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Bruce Herbelin-Earle stars as Shorty Hunt, Callum Turner as Joe Rantz, and Wil Coban as Jim McMillan in director George Clooney's THE BOYS IN THE BOAT. An Amazon MGM Studios film. Photo credit: Laurie Sparham. © 2023 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Dear Stewards, Supporters, and Friends,

After an exciting spring racing season and a productive summer of international racing, it is a tremendous joy to see our student athletes return to campus. The fleet of UW shells are back on the waters to continue the legacy of UW Rowing that began more than 100 years ago.

There were many special days last spring including the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX at the Cal Duel on April 22.

The women's 1V rowed the Kit Green to a convincing win over Cal. After the race we dedicated the boat, with Kit Green herself pouring finish line water over the bow. Beginning in the 70s until 1994, Kit served as athletic director for ALL sports except football and was an instrumental advocate for the Husky women's teams.

Our crews were competitive throughout the spring racing season, including second place finishes at the national NCAA and IRA championships in the 1V and the overall team points. And as has been a tradition since 1936, many current and former UW student athletes competed over the summer for national teams.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing financial support for UW Rowing. Since our last report, we have received 562 gifts from 432 individual donors. Of these gifts, 144 were counted for Husky Giving Day, finishing second among all sports in number of gifts. Overall last year, \$536,662 was raised for both the Annual Fund and other current use support. These gifts are extremely important for operations, but we are also focused on





the urgent need to build endowments that support the programs.

Philanthropy is more important than ever to continue our legacy due to the extremely rapid change in college sports. It is a top priority of the Rowing Board of Stewards to support the competitiveness of UW Rowing in this unpredictable, shifting landscape. For those of us involved in intercollegiate athletics for many years, we worry that some of the changes will be threatening to our sport. The uncertainties create challenges for our coaches and the student-athletes. One set of challenges relates to shifting sources of revenue for college sports and student-athletes, including the changing relationships with media and the emergence of name, image and likeness (NIL) arrangements.

There are always opportunities at times of rapid change, and we are confident that with your support UW Rowing will continue to build on our legacy of leadership. As an amateur, Olympic sport, philanthropy is extremely important. We are planning this fall to announce a major campaign for UW Rowing. The campaign will feature the **Boys in the Boat Endowment** and the **Title IX Legacy Endowment** and endowed scholarships. More information about the campaign plans will be released in coming weeks. The strong support of our community for UW Rowing has been vital to past success and will position us strongly for the future.

We are extraordinarily grateful for your friendship and support.

Jane Powers Paul Ramsey

CO-CHAIRS, WASHINGTON ROWING STEWARDS

Transition to the Big Ten presents change and opportunities for Rowing

By Teresa Moore

he longtime rivalries among Washington's West Coast Rowing opponents will endure when the UW joins the Big Ten in 2024-25.

While all the details relating to that vow have yet to be finalized, both Men's Head Coach Michael Callahan and Women's Head Coach Yaz Farooq say they will continue working with individual rivals within their leagues to maintain competition against traditional opponents.

For the men, the IRA, founded in 1895, governs the sport and serves as the national championship regatta. "It has been part of our history since 1913 and Washington was the first west coast team to win a hundred years ago in 1923," stated Coach Callahan. "We will continue to work with the IRA Stewards to ensure a continued

strong west coast representation at the IRA Regatta. Most importantly, we are committed to the Cal Dual. It is at the core of who we are, and we will continue to prioritize west coast competition."

Starting in the spring of 2025, the UW women will travel east to compete for the Big Ten Championship title against Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Rutgers and Wisconsin, as well as former Pac-12 opponents UCLA and USC, who will also join the Big Ten next season. The winner will earn one of the NCAA's 11 automatic qualification berths to the NCAA Rowing Championships.

"The depth of our squad will be more important than ever," noted Coach Farooq. "The Big Ten championship format includes a total of 7 boats that score points towards the championship: the first and second varsity eights, three varsity fours, and two novice eights. More and more of our student-athletes will be able to compete, and we'll be ready." Competition against all other West Coast teams will provide valuable out-of-conference references for the NCAA seeding committee which selects 22 total teams from the 91 Division I teams that are vying for an invitation.

For both the men and women, traditional rivalries against former Pac-12 opponents can continue thanks to West Coast invitational events including the Windermere Cup—and the UW-Cal Dual, which has been contested since 1903 for the men and 1977 for the women.



Walking the Talk

LEAH NASH: FROM WALK-ON TO PAC-12 CHAMPION

By Jeff Bechthold

Leah Nash's story is both remarkable and commonplace. And, the fact that it IS commonplace is also remarkable—at least in the legacy of Washington Women's Rowing walk-ons.

