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Cover: Washington's men's 8 celebrates after winning the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley. Photo credit: Row2K. Inside cover, clockwise from top: Pac-12 Team Champions together; Men's V8 Windermere Cup Champions; NCAA 2nd Place Team; IRA Team Champions; NCAA 2V8 Champions; Men's V8 with the Schoch Cup.



Dear Friends,

Reflecting on the past season, we would like to pause and express our gratitude to a number of our favorite people.

Our student-athletes represent the University with fortitude and integrity both in the classroom and on the racecourse. This extends to the community as well, whether that's cleaning up a park, mentoring Special Olympians or reaching out to disadvantaged youth. The presence of our Huskies is felt far and wide.

The parent community of our student-athletes deserves our heartfelt appreciation, as they continue to provide crucial support at regattas as well as advocating for the program. Barbecues, host families, donations, volunteering, are all ways they help the program, resulting in conspicuous and contagious enthusiasm.

The women from the 70's have blazed a trail back to the boathouse. These extraordinary women championed gender equity off the water, while pushing their limits on the water. They were catalysts for change in their collegiate years, and now in their professional careers they have brought new energy—and the gift of a new shell — back to the boathouse (photo above). They have created a new and real momentum for our alumnae, and for all of it we say “thank you.”

The program is losing one of its stalwarts this summer. Colin Sykes, '92 (pictured right), coached the men's team from 2003 to 2007 and the women's

team from 2008 to 2015. He joined Yaz in 2016, providing much needed continuity to the program. He coached men and women to multiple national championships in the varsity four and retires from the UW having made an indelible mark on both the program and the athletes he mentored.

Our appreciation extends well beyond this page, but please know the program is built on all of you. You each make an impact on the success of our team

Thank you!

Go Huskies!

Jane Powers and Trevor Vernon
Co-chairs
Board of Washington Rowing Stewards



A Season of Growth and Gratitude

By Yaz Farooq

The 2017-18 season was one of exciting races, close finishes and growth for the Women of Washington.

After our unprecedented sweep of the NCAA Championship in 2017, this year we challenged ourselves to improve in every way possible — on the erg, in the weight room, on the water, as teammates — so that we could compete in every scenario possible. We did exactly that. Success is often measured by championships won — we came up two points short of that at this year's NCAA's. Along the way, these women grew in every area, gave their best effort and were gracious runners-up. And that is all a coach can ask for.

We kick-started the season on home waters at the Husky Open, where we raced Washington State, claiming the Apple Cup and wins in every event. Then a trip to the desert heat of Vegas, a preview of the soaring temperatures we would encounter at the NCAA's in Florida a couple of months away. The Dawgs swept Top 10 NCAA foes Texas and Michigan to get the spring season off to a good start. The following weekend was the Cal Dual in Redwood Shores. The rivalry was as hot as ever with the Huskies taking four of five from the Bears.

The Windermere Cup was next on the schedule, and proved to be one of the most spectacular races of all time on the Montlake Cut. With our top two eights split into "Purple" and "Gold" boats — the Gold crew charged to the lead and held off the Dutch National Team for 1500 meters. A furious sprint by the Purple boat made it three boats charging for the line side by side in front of a deafening hometown Husky crowd. It was as loud as any Olympic final, and I've been to a few. The Dutch edged to the win with all three crews within two seconds of one another.

The Pac-12 proved once again to be the strongest conference in the nation as three teams would go on to make the NCAA podium. We knew it would take our very best effort in all boats. Our depth and unity showed again with a second straight sweep of the Pac-12 Championship with wins in the novice eight, third varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity eight and first varsity eight.

The NCAA's would provide an adventure beyond just the racing. Florida lived up to its reputation. The rain began upon our arrival, and yes, we saw alligators on the canal we trained on in the week prior to racing. Tropical storm Alberto descended upon Sarasota, bringing muggy temperatures and more rain, turning the venue into a muddy swamp. All boats would end up racing the semifinal and final in the same day with the races run in reverse order in front of the storm.

