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Beyond The Boat

By Yaz Farooq and Michael Callahan

The University of Washington Rowing program stood at the top of the National Rowing field once again in 2017, taking home the team point trophies at the Pac-12, NCAA, and IRA Championships. Combined, the men’s and women’s teams won six of seven Grand Finals at our respective National Championships (the men missing Varsity 8 gold by thousands of a second).

The women’s Varsity 8 took the crown as the fastest women’s boat in the land for the first time in sixteen years, as the team swept the NCAA’s. It was a superb year athletically.

It was also a superb year academically. Seventeen men and ten women made the UW Dean’s list during our Championship Season, while the women’s team average GPA (3.19) and the men’s (3.11) both increased over last year.

At the 1965 Varsity Boat Club Banquet, George Pocock addressed the crowd with these words: “Harmony, Balance, Rhythm. These things stay with you your whole life.” This is what we teach at Washington. One of the ways we are advancing our culture in the boathouse, and helping in the recruitment of top athletes to Washington. “Beyond the Boat” also presents unique opportunities for our alumni base to re-engage with the University (and the academic and cultural opportunities that abound here), and the Seattle community in which we live.

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The “Beyond the Boat” program is one that we aspire for each and every participant with Washington Rowing—past, present and future. It is an innovative program that is unique in collegiate rowing. We believe it will help cement our culture in the boathouse, and help in the recruitment of top athletes to Washington.

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2017 Inter-collegiate Rowing Association All-Academic Team

To be eligible for recognition a student-athlete must have maintained a GPA of 3.35 or higher, completed one full year at their institution (freshmen and first-year transfers are not eligible), be an institutional letter winner, and also be either a freshman, sophomore, or first-year transfer.

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Andrew Gaard, 3.38, So., Pre-Engineering, Madison, Wis.
Luke Khoury, 3.80, Jr., Chemical Engineering, Los Angeles, California
Arne Landboe, 3.45, Jr., International Studies, Shoreline, Wash.
Rielly Milne, 3.53, Jr., Communication, Woodinville, Wash.
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Stuart Sim, 3.47, Sr., Business Administration (Finance), Melbourne, Australia

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Margaret Phillips, Comparative History of Ideas
Anna Calina Schanze, Business
Jalyn Stinardo, Psychology/Diversity
Mckenzie Waltar, English
Jalyn Stinardo, Psychology

College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Pocock All-Americans

These awards recognize the outstanding performances of rowers and coxswains on the national level in women's collegiate rowing.

First team:

Elise Beuke Katly Gillingham Brooke Pierson Karla Pittsinger

Summer Rowing Results

Huskies Haul in 17 Medals At World U-23s

Seventeen Huskies earned medals at the World Rowing Under-23 Championships in June.

In all, 21 Huskies, all of whom will return to Seattle for the coming season, rowed in the regatta.

In a dramatic women's eight final, Russia led in the early-going, but gave way to the American boat with Elisa Beuke, '19, and Jessica Thoennes, '18, at the halfway mark. However, just after the United States crew had moved into the lead, two-seat rower Claire Collins' seat came off of its tracks, throwing the boat out of rhythm and allowing Canada to take over first. Unable to reattach the seat, Collins rowed the final 750 meters without it and, despite that disadvantage, the U.S. women held off the rest of the field to earn the silver medal.

In the men's pair B final, Huskies Alexander Vollmer, '20, and Philipp Nonnast, '19, finished fourth in place in a competitive race, just six seconds behind the first-place Dutch. In the B final in the men's eight, Luca Lovisolo, '18, and his Italian crew finished fourth in a fast and tightly-packed race.

For full results, photos, recaps and more, check out WorldRowing.com.

Washington Wrapped Up Successful Summer with US Rowing Club Nationals

Five Washington student-athletes wrapped up a successful summer racing campaign at the US Rowing Club Nationals. Representing Seattle Area Rowing Association, Madison Moltor, '19, and Sam Halbert, '20, took an early lead in the Men's Elite Pair and intermediate pair races and never looked back. They took home the gold in both events. Rising sophomores George Rusu, '20, and Cole Zwierzynski, '20, finished second in the Elite Double and Moltor in the Elite Pair event. Joined by coxswain Thomas Fuller, '20, the two pairs joined forces and came away with Gold in the men's elite coxed four. Well rowed!
Why I Give:
Peg Achterman, ‘82, and Andrew Beaton, ‘08

By Eric Cohen, ‘82

One of the more familiar faces in the last two decades at any UW rowing event – you name it – is Peg Achterman ’82. Whether it is volunteering at the Steward’s Enclosure at the Windermere Cup, flipping burgers on Class Day, or representing her class at Steward’s meetings, she is a mainstay among the alumni supporting the program.