After all, Washington has a long history of women learning to row at the UW and excelling in their new-found sport. These tales have been told many times before, and the list of such women is long and impressive. Leah Nash fits right in.

Leah grew up in Chatham, MA, a town at the southeastern tip of Cape Cod, north of the island of Nantucket. In high school, she excelled in numerous sports, earning 12 varsity letters, but hadn't considered rowing until she opted to attend the University of Washington, having been drawn to Montlake by various family connections to the region and an affinity for the city of Seattle.

Prompted by an email to contact the UW rowing coaching staff, Leah figured she'd take on the challenge of walking on to the rowing team, never having pulled an oar before. "I heard about the walk-on program the summer before my freshman year and decided to take a chance and give it a try," she explains. "I came into it pretty open-minded. I was just going to have fun and see where it led. I didn't really expect to get to where I am now."

Where Leah is now is near the top of one of the nation's strongest women's rowing programs. As a freshman, she made the varsity 4+ lineup in the very first event of the season, vs. USC at Lake Las Vegas.

"The first moment that really got me was my freshman year, at the last minute, I got put in that four, even though I had very little experience," she recalls. "I was in that boat with teammates who I really looked up to and was so surprised I was chosen for that spot.

"The whole trip, being at a race with the team in my first competition ever, I just felt so at home," she continues. "Everyone made me feel so important and like I belonged. That lit a fire under me for racing. I knew I really wanted



HOTO: Leal

to do this, even though it had been very hard to that point. The racing made me want to do it forever."

She began the fall of her sophomore year in the two-seat of the varsity eight that traveled to the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, near her home. By season's end, she was the bow seat in the Huskies' Pac-12 Champion second varsity eight that won silver at the 2023 NCAA Championships, helping boost the team to a second-place overall finish.

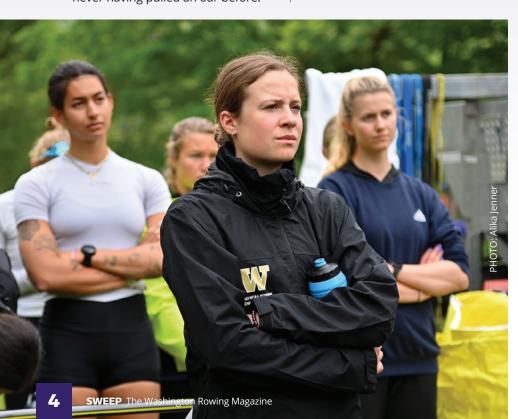
"Being chosen for that crew at the Head of the Charles really solidified that I'd made the right choice to push through all of the training and hard work," she says.

Now, she hopes to follow the long example of supremely successful UW walk-ons who had come before her. This spring she was awarded the inaugural Katy Wallace Most Outstanding Walk-On Award.

"Coming into this, I really had no idea about all of the UW women who had walked on and eventually become Olympic athletes," Leah says, "but I thought that was really special. I don't know, maybe one day I can take rowing to the next level after college. I've been thinking about that a lot and use that as inspiration."

As Leah begins her junior year, she can look at the current U.S. National Team, where former UW walk-ons Jessica Thoennes and Brooke Mooney are stalwarts in the women's eight that won silver at the 2023 World Championships.

"I feel like I've grown so much in the last two years and the sport has opened up so many doors for me," she says. "I love the competition and I can definitely see myself taking it to a higher level."



True Grit

BLAKE VOGEL: BLUE COLLAR WORK ETHIC DRIVES GROWTH

By Jeff Bechthold

isitors to University of Washington athletic facilities may come across signs and posters listing the department's four "core values:" growth mindset, committed service, humility and grit.

Clearly, all of those would be positive traits for a collegiate rower and you could reasonably argue which may be more important than the others and who among a given group best personifies the various values.

When it comes to "grit," current members of the UW men's rowing team might likely point to one particular oarsman who exemplifies that attribute the best: **Blake Vogel**.

Raised in the small town of Mars, Pa., north of Pittsburgh in the heart of the Rust Belt, Vogel walked on to the Washington rowing team. Despite having no ties to the Pacific Northwest or the program, he leapt at the opportunity to come to Seattle.

"I knew that I wanted to go to one of the best programs in the country and win a lot of big races," he explains. "UW was the only one that stuck out to me. I made the right choice. I love U-Dub. It's a great place. I couldn't be more happy.

"When I came to look at the campus, it was my first time on the West Coast," he continues. "I love it here."

