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SEASON PREVIEW

Off The Water

Get to know UW Women's Head Coach Yaz Farooq

What do you do with your time away from the boathouse?

Yaz Farooq: There hasn't been a lot so far as you might imagine. I'm honestly trying to do my best to stay fit. There is an awesome cardio deck above the weight room. Our team lifts in two back to back groups, so I usually sneak in a workout during group one's cooldown and group two's warmup.

Favorite Seattle restaurant?

Seattle has the BEST seafood. I've been to the Carpenter and the Walrus three times already. I'm a huge oyster fan! And Ivar's is an institution that I am glad to consistently support. When I'm on the road they have the best breakfast sandwich in the airport.

Favorite TV show binge?

I missed Downton Abbey when it first came out, so I catch episodes some nights after practice with my husband Roger.

If I'm listening to classical music it's:

Bach. The melodies and countermelodies are just like coxing!

Favorite current artist?

Sia

Favorite rowing moment?

When the US women's eight won the Olympic gold medal in 2008--with Huskies Anna (Mickelson) Cummins, Mary (Whipple) Murray and volunteer assistant coach Elle (Logan) Dinares onboard.

Sunday morning routine?

Listening to classic country with Rog while making a big Sunday breakfast.

Happiest day of your life?

Getting married on a boat in Sydney Harbour during the 2000 Summer Olympics.



Funniest celebrity moment?

At the same Olympics, while waiting for the elevator, a bookcase was pushed aside and Muhammed Ali entered our hotel through a secret entrance. Other sportscasters around us were chanting "Champ" upon seeing that "The Greatest" had arrived. Ali stopped in his tracks and said, "Did you say... Tramp?" He then playfully attempted to pull me into the elevator as if he were going to steal me away. My husband said, "You can't take her, she's with me!" Then The Champ started shadow boxing Rog. The guy had a great sense of humor.

Your favorite hobbies?

I love gardening and cooking with whatever I grow. I also make handmade soap from time to time. Every day I make sure to eat some form of cheese. Yes, I am from Wisconsin. That said, I am a big fan of Beecher's Flagship.

Your next aspiration?

Learn how to play a ukulele.

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Cover: Graduating seniors from men's and women's crews.

Dear Friends,

Momentum accompanies change and is often unpredictable. Frequently time reveals momentum's bias. For Washington Rowing, change was an apt descriptor of last year, but the momentum that has followed is clearly forward.

As the school year began, conversations focused on how the women would respond to their new coach and how the men would react to a year in which rivals matched and bettered their boat speed. Both teams answered emphatically this fall, winning the Head of the American (women) and the Head of the Charles (men), and in doing so defeating defending national champion California along the way.

The two people least surprised by the results are head coaches Yaz Farooq and Michael Callahan. Yaz has upped the mileage and changed the culture. Michael's athletes have spent the past six months earning their "W." The atmosphere is charged at Conibear Shellhouse in anticipation of racing season.

There is also considerable optimism in seeing so many of you contribute to the program. Halfway through the 2016-17 Annual Fund campaign, the team is on pace to receive a record number of gifts. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed

For those who have not, we encourage you to consider a gift to this exceptional program. Times are different today, and our athletes and coaches depend on our

support to maintain the level of competitiveness that has defined Washington Rowing for a century. This year we are setting a goal of 1,000 donors to the Annual Fund campaign, and we hope we can count on you to be one of them.

The Cal Dual returns to the Montlake Cut on April 22. This is simply the greatest rivalry in collegiate rowing today as both programs are at the top of their game. Two weeks later, China will send crews here to compete in the Windermere Cup, once again highlighting the global reach and high level of competition this remarkable event attracts.

We invite you to join us in support and celebration of the Washington Rowing program this year. By doing so you will help the coaches and the team continue the positive momentum we feel today moving forward.

Thank you and Go Dawgs!
Sincerely,



Jane Powers



Trevor Vernon

Co-chairs
Washington Rowing
Board of Stewards

A Quiver Full of Arrows

By Yaz Farooq



We began the year with the aim of building the strongest and most complete team possible from top to bottom. We determined that we would need to take a deep look at who we are and what we stand for, as individuals, and as a team. Led by Commodore Maggie Phillips, '17, the team created The Husky Standard of Performance, a mission statement we agreed to uphold and live by in our quest to be the best team in word, deed and boat speed.

We addressed each aspect of performance, arrows if you will, and we've been adding them, one by one to our quiver: commitment to the training program, embracing team technique, trust in one another, accountability in every practice. We acknowledged the responsibility to represent our university with honor, and to be grateful for the generosity of our alums and donors.