The team dealt with the adversity and brought its best. The varsity eight fell short by 1.6 seconds to a very strong Cal

boat. The second varsity eight dominated the regatta, winning the final by more than six seconds, and completing another undefeated season. The varsity four final will go down in history as the greatest varsity fours race at the NCAA championship, with two boats fighting for inches from the 500-meter mark to the final five strokes, with Cal eking out the win.

The season didn't end there. With the generous support of the 101 Club and Husky alums, we were able to send a double, quad and eight to Henley. The Husky eight both thrilled and shocked the hometown crowd by nearly pulling off an upset for the ages, leading until the final strokes against the British national team eight. There is no doubt it will provide an inspirational springboard into next season.

Last spring, I was reminded that we are indeed "Rowing U" in "RowTown USA." We were rowing by Gas Works Park, fresh off the Pac-12 Championships. People who were there to relax and enjoy the day, one by one, rose to their feet and began clapping as we rowed by. It was magical, and unique to this city that loves and appreciates our sport. From moments like this, to the gift of the "Title IX Sisterhood" Empacher eight from the women of the 70's, to the 101 Club's speedy efforts to send our team to Henley, I am constantly reminded of how special this place is, and the people behind everything that we do.

Thank you on behalf of our team and Go Dawgs!!!



All the best for bright futures to our Seniors! Front row: Kenzie Waltar, Anna Porteous, Jess Thoennes, Chiara Ondoli, Brooke Mooney, Brooke Pierson. Back row: Phoebe Marks-Nicholes, Julia Paulsen, Nancy MacGeorge, Sara Clark, Karle Pittsinger, Madison Mariani and Meagan Smith.



The 2018 Season is officially behind us, and I wanted to thank you again for your support throughout the year.

By Michael Callahan

I could not be prouder of this team, and particularly our seniors. The Class of '18 stepped up last year (2017) to re-embrace the hard work and dedication it takes to get to the top of our sport, and they continued this year as leaders both on and off the water. This year we had one of the highest GPA's since I have been head coach, and their dedication to being complete oarsmen is clearly evident. The words of George Pocock come to mind as we reflect on the past year and watch the seniors graduate: "the kind of self-discipline required to achieve the ultimate from mind, heart, and body" is what we teach at Washington.

Underscoring these values, senior Luke Khoury achieved the highest cumulative GPA of all UW graduating student-athletes (all sports at the UW), completing a degree in Chemical Engineering. Luke was also awarded two academic scholarships to continue his studies at the UW, and will be a candidate for both a Master's, and a PhD, in Chemical Engineering. Congratulations Luke!

Last fall, we formally launched the "Beyond the Boat" life skills program. The program is centered on the concepts of personal accountability to teammates, valuing the University (and the academic and cultural opportunities that abound here), and contributing to the Seattle community in which we live. As part of the Beyond the Boat curriculum, the team completed over 40 hours of classroom work and participated in multiple service projects in our local community. Beyond the Boat brought in many alumni from various fields to talk about their industries and career paths. It was a great start and we

hope to expand and refine it in the next few years.

The 2018 racing season was truly memorable. I challenged the team on the first day of the 2018 campaign to win the Cal Dual and bring the Schoch Cup back to Conibear. We did this with flair by rowing 5:27.6 and missing the Redwood Shores course record by tenths of seconds.

Our team finished the year as Pac-12 Varsity 8 and Team Champions, and National Team Champions (Ten Eyck Trophy) for the 11th out of the last 12 years. We fell short to a very good Yale team in the final V8 event at the IRA's, and for that we congratulate them...but also look ahead to next year and the opportunity to get back to work.

To reward our team for a terrific season, we took a men's eight to Henley in July. The crew—comprised mostly of members of second and third varsity eights from this past season—beat Yale in the semi-finals, and Oxford Brookes University in the Final, to go on to win the Temple Challenge Cup and breaking the event record by five seconds.