Blake made an immediate impact. In his first year on campus in 2022, he spent most of the year in the freshman crew before stroking the varsity four that finished second at IRAs.

Last spring, he was a stalwart in the second varsity eight all season, winning another silver medal in that shell at IRAs before earning a trip to the Henley Royal Regatta, where he helped the UW crew advance to the semifinals of the Temple Challenge Cup.



Blake took up rowing at the suggestion of his mother, as a way to remain in shape for other sports. It didn't take long for rowing to become his primary athletic interest, and it didn't hurt that the Central Catholic High School program has been a very successful one — two U.S. National Team rowers in the 2020 Olympics had rowed for Central Catholic.

Despite being new to the sport and (by his own account) not built for it, Blake's gritty attitude helped him succeed.

"I come from a very hard-working family," he says. "My dad was a farmer and my mom had to work very hard to put herself through college, so I definitely got those traits from my parents and from where I grew up. A lot of people where I'm from don't have very much and have to work hard for what they want. Pittsburgh is a blue-collar, 'get-your-hands-dirty' type of place. I'm really proud of the traits I picked up from my parents and from where I grew up."

Since arriving at Conibear Shellhouse, his hard work has continued to pay off.

"I came in as one of the slowest rowers, but I've really developed through the program," he says. "I wasn't really a top prospect out of high school, because I wasn't fast enough or big enough. But I've stuck with it, worked really hard and really pushed to be in the higher boats. It's really paid off."

In the meantime, Vogel has earned recognition from USRowing. In 2019, he made the U19 National Team and, in 2023, rowed in the American coxed four that won the bronze medal at the World Rowing Under 23 Championships. The decision remains to be made as to whether he'll pursue rowing after graduation.

"I'm trying to decide if I want to go on after college," Blake explains. "That's a decision I'll make my senior year. Of course, I want to row for the national team, but that will depend on my development."

Blake and his teammates have a lot to look forward to before then, however. He sees the successes of the program in the spring of 2023 as having the team headed in the right direction.

"We had a great year last year," he says. "We had a lot of dedication to our team values of working hard and working together. I think it was a good stepping stone for this year. I think we're going to be really motivated."

Award Winners Spring 2023

PIGOTT AWARD (MOST INSPIRATIONAL)

Claire Marion '22 Michael Thiers '23

SCHALLER AWARD (HIGHEST GPA)

Claire Marion '23 Kieran Joyce '25

CAPTAINS

McKenna Bryant '22 **Jack Walkev '23**

KATY WALLACE MEMORIAL **OUTSTANDING WALK-ON AWARD**

Leah Nash '25

PAC-12 ALL ACADEMIC TEAM (M)

Giulio Acernese

Political Economy

Marius Ahlsand

Pre-Political Economy

Ethan Blight

Food Systems, Nutrition, & Health

Archie Drummond

Global and Regional Studies

Nick Dunlop

Psychology

Harry Fitzpatrick

Pre-Communication

Alex Gonin

Biology

Max Heid

Business Administration: Finance

Luke Henry

Real Estate

Sam Husarik

Biochemistry

Kieran Joyce

Pre-Business

Tess Kadian

Journalism

Adam Krol

Biology: Molecular, Cellular, Developmental

Max Mason

Economics with Honors

Pablo Matan

Philosophy; Political Economy

Darcy McCluskey

Environmental Studies

Casey Neumann

Political Science

Connor Shoup

International Security

Addison Smee

Business Administration: Finance

Michael Thiers

International Security

Nils Vorberg

International Studies: Political Economy

Ionathan Wang-Norderud

Pre-Economics

PAC-12 ALL

ACADEMIC TEAM (W)

Angharad Broughton

Anthropology: Medical Anthropology & Global Health

McKenna Bryant

Psychology

Nina Castagna

Psychology

Ella Cossill

Food Systems, Nutrition, & Health

Madi Frampton

Geography

Brianna Hoffman

Political Science

Renee Hopper

Food Systems, Nutrition, & Health

Mia Luna

Post Baccalaureate

Claire Marion

Post Baccalaureate

Leah Nash

Food Systems, Nutrition, & Health; Anthropology: Medical Anthropology & Global Health

Ellie Nemeth

Pre-Major

Madison Ohm

Pre-Maior

Victoria Park

Business: Information Systems

Nandini Pathak

Chemistry

Haley Stoker

English

PAC-12 ALL CONFERENCE (W)

Nina Castagna Elena Collier-Hezel

Ella Cossill

PAC-12 ALL CONFERENCE (M)

