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## **Hello friends!**

*Welcome to Friends of Nebraska Rowing*

Whether you rowed for a day, or still can't go a day without rowing, even if you're just a fan, if you knew the University of Nebraska Crew, this group's for you.

It's been 50 years since Allan Maybee first stalked the registration lines in Lincoln, looking for the tallest, strongest, scrappiest cornfed Huskers he could find, and convinced them that what their landlocked, land grant university needed was a rowing team.

The nascent crew scoured the country for equipment donations, took over a maintenance shed on 16<sup>th</sup> Street via squatter's rights, built an indoor rowing tank using odd lots of concrete leftover from the construction of the Bob Devaney Sports Center, and established a beachhead at Capitol Beach Lake, where they could hone their craft, just a short jog – or brisk run – from campus.

From those humble beginnings, Nebraska rowers have ascended to the pinnacle of the sport, competing and officiating at the highest levels. Husker rowers have medaled in the Olympic Games, coached rowing at the collegiate level, rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, planned and presided over international competitions, and even run the U.S. Rowing Association.

It's a remarkable legacy, and one we'd like to share with friends young and, well, . . . seasoned. Friends of Nebraska Rowing has been around, informally, for years. Last year we finally made it official. This year we'd like to invite you to join us for a post-pandemic weekend of camaraderie, nostalgia, and some pretty exciting Show-n-Tell.



## Save the date!

Big things are happening with the Husker Crew and we hope you'll be there to share in the excitement, September 24-26, in Lincoln, as we celebrate our many successes and share plans to secure our legacy and lift Nebraska Rowing to even greater heights in the years to come.

Make a weekend out of it as we gather at the boathouse on 16<sup>th</sup> Street Friday night, September 24<sup>th</sup> to catch up on old times and dedicate a commemorative plaque designed by crew founder Allen Maybee. We will reconvene Saturday morning at Lake Pawnee for a tour of the University's new rowing facility and jump in a shell for a row around the lake, and maybe a friendly scrimmage before returning to your hotel to scrub up for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet at the Champion's Club on campus with a special presentation on the future of Nebraska Rowing.

We can't wait to see you all again and learn what you have been up to in the years since you rowed for Nebraska Crew. And we are eager to share our exciting plans for working with Campus Recreation the University of Nebraska Foundation, the Alumni Association, and our wonderful student athletes as the official alumni support organization for competitive rowing at the university, to ensure the next 50 years of Nebraska Rowing will be the best yet.



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## Join Friends of Nebraska Rowing

*We are trying to reach out to everyone who has been a part of Nebraska Rowing over the past 50 years. Please share this news with anyone you have kept in touch with from the crew. We'd love to add their names to our list. Please have them register at <https://nebraskacrew.com/fonr/index.html>*

**Friends of Nebraska Rowing (FONR)** is an Alumni Support Organization that works with the Campus Recreation Department, the Alumni Association and University of Nebraska Foundation to provide long-term stability, consistency and financial resources for the competitive rowing team at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Membership is free and open to all who share this vision.

### Officers/Directors

Bill Brush – First Nebraska Crew Coach	Stan Campbell – Director, Campus Recreation	Frank Dolezal
Joye Fehringer – NU Foundation	Jerry Huber	Brad Kuhn
Matt Kush	Allan Maybee – Founder, UNL Rowing Team	Connie Pejsar – NU Foundation
Lisa Rohde – Olympic Silver Medalist '84	Mark Stormberg – Current FONR President	Peter Zandbergen – former President of US Rowing
<b>Student Liaisons:</b>	Eben Kohtz	Tim Pothier

**Become a part of FONR! Update your Nebraska Crew Alumni Information at :**  
<https://nebraskacrew.com/fonr/index.html>

## Crew News



Back row (left to right): Timothy Pothier, Brittany Horbach, Shawn Knowlton, Katie Orr, Trent McElmury. Front row (left to right): Michael Buehre-Stackpole, Eben Kohtz

BY EBEN KOHTZ  
**CREW CAPTAIN '20-'21**



This year has been quite different than the NU Crew expected. Our entire team went home in March after classes moved online for the Spring semester, and we all stayed connected through virtual movie nights! When we returned to campus the Crew had to follow strict Covid-19 guidelines and were only allowed to erg in our boathouse.

Each erg was placed 12 feet apart and staggered in rows, our rowers also wore masks during workouts to stay safe and follow social distancing rules.

As of right now, the indoor erg workouts will be the team's new norm for the new year. There may be a chance to get on the water later in the Spring, but most likely the team will get a chance to row at our new home at Pawnee Lake in the Fall next year and compete again!

## Support the Crew



BY FRANK DOLEZAL  
**CLASS OF '06**



In 2019, the University of Nebraska Foundation started a 24-hour social fundraising event called **Glow-Big-Red**.

The event, held in February, challenges supporters of various campus organizations to help their team or club 'glow' the brightest by raising the most money.

In 2020, Friends of Nebraska Rowing (FONR) and Nebraska Crew raised \$2,270 – more money than any other student group – winning the 'Glow Brightest' challenge and a \$250 bonus match.

Glow Big Red 2021 will be held beginning at noon (Central Time) on February 17<sup>th</sup>. FONR is challenging Alumni and Friends to double the amount raised last year, keeping Nebraska Rowing on top of the leaderboard.

Please take 5 minutes to make a gift via the website <http://glowbigred.unl.edu>. Challenges included a bonus for most dollars raised and total number of donors, so every donation counts.

Share the news with your crewmates via social media and help the team grow, glow, and row.