It is humbling to look back on the year and see what you – our most dedicated supporters – have done for these young men and women. It is your dedication to this program that creates the special opportunity that is Washington Rowing. Our culture here – and our community – is unique in collegiate rowing. The traditions and legacy that you uphold, and the commitment you make to these student-athletes, is a gift they will take with them throughout their lives.

Thank you.

Historic Performance by USA and UW Callahan Coached USA M8+ Wins; 6/9 Athletes From UW



By Eric Cohen & Amy Anderson

Photo by Aaron Shepley

It was a record-breaking, gold medal summer on the water for the USA — and the University of Washington — at the Under 23 World Championships in Poznan, Poland in July. The United States won the M4+, W4+, WL2-, W2-, and M8+, (the highest gold medal total for the USA in history), with 14 Washington athletes—representing four different countries—standing on the medal stand (also a record).

“These US athletes really came here to compete,” said Michael Callahan, head coach of the USA men’s sweep squad. “But also, the performance by our Husky men and women... it is so gratifying to see our system of developing world-class rowers at Washington translate to this kind of success on the world stage.”

Callahan, with assistant coaches Sergio Espinoza and Carlos Dinares, ran the USA men’s team selection camp out of Conibear Shellhouse beginning in late June. While assistant coach Sam Dommer took a men’s team to Henley, and Yaz Farooq led the women’s squad there, Callahan stayed in Seattle to run the camp and select the US team. That selection led to 18 men forming the USA M8+, M4+, and M4-, and traveling to Europe together. The final result: the M4+ and the M8+ won gold, and the M4- narrowly missed out on the bronze to finish fourth.

“It’s a meritocracy system,” said Callahan on the selection process. “We put all of the guys through a rigorous development system, and I think we showed that training in Seattle works. It validated our philosophy and process. Then to see it all come together in Poznan... I just could not be happier for these athletes.”

The story, for Washington fans, gets even better: In the USA men’s eight, six were Huskies: Rielly Milne (coxswain), Andrew Gaard (stroke), Sam Halbert (6), Madison Molitor (5), Arne Landboe (4), and Chris Carlson (3). Three grew up here in Washington: Sam rowed at Sammamish, Arne at Greenlake, and Madison is a walk-on (swam and ran XC) from Moses Lake.

To top it off, the men’s eight set a new U23 World Championship record in an unbelievable 5:22.48.

Huskies Win Record 14 Medals

Altogether, UW athletes won 14 medals (out of 19 UW athletes competing), including another World Champion, Anna Thornton, in the British W2X who also set a U23 record, the largest total the UW has won at the U23 Worlds. In addition, three of our UW women (also all from the state of Washington) anchored the stern of the USA W8+ that brought home the bronze: Brooke Pierson (Oak Harbor, walk-on) stroke; Elise Beuke (Sequim) 7; and Marlee Blue (Seattle) 6.

“This kind of local athlete development is not done anywhere else in the nation at this level,” said Washington women’s head rowing coach Yaz Farooq. “For this many rowers from Washington state to be competing — and winning — world championship medals, is really a testament to the special culture and community that is Washington Rowing.”

The community support did not end there. The USA men’s eight rowed to victory in the brand new Chuck Holtz III, a gift of Washington Rowing Stewards Jon and Judy Runstad, which Callahan had delivered to Poznan before it shipped to Seattle. Named after the legendary Husky rower (Holtz also set a record internationally while rowing for the USA in the 60s), the shell now comes home to Washington, with the rarest of chevrons on the bow: World Champion.

“The U23s are the gateway to the Olympics,” Callahan noted. “We want the USA to have success in the Olympics, and the U23’s are one step away.” Callahan continued, “We are very grateful for the commitment from the University of Washington, the Rowing Stewards, our staff, and the Seattle rowing community who supported the athletes while they trained here in Seattle. It is the way amateur athletics can and should work. We don’t do this alone, and our community stepped up in a big way.”

