been placed on the big rock to the left of the boat bay-to-pier apron. The annual Alumni Race Day event is planned at the Porter Boathouse on Saturday, **September 9** (call Sarah at the W Club @ 608.262.1008 to request football tickets vs. Western Illinois - a block is being held until August 1), as is a Curt Drewes Appreciation Day on Saturday, **October 14, 2006** (again, check early with the W Club for football tickets vs. Minnesota). Anyone wishing to organize a



Entertainer and former UW rower (1969-70), Tom Wopat (center), talks with former head men's crew coach, Randy Jablonic (right), and AAD John Chadima (left)

group to celebrate 'great victory' anniversaries this fall at the annual W Club banquet on **November 7, 2006** – such as the '51 IRA V8 gold (55 years); the 1966 IRA V8 gold (40 years); the 1986 2V8 IRA gold (20 years) or the 1986 Cincinnati National Championship races (20 years) should call Sara DeTienne (608.262.1008) at the W Club. The W Club invites 2 to 4 interested groups each year to celebrate their event(s) at the Club's annual banquet in Madison. The 2007 crew banquet is again likely to be in **February**.

If Coach Clark needs a new eight next year, a Jablonic Boat Fund shell dedication may be organized for the spring or fall of 2007.

### Gifts to the Program from Friends

Formed in December 2004, *Friends of UW Men's Crew* has made many contributions to the men's crew program over the last 18 months, including assistance in re-designing and reducing costs of annual crew award plaques and supporter "thank you" plaques (several have been given to hosts of crew cocktails around the Midwest and to hosts of spring-break crew dinners) and gifting a DVD mini-camera, video-editing laptop computer, TV screens (2), a Ten Eyck banner, oars, shells and many other program enrichment gifts. Please help us continue to accomplish this program improvement effort each rowing season (and to pay for annual administrative costs, such as postage, envelopes, newsletters, tax filings, bookkeeping, etc). Gifts of stock to Friends are now possible, as we have recently opened a securities account. Contact the Friends' Secretary, Brad Taylor (["bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com"](mailto:bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com)), for more information. Also consider an estate bequest to a UW men's crew permanent endowment fund, the details of which can be discussed with Trent Jackson, Director of Development-Athletics at the UW Foundation (800.443.6162).



The Ten Eyck banner, newly commissioned by Friends, was fabricated by the manufacturer making the Kohl Center banners and now hangs above the men's erg room

### Summer Rowing

Three Badger rowers, Andy Kaufman, Max Vice-Rechel and Scott Wallen, are in Princeton for the summer, trying to make the Under-23 U.S. National team. In Madison, Coach Clark and his staff are expecting over thirty rowers in two summer camps, which will run Sunday to Friday and are based out of the Porter Boathouse. Following these sessions, Camp Randall Summer Camp will run twice daily for 7 weeks, concluding with participation in the Canadian Henleys.

One-day camps are expected to be held in the Fall and Spring. The aim of these camps is to introduce rowing to potential Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois athletes who may be interested in joining the sport when they attend college.

### Check out "[www.WiscoRowingHistory.org](http://www.WiscoRowingHistory.org)"

Help us out by going to the website above, reading your years of rowing and then i.) send back corrections and additions, ii.) e-mailing back stories you'd like to be added to the "Stories" page (remember, decorum) and/or 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.); and your sending the photos represents your permission to use. E-mail comments, stories and scanned photos to "[bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com)" or snail mail to the return address on this mailing.

See also "[www.WiscoRowing.org](http://www.WiscoRowing.org)" for merchandise and alumni news (and color versions of prior newsletters prior Newsletters - printing and mailing a color Newsletter would cost an additional \$1,000 per issue!). Many thanks to Jim Almquist, Dave Evenson and Ed Burnett for their work creating and maintaining the two Wisco "dot-org" websites.

**In memoriam....** We regret to note the passing of two Badger rowers. Recent losses include Louis Uehling (UW '54, passed away 2/6/06) and Ken Runlee (UW '55, on 4/10/06). Memorial gifts have been received by Friends and the UW Foundation for one or more of these departed teammates.

**Alumni Information (Please complete and return if your information has changed)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interests:**

I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Race Day (Sept. 9, 2006) \_\_\_\_\_ Drewes Appreciation Day (Oct. 14, 2006)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Crew banquet (February 2007); Other (identify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Friends* should consider organizing the following event: \_\_\_\_\_

(ideas include asking the W Club to honor a championship title or special year in UW men's crew)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Making a contribution to *Friends* in 2006** to support its gifting program, as well as to help cover the administrative costs of newsletters, social events, tax preparation, postage, envelopes, etc. (**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:**

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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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