

# Rowing News

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## A NEW CREW FOR THE MILLENNIUM!

*Evan Halprin*

After a few semesters of organizational slumps, CWRU Crew has been working hard again this semester to show the world that we can compete.

Although the varsity team lost a few members to the Junior Year Abroad (JYA) program (Rachel and Vivian Liu) and others for various reasons, we have enough rowers for a men's 4+ and a women's 4+. The Head of the Cuyahoga is already behind us and we are practicing five times a week in preparation for the Head of the Ohio and the three regattas to follow it.



*Governor's Cup, Charleston, West Virginia — April 2000*

We had a large recruitment effort and were able to attract 20 or so new rowers that are interested in staying with the club. Although many are rowing for fun, we should have a large competitive novice team this semester. Last years varsity coaches (Chris Pfahl and Eric Gerber) are this years novice coaches. The novices practice four nights a week.

The men's boat is filled from bow by Evan Halprin, a junior Computer Engineering major; Chris Riffel, a junior Biomedical Engineering major; Aaron Patterson, a senior Anthropology major; Mike Krofcheck, a sophomore Electrical Engineering and Physics major; and the newest addition to the varsity team Amanda Muskus, a freshman at CWRU with 6 years coxing experience. Pete Whit-

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## FUNDRAISING FRENZY!

Thinking two or three semesters down the river, we have started to raise funds by working at the Cleveland Browns games.

We are working concession stands at the Cleveland Browns Stadium for every Browns home game. We are also continuing to sell CWRU Crew apparel at our regattas. The order form is on page 3.

We would like to use the money to purchase a new or new used competitive eight. The Agnar Pytte (named after the previous CWRU

president) has gone through many dings, dents, and cracks and although it is still a great boat, it is starting to show signs of old age. We also would like to buy more oars and possibly another erg or two.

If you would like to help speed the process along, we are accepting donations of any amount and any other form of contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Evan Halprin at [ejh2@po.cwru.edu](mailto:ejh2@po.cwru.edu) or (216)754-1373. ♦

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taker, a junior and Fraser Hewson, a graduate student are safety officers/coaches/alternate rowers. Although they often do not row, we would not be able to row without them.

The women's boat is filled from bow by Amanda Vidak, a junior



Amanda Vidak and Maïke Johnson at the 2000 Head of the Cuyahoga.

Nursing student; Maïke Johnson, a senior Mechanical Engineering major; Lilia Fuquen, a senior Political Science major; Kristin Andrews, a junior Biomedical Engineering major; and a ghost cox at the current time.

CWRU Crew level of competitiveness has been dormant for a couple years. With hard work and focus we are hoping to improve from last year and become a team that other crews will strive to beat.

Although we currently do not have a varsity coach, the varsity team members are working together to improve themselves. Everyone is taking a more active role in observing other teammates' stroke and offering constructive criticism.

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The varsity members are more involved with the novices this year as compared to last. Last year we were two separate teams and this year we want to have just one large team where everyone knows everyone else and everyone helps the team.

Although, at 5:00am the sun is nowhere to be found, the team's spirit is bright enough to guide the way. Even in the dark, merky-green water of the Cuyahoga, it can lead us back to our starting point, our boathouse, our home. ♦

### Novice Crew

Sara Barry  
Maurissa D'Angelo  
Alex Degutis  
Allison Farrell  
Sue Flaherty  
Rick Huizen  
Corey Kemper  
Sylvia Kertesy  
Lough Kuhn  
Liisa Laukkanen  
Navin Lingaraju  
Brandon Mack  
Trisha Maier  
Lane Methany  
Chris Ni  
Ryland Potter  
Josh Rekula  
Kristin Ricci

### *Novice Crew continued*

Brian Sellati  
Meghan Swanson  
Paul Valentine  
Amanda Wingard-Phillips

### Varsity Crew

Kristin Andrews  
Lilia Fuquen  
Evan Halprin  
Fraser Hewson  
Maïke Johnson  
Mike Krofcheck  
Amanda Muskus  
Aaron Patterson  
Chris Riffel  
Amanda Vidak  
Pete Whittaker

## WEBSITE UPDATED

THE Crew Website at <http://crew.cwru.edu> has been updated over the past year. It now has information on who has rowed (alumni) and who is currently rowing; results and pictures from past events; links to other local, regional, and national websites; and the schedule for upcoming events.

If you are an alumni and would like your name and current location on the alumni page, please fill out the online form at <http://crew.cwru.edu/alumni.html>. Please use the form to make any name or address changes as well.

Please stop by the site every once and a while to see the latest announcements and happenings. ♦



The team at the 2000 Governor's Cup Regatta.



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Have you moved? Are you moving soon?

Please notify us of any address corrections through the following website:

<http://crew.cwru.edu/alumni.html>

Thank you!

We're on the Web!  
[crew.cwru.edu](http://crew.cwru.edu)



## FROM THE LAUNCH...

Hi, my name's Pete and I drive the launch around in the mornings. Sometimes I am asked why I'm driving the launch and not someone with some legitimate qualifications, my answer is that I'm just fighting fires.

In the recent past the club has struggled with organizational leadership, some people believe we had and have too little. I believe we have way too much, for instance up until last week we were averaging more meetings per week than practices. At any rate all these important events-like meetings-drew away all the experienced club members and left a vacuum of jobs in need of doing. So like any of you might have found yourselves doing at one time or another I found myself filling in the gaps where things weren't getting done and in less than a year had become a vital part of the club. Sure, at this point I could have become an officer and officially taken up the responsibilities that an office entails but I had seen what hap-



pens to talented people in the past who take up the call to office... meetings.

Getting back to my point, I like to be useful in a practical manner, so when the Men's Varsity team was without a coxswain I figured "Hell, I'm the smallest of the five guys who want in this boat this maybe the only way I'm getting in." So, I volunteered; this was a huge mistake because they haven't let me row since. After my first season of coxing I took the boathouse safety officer tests (an insult to any reasonable intelligence) so that we could go out if our coach over slept. As it turns out our coach has defected to afternoon practices with the novices, leaving me to fill in yet another gap. So I'll drive the launch until some other gap needs filling-hopefully something like an empty seat in the boat. ♦

*These views do not necessarily represent those of the CWRU Crew Club.*

## Fall 2000 Schedule of Regattas

September 23, 2000

Head of the Cuyahoga  
Cleveland, OH

October 7, 2000

Head of the Ohio, Pittsburgh, PA

October 14, 2000

Five Rivers Regatta, Dayton, OH

October 21, 2000

Head of the Eagle, Indianapolis, IN

October 28, 2000

Speakmon Regatta, Columbus, OH



If you find yourself close to one of our race sites, we invite you to come down and meet the team and cheer us on in competition.

If you have any questions about events, times, or site location, please contact Kristin Andrews (Club President): (216) 754-1085, [kma9@po.cwru.edu](mailto:kma9@po.cwru.edu).