Washington Rowers at the Under-23 Worlds

Women's Double Sculls (BW2x)

Anna Thornton '19, GB – Gold medal

Valentina Iseppi '20, ITA – Bronze medal

Sofia Asoumanaki '21, GRE – Finished 4th in A final

Men's Eight (BM8+)

Rielly Milne '18, Chris Carlson '19, Andrew Gaard '19,
Sam Halbert '20, Arne Landboe '18, Madison Molitor '19,

Head coach Michael Callahan, assistant coaches

Sergio Espinoza and Carlos Dinares, USA – Gold medal

Harvey Kay '20, GB – Silver medal

Gert-Jan van Doorn '21, NED – Finished 6th in A final

Women's Eight (BW8+)

Lisa Goossens '22, NED – Silver medal

Elise Beuke '19, Marlee Blue '19, Brooke Pierson '18,

USA – Bronze medal

Lightweight Men's Quadruple Sculls (BLM4x)

Chase Deitner '21, USA – Bronze medal

Men's Four (BM4-)

Elijah Maesner '19, USA – Finished 4th in A final

Men's Single Sculls (BM1x)

Ben Davison '19, USA – Finished 4th in A final

Men's Quadruple Sculls (BM4x)

Nick Everett '21, CAN – Finished first in C final



Huskies at Henley

Washington Men Shatter Temple Cup Record on Way to Henley Victory

By Eric Cohen and Amy Anderson

Washington Rowing and the Henley Royal Regatta each boast a proud tradition together, one that dates back 60 years. While the regatta itself is much older – the event was first held in 1839 – the UW has made history on the Thames more than once. Sixty years ago, Washington's '58 men's crew lost in the final of the Grand Challenge Cup in the UW's first appearance at Henley, but the Huskies gained their revenge over the Trud Leningrad Club later that summer in the historic rematch in the Soviet Union, one of the marquee events in the history of UW athletics.

In 1977, Washington's men won the Grand Challenge Cup, the top prize at Henley, beating the British National Team. That year also featured the only time in Husky history that Washington won two Henley events, also taking the Visitors' Cup for straight fours.

In 2000, Washington won the first open women's eight race (then called the Henley Prize) beating the University of Victoria by a half-length.

This year, Washington's men's eight won the Temple Challenge Cup beating a crew from Oxford Brookes University and breaking the event record by five seconds. On the same day, UW's Anna Thornton, '19, won the Stonor Challenge Trophy for women's double sculls along with her partner, Charlotte Hodgkins-Byrne. This year also marks the first time Husky men's and women's crews have gone to Henley together.

"Every rower, at some point in their life wants to row at Henley," said UW men's head coach Michael Callahan. "We are so grateful to our alumni, donors and the University for making this dream a reality for our student-athletes. It is a very special experience."

The Husky men won five match races over the five-day regatta (beating Yale in the semis in the M8+) in a field of 32 entries, including nine from American colleges.

Washington's time of 5:58 broke the old Temple Challenge Cup record by five seconds.

The winning Washington crew, comprised mostly of members of second and third varsity eights from this past season, included coxswain Kimmons Wilson, '19, and rowers Sean Kelly, '18, George Esau, '20, Peter Lancashire, '21, Steve Rosts, '21, David Bridges, '20, Robert Karlen, '18, Philipp Nonnast, '19, and Alexander Vollmer, '20.

Washington men's crew was led by UW assistant coach and former Olympian Sam Dommer, '14. Dommer was also a member of the Washington crew that won the

Temple Challenge Cup at Henley in 2012.

"Sam did an incredible job coaching at Henley," said Callahan who stayed back in Seattle to perform his duties as the U.S. under-23 head coach. "It's part of the 'Washington Way' to not only develop our student-athletes but also our coaches. Sam handled all of the coaching duties extremely well and the results speak for themselves."

Additionally, former UW captain Jacob Dawson, '16, won the Stewards' Challenge Cup with the Great Britain coxless four, rowing for Leander Club.

