



UCI ROWING ALUMNI NEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2007



The UC Irvine Anteaters had a very successful rowing season this past year. For the first time in more than 10 years, the varsity, 2nd varsity, and novice men's crews all made the grand final at the WIRA Championships. The women's team ended their equally successful season with the novice women placing third in the petite finals at the WIRA Championships and the varsity women ending their season at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia for the second year in a row. There, the varsity women's team made it to the semis and placed in the top 18 out of 33 college crews. (For a more detailed account of the season, please read the coaches "Season Wrap-Up" and the "Season Results.") All teams should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Having finished such a successful season, there is a high level of excitement around the boathouse. The men's and women's teams are already gearing up for all the hard work, commitment, and dedication necessary to build a strong team for the upcoming year. Both teams are preparing to do even better and are planning to do what it takes to achieve the kind of greatness that UC Irvine deserves.

With everything looking up for the athletes, the new boathouse could not have come at a better time. The plans are moving along as scheduled and construction should begin as soon as the Fish and Game's building projects are complete. Looks like only positive outcomes are awaiting the Anteaters.

The alumni project is also going well in our attempt to discover the true history of the rowing program. Learning about the athletes who have rowed before us is necessary to help pass on the traditions of the Anteater Rowing program to the current rowers. If interested in helping with this project, please contact Bridget at crew@uci.edu.

As the new rowing year begins, building on the successes of the 2006-2007 season and the excitement of the new developments in the program, the athletes and coaches are looking forward to the new challenges. They appreciate everyone's continued support over the years and hope to see all of you - family, friends, and alumni -- at next year's regattas and events.

2007-2008 SCHEDULE (Tentative)

10/27	Head of the American (V)*	Sacramento
11/3	Head of the Marina (V)*	Marina Del Rey
11/4	NARF	Newport
11/11	San Diego Fall Classic (V)*	San Diego
12/1	Newport Sprints	Newport
12/2	Christmas Regatta (V) *	Long Beach
1/26	Long Beach Erg Sprints	Long Beach
2/2	OCC Scrimmage	Newport
2/3	Alumni Day	Newport
2/9	Class Day	Newport
2/23	Long Beach Scrimmage	Long Beach
3/2	Parker Cup	Newport
3/8	UCSD, CSULB	Long Beach
3/15	Chapman (W)	Newport
3/16	LB Spring Regatta (M)	Long Beach
3/29	Berg Cup (W)	Newport
4/5-6	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego
4/12	Chap, CSULB, UCSB (W)	Newport
4/12	CSULB, OCC (M)	Newport
4/19	Collins Cup (W)	Newport
4/19	Newport Regatta (M)	Newport
5/3-4	WIRA	Sacramento
5/9-10	Dad Vail Regatta (V)*	Philadelphia

* optional V- Varsity only W-Women only M- Men only

For more information on these events including times please check our websites <http://ucirvinesports.cstv.com/sports/m-crew/ucir-m-crew-body.html> and <http://ucirvinesports.cstv.com/sports/w-crew/ucir-w-crew-body.html>.

This schedule is tentative final schedule will be posted on our websites by October 1st.

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Season Wrap-Up

by Coach Carrie Parsons

Greetings UC Irvine Rowing Friends and Alumni!

Another great chapter in the history of Varsity Women's Rowing at UC Irvine came to a close in May with a barnburner of a race in the semifinals of the Dad Vail regatta in Philadelphia! The women bested their performance last year with a gutsy aggressive race in the reps to progress to the semifinals. After a hard fought battle in the semifinals against a strong head wind in lane 6, the season came to an end.

It was a quite a journey from the first day of practice to Philadelphia. The team was small this year with only ten rowers on the roster after the first month of practice, one senior, five juniors and four sophomores. Of those ten, three spent fall practices in the training room rehabbing injuries from their summer training, one was only cleared to row three times a week for one hour per practice and there was no coxswain. The girls spent the fall training mostly in a straight four and a pair but some days the varsity women's fleet consisted of three singles.

The Irvine women did not take this as a set back but instead trained aggressively with an amazing spirit and passion to row every day. The motto "any time, any place, any seat" was truly lived by this crew. Rowing anything was an opportunity not to be wasted. The team was able to field an eight for NARF and was rewarded with a respectable upper mid pack finish.

