



### Homecoming 2004

While perhaps not quite as special as last year's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, we still plan to get everyone together this year and celebrate Homecoming in our usual, high quality fashion.

Plan to show up to the 2004 festivities in the standard format and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow teammates of yore on January 24th. The Row/Run race will be crossing the finish line at around 8:30 in the morning, followed by the typically dramatic Dayee Hawes Cup alumni vs. novice race over 1000 meters. The morning will then be capped off by a special duel with an international flair to it. Brunch items will be provided and we'd love to have you visit in the Falcon lounge afterwards. Families are of course welcome, and we will definitely be re-establishing the traditional Ex-lightweight weigh-in to see who can tip the scales the highest.

#### 2004 Homecoming Schedule:

**Row/Run** – 8:30 a.m. SPU finish line behind Brougham Pavilion in the ship canal

**Alumni/novice Crew Race** -10:00 a.m. (sign up early in the shellhouse)

**Varsity Dual** – Following the final alumni/novice race, at the finish line

**Fellowship time** – Stay as long as you like and get caught up!



The coveted Dayee Hawes Cup

### 2004 Spring Schedule

Here is our latest schedule update, please plan to attend all the events in your area and support the Falcon crews:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regatta</u>	<u>City/site</u>
Mar. 20	PLU/UPS/SPU 3-way	Tacoma, WA/American Lake
Mar. 27	Daffodil Cup	Tacoma, WA/American Lake
Apr. 3	NCRC Invitational	Lake Vancouver, WA
Apr. 10	Governor's Cup Regatta	Salem, OR/Willamette River
Apr. 17	Blue Heron Sprints	Eureka, CA/Humboldt Bay
Apr. 24	NCRC Championships	Lake Stevens, WA/Lake Stevens
May 1,2	WIRA Championships	Sacramento, CA/Lake Natoma
May 7,8	Dad Vail Championships	Philadelphia, PA/Schuylkill River
May 9	ECAC Natl. Invitational Collegiate Championships	Worcester, MA/Lake Quinsigamon
May 15	Pacific Coast Rowing Championships	Sacramento, CA/Lake Natoma
June 18-20	Henley Women's Regatta	Henley, England/Thames River

### Beyond the Borders - Women's Crew Bound for England!



The last four years of tremendous results is admittedly a tough act to follow, and the challenge for the staff has been to determine a way to continue our pace of excellence while at the same time continuing to tell the story of Seattle Pacific University rowing in a new and dynamic way. The answer we arrived at was basically to take our show on the road. Given that the team has proven itself consistently competitive at the national, collegiate level; the next logical progression would then be to seek an international competitive opportunity, though not necessarily a championship level event. The Henley Women's Regatta emerged as the obvious choice and has been added to the docket for the women's varsity four this coming June.

Early on however, it became readily apparent that there was a call to ensure a wider scope to this endeavor. Accordingly, the Society of the Fellows has been engaged in putting together a wonderful *World Changers* tour to England that will, among many other things, include the Henley Women's regatta. This is the first time that an actual university operational element has been directly involved with one of the Fellows tours, providing a very positive way in which this event can interface with the community at large. The net effect will be to expand the audience as well as tell the story and provide a unique adjunct to our own Beyond the Borders program (article page 2). Likewise, it is our desire to further and more directly expose our program to the world at large, testing ourselves and our faith in a different culture. This is where we see the Henley event fitting in.

The NCAA allows this type of activity only once every four years for any given team, so we'd like to make our impact felt in a significant and

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lasting manner. With a returning two-time national champion crew looking for their third title, we have a legitimate opportunity to not only compete but win at Henley. This however, will only serve as a platform to advancing the gospel and fulfilling our portion of the mission of Seattle Pacific with a more global reach.

We will need significant help with this daunting task, and we'd like to include all of our alumni and supporters. One obvious way to assist this enterprise is to actually be one of the 40 individuals to participate in the tour. Be assured that all participants will share wonderful, life-changing experiences. There are two tour options and we have much more detailed itinerary and cost information if you would like to contact us or the Society of Fellows directly. If you would like to attend please confirm as soon as possible but before February 1<sup>st</sup>. The second way to support this effort is obvious as well, through your direct contributions. This opportunity is likely to cost the rowing program nearly \$20,000 and we'll need significant help achieving this. We do have some giving levels that we'd like to encourage as outlined in the program below. Please join us in achieving our goal, help us get our story told out beyond our borders.

### Henley Contributor levels



Henley Steward level contributors, \$3,000 or more, will receive one of the actual Falcon oars rowed at Henley (only 8 available). Suitable for mounting, it will be appropriately engraved, and autographed by the athletes on the back.

Henley Buckinghamshire level contributors (\$1,500 or more) will receive a mounted miniature SPU oar.



Henley Berkshire level contributors (\$750 or more), will receive a mounted miniature SPU oar blade.

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### Staying Current

It is always a challenge keeping our database current with everyone's addresses. Now that we've gone to an e-mailed format for newsletters we'd like to get your help in getting as many supporters and alumni e-mail addresses as possible. If you know of someone not getting the e-newsletters who would like to, go ahead and forward it to them and be sure to get their address to the staff at [kpjeffr@spu.edu](mailto:kpjeffr@spu.edu). Thank you.

### Crew Community Helping Beyond Borders

The crew's Beyond the Borders program has been an amalgamation of various team efforts to reach the greater community, but to do so in a more direct and impacting manner. The first such program has been the team's sponsorship of a child through the Christian Children's Fund. Now in its second year, we are sponsoring and communicating with a young Hindu boy in India. Additionally, we contribute along with the other SPU athletics teams in supporting a young boy in Africa as well.

This year, we have further committed to sponsoring the scholarship of two young women in El Salvador in completing nursing school. These two were brought into our concern via crew alumna Kendra Cox ('00) who had just returned from a Peace Corps mission in El Salvador. A two to three year commitment of \$1000 covers both students and is a fantastic way to tie our two communities together for lasting impact. We at Seattle Pacific University have a challenging mission to *engage the culture, and change the world*, this is one dynamic way the team can achieve this.

The Beyond the Borders program has its own annual newsletter that will be sent out in a similar fashion to our various constituencies who would like to stay updated or even get involved.