The fall went well. We committed to mixed lineups and being versatile racers, ready for any lineup and any scenario. We lost a skeg upon launching in Sacramento. Like a NASCAR pit crew, everyone pitched in and the eight made it to the line on time! Success in team and small boats at the Head of the American and the Head of the Lake with this "ready for anything" mindset added two more arrows to the quiver.

The winter is a grind by design, but we've approached it intelligently with everyone understanding and committing to the "whys" behind each step, in essence, adding the feathers, the aerodynamic stabilization, to each and every arrow.

In February we celebrated the history of our women's

program at our second annual Alumnae Brunch, where over 200 women, spanning four plus decades, gathered to share what Washington Rowing means to each of us. We met the women from the 70's who pioneered our modern day program. We learned of the love and spirit of the Husky sisterhood. Definitely a few more arrows in the quiver from these inspiring women.

To that end, it has been a joy these past months to watch the team step up on land and water, racing for inches on the erg and in boats. We've had some key practices with the men's team

where we've built boathouse unity and hopefully pushed one another to find another gear. These teamwork arrows fly the truest.

We will be led by seniors Sophia Baker, Kadie Brown, Bella Chilczuk, Anouschka Fenley, Delaney Goetz, Dani Hansen, Maggie Phillips, Phoebe Spoors, Jalyn Stinardo and Val Vogt. Seniors committed to leaving their mark on a new chapter of the program.

When you get this issue of SWEEP we will be heading to Nevada (yes, Nevada!) for our first race of the season on March 4, on the new course on Lake Las Vegas. There we will take on USC—an unpredictable and perennially strong PAC-12 team—the perfect early season sparring partner. Our next stop will be the PAC-12 Challenge where we will join Cal and Stanford to take on powerhouses Ohio State, Virginia and Michigan. We'll rejoin our men's team in Oregon for the Oregon State Classic where we will race Oregon State, UCLA and Washington State on Dexter Lake. The annual Cal dual on Montlake Cut and a trip to Pullman to race Washington State will end our regular season prior to Opening Day.

Our arrows will need to be razor sharp for the annual battle that is the PAC-12 Championship, the toughest conference championship in the country, and the gateway to the NCAA's.

Like an arrow's journey to the center of a bullseye, a straight and direct path is best. And we plan to race this season with a quiver full of them.

What Does It Mean To Earn The W?

By Michael Callahan

On Sept. 15, the team reported to the Conibear Shellhouse two weeks earlier than in years past. It was this season's first act of commitment to a championship culture and a time to redefine what it means to row for Washington.

On day one we defined some key values of the team. First, everyone from freshman to senior would have to earn the right to race with the W. Everyone was back to their first day of being a Gruntie and we would begin again to instill our Washington values, including letting each athlete earn their W again just like they had freshman year.

What does it mean to earn the W? We used Kipling's Law of the Jungle poem to define that the strength of the team is the individual and the strength of the individual is the team. Everyone has a role in this team. We work hard. We don't whine. And we respect everyone. Competition is important in bettering the man next to you and reaching your ultimate pinnacle. We are committed to each other and trust is the key in everything we do. Humility keeps us hungry and motivated to keep learning and improving. This is what you must learn before you can race with W.

To test the resolve of the group we practiced from Tuesday to Sunday and rested Mondays. That meant no weekends off. It reminded me of Conibear's rules: Rowing on this team isn't an ordinary life. We wanted to know who would embrace the extraordinary.

No rower raced with a W (or anything saying Washington) this fall. The Head of the Charles was the first time we had an opportunity to test our new commitment to the values. The guys embraced the blank white tanks and rowed the fastest time over the course that day. This was a positive move forward and reconfirmed that values come first and speed follows.

For 2017 the results aren't the goal. Building trust in each other, our team, and our core values is our goal. We have talent on this team and if we commit to the pillars I know the speed will come.

We have a team that is maturing and learning. A lot of growth is taking place and that's awesome for a coach to see. We have leadership from coxswain

Stuart Sim who took the 2016 season off to pursue his Olympic dream in Australia last year. Stuart has been an important person to help direct the team from within. Ben Davison also returns from USA Olympic trials and has brought a rower's work ethic and desire to excel that are contagious. Arne Landboe is the physical and emotional leader of the team. Viktor Pivac is the top oarsmen and is driving the team forward on every catch. The freshmen are a solid, raw group that will need a few years of physical development. Time always tells but so far they have embraced the reinvigorated culture.



Gruntie Simon VanDorp will play a role in pushing Arne physically in the engine room of the varsity team. Nine of our 14 graduating seniors are from Washington State and they are led by Jake Zier from Orcas Island. Top to bottom, these are just some of the Dawgs who have welcomed the ethos that they as individuals will strengthen the team and the team in return will make them stronger.

