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# Why I Give

"I give back a little each year as a small reminder of a program that has given me so much."  
- Ray Kimbrough, '92

See more reasons why alumni give to Washington Rowing on page 13.

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Cover: Graduating seniors in Suzzallo Library

# Dear Friends,

Spring is a transformative time down at the boathouse, when months of competing against teammates gives way to donning the W and racing rivals. Before looking ahead, we would like to take a moment to recognize Bob Ernst. Bob dedicated over 40 years at Montlake and his contributions to Washington rank among that of the most legendary coaches at the University.

We encourage you to read last year's Season Preview edition of Sweep archived on WashingtonRowing.com which has a page celebrating Bob's 40th season. In it, you'll find photos of a mentor, coach, friend and father. The Board of Rowing Stewards extends heartfelt gratitude to Bob for all he has done for the program during his illustrious career. We are planning an event to honor Bob and will announce it when the date is chosen.

Conor Bullis has stepped up to the role of interim head coach and we have every confidence his leadership will direct extraordinary results from the Women's team in 2016. Anyone interested in seeing the progress is encouraged to reach out to Conor and catch a practice.

The Women's team is building on a year when they were one of only two programs to qualify all three boats for the grand final at the NCAA Championships. The men will be defending their fifth straight national championship title. Quite simply there has never been a more exciting time to be a part of the program.

There are a number of ways to engage with the program:

- WashingtonRowing.com recently launched an Alumni Only area. Here you'll find information about reunions and get togethers. Additionally if you are looking to organize or join an existing crew for an upcoming race, this is the place to start. Finally, it is a great place to connect with alumni for jobs and career advice.



- The VBC Banquet will take on a different look this year. It will begin with a cocktail hour at the Shellhouse then move to the Don James Center for the program and dinner. Gone are the days of long lines for food and relegating the freshmen to eating in the shell bays. We hope you will be able to join us March 25.

- For those of you able to make it to the Montlake Cut to watch the home races, there will be the usual coffee and donuts. More importantly, there will be a video screen at the Canoe House and another at the north end of the finish line showing the races live. If you are unable to make it to the races, every home race will be live streamed. Be sure to check WashingtonRowing.com a few

minutes prior to the start time for the feed.

- Opening Day will be its usual spectacular affair with a rapid succession of races culminating in the Men's and Women's Windermere Cups. We had a record number of people come through the Stewards' Enclosure last year and expect a similar turnout May 7.

The Annual Fund appeal went out in December and we are happy to report a strong response to date. A number of recent graduates have chosen to give back to the program taking them from athlete to Steward in short order. If you haven't had a chance to give, we encourage you to make your gift today. The program is where it is because of your generosity. Thank you and Go Dawgs!



Jane Powers



Trevor Vernon

Sincerely,

Co-chairs  
Washington Rowing  
Board of Stewards



# Unstoppable Together



By Conor Bullis

**D**ue to the departure of Bob Ernst in November the team has been mending through winter break and the first months of the winter term. As interim head coach my passion to develop the team is unchanged and I continue to dedicate myself to the program and our drive to reach our goals. I am in a unique position in that I have recruited and coached all of the rowers on the team and the bonds we have developed through the last five years is helping us move forward at a rapid pace. We have not lost a rower on the team and we have not lost a recruit from the incoming class. I am more excited than ever to shift my focus to developing the top-end speed in order to reach our goal. That goal to win remains unchanged and our pursuit for the NCAA Championship continues at full speed.

With change comes an opportunity for growth. I am working to maintain traction with our past measurements, while honoring our traditions and routine. I have adjusted the training plan to include more time and intensity on the water, while continuing to develop fitness on the ergometers. Adding volume and intensity has its risks. To limit these risks we have changed the workload on the oars and increased the stroke rate on the ergometer pieces. As a result of these changes, 60 percent of the team earned a new personal record on their early season 6k test and our on-the-water times have been 4-6 weeks ahead of last year at this time.

With 16 seniors from the Class of 2016 and two more graduating this year, the urgency to reach our goal is at the highest level I've ever seen. NCAA Varsity 8 returners Sarah Dougherty, Natasha Gay, Grace Spoors and team captain Dani Olson are working to lead the team to the top of the field. They are joined by returning NCAA 2nd Varsity 8 team commodore Sophie Dalton and Courtney Thompson, as well as NCAA 4+ Allison Barstow, Allie Delarge and Rose Filer. Hannah Allen, Melanie Barstow, Eleni Englert, Shelby Fanning,

Danielle Hansen, Charlotte Kehoe, Samantha Potter, Samantha Storey and Jen Wahleithner are all having a great year so far—each rower received a personal best on their 6k and are in the hunt for a spot at the Pac-12's and NCAA Championships this year.