Max Heid Logan Ullrich Jack Walkey

CRCA SCHOLAR ATHLETES (3.5 GPA OR HIGHER)

McKenna Bryant

Psychology

Jordan Freer

Environmental Engineering

Renee Hopper

Food Science, Nutrition & Health

Claire Marion

Bioengineering

Victoria Park

Business-Information Systems

IRCA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Marius Ahlsand

Soph., Pre-Major (Political Economy)

Ethan Blight

Sr., Food Systems, Nutrition & Health

Zach Casler

Grad Student, MS in Information Management

Archie Drummond

Jr., Global & Regional Studies

Nick Dunlop

Jr., Psychology

Max Heid

Sr., Finance

Kieran lovce

So., Pre-Major (Business)

Max Mason

Sr., Economics

Pablo Matan

Sr., Philosophy; Political Economy

Darcy McCluskey

Sr., Environmental Studies

Nils Vorbera

Grad Student, International Studies; Political Economy

Ionathan Wang-Norderud

Soph., Pre-Major (Economics)

ALL AMERICANS

1ST TEAM

Angharad Broughton McKenna Bryant

Nina Castagna

Ella Cossill

2ND TEAM

Madi Frampton

IRCA ALL-AMERICANS

Nick Dunlop

Max Hei

Povilas Juskevicius

Darcy McCluskey Logan Ullrich

lack Walkey

IN MEMORIAM By Eric Cohen

Gus Giovanelli 1925 - 2023

Gordon "Gus" Giovanelli '49, bow oar of the 1948 Olympic Champion 4+ and the last remaining member of this



The 1948 Olympic Champions celebrating the gold medal performance at Henley left to right: Warren Westlund, Bob Martin, Bob Will, Gus Giovanelli and coxswain Al Morgan

legendary Washington crew, passed away at the age of 98 earlier this year.

Giovanelli, a two-time National Champion in the JV 8 (1948, 1949), was also a member of the stern four of the undefeated 1948 JV8 that won the Olympic Trials (in World Record time) in Princeton, NJ with teammates Warren Westlund, Bob

Martin, Bob Will and coxswain Allen Morgan. That team — coached by George Pocock — would go on to London for the 1948 Olympics where, on the Henley Thames River course, they would defeat Switzerland and Denmark by open water in the Grand Final to win Olympic gold on August 9th, 1948.

Inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame decades ago, Giovanelli and his teammates remain one of the most memorable inductions in our history. Gus remembered his experience in the sport at Washington in a later interview, stating, "There's something special that binds a crew together, and I'm very grateful to have experienced the Olympics with such great teammates."

Forever a part of the Washington Rowing family, all of us extend our condolences to the family and friends of Washington Rowing legend, Gordon "Gus" Giovanelli.

Tren Griffin 1929 - 2023

Trenholme "Tren" Griffin '51, coxswain of the 1948 IRA champion freshmen and '49 and '50 JV National Champions,



The 1951 varsity coxswain Tren Griffin and stroke oar Roger Baird with their head coach, Al Ulbrickson, on the docks of the brand new Conibear Shellhouse

passed away this summer at the age of 94.

A member of the dominant '48 and '50 IRA sweep teams, Griffin was a mainstay in the coxswain's seat of the top boats at Washington and a three-year letterman, including his senior year as Varsity cox. After graduation, he

attended UW Medical School and would ultimately become one of the top oncology radiologists in the region, retiring in 1990 and traveling the world.

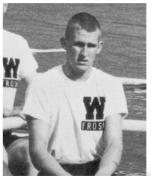
Tren spoke highly of his years on the Washington rowing team, always grateful for the opportunity the sport provided him. The Washington Rowing Family extend our condolences to Tren's family and friends.

Jon Runstad 1941 - 2023

The Washington rowing program mourns the passing of former UW oarsman Jon Runstad '64, a two-time IRA champion who went on to become one of the program's most ardent and loyal supporters. Runstad passed away Tuesday, June 20, after a battle with cancer.

"Jon was a champion of the rowing program and helped transform it to an environment of excellence," Callahan continued. "His legacy will be passed down to generations of future Huskies through the endowments he and Judy so generously built.

As a rower at Washington, Runstad won IRA championships in the freshman eight in 1961, and in the junior varsity eight in 1964. At UW, he earned a BA in economics and a BS in building construction. Following graduation, he earned his MBA at Harvard.





In 1972, Runstad co-founded Wright Runstad & Company, a real estate development firm in Seattle. Wright Runstad was responsible for the construction of numerous, high-rise buildings in downtown Seattle and the greater Seattle area, and was also the primary developer for the major renovation of Husky Stadium, which was completed in 2013.