Pack the Cut

The strength of Washington is our pack. We need you to pack the Cut for the Cal Dual on April 22, the day our team will race for the first time with their W's. This team doesn't know its limits and is discovering it on every stroke. It should be a sea of purple lining the banks and not of blue and yellow. The men and women racing that day will have earned the right to race in the W. I know whatever the result that day they are working now to represent our pack well.

Recalibrating Expectations

By Michael Callahan and Yaz Farooq

The 2016 Championship Season represented a major shift in the status quo. Across the board at the NCAA Championship Regatta and the IRA Regatta, the finals exemplified that major change was evident at a level deeper than results.

On the men's side, the 2016 IRA had the most diverse collection of winning schools for the better part of 10 years. While we continued a winning streak in the Freshman Eight and Varsity Four, Princeton claimed the Third Varsity; Harvard claimed the Second Varsity; and California claimed the First Varsity. Washington's dominance over the IRA Regatta since the early 2000s has put the league under enormous pressure. Last year's results send a message that our competitors have responded and are stepping up.

On the women's side, the winds of change are arriving at the NCAA Championships as well. Ohio State has been a dominant team for multiple consecutive championships in the Varsity Eight and the team points trophy. This past season saw Ohio State narrowly squeak out a Varsity Eight win, while California claimed the Second Varsity Eight, Varsity Four, and consequently the team points trophy. As on the men's side, this sends a strong indication that the bar is rising faster and faster, with little sign of a slow down in the future.

For our sport as a whole, this is an exciting time for rowing in the United States, especially in the face of major challenges to World Rowing by the International Olympic Committee. Never has there been so much talent, so many resources, so much competition, and so much speed at the top end. The US Racing Circuit culminating with the IRA and NCAA Championships is no longer an obscure, alternative path for domestic and international rowing talent, it is now a destination. Some of the best rowers in the world are now coming to the United States to be part of this unique and celebrated experience.

While these winds of positive change are certainly good news for the collective progress of our sport, it means one thing for Washington Rowing: challenge. More schools are investing in more staff members, more recruiting dollars, longer and harder training, etc. Additionally, structural changes such as the retirement of freshman rowing on the men's side are drastically shifting the development model for collegiate rowers. Competitors are now utilizing significant

advantages in facilities, technology, and training in areas where Washington Rowing once led the way.

Our task now is to find the next breakthrough and evolve to create a new level of speed. It will require us to push the standard in every aspect of the program's operations: recruiting, technology, research and development in training and physiology, coaching, alumni outreach, and in areas we don't yet see. It will also require a collective effort. No single aspect will get the job done.

Our coaches and our student-athletes are coming together to take on this challenge. Collaboration and teamwork on a daily basis have brought a new attitude and a new energy to the Conibear. Two weeks ago, 120 rowers took on the classic "Friday Night Fights" erg workout: men and women combined. The energy in the room was something entirely new. And as the roaring of every erg fan in the boathouse drowned out all other sounds, it dawned on us that no other boathouse in the United States was doing this. It was a galvanizing experience for everyone, which provided all of us with the knowledge that together, we can build a new level of speed. This could be the source of strength that pushes Washington Rowing forward.

Join the Challenge

We invite all alumni—from our long-time supporters to recent grads—to join us in rising to this challenge by donating to the Annual Fund to continue our winning legacy.

This is not a singular offensive on the men's program or the women's program; it is a challenge to all of Washington Rowing. We need more resources for the recruiting process; more investments to increase the impact of our scholarships; more racing opportunities for our student-athletes; and more resources for research and development to keep us on the cutting edge.

Without expansion in these areas, Washington Rowing will struggle to be a championship program. We will not be able to find the best people, attract them, and provide them the best collegiate experience and path for elite development. Without maintenance of these crucial areas, Washington Rowing will struggle to be even a competitive program. We need your help, and we need it now. Only together, as a unified Washington will we emerge stronger to conquer what lies ahead.

Be hungry. Be humble. Be fast.

Those were the words I heard as a freshman in 1979 as the class of '82 sat together on the floor of the south boat bay as our alums prepared us for the racing season. I will never forget it.

Almost 40 years later those words still define who we are at Washington. And all of us – all of us who benefitted from this program and experience – can attest to the fact that we never did this alone. There were always alumni present, there were always new shells being christened, and there was always a strong sense of the tradition that was built before we arrived.

Today, we are those alums. We are the tradition. We are the foundation for which this program is built. It is our responsibility to see that what we experienced is also experienced by the young men and women at Conibear Shellhouse today.