After finishing 4th at the 2015 NCAA Championships the level of urgency to reach our goal is equal to the anticipation to start the racing season. Our schedule this year is challenging due to the already high level of the Pac-12 and we expect many tests to our speed along the road. During our lead-up to the Pac-12 Championship we will race Stanford (8th at 2015 NCAA's), WSU (10th at 2015 NCAA's) and California (2nd at 2015 NCAA's). We finish up the regular season with the Windermere Cup on May 7.

The team is in a good position to win the Pac-12 Championship and improve on our 4th place finish at the NCAA Championships. To win this year, the rowers must rely on the strength of their bond to push each other to perform with the physical courage required to reach new heights. The athletes are strong alone, but on the race course they must be unstoppable together. It will take the support of our families, our alumnae and most importantly their own teammates to push themselves to do something that none of us have done before.

I am honored to be a University of Washington rowing coach and I am pouring my heart into the program. I hope to see you at the races helping to put our bow across the finish line first.



# A Decade of Dominance

By Michael Callahan

One of the foundations of our program is that every person on the team counts. Everyone contributes in some way. Some are the fastest pair rowers, ergometer champions, VBC Officers, swiftest runners, quickest in the stadium, recognized for their high grade point average, etc... I believe this philosophy has inspired hundreds of oarsmen and coxswains to strive and contribute to make Washington the best intercollegiate rowing program in the world.

At this year's IRA we will have an amazing opportunity to win the Ten Eyck trophy for the tenth year in a row. Everyone's effort counts this year and we are embracing it as we pursue a decade of dominance.

This year's biggest theme is developing underclassmen to provide the core of a deep program while letting the seniors provide the natural leadership and support. We are a young team. Our average age is a full year younger than it was last year. This group is hungry, raw and full of potential.

Our underclassmen are already progressing well. We have a very strong junior class that is now showing the experience and maturity of having been in the program for three years. Many will be contributors in the Varsity and Second Varsity 8's, and are making huge leaps to fill their roles.

The sophomore class is also talented; many have already made an impact and others are pushing themselves to get there. As a group, and like many sophomore classes before them, they are learning how to be consistent. They know that they will have to grow in this area if we are to win the Ten Eyck and they are rising to the challenge.

The freshmen "Gruntie" class will play a pivotal role this year. It is loaded with physical size and athletic promise. The IRA has changed its rules to allow freshmen to row in Varsity, Second Varsity and Third Varsity 8's now. This year we have experimented with the freshmen rowing "up" with the varsity rowers and

we will have some important tactical decisions to make as we will need to match our competitors who have dropped the Freshmen 8+ to gain an edge in their Varsity boats.

Finally, the senior class of '16 will graduate eight team members this spring. They have led a change in atmosphere at Conibear Shellhouse from day one. Early this fall they said they wanted to be remembered for leading and leaving a strong culture in Conibear.

They also recognize the unique opportunity presented with the Ten Eyck. With team depth and dominance at the forefront, the goals of the program have focused on our process, rather than on a simple win-loss record. The seniors have articulated these goals as patience, urgency and attention to detail. Although patience

and urgency seem contradictory, we see them as complementary so long as we have the judgement to know what is needed and when. We need patience because we need to develop most of the team to a higher level. We will only return three members of last season's Varsity 8. Many of our talented oarsmen are young and inexperienced. Patience with their growth is



paramount.

We need to balance that with urgency. Our competitors from Yale, Cal and Princeton are better than ever. They match us on power, recruits, and resumes so we need to push to keep our edge. We don't believe that what we've needed to win in the past will be good enough this year. We are urgently pushing the boundaries of what we can do. We do this by paying attention to the details. We are looking for millimeters and hundredths of decimal points of improvement. No improvement is too small. Every detail matters.

In summary, we are a young team with a clear goal. To that end we are focusing on depth and urgent but patient development. The classes are strong and eager to make sure that every oarsman, opportunity and inch counts. We know winning will depend on this and we are embracing the challenge.





# Conor Bullis Is Washington's 'Best-Kept Secret'

By Mason Kelley

When Conor Bullis was in high school, he would get to the boathouse an hour before practice. The teenager would take out a racing shell by himself. He worked to learn the nuances of rowing.

"I just loved it," he said.

Just an athlete and his boat, Bullis began to form the foundation that put him on a path toward coaching. Those early practices led to a college career at Oregon State before transitioning from competitor to coach.

Each step along the way has uniquely positioned Bullis for his latest challenge as the interim head women's rowing coach at Washington.