In addition to her time, Peg consistently gives to the program, and has also included Washington Rowing in her will as part of the Forever Washington legacy program. We asked her recently about her experience as an athlete at Washington, her greatest influences, and why she gives back:

What was your most memorable moment as a Husky?
Cal Dual in 1981 on Opening Day. All I remember was the noise as we started to move on Cal. We could barely hear Lisa Horn (coxswain) but we knew we were moving and by the time we hit the bridge we were ahead by a few seats. Once we crossed the finish line I could hardly hear or see — everything was pounding, we were all gasping for air, but we’d won the Cal Dual for the first time.

Who influenced you as a rower or mentor when you were a student?
I came to rowing as a sophomore after being on the track and field team my first year. So Laura Jackson and Katie Fox — who were just ahead of me — convinced me to shift. I also give a lot of credit to Ken Shannon (track coach) for making me a better athlete for success as a rower.

What has changed, and what has stayed the same, about Washington Rowing to you?
I appreciate that the traditions have mostly stayed the same — whether it’s how we christen shells, or how team work together - Washington Rowing is steeped in commitment to the team and to excellence. The other thing that remains constant is our course and our lake... when I see it I can remember a practice or a race. The Mountain (Rainier) is still there — kind of saying “think you’re so tough!”

What do you see as the role of the alumni in the success of Washington Rowing, and why?
The fact that the current rowers see the alums regularly — particularly women — at events is just a far-reaching influence. And that fact that names are attached to scholarships, to shells, to rooms... they see what it takes to keep UW rowing strong.

Why do you give to Washington Rowing?
I’ve given to the program pretty regularly since my graduation in ’82, but in the last few years I’ve been able to do more. I lost my sister Gail to pancreatic cancer five years ago. She was an athlete at Stanford in the pre-Title IX days. They swim and played ball and ran for the sheer love of it. She was my best cheerleader as I went through my career at UW. I honor Gail and her trail-blazing spirit as an athlete and leader every time I give to UW Rowing since I know she would do the same.

Less than ten years out of school, Andrew Beaton, ’08, and his wife Genevieve, have set the bar for their generation. Through the ever-present demands on their life from careers (he works for a Seattle-based asset management firm and frequently travels to the Bay Area) and starting a family, the Beatons still find the time to help organize the annual Class Day BBQ, sell gear on Opening Day, and donate to the program.

What was your most memorable moment as a Husky?
The 2007 Cal Dual in the Cut, junior year. It was the JV race, we were down 3/4 of a length with 600 meters left, and the feeling that it was another Cal “rout” began creeping in (my first two years were plagued by Cal dominance). Then our stroke, BJ Caron, the Flying Dutchman, the Swedish Chef, or whatever teammates affectionately called him, began swinging. Micah Perrin, our otherwise jovial coxswain, put BJ’s actions into words, igniting a move that had us walking back on the Bears. My field of vision narrowed in what I can only describe as akin to the end of a Looney Tunes cartoon as our boat heaved through the Cut... we won by a boat length (or was it open water? The distance grows with time...). And the varsity dominated from line-to-line, signaling what would turn out to be a seismic shift on the West Coast and national scene for years to come.

Who influenced you when you were a student?
Bob Ernst taught me the importance of process and to have faith that the program has given you the best opportunity to reach success on the last day of the year. And Michael Callahan for trying to imbue us with strong leadership qualities from his first day in the boathouse (even though it took me a few years in corporate life after rowing to fully appreciate).

What has changed, and what has stayed the same, about Washington Rowing to you?
Clearly the turn out gear ascends to a new level each year, causing envy among the alums on race day. The rowers wearing the gear, though... they haven’t changed. Students, competitors, winners, that’s been consistent.

What do you see as the role of the alumni in the success of Washington Rowing, and why?
Support in all forms: money, time and cheering, whether all of it or simply giving $20 or attending a race and yelling your voice hoarse.