We just reached our financial goal for the annual drive of \$250,000 in about three months. That is impressive, and thank you to everyone who participated. But we did that with *only* 351 donors. 141 of them were alumni. That represents about a 2-3% participation rate from our alumni base.

We can do better. In fact we can do *a lot* better. In the coming year, we will be urging all of our alums to re-connect to the program. And that is at any level – whether it is through a donation or gift, volunteering for an event, or getting back involved with classmates.

The Washington Rowing program is about all of us, together. That has been our tradition since the days of Hiram Conibear – on both the men's and women's side. It is who we are. Let's remember that, and give back to this program that helped shape who we are today.

-Eric Cohen, '82



Class of 2017



Sophia Baker
Comparative Literature:
Cinema Studies
Best Nickname: "Beef"



Eric Benca
Business: Human Resources
Management
Most Changed Since
Freshman Year



Kadie Brown
Psychology
Most Likely to Live in Their
Parents' Basement



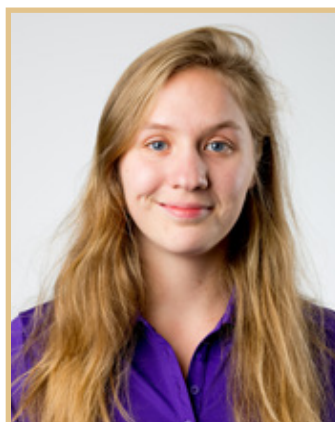
Guglielmo Caracano
Business: Marketing
Best Nickname: "Elmo"



Ezra Carlson
Environmental Science
Resource Management
Most Likely to Get in a Fight
over a Board Game



Bella Chilczuk
Anthropology - Medical
Anthropology & Global Health
Most Likely to be a Millionaire



Anouschka Fenley
Psychology and Law, Societies
& Justice
Most Likely to Write the Next
Great American Novel



Delaney Goetz
English, Minor: American
Sign Language and Master's
in Education: Intercollegiate
Athletic Leadership
Most Likely to be Sent Home
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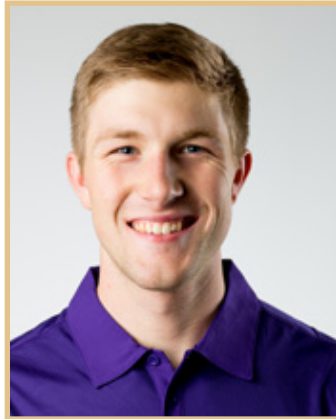
Kyle Helgerson
Anthropology: Human
Evolution Biology



Harrison King
Mechanical Engineering
Most Likely to be the Next
Jeopardy Champion



Andre Mattus
Microbiology, Minor: Gender,
Women, Sexuality Studies



Matthew Medalia
Biology: Physiology
Most Likely to be Sent Home
First From Survivor



Kieran O'Sullivan
Geography
Most Likely to Live in Their
Parents' Basement



Margaret Phillips
Comparative History of Ideas
Most Likely to be the Next
Jeopardy Champion



Ivan Piton
International Studies



Lia Roberds
Industrial Engineering, Minor:
Urban Design and Planning
Most Likely to be a Millionaire



Stuart Sim
Business: Finance
Most Likely to Win an Olympic
Medal



Phoebe Spoors
Double Major in
Communication and Political
Science
Most Likely to Marry a Movie
Star



Jalyn Stinardo
Psychology, Minors: in
Gender, Women & Sexuality
Studies and Diversity
Most Likely to be Left Behind
on a Road Trip



Valerie Vogt
Art: Photomedia, Minor: Art
History
Most Changed Since
Freshman Year



Jake Zier
Political Science
Most Likely to Write the Next
Great American Novel



Pietro Zileri Dal Verme
International Studies:
European Studies
Most Likely to Marry a Movie
Star

Come out and cheer on the Huskies on the Montlake Cut this year. Here's a guide to help you plan your race day. Don't forget to wear purple and cheer loudly! See schedule on last page.

RACE VIEWING

Anywhere along the Montlake Cut provides excellent viewing of the races, but here are three areas that are popular with our fans.

Finish Line. The finish line is located on the northwest side of the Montlake Cut behind the UW Medical Center. It can be accessed through the walkway along the Cut. In addition, the south side of the Cut has a walkway that runs 500 meters to the finish. Lane 1 is nearest to this side, and the finish line flag is here as well.