Winter quarter brought a fresh start for the varsity women as 9 rowers were finally cleared to row, albeit not full time. Also, the novice coxswains had gained enough experience to start to help out at varsity practice. After a few weeks of rotating the coxswain seat, a novice stepped into the varsity boat full time. The women were able to practice in the eight three times a week with a consistency in line-up. Early spring races were hard fought and each week that passed a different Irvine crew sat on the line. Victories were scarce but the improvement was palpable and the practices found a new level of focus and determination.

A few weeks into spring quarter the varsity women finally had the eight out in full every practice. The final four weeks of season were unbelievable! The progress daily was giant leaps and bounds. As the women went into their heat at Philly they felt ready to produce a great race. This eluded them. As they sat by the boats waiting for their chance in the reps their mood was quietly fierce. Irvine was 15 second off the time needed to progress to the semifinals the following day.

As the race came down the course the announcer kept calling Irvine in the lead. The crews came into the grandstands and three bow balls were surging and falling playing leap frog as the rowers alternated from the drive to the recovery – Irvine was in the middle! The horns went off indistinguishably as if only one horn had been blown, a photo finish! The announcement over the loudspeaker confirmed Irvine had done it – the women would race in the semis!!!

I cannot describe the feeling of watching that race. These girls had to scrape and claw through the year. They were thrown every possible type of adversity from lack of girls to equipment issues and here at the end of the season they did it! THEY REALLY DID IT!! Irvine crew posted a very respectable race at a national regatta to place in the top 18 of the field. I cried, one of three races in my twelve-year coaching career, I cried!

I was very honored to work with the varsity women this year. Of this group only one has graduated. There is a talented group of novice moving up to join the nine returnees. I cannot wait to get started on the next chapter of Irvine Varsity Women's Rowing!

Rip 'em Eaters!

Coach Carrie



Varsity Women WIRA Championships 2007



Varsity Women WIRA Championships 2007

Season Wrap-Up

by Coach Scott Charette

As I get ready for my 3rd season as the Varsity coach I find myself knocking wood quite often. Every time someone asks me how the team is going to do I end up finishing my answer with "Knock on Wood".

For the past 2 seasons the athletes have been working very hard without the benefit of learning from senior athletes that had gone through the same progression. Just about everything has changed so the athletes have had to train with blind faith. We are now at the point where we have enough guys' that have been around for a couple years and no how the training works.

During my individual meetings at the end of the season I learned that many of the returning athletes had doubts about the team's chances for a good part of the season. After 2 of our top athletes from the previous seasons Varsity where not able to return due to injuries and with another nursing a back injury some of the team thought we would not have enough experience to be successful. With 2 seniors having graduated, 3 injuries and 1 taking a year off, the team was left with 2 returning rowers and 1 coxswain from the previous seasons Varsity eight. Sounds bad right? Well, the guys' finished the season placing 4th as a team with all three eight's making it to the Grand Finals. The Varsity Eight beat Coast to make the grand final and the 2nd Varsity eight placed 5th in a 7 boat grand final. The Novice eight placed 6th in the grand final. This was the best finish for UC Irvine in quite some time and it was done with "nose to the grindstone" hard work. Yes some of the guys' had doubts but that did not stop them from training, in fact I think it forced some of the sophomores to step up. Yes we lost some valuable oarsmen but we sometimes place too much emphasis on what we don't have and not on what is right in front of us.



JV Men WIRA Championships



Novice Men WIRA Championships



Varsity Men WIRA Championships

What is in front of us is the Varsity eight minus the coxswain and stroke plus one that took last season off. Half the 2V8 and coxswain are returning, 7 from the Novice eight plus the coxswain is returning and 3 from the Novice 4 are coming back. We are also getting 1 transfer and have 2 incoming freshman

that will be rowing with the Varsity squad. The skill level has increased with the single, double and pair rowing which will allow the team to put in more steady state miles this season. We are now at a point where we have the depth and experience to continue our climb to the top of our association of which there are 29 teams. Summer training seems to be going well. The tarmac at the boathouse is always wet with constant use. Josh say's there are more rowers in the weight room than any other team and you can always spot small packs of rowers cycling along the back bay as most of the Varsity Men have road bikes and have been working hard to increase that base for the upcoming season.