Coach Yaz Farooq is looking to start a new Henley tradition on the women's side as well. Prior to this year, the Washington women hadn't been to Henley since 2000. It is Farooq's goal to



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UW Victories at the Henley Royal Regatta

1977 – Grand Challenge Cup (men's eight)

1977 – Visitors' Challenge Cup (men's coxless four)

1981 – Ladies Challenge Plate (men's eight)

2000 – Henley Prize (women's eight)

2003 – Ladies Challenge Plate (men's eight)

2010 – Temple Challenge Cup (men's eight)

2012 – Temple Challenge Cup (men's eight)

2015 – Prince Albert Challenge Cup (men's coxed four)

2018 – Temple Challenge Cup (men's eight)

Other appearances: 1958, 1973, 1978, 1984, 1991, 1995, 1997, 2013

take crews every four years. (Due to NCAA foreign tour rules, teams may participate in foreign competitions out of season a maximum of once every four years.)

"It's the experience of a lifetime, and competing at Henley every four years means that every Husky rower can earn this opportunity during her career here," said Farooq.

"Hopefully, next time when we go, now that they've added additional women's events, we can take Husky rowers in every one of those events."

This year, Washington's women fielded three boats, thanks primarily to the generous support of the 101 Club, a Seattle organization devoted to the promotion of amateur sports.

For the first time, women raced on the opening day of Henley, thanks to the expansion of the field for the Remenham Cup. Washington's women's eight of Phoebe Marks-Nicholes, '18, Brooke Pierson, '18, Elise Beuke, '19, Marlee Blue, '19, Tabea Schendekehl, '20, Brooke Mooney, '18, Karle Pittsinger, '18, Jess Thoennes, '18, and Katy

Gillingham, '19 dominated the opening two rounds, but ultimately fell to the British National Team in the semifinal in a thrilling sprint to the line. UW's double sculls combination of Kenzie Waltar, '18, and Klara Grube, '21, also made it to the semifinal, where they lost to the duo from Exeter College in the Stonor Cup. Chiara Ondoli, '18, Carmela Pappalardo, '20, Sara Clark, '18, and Julia Paulsen, '18, raced in the quad sculls, falling to a combined crew from Sydney University (Australia) and Edinburgh University (Scotland) in the Princess Grace Challenge Cup.

"I am extremely proud of all of our boats," said Farooq. "Racing against national teams and national team hopefuls was a tall order and we knew it would take our best effort physically, technically and mentally. I think everyone found a new level of focus and concentration. It was teamwork at its finest."

Well rowed Washington!





New Shell Dedications

Swiftsure/Alumnus

On February 24, 2018, members of the 1958 team that defeated the Soviets in Moscow returned to Conibear to dedicate our newest Men's Pocock 8+ in the Washington fleet: the Swiftsure/Alumnus. On hand were John Bisset (cox); Roger MacDonald (3-seat); Dick Erickson's (2-seat) wife Irma; and Bob Svendsen (bow), along with extended family and friends.

Why two names for the shell? Donated by the Ambrose family in the spring of 1958, the original shell was christened as the Alumnus and shipped off to Henley. But once the men arrived, the team and coaches decided to name her the Swiftsure because it was "less clunky and sounded better" according to John Sayre, the stroke of the team (and future Olympic gold medalist). The press picked up the name, and from then on every report coming back to Seattle noted the men rowing in the Swiftsure.

The team would lose at Henley to the Soviets but were invited for a re-match in Moscow. Once behind

the Iron Curtain, the men became less interested in the shell name, and more focused on exacting revenge. Which is what they did, rowing the Alumnus—clearly spelled out in photos on the bow of the shell—across the line on the Khimki Reservoir in one of the greatest upsets in the history of collegiate rowing. "It was the Alumnus that won in Moscow, so let's celebrate that," said head men's rowing coach Michael Callahan. "But everyone knew her as the Swiftsure, so we are keeping that as well."

'Title IX Sisterhood'

Washington's women's rowing team christened its newest eight-oared racing shell – Title IX Sisterhood – on May 4, 2018 on the eve of the 32nd annual Windermere Cup on the docks at Conibear Shellhouse. The new Empacher racing shell – and its name – were donated by a group of alumnae who began the Washington women's program in the 1970s.