Montlake Bridge. Generally packed for major races, viewing from atop the Montlake Bridge provides views eastbound to the start and westbound to the finish. For the Windermere Cup this bridge is closed to automobile traffic, but at all other races it is not, and spectators need to be especially aware of traffic on this busy thoroughfare. There are stairs down to the Cut on both ends of the bridge: stairs on the east side (on the south end of the bridge) and on the west side (at the north end).

Canoe House. Located on the northeast of the Cut, this is the old Navy hangar that served as our shellhouse from 1920 to 1949. The 1923 IRA champions, the '36 guys, the '48 guys – all called this home. So for the old-timers, or for those who enjoy the past with the present, this is a good place to watch. Also, at about 600 meters left in the race and at the entrance to the Cut, things get a little wild in here.

PARKING

The best option is to pay to park in Lot E1 and walk south to Conibear Shellhouse (<1/4 mile) and the Montlake Cut

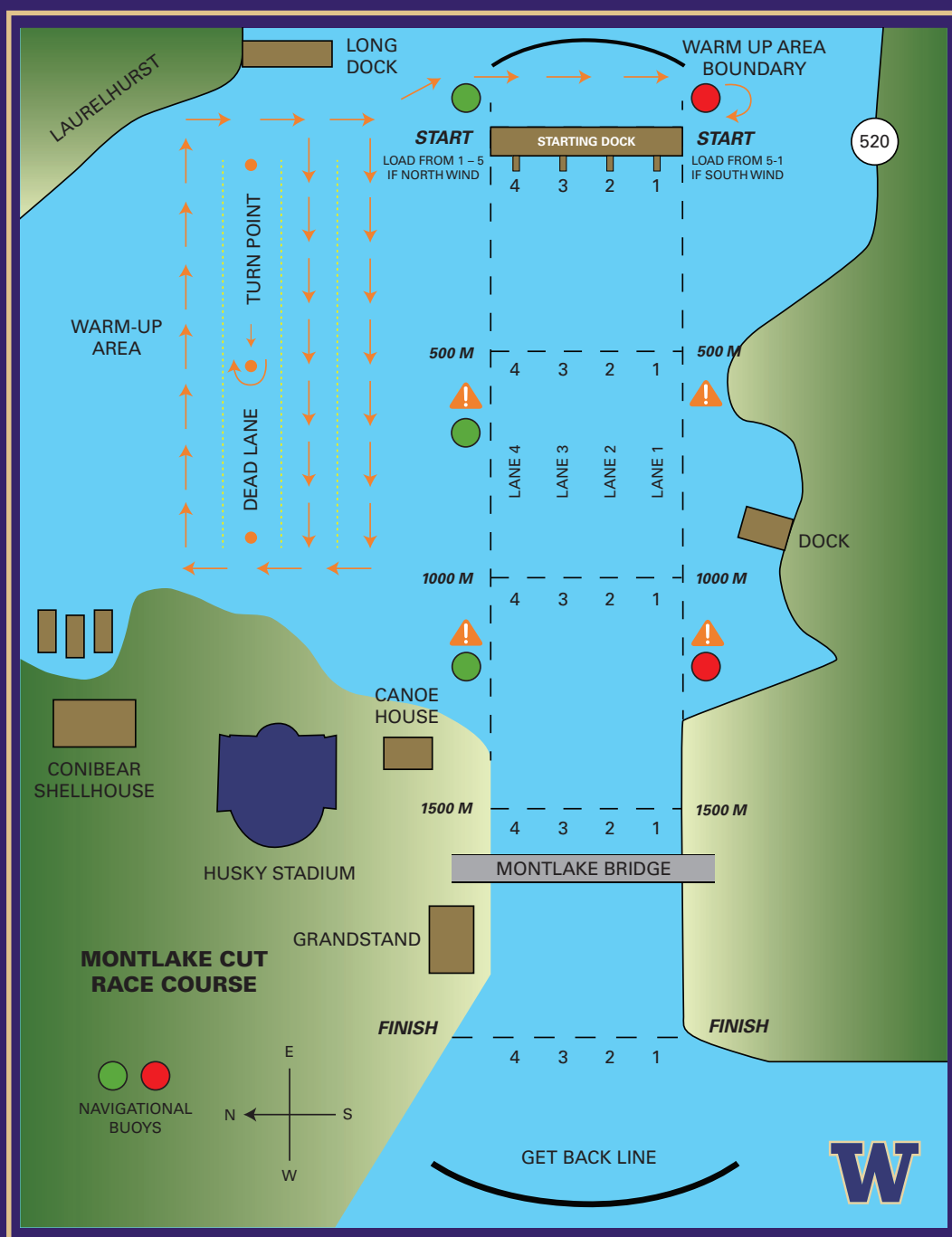
race course (>1/4 mile). E1 is located north of Husky Stadium near the Husky baseball field. Fee may be paid by credit card at several entry points.