What I see and hear from the athletes makes me think they are ready to put all the pieces together. We will improve on last season and could even race for medals. Medals at W.I.R.A.! That's what makes me "Knock on wood"

Season Wrap-Up

by Coach Bridget Jacobson

Just like most years the novice women's numbers dropped during Spring Break leaving the team with an eight, a four, and one coxswain. The athletes that ended the season were a very hard working and intense group to coach. Before each practice we would discuss the goal for the day and each one of the girls would try to achieve the goal on a personal and team level. They all learned what it means to be in a team sport like rowing, where you depend so greatly on every member of the team. The girls got faster and faster every practice and learned to row with intensity and finesse which is very difficult on the novice level.

The season ended with two exciting races at the WIRA Championships for the novice eight. The eight came down the race course in their heat in fourth place with only seven rowers actually rowing. Every time bow seat took a stroke her oar would move making it impossible for her to put any pressure on it. The girls were very upset after that race, but despite the broken oar they were in the petite finals right where they needed to be. The eight came out with vengeance placing third only .3 seconds behind Saint Mary's College, improving from the 14.4 seconds in the heat. The novice four made the third final where they came in 10.3 seconds ahead of the third place team.

This was a great season for Irvine women's rowing. This is just a beginning of a great new chapter in anteater rowing with 10 of the novice girls planning on returning for a varsity year.



Novice Women's 8 WIRA Championships



Novice Women's 4 WIRA Championships

2006-2007 SEASON RESULTS

Head of the Marina

11/11/06

Women's open eight
2nd out of 5 - time 20:29

San Diego Fall Classic

11/05/06

Women's open eight
5th out of 7 - time 22:49

Men's open four
2nd out of 3- time 20:31

Men's open eight
2nd out of 6- time 18:24

Newport Autumn Rowing Festival

11/12/06

Women's open eight
Varsity 10th out of 21- time 17:33

Women's novice eight
17th out of 20 - time 21:31
20th out of 20 - time 23:48

Women's open four
Novice 16th out of 21 - time 21:10

Men's open eight
12th out of 27-- time 15:42
13th out of 27-- time 15:47

Men's novice eight
15th out of 23-- time 18:10
18th out of 23-- time 19:21
21st out of 23-- time 20:30

Parker Cup 3/3/07

Men's Varsity 8
2nd out of 3 - time 6:39.5
Men's 2nd Varsity 8
1st out of 2 - time 6:29.60
Novice Men's 8
1st out of 3 - time 6:44.9
Novice Men's 4
2nd out of 2 - time 7:56.6
Women's Varsity 8
3rd out of 3 - time 7:36.2
Women's Novice 8
2nd out of 3 - time 7:50.2
Women's Novice 4
2nd out of 2 - time 8:49.8

UCSD, CSULB, and UCI 3/10/07

Women's Varsity 8
3rd out of 4 - time 7:35.5
Women's Varsity 4
2nd out of 3 - time 8:20..2
Women's Novice 8
3rd out of 3 - time 7:48.8
Women's Novice 4
2nd out of 4 - time 8:15.3
Women's Pair
2nd out of 3 - time 9:03.6
Men's Varsity 8
2nd out of 3 - time 6:29.7
Men's 2nd Varsity 8
2nd out of 2 - time 6:57.48
Men's Novice 4
2nd out of 3 - time 7:58.3
Men's Novice 8
3rd out of 3 - 6:45.2



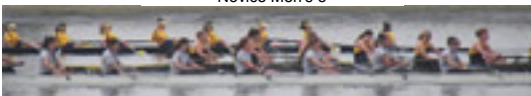
Novice Women's 4



Varsity Men



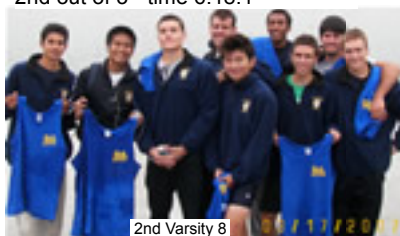
Novice Men's 8



Novice Women's 8

UCLA, SDSU, UCI 3/17/07

Men's Novice 8
2nd out of 4 - time 6:42.03
Men's 2nd Varsity 8
1st out of 2 - time 6:40.3
Men's Novice 4
3rd out of 3- 7:48.1
Men's Varsity 8
2nd out of 3 - time 6:18.1