Among many other accomplishments and interests, Runstad served as a regent at the University, and, along with his wife Judy, a renowned Seattle attorney, endowed the UW College of Built Environment's Runstad Center for Real Estate. All the while, the Runstads remained generous and dedicated supporters of the Washington rowing program.

"Jon was a close friend of mine, and I consistently relied on him to shape Washington's strategy to push the limits of intercollegiate rowing," Coach Callahan added. "Jon led by example and gave back with heart — by providing our students with tremendous opportunities on the water, he fostered leaders and helped build our Washington rowing community into what it is today."

World Rowing Championships, Belgrade, Serbia



Jessica Thoennes '18, USA - Silver Medal qualified for Olympics

WOMEN'S EIGHT (W8+) -**TOP 5 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Brooke Mooney '18, USA - Silver Medal qualified for Olympics

Nina Castagna '22, USA - Silver Medal qualified for Olympics

Aisha Rocek '25, ITA - 6th in A final

MEN'S EIGHT (M8+) -**TOP 5 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Jacob Dawson '16, Great Britain -Gold Medal – qualified for Olympics

Gert-Jan van Doorn '22, Netherlands -Silver Medal – qualified for Olympics

Chris Carlson '19, USA - 6th in A final

Ezra Carlson '16, USA - 6th in A final

Pieter Quinton '21, USA - 6th in A final

Joel Cullen '23, Canada - 2nd in B final

Will Crothers '09, Canada - 2nd in B final

Alice Henderson '87, USA, PR2mix2x

ALTERNATES

Andrew Gaard '19, USA

Kirstyn Goodger '14, New Zealand

Viktor Pivac '18, Serbia

Jack Walkey '23, Canada

WORLD ROWING UNDER-23 CHAMPIONSHIPS, **SOFIA, BULGARIA**

Nick Dunlop, '24, Australia W4+ - Gold Medal

Shakira Mirfin, '25, New Zealand W4+ - Silver Medal

Mira Calder '26, Canada W8+ - Bronze Medal

Blake Vogel '25, USA M4+ - Bronze Medal

Angharad Broughton, Great Britain W4- - 4th in A Final

Harry Fitzpatrick '25, New Zealand M4+ - 5th in A Final

Ben Shortt '26, New Zealand M4+ - 5th in A Final

Robert Pluijmert, Netherlands M8+ - 5th in A Final

Povilas Juskevicius '26, Lithuania M2x - 5th in A Final

Isabel van Opzeeland '23, Netherlands W2x - 1st in B Final

Gus Altucher '25, USA M2- - 4th in B Final

Caleb Cowles '23, USA M2- - 4th in B Final

MEN'S SINGLE SCULLS (M1X) -TOP 9 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS

Simon van Dorp '20, Netherlands - Silver Medal qualified for Olympics

WOMEN'S PAIR (W2-) -**TOP 11 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Aisha Rocek '25, Italy - 6th in B final

MEN'S PAIR (M2-) -**TOP 11 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Evan Olson' 19, USA - 5th in A final qualified for Olympics

MEN'S DOUBLE SCULLS (M2X) -**TOP 11 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Ben Davison '18, USA - 1st in C final

WOMEN'S FOUR (W4-) -**TOP 7 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Ella Cossill '22, New Zealand - 1st in B final qualified for Olympics

Phoebe Spoors '17, New Zealand - 1st in B final qualified for Olympics

MEN'S FOUR (M4-) -**TOP 7 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Logan Ullrich '23, New Zealand -

Bronze Medal – qualified for Olympics

WOMEN'S QUAD SCULLS (W4X) -**TOP 7 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

Tabea Schendekehl '21, Germany - 1st in B final qualified for Olympics

Valentina Iseppi '20, Italy - 3rd in B final

MEN'S QUAD SCULLS (M4X) -**TOP 7 FINISHERS TO OLYMPICS**

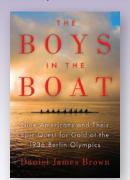
Povilas Juskevicius '26, Lithuania - 3rd in C final

Steve Rosts '22, Canada - 5th in C final

Boys in the Boat Update

By Eric Cohen, Team Historian

lot is happening as we gear up for the *Boys in the Boat* movie, scheduled to premiere on December 25th, 2023!