AWARDS CEREMONY

After each home race, we hold an awards ceremony on the apron (water side) of Conibear Shellhouse approximately 30 minutes following the finish of the last race. Parents, fans and alumni are welcome!

LIVE STREAMING

Most home races will be streamed live on the Internet. To access the stream, click on the Live Stream button on the homepage of WashingtonRowing.com. Fans near the finish line can also view the live stream on television monitors. Live results are also available on HereNow.com and via Twitter: @UW_Rowing.



Eric Cohen Receives Dave and Ruth Cohn Alumni Merit Award



"Rowing taught me hard work for a greater purpose, for a sum that's bigger than the parts," says Eric Cohen, '82.

Eric is the recipient of the 2016 Cohn Award for outstanding service and support to UW Athletics by a former letter-winner.

The Cohen family bleeds purple and gold. Eric's parents met on a blind date at a Husky basketball game more than 60 years ago. They raised their family in the neighborhood abutting the UW and Lake Washington, where a young Eric would watch Husky rowers with his dad. His wife Heidi's grandmother rowed on the UW crew team in 1918. Their daughter, Monica, attends the UW and is a pole vaulter on the UW Track Team.

"I had a strong passion for athletics and wanted to play football, but I was five-foot-four in high school and weighed 85 pounds," says Eric. "I wanted to compete, and rowing was it."

Living in the crew house, coxing the Varsity 8 to conference championships and making lifelong friends had such an impact on Eric that he joined

The Washington Rowing Board of Stewards in 1995 where he serves as the team historian, wrote a comprehensive history of the program in 2003, and created the program's original website in 2001. He consulted on the PBS documentary, *The Boys of '36*, and the famed book, *The Boys in the Boat*. Eric and teammate Al Forney founded Husky Crew Gear to raise money for the program, and along with teammate Al Erickson, they ultimately established the Class of '82 Scholarship Endowment for Rowing. Eric and Heidi are longtime personal donors as well. Eric credits his teammates — and his wife — for enabling him to devote so much of his time and energy to supporting the program he loves.

"Giving back is almost a requirement after all this program gave me," Eric says.

Congratulations, Eric. Thank you for all you do for Washington Rowing.

Why I Give: Melissa Calkins

For many competitive athletes, the trophy is the focus and the ultimate indicator of success. For athletes like Melissa Calkins, cultivating relationships with her teammates proved as rewarding as collecting wins.

With an impressive and varied career spanning the 1996-'99 seasons, she started out as a freshman on the UW men's team. It was only a matter of weeks before she was brought over to the varsity team to fill the team's lack of experienced coxswains. In that first year, she coxed the Men's Varsity 4 to a Pac-10 championship. She casually shares, "The following year, I coxed the men's JV boat, and we were undefeated and helped sweep the 1997 IRAs. We went on to race at Henley that year, and raced in the Temple Cup." Her talent was noticed and coveted by the women's team and in the fall of '97, she started coxing for the women's team and coach Jan Harville. She lead that varsity boat to its second NCAA Championship win.

Even with all these (and more) notable victories under her belt, Melissa maintains a more lasting love for the program itself and the teammates she befriended. "I loved the sense of community rowing brought me, and the life-long friendships it fosters. Even after leaving the UW, you always feel welcome back at the boathouse by your old teammates and coaches." Recently, she has been a part of a team of former Husky and rower women for the Pacific Northwest Ragnar relay. Teams of twelve women race 200 miles from the U.S.-Canadian border to Langley, Washington. "Even after 20 years from leaving the UW boathouse, it seems as is very little time has passed," Melissa says.

It's a deep fondness for a sport or school



that inspires alumni to donate their time and money; a passion that Melissa has in droves. "I am incredibly grateful for my time on the crew and the experience it gave me when I was at the UW. I feel that being a part of both the men's and women's teams has shaped me as a person; it cultivated self-confidence, determination, and taught me what it means to be part of a team," she says. "One of the things I love about rowing is that it truly is a team sport, and every seat is important. Even if you feel

like you are not a contender for a spot in the Varsity 8, work every day as if you are, as you can only help push the team higher."

With that knowledge of the value of teamwork, Melissa graciously decided to contribute to the Husky Reels Project. A program implemented by UW Libraries Special Collections, the Husky Reels Project aims to raise money for the salvaging and publishing of vintage UW sports film reels dating back to the 1920's. With a goal of \$1.5 million, Husky Reels received donations that will be directed toward the damage assessment, preservation, cataloguing and online publication of over 80 years of Husky athletics footage, which will otherwise be lost. In addition, Melissa has generously donated to the rowing program she remembers so fondly. "I feel that it is important for me to help future generations of Huskies go through this amazing program, and donating to this program is a way for me to give back."