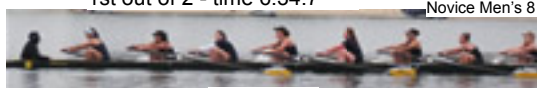
2nd Varsity 8

Chapman and UCI 3/18/07

Women's Varsity 8
1st out of 3 - time 7:01.8
Women's Novice 4
1st out of 2 - time 8:51
Women's Novice 8
1st out of 2 - time 7:28
Men's Novice 4
1st out of 2 - time 7:39
Men's Novice 8
1st out of 2 - time 6:34.7



Novice Men's 8



Varsity Women

The Berg Cup 3/24/07

Women's Varsity 8
2nd out of 5 - time 6:53.5
Women's Novice 4
3rd out of 5 - time 8:301
Women's Novice 8
2nd out of 7 - time 7:11.3



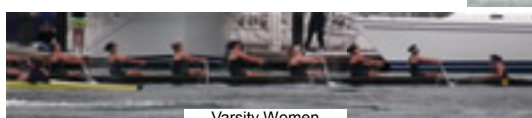
Novice Women's 4

San Diego Crew Classic 3/31- 4/1/07

Men's Varsity 8
13 out of 20
Men's JV 8
6th out of 10
Men's Novice 8
12th out of 21
Women's Varsity 8
13th out of 17
Women's Novice 8
16th out of 21

Collins Cup 4/7/07

Women's Novice 8
2nd out of 2 - time 7:40.6
Women's Varsity 8
2nd out of 2 - time 7:21.9
Women's Novice 4
3rd out of 3 - time 8:45.2



Varsity Women

OCC, CSULB, UCI 4/7/07

Men's Novice 4
2nd out of 2 - time 7:53.5
Men's Novice 8
2nd out of 3 - time 6:42.8
Men's JV 8
2nd out of 2 - time 6:35.0
Men's Varsity 8
2nd out of 2 - time 6:12.5

Newport Regatta 4/14/07

Men's Varsity 8
6th out of 6 - time 6:08.6
Men's 2nd Varsity 8
4th out of 6 - time 6:19.84
Men's Novice 4
4th out of 5 - time 7:40.17
Men's Novice 8
5th out of 6 - time 6:27.3



2nd Varsity 8

Chapman, CSULB, UCI 4/14/07

Women's Varsity 8
2nd out of 4 - time 6:23.7
Women's Novice 8
1st out of 4 - time 6:56.8
Women's Novice 4
1st out of 4 - time 7:39



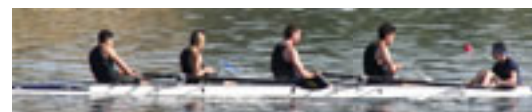
Novice Women's 4

WIRA Championships 4/28-29/07

Women's Varsity 8
11 out of 12
Women's Novice 8
9th out of 19
Women's Novice 4
14 out of 16
Men's Varsity 8
6th out of 17
Men's JV 8
5th out of 7
Men's Novice 8
6th out of 18
Men's Novice 4
12th out of 17
Men's Varsity Pair
9th out of 13
Men' LT 8
5th out of 5



Varsity Women



Novice Men's 4



Varsity Men

Dad Vail Regatta 5/11-12/07

Varsity Women's 8
6th in Semis (3 heats of semis 33 crews in competition)



Varsity Women

VARSITY 2006-2007 ROSTER

WOMEN'S TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Katie Albo	5-10	Jr.
Laurel Dinwiddie	5-11	Jr.
Amanda Evans	5-10	So.
Ashley Fee	5-6	So.
Denise French	5-2	Jr.
Alix Howard	5-10	Jr.
Nia Hunt	5-11	So.
Leonorra Sanchez	5-5	Sr.
Katie Sullivan	5-8	Jr.
Rachel Wong	5-5	Sr.

MEN'S TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Mat Anderson	6-0	So.
Rowan Cannaday	6-6	So.
Mark Caswell	6-0	Sr.
Thomas Chiu*	5-10	Sr.
Josh Cohen	6-3	So.
Derrick Diego	5-10	So.
Jeff Draper	6-0	Jr.
Jon Iwata	5-6	So.
Troy Nelson	6-2	Jr.
Andre Paredes	5-10	So.
Travis Petovello	6-2	Sr.
Artur Sarkisyan	6-2	Jr.
John Sequi	6-3	Sr.