The UW men's and women's teams and a group of 1970s-era

alumnae gathered for the traditional UW shell dedication ceremony, with water from the Montlake Cut finish line poured on to the shell (poured this time from the 2017 NCAA championship trophy) and an inaugural row from the varsity eight crew.

"Recently the women rowers from the 1970s have started to gather at reunions in greater numbers, especially with the start of the Women's Alumnae Brunch the last few years," said Linda Cox Fornaciari, '78, who helped spearhead the project of fundraising for the new shell. "Personally, six of my teammates and I have been getting together once or twice a year for 40 years. Rowing at Washington has always created incredible bonds in the boat; it is the essence of crew. But the bonds that we women forged in the '70s are particularly strong. We were the ones who began the new era of Washington women's crew as a varsity team and faced initial resistance even as we challenged ourselves to the utmost and won championships."

“Kids Crew” Community Outreach Event

Washington Rowing and Windermere Real Estate share a commitment to giving back to our community. For the last 32 years we have partnered to bring world-class crew races to the Montlake Cut on Opening Day. But one of our favorite parts of Windermere Cup has nothing to do with the race itself.

For the past 20 years, the day before the big event, Washington Rowing and Windermere Real Estate invite elementary school children to spend a day with rowers from the UW and visiting international teams for our annual Windermere Cup “Kids Crew” event.

Children from schools in underprivileged communities are given the unique opportunity to experience the UW campus and learn about rowing, fitness and nutrition. A day like this allows these kids’ dreams to grow; dreams they can one day achieve. It also gives them the unique opportunity to see firsthand the benefits of attending a four-year university and participating in school sports. Whether it’s rowing at UW, becoming a doctor, or just attending college, days like this remind these kids that it’s all possible.

This year, approximately 40 fourth graders from Sanislo Elementary School in Seattle’s South Delridge neighborhood took part in the event held at Conibear Shellhouse. Since its inception, we estimate that approximately 1,000 kids have participated in the “Kids Crew” event.

Washington Rowing extends a very special thank you to Windermere Real Estate for sponsoring and producing Windermere Cup, one of the world’s biggest rowing regattas of the year and an exciting spring event for the Seattle community.

For highlights and results from the 32nd Windermere Cup regatta, visit www.washingtonrowing.com.



Marlee Blue with “Kids Crew” participants.



Fourth graders from Sanislo Elementary School head out on the water with Braeden Daste, ‘18, and Victor Pivac, ‘18, during the 20th annual Windermere Cup “Kids Crew” event. Marlee Blue, ‘19, helps launch the boat.

Why I Volunteer: Noelle Broom, '08

By Amy Anderson

Noelle Broom walked onto the Washington Rowing team as a freshman after being a swimmer and water polo player in high school. She became hooked on rowing after learning to row under Erica Schwab (the freshmen coach at the time). Nearly 15 years later, she's still hooked on Washington Rowing. For the past three years she's organized the Class Day BBQ with Andrew Beaton and helped sell gear with Eric Cohen during the Windermere Cup races. She joined the Washington Rowing Board of Stewards in 2016 and is a familiar face at Washington Rowing events. We sat down with Noelle to find out why she volunteers for Washington Rowing.



What do you enjoy most about volunteering with Washington Rowing?

Working alongside other Husky rowing alums. There's an amazing spirit and dedication that is instilled in each Husky rower. I love working with people with that kind of dedication and work ethic.

What would you say to others about why they should consider volunteering with Washington Rowing?

I think it's important to volunteer and give back to a team and a program that gives so much to its athletes. Washington Rowing gave so much to me when I was a rower, and I'd like to help repay that in some small way. On top of that, being involved with such an exciting team is so much fun. It helps you connect with old friends and classmates, as well as meet many wonderful new people who have also rowed for Washington.

You're a busy mom. Why do you choose to continue to give back to Washington Rowing? How do you find the time?