"He is the best-kept secret in our boathouse," said men's rowing coach Michael Callahan. "He's ready."

After spending the past four years working under Bob Ernst and recruiting most of the women in the program, Bullis is taking the next step in his coaching career.

"I've been given the ball," he said, "and I'm running with it as fast as I can to win the NCAA championship."

Like Callahan said, Bullis is ready. Each choice he has made in rowing has pushed him to this point.

As a collegiate rower in Corvallis, Ore., he was one of the few athletes in the program with a background in the sport. He taught his teammates while tightening his technique, becoming the team captain as a senior.

He thought he wanted to become an athletic director, so he worked as an intern for the Oregon State AD. That experience, while helping him build a background in running an athletic department, ended up pushing him toward coaching.

"Coaching is just way more fun," Bullis said with a smile.

Bullis, who grew up in Seattle, returned home and earned an internship with the Washington Rowing program. He spent a year working with the men's freshman team before spending a second season shadowing Callahan.

"I just wanted to ride with Michael," Bullis said. "I tried to soak up as much as I could every practice."

Bullis then became the head coach at Lakeside School. He took a team of eight boys and grew the program to 40 athletes. The school built a \$2 million boathouse while he was the coach, but he never got to work in the facility, because he was hired back to Washington.

Four years ago, he accepted an assistant coaching position with the Washington women's program. He was tasked with recruiting athletes and coaching the freshmen.

The class Bullis recruited his second year was filled with walk-ons.

"Very few student-athletes knew how to row," he said. "We did a lot of teaching, a lot of development."

Those freshmen ended up having an undefeated season. The foundation for the Washington women was being rebuilt.



"That class, now seniors, changed a lot of things at that point," Bullis said. "They knew it was possible. They got faster and faster and faster."

After being tasked with stocking the program with talented athletes, Bullis now has the opportunity to coach the women he recruited at the highest level, as Washington's head coach.

"The rejuvenation of the women's program climbing up the standing the last couple of years has a lot to do with Conor, not just because of the recruiting, but also the culture he has helped instill in the boat house, the work ethic that is now here and the passion for the program," Callahan said.

A strong communicator and talented teacher, Bullis is working with the Huskies to maximize the rowers' top-end speed. His goal is simple, to "develop a united team that breaks speed records in women's rowing."

"He knows when we need a bit more pushing and he knows when we need to take a step back and go over small things," senior Sarah Dougherty said. "He really emphasizes details within our program and holds us to a high standard. He makes it very clear that the work we put in every day is to win, and to win for each other."

"Another thing I really like about Conor is his direct feedback for us. He will give me an honest answer regardless of my emotions or the situation and that's something I really appreciate."

Bullis' mission is to push his student-athletes to improve their scores by a small percentage each day. He believes the athletes in the program have the talent to push the boat speed faster than the Huskies have gone in the past five years. He is confident in both their fitness and work ethic. He is working to combine talent, technique and endurance in a way that fuels growth.

"I believe in the athletes," Bullis said. "I believe that they're self-motivated. I believe they will compete against each other and that competition will push everyone to be better."

For the Huskies, competition is key.

"If they're not competing against each other to beat each other then they're really not going to be better," he said.

Like the formula the Seahawks have used to win a championship and maintain a contender, Bullis is building a program that understands how to compete internally while remaining close as a team.

"When you push for intense intrasquad competition you must increase the opportunities to create a more cohesive team where everyone trusts each other and is willing to put their character on the line each day," Bullis said.

With competition and camaraderie at a premium, Bullis designs his practices to push his athletes to "physical failure," the moment when someone's body becomes incapable of working any harder.

"It is mentally tough to push to physical failure every day and realize in the big picture you're going to be better for it," he said. "There's a lot of exposure. Your guts are on the line. Your character stands out to everyone around you."

"All of your teammates know exactly who you are. When you quit. When you break. What happens to you when you break."

That intense level of training is designed to get Washington's rowers into a position where they can compete at peak performance.

"That's when you make real growth," he said.

As the Huskies prepare for the Class Day Regatta, the program is making progress. Bullis has established a series of checkpoints for his rowers. He has put a premium on

transparency, ensuring the athletes understand where they stand in the program.

"He has the ability to individualize each person's feedback depending on what works for them," junior Bella Chilczuk said. "Even without having to talk to each athlete every day, he knows each of us so well he is able to recognize when we need his help, and when we can analyze our strokes to make a change."

"He is a positive person and influence in a world that can often times be challenging physically and mentally."

Talk to any of the rowers in Washington's program and they will all praise Bullis' ability to communicate with his athletes. His ability to articulate his message allows the Huskies to focus on getting faster.