Why do you give to Washington Rowing?
One small way to give back as gratitude for the things you’ve seen on these pages before: strong desire to succeed in life and lasting friendships.
Honoring Our Women’s Captains
1975-1980

By Eric Cohen, ’82

Honoring our captains at Washington is a tradition that goes back to the earliest days of the program. The Captain’s Wall at Conibear Shellhouse – with photos of every athlete that has led the program since the beginning – serves as a connection to our past, and a reminder of those that have come before us. Missing from that wall have been the women’s captains who served their teams from 1975-1980. Through extensive searching and conversations with alumnae, late last spring these six Washington Rowing captains joined their peers on the Captain’s Wall; BJ Connolly and Nancy Michalson (1975); Kathy Bulger (1976, 1977); Linda Cox (1978); Jean Bulger (1979); and Lori Slehofer (1980). We talked with BJ, Linda and Kate about their Washington rowing experience and what it has meant to them. Read more about the 1975-1980 captains at WashingtonRowing.com.

BJ Connolly

BJ began rowing when the sport was still an intramural sport for women at Washington, and they rowed out of the old Navy Hangar on the Montlake Cut. “The old shellhouse was dark and cold but we did not care. Who would have thought that by the end of my freshman year we would be winning the NWRA National Championship in the lightweight eight... to have been a part of those boats was an unbelievable experience. By my senior year additional universities had also started their programs; UCLA, Cal, Oregon State, and we were all creating history for our schools; racing at the Western Sprints, and the best race of all: being the first Husky Women’s Crew to compete in Opening Day. Husky rowing taught me that life is all about connecting. Those that know the sport know that the tradition of excellence, giving of yourself 110% for a team effort and being able to handle the workload of training with studying are all challenges we overcome. And after you graduate, because of that you can handle any experience with fortitude and grace. The skills you learn as a rower will serve you for years to come.”

Linda Cox Fornaciari

Captain in 1978, Linda is the only coxswain added to the Captain’s Wall in this group. “I like to say that my four years as a coxswain were where I learned how to tell taller people what to do, and haven’t stopped since. But the truth is that Washington Rowing taught me the power of a group working together, and how each individual adds their particular strength to the whole to do what seems impossible. Quite frankly, once you have worked this hard and this many hours in the dark and rain, you have an innate confidence any place you go.

Kathy Bulger (Kate Camber)

Kate was elected captain in both 1976 and 1977 by her teammates, and for good reason: she was a leader both on and off the water throughout her career at Washington. “All of us loved rowing – to me it was the best part of my day... as a sport it is individual and it’s a team, I loved that part of it. When you can rely on other people... and feel the swing together in the boat... those relationships stood above and beyond anything else in my life at the time.”

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In Memoriam

ROGER BAIRD, ’51
The Washington Rowing family was saddened to hear of the passing of Hall-of-Famer Roger Baird, ’51, on July 14, 2017.

Roger was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the fall of 2000, along with many of his ’48-’50 teammates, as recognition for the dominant performances of the Washington Rowing team during that era. Both the 1948 and the 1950 teams swept the river, with Baird playing a critical role as stroke of the Frosh 8 in 1948 and stroke of the Varsity 8 in 1950. In fact, he is one of the few oarsmen in Washington history to win a gold medal in all three IRA major events, stroking to victory the Frosh 8 in ’48, the JV 8 in ’49, and the V8 in ’50.

“He stroked every day of his career,” said classmate Tren Griffin, ’51, “and he gave everything on every stroke, so much so that there were days where I thought I was going to have to carry him out of the shell. Besides being a wonderful person, I believe he was one of the greatest stroke oarsmen in Washington history.”

Roger defined the exceptional nature of the athletes and crews of his era, and the entire Washington Rowing family would like to extend our condolences to his family, friends and teammates during this time.

ROBERT (BOB) ROGERS, ’55
Bob Rogers, ’55, passed peacefully in his sleep July 9, 2017 next to his beloved wife, Jennie, in their home in Edmonds, WA.

In 1941, the family moved to Seattle. Bob attended the University of Washington, graduating with a BA in Business in 1955. He joined the army in 1956 and served two years at Fort Lawton in Seattle.

Rowing became a very large part of Bob’s life during his freshman year at UW. He made varsity crew in his senior year. After college, he and several other rowing friends formed Lake Washington Rowing Club and rowed competitively aiming for the Olympics. They missed 1956, but in 1960, he and lifetime friend Ted Frost started rowing a pair without coxswain and won nearly all of their events. They won the Gold Medal in the 1959 Pan American games, and took fifth place in the 1960 Olympics in Rome. He always used a quote one of his coaches told him after the last race: “It’s not what you do when you win big, but what you do when you lose big that counts.” He used that quote often throughout his life.

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