First off: we had an incredible launch for the Boys in the Boat over the Head of the Charles weekend in October, with Charlie Clapp '81 taking the lead organizing the tent and festivities in the center of the action in Boston. The tent itself featured

large banners telling the story of the 1936 team and the making of the movie, with thousands of spectators and visitors stopping by to find out more. The sold-out Sunday Brunch was a huge hit, with east coast and west coast alums and friends meeting together to celebrate the momentum building with this movie. Thank you Charlie, Ante Kusurin '06, Noelle Broom '08, Eric Cohen '82, and Alanya Cannon (UW Marketing), and a host of volunteers, tent greeters, and alums that made this event a major public highlight of the 2023 HOCR regatta.

The powerful trailer for the film was released October 18th (visit our social media pages to see it), with multimedia promotions now kicking into gear by Amazon MGM Studios.

The UW-Utah football game on November 11th will highlight the movie, with a pre-game event celebrating Rowing, the trailer will be played on the big screen in Husky Stadium, and the current team honored on the field.

The University, all the way up to the President's Office, is making this movie a central part of their Pull Together campaign. We could not be more excited to be teaming with them the Seattle Mayor's Office, the Museum of History and Industry, MGM. SIFF, and the Head of the Charles (to name a few) to promote this story and tell the world about Joe Rantz and our 1936 Olympic Champions. And as importantly — the continued tradition that lives on today in both our Men's and Women's teams at Washington.

This entire event, that began in October, promises to be one of the most exciting and momentum building opportunities in our history. We hope you join us in celebrating our incredible program with your fellow Husky Rowing fans, when the Boys in the Boat hits the big screen December 25!





TOP: Callum Turner stars as Joe Rantz and Hadley Robinson as Joyce Sidmar in director George Clooney's THE BOYS IN THE BOAT, an Amazon MGM Studios film.

BOTTOM: Director George Clooney on the set of his film THE BOYS IN THE BOAT.

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Another "Leader of the Pack"

We had a lot of positive feedback on our "Leaders of the Pack" (female coxswains on the men's team) article in our Spring Preview issue, but also an important addition we wanted to share. Bill Walker '79 contacted us to let us know that Carolynn "Josh" Patten coxed for the men from 1976–1978, and was one of the top coxswains on the team at the time, winning a Pac-8 Championship in the Varsity 4 in 1978, and also winning Class Day with her teammates as Juniors in 1978 (see photo).

Carolynn initially joined the women's team as a lightweight rower, transferring to the men's team as a coxswain her sophomore year but only after Title IX interpretations and Dick Erickson's support. "He (Dick Erickson) made a lot of opportunities for people, me included. I learned a lot from him and my UW Crew experience and still draw on them," Carolynn said recently.

We will have more on Carolynn's experience with the team, and as a trail-blazer for the women that came after her, on the Washington Rowing History site www.huskycrew.org this fall.



Carolynn Patten receiving George Varnell Class Day trophy in 1978.

Pulling for each other in an extraordinary sport: Women's Rowing charges up for final Pac–12 year

BY YASMIN FAROOQ, HEAD COACH, WASHINGTON WOMEN'S ROWING

mid changing winds and turbulent waters, a rower hangs tough. Her resilience, born of hours on the erg and untold chilly mornings in practice, helps her go faster, faster, faster. And

her teammates keep her strong. After all, she rows for them, not herself.

The women of Washington enter their final season in the Pac-12 more resilient than ever. Last

season, this incredible group of young women rose above a rocky start on the ergs to take second place in NCAA national competition. Today, we know who we are, who we are becoming and what this team stands for — as teammates, students, daughters, and citizens of the world. We strive to be our best in each of these areas, to trust in each other, and to work together with compassion and love.

Our team rose above the rankings and polls last season because we all believe that rowing is more than a sport. It's always mirrored life with risks and rewards, sacrifices and successes. The elite rowers recruited to our program understand that. But for a team that has historically relied on walk-ons as well as recruits, these lessons may come a little harder and, therefore, be even more precious.

This year's team embraces the deeper meanings of the sport, the power of what it means to belong

and to share common

goals. Even this early in the season, it's easy to see how committed these women are to creating something extraordinary together. There is a difference between pulling together and pulling for one another. And pulling for one another has been the difference maker for Husky teams for more than a century.

Washington Women's Rowing has won 15 Pac-12 championships, more than any other single conference opponent. We're aiming for our 16th and final Pac-12 title this season.

When we enter the Big Ten in 2024-25, we'll face new opponents and new challenges that will require us to count on our alumni, donors and friends more than ever. Your support for scholarships, endowments, travel and more will sustain us through constant change. You help keep us strong. Thank you.