"Conor is a coach who I feel I can communicate with about anything," senior Hannah Allen said. "I think what separates a good coach from an outstanding coach is when they can make you feel like they are not only invested in you as an athlete, but also as a human. And under those conditions, Conor Bullis is an outstanding coach. He communicates his belief in me as an athlete, knowing that it will help me perform at my peak, but he also sincerely inquires about my well being as a student, a friend, a sister, and a teammate."

Bullis has been building toward this moment since he was a teenager who always tried to get to practice an hour early so he could get extra time out on the water.

Equal parts teacher, coach and leader, Bullis understands how to develop a team that will lead Washington toward an NCAA championship.

"It's just this great opportunity for him," Callahan said.

Working this year as the program's interim head coach, this is Bullis' tryout. This is his chance to prove his message will help carry the Huskies to the next level.

"UW rowing is bigger than one coach, one athlete," Callahan said. "We all add a piece to the legacy. This is his turn to add his piece as a head coach. He gets to run with it. Hopefully the program can capture his energy and ride that wave."

*"He is a positive person and influence in a world that can often times be challenging physically and mentally."*

*- Bella Chilczuk, '17, on Conor Bullis*



# Washington Rowing Class of 2016



Hannah Allen  
Earth & Space Sciences  
Most likely to be the next  
Jeopardy champion  
"WOOOOOOO!"



Allison Barstow  
Communications  
Most likely to live in their  
parents basement  
"Thanks, Mom & Dad!"



Melanie Barstow  
Public Health  
Most likely to live in their  
parents basement  
"The greatest four years  
of my life"



Ezra Carlson  
Environmental Science &  
Resource Management  
Most likely to get in a fight over a  
board game  
"Never enough"



Sophie Dalton  
International Studies  
Most changed since  
freshman year  
"No AM"



Jacob Dawson  
Geography  
Most likely to write the  
next great American novel  
"Make it nasty"



Allie DeLarge  
Environmental Studies  
Best nickname - Big Al  
"Stop at nothing"



Grega Domanjko  
Germanics & Sociology  
Best nickname - G-Money  
"Simply amazing"



Sarah Dougherty  
Sociology  
Most likely to win an  
Olympic medal  
"Unstoppable together"



Eleni Englert  
Business Admin for  
Information Systems  
Most likely to be  
a millionaire  
"SAF"



Shelby Fanning  
Environmental Studies  
Best movie quoter  
"Unparalleled sense of  
sisterhood"



Rose Filer  
Medical Anthropology &  
Global Health  
Most likely to be sent home from  
"Survivor"  
"Drop the world"



Natasha Gay  
Anthropology  
Most likely to live in their  
parents basement  
"Everything and more"

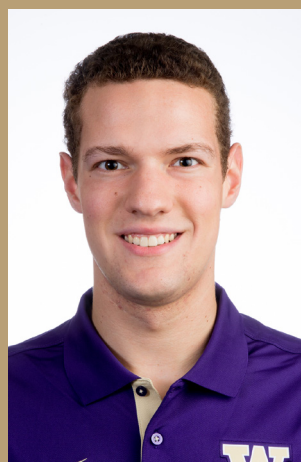




Dani Hansen  
Psychology  
Most likely to  
colonize Mars  
"Ten for fam"



Sam Helms  
Anthropology  
Most likely to be left  
behind on a road trip  
"Do something"



Graham Henry  
Chemical Engineering  
Most likely to colonize  
Mars



Charlotte Kehoe  
History  
Most likely to write the  
next great American novel  
"The limit does not exist"



Jacob Morton  
Biology: Ecology, Evolution and Conservation  
Best movie quoter  
"Ride the hype"



Kevin O'Connor  
Political Science  
Most changed since  
freshman year  
"My rib hurts"



Samantha Potter  
ESS: Geology  
Most likely to be left behind on a  
roadtrip  
"There's a 30% chance  
it's already raining"



Finn Schroeder  
Economics  
Most likely to win an  
Olympic medal  
"Excellence, work, friendship"



Grace Spoors  
Communications  
Most likely to marry a  
movie star  
"Morale"



Samantha Storey  
Architectural Studies  
Most likely to be left  
behind on a roadtrip  
"Unforgettable"



Courtney Thompson  
Communications  
Best nickname -  
Corn Dawg  
"Why not us?"



Jennifer Wahleithner  
Psychology



Philip Walczak  
Bioengineering  
Most likely to be  
a millionaire  
"Never settle"



# Huskies Boast Long List of Olympic Hopefuls

By Justin Green

Washington Rowing has a history of producing world-class athletes, and that talent pool of current rowers and alumni is as strong as ever as several Huskies are in the running to represent their respective countries at the upcoming 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August.

