



# UCI ROWING ALUMNI NEWS

FALL 2005

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## NOTES FROM THE GALLERY:

Before you know it, the end of the year will be here and Homecoming will be just around the corner... Saturday, February 11, 2006. It will be an important date to put in your calendar, and important for all crew alumni in the area to attend.

Reason is that it may be the last time to see the old boathouse. Paul Hope tells me that our lease has been signed by DFG and the construction is set to begin next summer. If the schedule holds, then the wreckers who demolish the old structure will have an easy time of it. Salt air, seeping moisture, ground water, winter rains and forty years of standing up to the relentless summer sun have all combined to do the number on the poor old boathouse. It's served its time.

You have to love the old place, though. Even so graceless a structure as a steel building can be something you come to love, and when you think of all the young men and women who have come down to the back bay with high hopes for what they are going to do in Irvine shells, even more what they have done, and you recognize that part the boathouse has played in the drama... well then, you do have to love it, at least as a repository for hopes, dreams and memories of generations of UCI crews.

The thing that makes the boathouse a living part of our history is that everyone has contributed something to it. Every coach, every rigger, every crew has done his, her, or their part. And there are some wonderful stories, one of the best being how we came to have trees, a lawn and shrubs. They wouldn't be there except for Bob Ernst's enterprise in trucking in topsoil, getting the oarsmen to shovel out stables as barter for fertilizer, and then planting the lawn and the shrubs and saplings that grew up into the monster eucalyptus trees that give us shade and generations of birds nests, not to mention the bunnies that fatten on our lawn for the back bay coyotes and bobcats. All of us have our favorite recollections of the boathouse, and someday we may get them all down.

But the purpose of this note is to sound an alert to alumni who would like to be part of an assault on the Canadian Henley in the summer of 2006. It's not too early to begin thinking about it, and there is already one four - Aaron Frank, Rob Walker, Jed Rogge and Kieran Coghlan with Jen Jacobson as cox - in the planning stage, If this idea has appeal to any cadres of alumni, lets get started. Everything begins with a phone call, so let's talk. My number appears below.

God bless the UCI crew! Where would we all be without it? And who can resist the idea of another fling at it?

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## 2005-2006 SCHEDULE

11/ 6	NARF	Newport
11/13	San Diego Fall Classic	San Diego
12/3	Newport Sprints	Newport
12/4	Christmas Regatta	Long Beach
12/11	Bay Series	Long Beach
1/8	Bay Series	Long Beach
1/28	Beach Sprints	Long Beach
2/4	Orange Coast (Scrimmage)	Newport
2/12	<b>Alumni Day</b>	<b>Newport</b>
2/18	LBSU (Scrimmage)	Long Beach
2/26	UCSD & LBSU	Newport
3/5	LMU & SDSU (W) Parker Cup (M)	Newport
3/11	Class Day Races	Newport
3/18	UCLA	Marina Del Rey
3/25	Berg Cup (W)	Newport
4/1-2	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego
4/8	Collins Cup (W) LBSU & OCC (M)	Newport
4/15	Newport Regatta (Men)	Newport
4/22	Miller Cup(W)	Marina Del Rey
4/29-30	WIRA Championships	Sacramento

For more information on these events including times please check our websites [www.wcrew.uci.edu](http://www.wcrew.uci.edu) and [www.mcrew.uci.edu](http://www.mcrew.uci.edu)



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I hope you enjoy the first edition of our quarterly newsletter. Please make a habit of checking our websites for updates on the rowing season, as well as current alumni information and events.

[www.mcrew.uci.edu](http://www.mcrew.uci.edu) or [www.wcrew.uci.edu](http://www.wcrew.uci.edu) (Click on tradition for the alumni page.)

## **A LETTER FROM COACH SCOTT CHARETTE**

As I type this letter it is mid August and just as this page is a blank canvas, so too is this upcoming season. This will be my 7th year coaching at UC Irvine and my first as the Men's Head Coach. I just got off the phone with Greg Springer and am hoping to meet with Mike Sullivan some time this week. I have decided to go "old school" in an attempt to bring back the glory days. In its 40 year history Irvine has had many dominant crews and I am trying to put together the right ingredients to recreate that era. The current student athlete is growing up in a time that is all about "me". My focus will be to get the Varsity men to put their team mates before themselves. We have 700 hours of training to complete including summer training. In the Fall we will be spending many hours in singles and pairs to help with boat feel as well as 3 days a week in the eight's. 3 mornings a week will be spent in the weight room and 2 additional cross training sessions of the athletes choice will also be required. A large portion of the team have Road Bikes and have been doing 10am Saturday rides from the boathouse. It's time to reset the standard, raise the bar and draw a line in the sand. It will be tough and many will not make it but the student athletes that do will be ready to represent UC Irvine at the highest level. The Varsity Men have a physical presence and with the right mental attitude can be very successful. In the 6 years I have been at Irvine our Varsity Men's eight has not made the final at the W.I.R.A. Championships, our goal this year is to make the final and win!