The coordination of muscle and mind, seeking perfection together

BY MICHAEL CALLAHAN, HEAD COACH, WASHINGTON MEN'S ROWING



work in one of the most beautiful settings you can find on this planet. The Cascades to the east, the Olympics to the west, Lake Washington out my office door

and Lake Union around the corner. To the north is a natural wetland and to the south is the Washington Arboretum waterland trail out to Fox Island. Beavers and otters and eagles make their home here.

I think everyone close to our program knows all of this. But it remains a part of it — through all of the competition and the work and the focus and the success that we have — that sometimes gets overlooked. Rowing is a stunningly beautiful sport. And here in Seattle, with this backdrop country and city intertwined, there are mornings where it is unequaled anywhere.

I sometimes wonder if that is why we were embraced so completely by the Seattle community from the beginning. Seattle was in many respects a frontier town back in 1903 when we first became a varsity sport, and the values of this adventurous community aligned with those of the sport: hard work surrounded by the bounty of nature. Wooden shells propelled through the water with wooden oars. Physically fit young men pushing their limits to compete, but not inside a stadium; instead in nature, with nature, an oar handle in hand and water all around.

That was at the beginning of the story, but it has not changed. We have a connection here unlike anywhere else. It has moved from chapter to chapter, now a flowing book of generation after generation making their mark here, always lifted by the community around us. Sometimes that part is difficult to see as an athlete, as there

is such a strong motivation here to perform and compete, but I have never met an alum who was not grateful for it. And then recognized later in life that they too were lifted by the community and the people who had come before them.

I have been here and lived through a couple of those chapters now and it has only affirmed my view of this sport and the positive influence it has on young people. But I can also tell you this: I have never seen the level of dimensional change, or the speed of change that is taking place right now in collegiate athletics. Since my letter to you just a few months ago, the University of Washington has announced they are joining the Big Ten Conference. California and Stanford have joined the ACC. We have almost one hundred years of history together in the same western conference and in the blink of an eve we are separated. Furthermore. neither new conference recognizes men's rowing as a conference sport, so what all of us are left with is uncertainty, and about a hundred guestions that we do not have answers for at this time.

Here is what we do have: we have you. We have our community. All of us — from the recent grads, to the families of the many who came before us, to the incredible support from our friends — all of us will need to begin to think differently.

That includes how we are funded in perpetuity. This is not going back to the way it was. We need to recognize all of it with clarity and accept every challenge, and we need to do it together.

The Boys in the Boat movie, premiering this December, will provide us with the perfect backdrop to do that. This movie will be relatable and it will highlight all of the values that make us and this sport special. And with that momentum I want all of you to think in these terms: we, together, need to endow this program. We need to face head on into the fact collegiate athletics are radically changing, and it will particularly impact non-revenue Olympic sports.

From the very beginning we were embraced by Seattle and for all of the right reasons. They related to us, the hard work, the dedication, the innovation and determination, and the almost indefinable purity of rowing. The bodies swinging together, the feathering of the oars together, that perfection that appears in natural life, from a distance like a bird rising in flight off the surface, wings beating in unison. The coordination of muscle and mind, not singularly but instead — and here is the hard part — seeking perfection together.

It is a beautiful sport, rowing. Amazing things it can teach us. And now we will determine the future of it here at Washington. This is our chapter now. Let's go out and write it, together.



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Thank you for supporting Washington Rowers and all student-athletes!





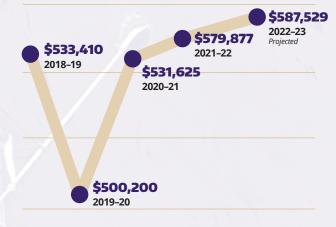
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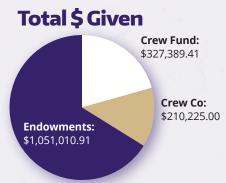
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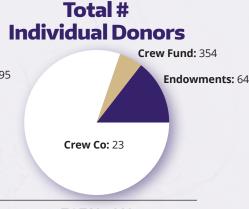
Of all 22 Husky teams, Rowing finished **second** in number of gifts and **third** in total dollars raised.

Annual Endowment Payout









TOTAL: \$1,588,625.32 TOTAL: 681 TOTAL: 441

Washington Rowing Endowments

When you establish an endowment to support scholarships or program expenses, you provide an everlasting source of funding to support the student-athletes of Washington Rowing. The principal of your endowment gift remains intact, while the interest gives us perpetual annual funding that we can rely on. You may choose to set up an endowment to honor the legacy of a loved one or to highlight someone's passion for UW Rowing. To learn more, contact Lee Grever at 206.399.0283 or lgrever@uw.edu.