In total, 24 Huskies from seven countries are vying for spots at the 2016 Rio Games, 12 coming from the U.S., the most of any country represented.

The list includes current Huskies Dani Hansen (USA), Benjamin Davison (USA), Stuart Sim (AUS), and Pietro Zileri (ITA), and alumni turned international stalwarts Megan Kalmoe (USA), Robert Munn (USA), Patricia Obee

(CAN), and William Crothers (CAN), to name a few.

Also competing for Olympic spots are 2015 graduates Fiona Gammond (GBR) and Liz Vogt (USA).

Washington Rowing has produced a total of 73 Olympians in its history. UW had 12 rowers at the 2012 London Olympics, the most Huskies ever at an Olympic Games. The 12 combined to win seven medals – one gold, three silver and three bronze – to run UW's total to 42 Olympic medals, including 23 gold medals.

UW women's crew has 15 Olympians in its history, nine of which competed at the Olympics at least twice. Those 15 Olympians won five gold medals and nine medals overall. Mary Whipple is the most decorated Olympian in UW women's crew history, having competed at the Olympics in 2004, 2008 and 2012. She coxed the American eight to two gold medals (2008, 2012) and a silver medal (2004).

UW men's crew has a total of 58 Olympians, combining to win a total of 33 Olympic medals, including 18 gold medals. That includes the historic 1936 "Boys in the Boat" crew of nine Huskies that won gold in the eight representing the U.S., the five Huskies that comprised the 1948 U.S. gold-medal winning coxed four and the 1952 bronze winning 4+.

The months leading up to the 2016 Games will include three World Rowing Cups, the European Championships and Qualification Regatta, as well as numerous selection regattas within each national team.



Megan Kalmoe, '06, Adrienne Martelli, '10, Kerri Simmonds, '11, and Katelin Snyder, '09, are all working to earn a spot in a boat at the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

## 2016 Husky Olympic Hopefuls

### United States

Benjamin Davison, '18  
Samuel Dommer, '14  
Dani Hansen, '16  
Megan Kalmoe, '06  
Adrienne Martelli, '10  
Robert Munn, '12  
Samuel Ojserkis, '12  
Ambrose Puttmann, '12  
Hans Struzyna, '11  
Kerri Simmonds, '11

Katelin Snyder, '09

Liz Vogt, '15

### Canada

William Crothers, '09  
Rosie Debouf, '10  
Robert Gibson, '08  
Conlin McCabe, '12  
Patricia Obee, '14

### Great Britain

Fiona Gammond, '15  
Ruth Whyman, '14

### Australia

Maddie Cordner, '14  
Stuart Sim, '16 (selected men's 8+ coxswain)

### New Zealand

Kirstyn Goodger, '14

### Serbia

Dusan Milovanovic, '13

### Italy

Pietro Zileri, '17



# Life Lessons Learned in a Rowing Shell

Olympians Hana Dariusova and Sabina Telenska reflect on their time rowing for the University of Washington.

By Genevieve Carrillo

Conibear Shellhouse has become a home away from home for hundreds of international rowers. Leaving almost no continent untouched, the unmistakable on-the-water prowess of the Husky crew combined with the immediate sense of family on the team attracts rowers and coxswains alike.

From the Czech Republic, Sabina Telenska, '00, and Hana Dariusova, '95, were moved by the the women on the team when they rowed during Opening Day in 1991.

"You could see the motivation," said Washington alumna Sabina Telenska, reflecting on the first time she met the team. "It was contagious; it was like a movie."

Hana came to the University of Washington during the winter of 1992, and in the fall of 1996, Sabina moved to Washington as well from the Czech Republic, with nearly 10 years of rowing experience under her belt.

Hana started rowing in 1985 with SK Smíchov, placed third in the Junior World Championships 1990(8+), won silver and gold in 1991(4x, 8+). Sabina began rowing in 1986 with the ČVK Praha rowing club where she won silver and gold at the Junior World Championships in 1991(4x, 8+) and 1992(4-, 8+) and competed in an 8+ during the 1992 (8+) and 1996 Olympic games.

It was in her rowing career as a teenager that Sabina met Hana. During their time with the Czech team, they rowed in the 8+ at the 1992 Olympic and as pair partners in the 1996 Olympics. When Hana decided on attending UW in 1992, Sabina visited and didn't think twice about attending; she knew it was the place for her as well.

Driven to win, both Hana and Sabina felt the strong unity of the team leading their motivation. "I just felt the most incredible bond with my teammates," said Hana. "Some of us are best friends to this day."