**VARSITY MEN PRACTICE 10/3/05**

## **A LETTER FROM COACH CARRIE PARSONS**

Greetings to all alumni!

Fall is here, and the boathouse is busy. Team training has begun, and things are looking promising. The varsity women graduated 12 seniors last year leaving behind a young crew. Comprised almost entirely of sophomores (only 1 junior), you can feel this team's heart and passion for the pursuit of boat speed. They have a zealous intensity as well as thoughtful attention to detail.

This year the training program has changed significantly to maximize the strengths of this team. We are utilizing lots of small boat work (singles and pairs) to bring along boat feel. With this small of a team, I am able to regularly jump in the small boats with each athlete to provide additional tips on rowing technique. In addition, the girls hit the weight room first thing in the morning with intensity and are already lifting some impressive weight. The energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of this team is strong, and with guidance from the small boat training program, this team shows promise to be the foundation of a tight knit rowing powerhouse this year and beyond!

I'm excited about this team, and I hope this letter generates some excitement for you too. Rip'em Eaters!



**VARSITY WOMEN PRACTICE 10/5/05**

**VARSITY 2005-2006 ROSTER****WOMEN'S TEAM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Katie Albo	5-10	So.
Collen Awad	5-6	Jr.
Whitney Banks	5-9	So.
Laurel Dinwiddie	5-11	So.
Alix Howard	5-10	So.
Melissa Jacobs	5-9	So.
Christine Le*	4-10	Jr.
Nina Nair	5-6	So.
Leonorra Sanchez	5-5	Jr.
Katie Sullivan	5-8	So.
Shirley Tran	5-6	Jr.
Rachel Wong	5-5	Jr.

**MEN'S TEAM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Albert Almada	5-9	So.
Robert Amador	6-4	So.
Ricky Bebout	6-1	Sr.
Mark Caswell	6-0	Sr.
Thomas Chiu*	5-10	Jr.
Andalib Danandeh	6-3	Sr.
Josh Elle	6-5	Jr.
Ryan Farrell	5-11	So.
William Gray	6-2	So.
Forest Holbrook	6-0	Jr.
Chris Hudson	5-9	Jr.
Ken Ito	5-9	Jr.
Koohyar Karimi*	5-2	Jr.
Justin Kessler	6-3	Sr.
Ernest Lai	6-0	Jr.
Maxim Lazarov	6-0	So.
Troy Nelson	6-2	So.
Joseph Russo	6-3	Sr.
Eric Saam	6-2	So.
Neil Saigal	5-10	Jr.
Oracio Sanchez*	5-4	So.
Artur Sarkisyan	6-2	So.
John Sequi	6-3	Sr.
Thomas Speakes	6-5	Jr.
Robin Thorley	6-6	So.
Ross Watson	6-5	So.

\*Coxswain

**A QUICK INTRODUCTION**

I just wanted to quickly introduce myself since I am the newest addition to the UCI rowing coaching staff. My name is Bridget Jacobson and I rowed for UCI from 1998-2001. I am very excited to be working this year as assistant coach for both the men's and women's teams. I will be helping Scott with the novice teams as well as working on alumni relations. I am currently learning how to create web pages and newsletters. These are my first editions of both. As an alumnus myself, I see the importance of keeping connected with the current ant-eater team and with my fellow alumni. Please check the website for current information on alumni events like alumni day on February 12th and Crew Classic.

**A LOOK AT THE 2004-2005  
UCI ROWING SEASON**

**The varsity men won the Parker Cup against LMU and SDSU for the third straight year!**

San Diego Crew Classic

MV	1st in 3rd final
M2V	5th in petite final
MN	1st in 3rd final

W.I.R.A Championships

MV8	2nd in petite final
M2V8	6th in grand final
MN8	2nd in petite final
MN4	4th in petite final

**The Varsity women won the Collins cup against OCC for the 5th straight year!**

**The women's lightweight four and the women's pair won the Grand final of the W.I.R.A. Championships!**

San Diego Crew Classic

WV	2nd in 3rd final
W2V	5th in 3rd final
NW	5th in 3rd final

W.I.R.A. Championships

WVL4	1st in grand final
WV2-	1st in grand final
WV4	3rd in 3rd final
WV8	6th in petite final
WN8	1st in petite final
WN4	1st in 3rd final

**The women's team won the Faculty Athletic Representative Award for the highest GPA with 23 scholar-athletes.**