Working with the Board of Stewards, and giving back to Washington Rowing, has been so fulfilling. This makes it easy to carve out time to give back to a program that has given so much to me! It's been such a positive experience to continue to help a program focused on young people. My own personal experience as a Washington rower was one of the best and most rewarding experiences of my life. I've found giving back to Washington Rowing to be especially valuable for me now that I'm a mom. I'm home with my little boy and baby girl who arrived in August. I am so grateful to be a stay-

at-home mom and love every minute of it. That said, it's still very important for me to continue to pursue my own goals and interests. My involvement with the Board of Stewards has given that to me, as it has allowed me to work with some really incredible and bright people and focus on something bigger than ourselves.

What do you see as the role of the alumni in the success of Washington Rowing, and why?

The alumni are integral in the success of Washington Rowing, because they have such acute understanding and appreciation of the hard work that goes into the team, the efforts of every single athlete, and all of the tireless efforts of each coach. With this knowledge, alumni can most effectively give back to the program, whether that means volunteering at a race, connecting with current student-athletes and helping mentor them, or moving the program forward with fundraising efforts.

What was your most memorable moment as a Husky?

My most memorable moment as a Husky rower was winning the Pac-10 Conference championship in the women's freshmen boat after walking onto the team earlier that year.

In a word, how do you describe what Washington Rowing means to you?

Legacy.

If you're interested in volunteering your time and talents please email Sarah Keller, Director of Operations, at kellersw@uw.edu.

Dottie Simpson: 1924-2018

By Eric Cohen



Dorothy “Dottie” Simpson, long-time Washington Rowing supporter and fan, and a strong advocate for education and women’s rights, died February 12, 2018 at the age of 93.

Dottie was an adventurer and enjoyed everything life had to offer. Growing up in the south, she was active in a myriad of sports from a young age and had a fascination with flying, so much so that in her early 20’s she had a pilot’s license. Her goal was to fly in WWII, cut short only because the war ended, so she turned her focus to academics, graduating from Duke University as a math major and Class President.

She married Hunter Simpson in 1951, and the two of them settled with their family on Mercer Island in the early 60’s. Hunter (who rowed at Washington and was a member of the VBC in the late 40’s), was a consistent presence at the boathouse throughout the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s, both as a Rowing Steward and member of the UW Board of Regents. Dottie was drawn to the sport through Hunter and as a Husky (she earned an MBA from Foster in 1982), and became a staunch and generous supporter of the rowing team at Washington for decades, and particularly the women’s team.

“Dottie was a huge fan of Washington athletics and especially the rowing team,” said Erin O’Connell ‘96, a close friend of the Simpson family and now Senior Associate Athletic Director at the UW. “She highly valued the opportunity for women to compete – and to

compete at a high level. She saw our women’s rowing team as providing exactly that...and she and Hunter were consistently there to support it.”

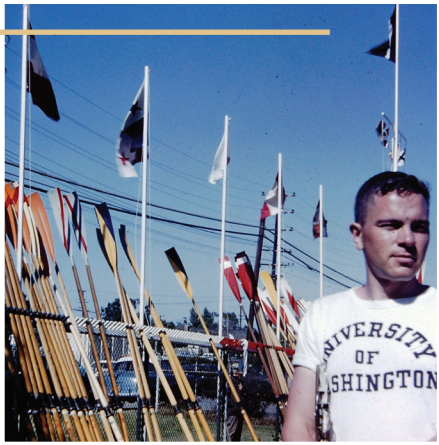
In 2003, the trophy for the winner of the women’s Varsity Eight event at the annual Cal Dual was named the Simpson Cup in honor of Hunter and Dottie. The family connection is made that much more complete by the fact that their daughter, Anne, rowed at Cal.

An outspoken advocate for Title IX, Dottie believed all opportunities should be open to women, and she lived her life that way. “She was a powerhouse of a person,” continued O’Connell, “and did not believe in the word ‘no’. For her, there was always a way to achieve the goal...it was just a matter of finding it. She backed down from nothing. That was just who she was.”

An adventurer, a philanthropist, a competitor, an advocate for women...and a true friend to Washington Rowing. That was Dottie Simpson. Her memory and her legacy will be forever remembered by the Washington Rowing community.