Put a large group of people working together daily towards the same goal and there's bound to be a

connection, but the bonds felt while both Hana and Sabina were on the team were similar to a family. Coming into the UW not knowing English can seem daunting to some, but the two women didn't let it hinder their time on the team.



Sabina Telenska, '00, and Hana Dariusova, '95, had celebrated rowing careers, including rowing together in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics for the Czech Republic.

"I was presented an opportunity and grabbed it," said Sabina. "I earned my way into the Husky family."

During their time on the team, both women went on to win many first place awards with the varsity 8+. The two say they owe a lot of their success to the "no-nonsense" coaching approach of both Bob Ernst and Jan Harville. On the team, success was not given out. According to Sabina, you were either in,

or you were out, you had to earn your success both on and off the water.

Coach Jan Harville's constant reminders to go "back to the basics" on the water still ring true for Hana to this day when she is feeling overwhelmed by the noise of life.

When asked about her proudest moment, Hana said it was beating Princeton during Opening Day, on their home turf in front of Husky fans and families. But according to Hana, just being on the team is something to be proud of.

"Looking back, it was just a magical experience," said Hana. "We were lucky to be a part of it."

For Sabina, winning the varsity 8+ races at the 1997 and 1998 NCAA Championship, as well as winning the 2000 Henley Prize with her varsity 8+ at the Henley Regatta were all important races for her career as a Husky. To her, simply coming in every day and getting stronger with her team made her proud to be a Husky.

To the pair, the long hours on the lake were never a chore, but rather an essential step in shaping not only their progress as a rower but their outlook on life and work.

To put it simply, Sabina says "If you think training is hard, try losing."



# A Lasting Legacy

Memories last a lifetime, but for some, that's not long enough.

By Brian Corey

In the late 1960s coach Dick Erickson wasn't sure who he wanted in the varsity boat. He continuously moved the boys around from one shell to another, each rower represented by a labeled tongue depressor placed in slots of boats drawn on an info board. Brian Miller, '70, was tired of having the varsity spot he had occupied since sophomore year be potentially snagged away from him. He and his buddy Mike Viereck took action. One night the two of them glued their respective tongue depressors into their positions in the varsity shell, and there they stuck.

Brian's older brother, Dick, who graduated from UW just one year prior, was the one who urged Brian to give rowing a shot. Not only did he fall in love with the sport, he excelled at it. As of sophomore year he secured a seat as a varsity rower. According to Dick, his brother only had to give up his spot in the boat for a race one time in the three years he held it. The competitive spirit that Brian developed in rowing held firm throughout his career in the legal field.

"He was extremely competitive," Dick says. "He also hated losing more than anyone I have ever known. These traits he carried forward in his law practice where he became a very skillful trial lawyer."

In January of 2013 Brian succeeded his brother as Superior Court Judge for Adams County when Dick decided to retire after serving 24 years in the position. The two brothers had a very close relationship, talking almost daily. Over the years, as Brian's legal career took off, he never forgot about the time he spent with an oar in his hand, Dick says. He did as best he could to keep in touch with his rowing teammates and even attended two IRA championships in Sacramento, not counting the three he competed in, including a championship win in 1970. Alas, a career, as it often does, fell before a passion.

"His connections with rowing after graduation were limited by distance and his profession," Dick says. "The law is a jealous mistress and occupied most of his time." In the fall of 2013 Brian lost his battle with cancer. The Washington Rowing Hall of Fame inductee won't soon be forgotten, in part thanks to the generous contributions of his older brother. Dick, who never rowed for UW,



In a 2013 ceremony Brian Miller, right, succeeded his brother Dick as Superior Court Judge for Adams County. Photo: Ritzville Adams County Journal.

knew how important the sport was to his brother and in his memory he decided to make Washington Rowing a beneficiary in his will.

For Dick it means more than just providing his brother with a lasting legacy. This year Brian's grandson is on the gruntie crew, fighting for a chance to do what his grandfather did nearly half a century ago, win, a lot. So while rowing is a tradition for the Miller family, rowing is also a tradition at Washington, one that needs to continue, Dick says.

"The great tradition of Washington Rowing and the fact that previous generations have contributed to that legacy was important to both of us," Brian says. "It is a legacy worthy of perpetual support. Whether you have rowed or not it is important to sustain the program as a tribute to those who have gone before and those who seek the mantle of Husky oarsman. It also allows me to feel nearer to Brian's memory."

Just as Brian's tongue depressor stuck to his spot in the boat, his legacy is now stuck to Washington Rowing for generations to come thanks to the love and support of an older brother.