As a star alumna and now donor of the UW rowing program, Melissa says, "I would remind athletes that to be part of the Husky Crew is to be part of an amazing legacy, so work hard, enjoy it, and make us proud! Go Huskies!"

Celebrating Our Legacy



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The Washington Rowing program celebrated twice on Saturday, Feb. 25, with the launching of a new Empacher Men's 8—dubbed the “Grand Challenger” after the iconic Henley victories in 1977—and the christening of a new state-of-the-art coach's launch, “The Spirit of '66.”

On hand were members of the 1977 Henley Visitor's Cup and Grand Challenge Champions, and members of the 1966 and 1967 teams, to officially launch these latest additions to the fleet at Washington. “This is a time-honored tradition at Washington,” said Michael Callahan, “to celebrate our past while at the same time building for the future.”

Both boats were christened with the traditional finish-line water from the Montlake Cut. As the “Spirit of '66” was inaugurated, the men said “We worked hard together out on the water... some days it was so hard we felt like our bodies would fall apart. But the experience

we had together, the bonds that we share, they are with us forever.”

The “Grand Challenger” was then launched for the first time into Lake Washington, and was rowed through the Conibear opening by the Washington team. “At Henley we were given an Empacher to row in, and from the first day it was magic,” said John Stillings, the coxswain of the '77 team. “My hope is that the “Grand Challenger” carries that same magic to the men who row for Washington today.”

Mike Hess, stroke of the '77 Henley team, concluded with this: “The stars aligned for us over there. It was great to represent Washington and come together as a team. But now to look back and see what we have been a part of here at Washington... it is humbling. These teams that came after us, these amazing athletes that have come through this program, it is just wonderful to be a part of it all.”



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1) Members of the victorious 1977 Henley Visitor's Cup and Grand Challenge Cup stand with current members of the Washington Rowing team on the docks of Conibear Shellhouse. 2) Left to Right: Jeff Benedict, Mark Miller, John Stillings, Mark Sawyer, Mike Hess, Mike Fountain, and Kris Schoenberg christen the bow of the “Grand Challenger” with Montlake Cut finish line water. 3) Left to right: Mike Fox, Don Flynn, John Vynne, Kaj Johansen, Bo Miller, and Bill Collins. 4) The men christen the state-of-the-art, double hulled, wakeless launch the “Spirit of '66.”

In Memoriam

John Halberg, '58, died doing what he loved. Halberg, founder of the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association and a longtime community volunteer, suffered an apparent heart attack during his morning erg workout. He was 80. Halberg was a member of the legendary UW crew team — class of 1958 — and later coached freshmen crew at rival University of California Berkeley. In 1972, Halberg returned to his native Port Angeles, where he worked in commercial real estate. John Halberg served for 20 years on the Crescent School Board, coached youth sports and volunteered at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Port Angeles. "I think John had a spirit of generosity and unsurpassed kindness, which we don't see often enough these days," said Cheryl Baumann, a founding member of the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association. In 2012, Halberg received a Clallam County Community Service Award for being the "enthusiastic co-founder and inventive leader" of the rowing association. He is survived by his wife Betty Halberg, son Sean Halberg and daughter Kristin Halberg.



Class Day Weekend Events

The annual Class Day weekend events kick off at the Washington Rowing Banquet (formerly the VBC Banquet) on Friday, March 24. The 116th Class Day Regatta starts at 10 a.m. the next day. For more information about what will be happening and to purchase tickets to the Banquet and the Class Day "Cruise with Croissants," visit WashingtonRowing.com. To race in the Class Day Women's Alumnae race, contact Sabina Telenska at sabinats@yahoo.com. Volunteers are needed for the Banquet. If you'd like to help out, please contact Fred Fox at fredfox@windermere.com.

Boys of 1936 Boathouse Tours

Tours begin at Conibear Shellhouse, taking in the legacy of Washington Rowing featured in Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat*. Guests will see numerous historical artifacts related to "the Boys," and enjoy creative insight and storytelling by tour guide, Washington Rowing alumna Melanie Barstow, '16. After Conibear, you'll have an exclusive opportunity to step inside the Old Canoe House and learn about more about the 1936 crew that rowed out of its doors and the legacy of George Pocock. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to washingtonrowing.com and click on "history."