*Coxswain



2nd Varsity Men



Varsity Men



Varsity Women



Novice Men



Novice Women

NOVICE 2006-2007 ROSTER

WOMEN'S TEAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Jenny Arellano*	5-1	So.
Allison Baker	5-10	Fr.
Ali Baraff	5-6	Fr.
Gloria Barajas	5-5	Fr.
Alexandra Bolt	5-9	Fr.
Heather Conniff*	5-2	Fr.
Emily Folick	5-10	So.
Kim Gordan	5-7	So.
Lauren Henry	5-4	Fr.
Carrie Keister	5-7	So.
Shawna Mcknight	5-10	Fr.
Laura Meyers	5-7	Fr.
Marrissa Romero	5-5	Fr.
Rachael Thomassen	5-9	Fr.
Vanessa Wong	5-8	Jr.

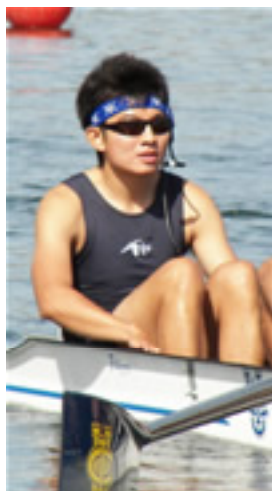
MEN'S TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>YR</u>
Emad Ali	5-9	Sr.
Jesse Angle	6-2	Sr.
Richard Denny	6-5	So.
Kia Koko	6-2	Jr.
Aleks Logvinsky	5-11	Fr.
Justin Maeda	5-5	Fr.
Matthew Navo*	5-9	Fr.
Edwin Ohanian	6-2	So.
Tony O'Toole	6-1	So.
Nicolas Papajohn	6-3	Fr.
Rom Rahimian	6-5	Fr.
Paymaun Rezai	6-3	Fr.
Brad Scott	6-3	Jr.
Mike Ward	6-3	Fr.

*Coxswain

MEET THE NEWEST ROWING ALUMNI

Thomas Chiu



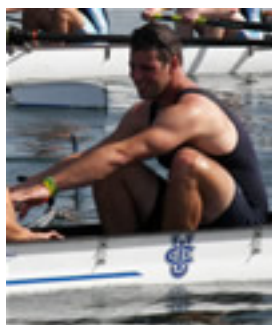
Major: Social Sciences (Specialization in Public & Community Service)

Next Years Plans: In the fall I will be moving up to Los Angeles to go to Fashion School at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising to study Fashion Design, Merchandise Marketing, and Business Management. In addition I will be coxing at the Lions Rowing Club in Marina Del Rey.

Career Goal: Ultimately I would like to have my own clothing line for sale and have my clothes presented on the runway during fashion week. As long as I'm in fashion, that's all that counts!

I am thankful for everything that I learned in my four years of coxing. Without Scott, I don't know if I would have survived four years as a coxswain but I'm glad that I did because I've had the opportunity to work with such a diverse group of people that I otherwise would not have had the chance to. Through rowing, I have learned more about myself than I ever thought I would and am proud of who I am. I wish the best to all the current and future rowers in the program and I hope to see everyone on the water this fall!!!

Mark Caswell



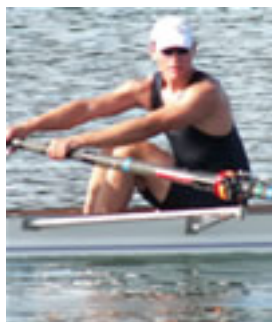
Major: Criminology, Law and Society

Next Year: Next year, I'm planning on joining either the Anaheim or Los Angeles Police Department.

Career Goal: My career goal is to join the SWAT Team at whichever agency I end up at.

Rowing at UCI was the icing on the cake for me. It gave me the opportunity to be part of an amazing sport, and had a great time doing it. The friendships made while I was rowing will last for a very long time.

John Segui



Major: Information and Computer Science

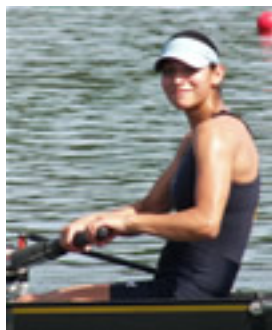
Next Year: Work full-time and apply to graduate school. Travel whenever possible.

Career Goal: Bridge the digital divide and start a software business. Go into space.