The contributions provided through planned giving are about protecting the future of the Husky crew team while preserving the history the team has developed. As Dick says, "The way that it will be perpetuated is by the people who have gotten something out of it, either those who have rowed or just enjoyed the ride."

Your legacy gift to Washington Rowing, no matter the size, can have a significant impact on future generations of Washington rowers and help them become leaders in their careers and communities. If you are considering including Washington Rowing in your estate plans, have already done so or would like more information, please contact Krista Rammelsberg with the Tyee Club at 206-221-3588 or visit [ForeverWashington.com](http://ForeverWashington.com).



# Why I Give...

Former rowers know that their gifts are helping propel current athletes. The exact reason they give may differ, but the cause they support is all the same.



I give to Washington Rowing because it gave so much to me. It's all about what is behind the oar: **the person, the strength, and the tradition.**

- Gail Stewart Bowser, '84



As an alum I support Washington Rowing because it's important to me. I am proud of what the Program has become today and I also wish to **honor the past** and offer opportunity for our young athletes to write new chapters and share in our great legacy. My four years at Washington as a mediocre lightweight shaped who I am and taught me the value, meaning and benefits of hard work, inner fortitude, team unity, and quiet confidence. Character. Commitment. Heart. Washington.

- Matt Cockburn, '84

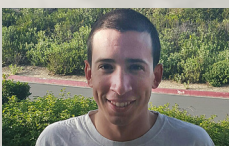


Washington Rowing gave me many things: A family of friends; **world-class coaching** and training; life lessons; and a work ethic that have shaped my success as an adult. I give to the team to help continue that legacy.

- Denni Nessler Stobin, '98

*"I give to Washington Rowing because it gave so much to me."*

- Gail Stewart Bowser, '84



I give back because I would not be **the person I am today** without UW Rowing.

- Sam Ojserkis, '17



I give to stay connected to the team. When I read the race results or look through the magazine or click on a Facebook update, I get a little piece of the team feeling back. More importantly, I want to **support the athletes** that are there today, just as others were there to support me.

- Kara Aborn, '95



Rowing has been an integral part of our family both as participants and spectators. Barb and I support the crew because we enjoy watching the races and think **the program is beyond excellent** but most importantly I like the quality and character of the student-athletes.

- George Akers, '62



"I give back a little each year as a small reminder of a program that has **given me so much.**"

- Ray Kimbrough, '92



# Out & About

## Women's Team Breakfast



## Head of the Charles



The inaugural Women's Team Breakfast Event (1-4) held on Feb. 6 at Conibear was a huge success! Ninety alumnae attended the event spanning from the class of 1969 to today, with a total of 200+ in attendance including the current team, coaches, family and 20+ kids under 10 years old. Special thanks to Adrienne Hunter, '03, for organizing the event. 1. Featured speaker Marie Swanson, '74, and women's interim head coach Conor Bullis. 2. Lara Patil Tillamanis, '00, and Alexa Helsell McIntyre, '02, brought their future Huskies along to meet the team! 3. Front row, left to right: Lynne Kalina, '86, Marie Swanson, '74, Jeanne Bodle, '84, Crismarie Campbell, '86, Eleanor McElvaine, '85. Back row, left to right: Denise Klein, '85, Jane Powers, '85, Gail Bowser, '84, Cherie Forsberg, '85, Kristi Lewis, '85.

## Sports Story of the Year

'86, Liese Rajesh '85. 4. Eleanor McElvaine, '85, shared wisdom and inspiration with the team. 5. Left to right: Pat Whetzle, '83, Ed Ives, '83, John Cotter, '84, Al Erickson, '82, and Charlie Clapp, '81, attend Head of the Charles race in Boston in October. 6. The 2015 Men's Crew took home the gold one more time by winning the Sports Story of the Year award from the Seattle Sports Commission at a Feb. 10 event held at The Paramount Theater. Pictured are (left to right) Nicolas Cypro, '15, Zachary Hershberger, '15, Alexander Perkins, '15, Marcus Bowyer, '15, Henry Meek, '15, Eric Ledbetter, '15, Ivan Piton, '17, (kneeling), Michael Evans, '15, Ezra Carlson, '16, and Jacob Dawson, '16.



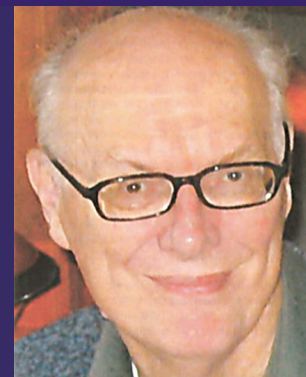
## In Memoriam

**G**ene Alan Phillips, '61, was born February 9, 1937 in Denver, CO. At the age of 3 the Phillips family moved to Seattle. During his time at Roosevelt High Gene fell in love with rowing.