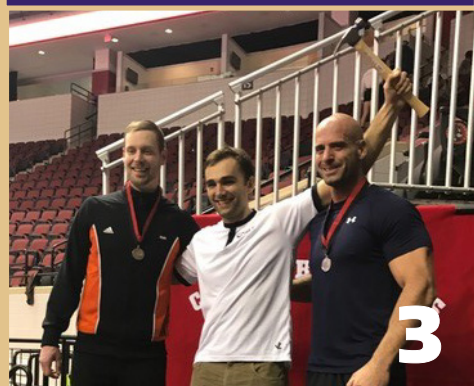
Keller Named Rowing Director of Operations

Sarah Keller, former Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities and Compliance at the Virginia Military Institute, will join the Washington Rowing program as the new Director of Operations. Keller is well versed in the athletic operations field and has prior rowing coaching experience at the collegiate level, having been an assistant coach and recruiter for the Bucknell University women's rowing team and a volunteer assistant coach for the ACC champion women's rowing program at the University of Virginia. Keller earned her B.S. in psychology & educational studies (with honors) from Trinity College and received her M.Ed. in higher education administration from the University of Virginia. Keller will help the Huskies with team travel, budgets, compliance, alumni and community outreach, and scheduling.



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Out & About



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1) Husky Olympians were honored during half time at the UW vs. USC football game in November. From left to right: Rob Gibson, '08, Will Crothers, '09, Patricia Obee, '14, Kerry Simmonds, '11, Sam Ojserkis, '12, Conlin McCabe, '11, Sam Dommer, '13, Megan Kalmoe, '06, Dani Hansen, '17, Courtney Thompson, '08 (volleyball), Rob Munn, '12. 2) Husky alumni raced at the Head of the Charles in October. Left to right: Alex Perkins, '15, Rob Munn, '12, Conlin McCabe, '11, Alex Bunkers, '13, Ante Kusurin, '05, Colin Phillips, '06, (holding his daughter), Alan Meininghaus, '12, and Tom Lehmann, '12. We had a great race, but Michigan was better. Next year we will be back stronger and fitter. 3) Congratulations to Ante Kusurin, '05, (middle) who won the 30-39 year-old world erging championships held in Boston in February. He rowed a 6:00 for a 2k piece (boom!). 4) Thanks Charlie Clapp, '81, for again sponsoring the Husky Alumni Tent at the Head of the Charles. 5) The second annual Women's Team Breakfast held on Feb. 4 at Conibear brought together women spanning all the generations of women who've rowed at Washington. Featured speaker Jan Harville shared the history of women's crew at UW. Left to right alums BJ Connolly, '73, Gail Schueler, '77, Jan Harville, '74, Marilyn Goo, '73, Dena Peel, '76, Jean Thomas, '74, and Debbie Jackson, '73. 6) Front row, left to right, alums Linda Cox, '78, Cindy Wilson, '76, and Susan Beal-Lewis, '77. Back row, left to right, current athletes Nancy MacGeorge, '19, Hannah Adams, '19, DeeDee Logan, '19 and Karle Pittsinger, '18.

2017 Washington Rowing Schedule

EVENT

DATE

LOCATION

LAKE LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL (W)	MARCH 4 9:15AM	LAKE LAS VEGAS, NV
WASHINGTON ROWING BANQUET	MARCH 24 6PM	SEATTLE, WA – CONIBEAR SHELLHOUSE/ DON JAMES CENTER
CLASS DAY REGATTA	MARCH 25 10AM	SEATTLE, WA – MONTLAKE CUT
HUSKY OPEN	APRIL 1 8AM	SEATTLE, WA – MONTLAKE CUT
@PAC-12 INVITE (W)	APRIL 1-2 7AM	REDWOOD SHORES, CA
@WSU (M)	APRIL 8 9AM	SNAKE RIVER – LEWISTON, ID
@OSU (M/W)	APRIL 8 9AM	DEXTER LAKE, OR
@STANFORD (M)	APRIL 15 9AM	REDWOOD SHORES, CA
CAL DUAL	APRIL 22 9AM	SEATTLE, WA – MONTLAKE CUT
@WSU DUAL (W)	APRIL 29 9AM	SNAKE RIVER – LEWISTON, ID
WINDERMERE CUP/OPENING DAY	MAY 6 10:20AM	SEATTLE, WA – MONTLAKE CUT
@PACIFIC COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)	MAY 13 ALL DAY	RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – LAKE NATOMA
@PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)	MAY 14 ALL DAY	RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – LAKE NATOMA
@NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS (W)	MAY 26-28 ALL DAY	MERCER LAKE, NJ
@IRA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (M)	JUNE 2-4 ALL DAY	RANCHO CORDOVA, CA – LAKE NATOMA

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