In Memoriam

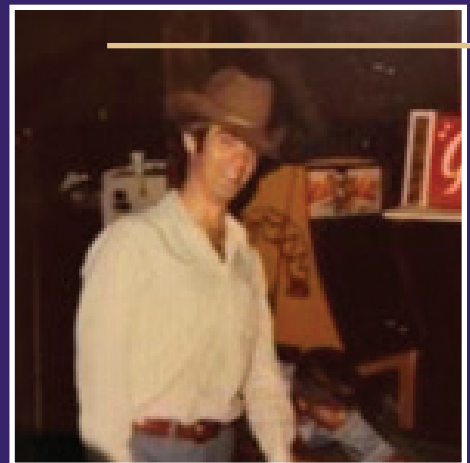
Dwight G. Shaw, '60



The Varsity Boat Club honors one of their own with the passing of Dwight Shaw, '60, in January of 2018. Dwight was an oarsman, a Varsity Manager, and Assistant Freshman Coach with Frosh Coach John Bisset in 1961. He was one of only ten Washington students selected into "Fir Tree" upon graduation, the organization that honored outstanding undergraduates for achievement and service to the University. Dwight loved the Northwest and everything it offered. He sailed in the summer and skied in the winter. Dwight was a ski instructor at Snoqualmie, he biked (rode in many STP and RSVP rides), and was consistently active throughout his life. A longtime member of the Seattle Yacht Club, Dwight was elected the SYC Commodore in 2002, working closely once again with the UW rowing team on the 15th Anniversary of the Windermere Cup. The Shaw family, in recognition of Dwight's commitment and dedication to Washington Rowing, recently donated the color slides he took as 1961 Assistant Coach, including photos of the 1961 Frosh winning the Steward's Cup at the 1961 IRA. We thank the Shaw family for this gift.

Gary Clark, '68

Gary Clark, member of the Varsity Boat Club and Class of '68, passed away in January of 2018. A gifted athlete in high school (basketball and football), Gary joined Husky Crew as a freshman, and made life-long friends in his time at Conibear Shellhouse. He rowed in the first frosh boat at the IRA—coached by Dick Erickson—that finished third. It is a fitting tribute to this committed athlete and friend that on January 27, Gary's Memorial Service was held at the finish line on the Cut, where his ashes were scattered in a military ceremony.



The Girls in the Boat

Congratulations to the 1984 and 1985 women's crews for earning a spot in the Husky Hall of Fame for the following achievements.

- The '84 and '85 Washington women's varsity eights won both the Pac-10 Conference championship and the National Championship
- The '84 varsity eight was undefeated
- The '84 and '85 crews were the last two in a string of five straight national titles for the UW women
- Eight members of these two crews were members of the U.S. National Team, and one (Chris Campbell) rowed in the 1988 Olympics, in the United States women's eight
- Three went on to coach rowing: Eleanor McElvaine was head coach at Washington (and also served as a national team coach); Sara Nevin was an assistant at Cal before taking over as head coach at Mills College in 2011; and Liese Hendrie (now Rajesh) coached at Lakeside School in Seattle



1984



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Induction into the Husky Hall of Fame is one of the greatest honors bestowed by the University of Washington Athletic Department. Since its inception in 1979, the Husky Hall of Fame has welcomed 200 members to its prestigious ranks. Members exhibit skill in their sports, success in academics and the highest character and qualities that represent the very best of what it means to be a Husky.

The new class will be inducted at a ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 21. For more information, including bios of all of the inductees, go to <https://gohski.es/2LvzpHi>.

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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Washington Rowing Alumni Tailgate	Sept. 29	ASUW Shell House, Seattle
Head of the Charles	Oct. 20-21	Boston, MA
Husky Hall of Fame Celebration	Oct. 21	Alaska Airlines Arena, Seattle
Head of the American	Oct. 27	Lake Natoma, CA
Head of the Lake	Nov. 4	Montlake Cut

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