Rowing at UCI was the best decision I made during my college career. Rowing consumed many hours, but was worth every minute. Excellent exercise. I hope to continue rowing and eventually become a better sculler.

Leonorra Sanchez

Major: Social Ecology



Next Year: My plans for next year are to stop and breathe. I took on a lot during college, especially in the last year with school, work, rowing, and an internship. I plan on making up for all my missed spring break trips, and catching up with family.

Career Goal: I do plan on going back to school to get my masters. I would like to pursue social work or nursing.

Rowing was always optional, but it was something I could not do without. I do not regret any moment of it. I made so many great friends that were and will always be there to support me. I was determined to finish my 4 years of rowing, and it could not have ended any better. Our second race in Philadelphia was the race I had been waiting for. Everything was starting to come together for our team. We had come such a long way from the start of the year. It made all the ups and downs of the past seasons worth it. I will miss being able to row with the girls everyday, and the sunrises out on the water. I have rowed with some of the girls in the quad this summer and I know I will find my way to some of their practices. I look forward now to rowing in the alumni boat. Zot! Zot! Zot!

Alumni Spotlight

In May of 2001 after finishing the last race of my collegiate career, I was struck by the unbearable thought that I would never race with my teammates again. That year, nine seniors graduated from the program and we quickly scattered across the world to pursue various jobs or graduate schools. It seemed impossible that we would all be in the same place at the same time again. Fortunately, that unbearable thought never came true. For the past four years, an alumni boat has raced in the women's Open in San Diego Crew Classic.

We have made a point to establish a tradition to come to the race, even if not racing, to reunite with former teammates. We reminisce about our great victories (which become greater and greater with each passing year). We lecture the current rowers on luxuries that we never had (You stay in hotels! Let me tell you about when we used to stay in the army barracks). And most importantly, we laze around on the beach after the race, having a great time.

For me, the opportunity to race under the UCI name cannot be passed by. After finishing graduate work in particle physics at the University of Pennsylvania, I moved to Geneva, Switzerland to work at the European Organization of Nuclear Research (CERN). All of my colleagues thought I was insane for flying 14 hours back to the west coast to race. But even though I continue to row on Lake Geneva, there are very few opportunities to row in eights and even fewer to race with good friends on a familiar course. To me, 14 hours is a very small price to pay to sit ready at the start line in nervous anticipation of the words 'Attention. Go!'

In this recent year, our alumni eight had a great performance. We took third in our heat, placing us in the petite final. In the final, we raced against collegiate teams such as Stanford, Cal, USC and Miami. And although we lost to those teams, we were thrilled to still be competitive with the college girls. The Crew Classic tradition continues to expand to new graduating UCI rowers. For this year, the alumni boat had representatives from five different classes. I hope next year continues to bring even more alumni if not to the start line at least to cheer from the shore.

By Monica Dunford
Women's Rowing 1998-2001



ALUMNI NEWS

We wanted to thank all of the alumni that showed their support through out the 2006-2007 season. A special thanks to Bill Butler who attended many of this years regattas; Boris Buzan and David Coulter who showed their support at the WIRA Championships; and Tina dela Rosa who supported the varsity women at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia.

It is never too early to start planning and training to row in this years San Diego Crew Classic on April 5th and 6th. Put it on your calendars now whether you are interested in rowing or just watching. The women would like to have 2 boats this year, an open boat and a masters boat.

You may have noticed that the Hall of Fame Brunch is not on the schedule that is not a mistake. As of right now the athletic department has decided to change the Hall of Fame Brunch to once every other year.

Alumni Day is scheduled for February 3, 2008 so if you are planning a trip to Orange County that is a good week-end to schedule. We had a big turn out last year and we hope to build on that every year.

The UC Irvine athletic department's website has changed to an out side company and with that many changes have occurred. We wanted to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we once again set up the alumni site. Our goal is to have the alumni site be a place for the latest UC Irvine rowing news, all-time roster with clickable bios, and photo galleries of alumni events and past crews and regattas. When the website changed over most of the alumni information, including photos and bios, that were on our old URL was not able to move over. So, we are in the process of manually putting this information onto the new site. The new site gives us many new possibilities but it also limits us to a given format which has been a challenge to adapt to the needs of the alumni site. This is a good time to update your bios if it is now incorrect or you have not yet completed one. Once again thank you for your patience and please keep checking the site for new information and improvements.