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Market value of Washington Rowing endowments:

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Annual endowment payout:

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Howard Lee (1984)

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CLASS DAY CRUISE, TREASURE

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Jane Powers (1985) CO-CHAIR, 2015-PRESENT

Jim Pugel (1981)

HONORARY

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PULLING TOGETHER WEB PAGE

Boys in the Boat Multi-Media

The *Boys in the Boat* movie continues to gain momentum as we gear up for the movie launch and premier later this year of the George Clooney directed feature length film. The UW has produced a number of recent multi-media presentations including the expansive and informative "**Pulling Together**" web page.

Also recently produced is the "History of UW Rowing Fireside Chat" on YouTube with UW rowing historian Eric Cohen '82, men's head coach Michael Callahan '96, and Melanie Barstow '16, founder of the Boys in the Boat Tours.

Look for more updates in our next issue, and keep an eye on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds as more information becomes available!



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VOLUNTEER — WE WANT YOU!

From the excitement of the Windermere Cup to the inspiration of the Varsity Boat Club Banquet, you can be front and center with Washington Rowing when you volunteer.

Volunteering is a great way to have an "all-access" pass to UW races and see them from a different perspective.

There are lots of ways for you to get involved.

One of our most crucial needs for volunteers comes on race days, when we call on as many as 50 volunteers. Assignments include using an iPad to time races, being a stake boat holder at the starting platform, helping spot finish order at the finish line and being a finish line flagger. We also ask volunteers to take on safety and driving duties, such as

monitoring the warm-up area, assisting with get back/ row backs and driving a referee launch.

Most volunteer positions require no previous experience. Launch drivers do need to have coaching or boating experience and attend a brief training.

We also need volunteers for the Banquet, Class Day Cruise, Class Day BBQ and the Windermere Cup Stewards' Tent. We welcome inquiries about serving on the Board of Stewards.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Julia Paulsen**, Director of Operations, at **juliap44@uw.edu** or **206-321-6580**.

Boys in the Boat Campaign

Throughout our history, from the days of Hiram Conibear, Al Ulbrickson, Dick Erickson and through to today, it is you — our community of friends and alums — that have always been by our side. A big part of who we are, that community support is why we have sustained success — at such a high level — throughout the decades.

This fall, as we embark on a major fundraising campaign to continue to endow our program, we once again look forward to partnering with that community to ensure future generations of young people will experience the values that drive our success. Through the men's **Boys in the Boat Endowment**, and the women's **Title IX Legacy Endowment**, our goals will be centered on continuing the traditions built by the men and women that came before us. Look for more in our next issue, and thank you for your continued support of Washington Rowing!



BOYS IN THE BOAT ENDOWMENT



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to submit story ideas or to update your contact information, please contact Julia Paulsen at juliap44@uw.edu or 206-321-6580.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Women's Alumni Brunch: February 3rd
Washington Rowing Banquet: March 15

2023-2024 Washington Rowing Schedule

	SQUAD	RACE	DATE	LOCATION
1	Women's Rowing	Burnaby Lake Small Boat Invitational	Oct 8th, 2022 (Sun)	Burnaby, Canada
-	Men/Women's Rowing	Head of the Charles	Oct 22nd, 2023 (Sun)	Boston, MA
155	Men/Women's Rowing	Head of the Lake	Nov 5, 2023 (Sun)	Seattle, WA
	Men/Women's Rowing	Class Day Regatta	March 16, 2024 (Sat)	Seattle, WA
	Men's Rowing	UCSD Dual	March 23, 2024 (Sat)	Chula Vista, CA
	Men's Rowing	Sarasota Invitational	March 30, 2024 (Sat)	Sarasota, FL
	Women's Rowing	San Diego Crew Classic	April 4-6, 2024 (Fri-Sun)	San Diego, CA
	Men's Rowing	OSU Dual	April 13, 2024 (Sat)	Seattle, WA
16.000	Men/Women's Rowing	California Dual	April 20, 2024 (Sat)	Redwood City, CA
	Men/Women's Rowing	Windermere Cup, Opening Day Regatta	May 4, 2024 (Sat)	Seattle, WA
	Men/Women's Rowing	Pac-12 Championship	May 19, 2024 (Sun)	Sacramento, CA
	Women's Rowing	NCAA Championships	May 31-June 2, 2024 (Fri-Sun)	Bethel, OH
4	Men's Rowing	IRA Championships	May 31-June 2, 2024 (Fri-Sun)	West Windsor, NJ

Check www.gohuskies.com for schedule updates