At UW Gene sought a degree in engineering while participating in several historic rowing match ups. In his sophomore year

he was selected to row at Henley. Later that year he was part of the first American team to compete in any sport behind the Iron Curtain when they beat the Russians on their home turf.

Gene, an avid golfer and coin collector, had a successful career at Boeing. He is survived by his wife Edyth, three children, Quinn, Troy and Cherie' as well as two grandchildren. He passed away Oct. 10, 2015.



## VBC & Class Day

The VBC Banquet will take place on Friday, March 25, and will be followed by the Class Day Regatta the next day, starting at 10 a.m. For more information about what will be happening and to purchase tickets please visit [WashingtonRowing.com](http://WashingtonRowing.com). Volunteers are needed for the VBC Banquet. Please contact Fred Fox at [fredfox@windermere.com](mailto:fredfox@windermere.com).



## Watch the Huskies Live

We are gearing up for an exciting 2016 race season and we want everyone—near and far—to be a part of it. Therefore, we have made it a priority to live stream all of our home races beginning this spring racing season. Races will be available live via [WashingtonRowing.com](http://WashingtonRowing.com) on your computer, tablet or smart phone. Viewers will get results in real time and see what these athletes are experiencing.

To help defray the costs we hope to raise \$50,000 to fully fund streaming. Your donation will go toward cameras, infrastructure, and all the necessary items to ensure the world's greatest collegiate rowing program has a similarly exceptional high-definition streaming experience.

To make your tax-deductible contribution to the streaming fund, go to [www.gohuskies.com/watchrowing](http://www.gohuskies.com/watchrowing).

## Recruiting Do's & Don'ts

**"W**ho We Are Is Why We Win" defines our compliance program at the University of Washington in large part because of amazing alumni, donors and parents like you! We would like to take a moment to review some NCAA rules as a friendly reminder that all Husky fans are responsible for their actions.

**1. DO:** Notify UW coaches of prospects (basic information such as prospect's name, high school, position and sport played) who may be the next great Husky!

**2. DON'T:** provide prospective student-athletes or their families/friends with any expenses (e.g. transportation to visit campus, meals, lodging, complimentary admissions to UW athletic events, educational expenses, medical expenses, etc.).

**3. DO:** Employ our current student-athletes during the academic year and over the summer. Please contact compliance for a student-athlete employment form and additional information.

**4. DON'T:** Use a rower's picture for any promotional or non-profit activities, have a rower make a guest appearance at an event, or use their image to sell memorabilia.

**5. DO:** Contribute money to the rowing program. These funds benefit the team in general and may not be earmarked for a particular student-athlete. Also, donations in-kind for the benefit of a team are always welcome!

**6. DON'T:** Provide a benefit to a current student-athlete in exchange for the student-athlete's autograph, UW gear memorabilia, varsity awards, Pac-12 awards, NCAA awards, etc.

**7. DO:** Ask before you act! UW is responsible for the actions of its boosters. When a violation occurs, regardless of intention, it can jeopardize the eligibility of our prospective and current student-athletes and result in the student-athlete and the athletics program being penalized by the NCAA and the Pac-12 Conference.

**8. DON'T:** Contact prospective student-athletes by phone, social media or texting. Our coaches are great recruiters and contacting a prospect may jeopardize their eligibility.

**9. DO:** Check out our compliance website for additional information on [gohuskies.com](http://gohuskies.com) or email [whoweare@uw.edu](mailto:whoweare@uw.edu) with specific questions.

Thank you! GO DAWGS!



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## 2016 Washington Rowing Schedule

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
VBC Banquet	March 25   6pm	Seattle, WA – Conibear Shellhouse
Class Day Regatta	March 26   10am	Seattle, WA – Montlake Cut
OSU Invite (w)	April 2   TBA	Dexter Lake, OR
Husky Open, Brown	April 2   8am	Seattle, WA – Montlake Cut
WSU, OSU	April 9   9am	Seattle, WA – Montlake Cut
California	April 23   9am	Redwood Shores, CA
Gonzaga	April 30   9am	Spokane, WA
Windermere Cup/Opening Day	May 7   10:20am	Seattle, WA – Montlake Cut
Pacific Coast Rowing Championship	May 14   All Day	Rancho Cordova, CA – Lake Natoma
Pac-12 Championships	May 15   All Day	Rancho Cordova, CA – Lake Natoma
NCAA Championships	May 27-29   All Day	Rancho Cordova, CA – Lake Natoma
IRA National Championships	June 3-5   All Day	Mercer Lake, NJ

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