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Has anybody found the crew launch?

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*If anything can go wrong —
It will.*

— *Murphy's Law*

The West Virginia University crew club is taking that bit of wisdom seriously after Tuesday. That's when the team went to practice and found their coaches' launch stolen.

The boat was chained to a dock on the Monongahela River where the team stores its equipment. It had been secured there after practice on Monday evening.

The team's coach, Mike Atens, said the brand new boat had definitely been locked up after Monday's practice, and that the thief pried up several planks from the dock to get to it.

"Somebody was really serious about stealing it," he said. "And we had just gotten it a week-and-a-half ago."

Westover police are investigating the theft, but would not comment on it.

The incident came at an especially bad time for the rowers because their first competition of the year is scheduled for this weekend at Dusquesne. The absence of a launch caused a disruption in their practice schedule, Atens said. However, a local marina has loaned the team another boat so that work-outs can continue.

The stolen launch was bought for the team by the Monongahela Rowing Association, a non-profit organization which provides the WVU rowing club with most of its equipment, as well as handling the team's fund-raising.

Since the MRA contributed the boat to the team, the theft especially concerned Atens.

"I'm pretty upset about it, considering the fact that's basically where most of our support comes from."

The equipment was insured, but the main problem for the team was getting another launch in time for the upcoming meets.

Anyone with information about the theft is urged to call Atens at 293-4191 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 1987

Crew club to row in capital city

What are you doing weekday mornings at 5:30 a.m.?

For thirty members of West Virginia University's Rowing Club, that early morning hour means practice.

Having rehearsed since October, the team will attend its first meet — the Governor's Cup — this Saturday in Charleston.

Approximately nine other teams from such states as Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee will come together to compete in front of the state capitol.

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West Virginia's key opponents will be Marietta College, University of Cincinnati and the University of Charleston. Those teams are considered the main regional powers.

This spring marks the tenth anniversary of crew at the University. Sponsored in part by the Monongahela Rowing Association, West Virginia's Rowing Club is otherwise supported by fund raising efforts and donations.

The organization will compete in only two other meets besides the Governor's Cup.

The Mid-American Collegiate Rowing Association's Championships will be held May 2 in Marietta, Ohio.

The team's last competition is the Dad Vail Championships on Boat Row in Philadelphia. That event will be held May 6-10.

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Rowers enjoy some success in Steel City

The West Virginia Crew team travelled to the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh Saturday to race against Duquesne University and Mercyhurst College and both the men's and the women's teams enjoyed continued success.

The Women's Novice Four came back from a discouraging loss last week to place third among a tough field of competition. The four missed second place by less than one second.

The Women's Varsity Four logged in their second win of the season in as many tries.

The Men's Novice Eight met disaster when a crew member repeatedly lost his oar and the team was unable to recapture the lead.

The most impressive performance was turned in by the Men's Novice Four as they soundly defeated their main opponent in the region, Mercyhurst. The members of the four are Bill Cook, Brad Hollerman, Alan Carr and stroke John Adams.

In the premier event of the afternoon, the Men's Varsity Four easily handed Duquesne a defeat.

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Club Roundup

WVU Crew travelled to Charleston expecting to compete in the 13th annual Governor's Cup Regatta only to find that the races were cancelled for the first time in the regatta's 13 year history due to flooding on the Kanawha River. High water due to heavy rains in western Virginia and eastern West Virginia was dumped into the New River and subsequently the Kanawha causing unsafe rowing conditions in Charleston due to debris and swiftness of the river. This would have been the second regatta cancelled in two weeks by flooding for WVU's crew.

However, an impromptu "mini-regatta" was organized and held this past Saturday on the Monogahela River here in Morgantown. Three schools on the way home from the cancelled Governor's Cup regatta participated including: WVU, Duquesne, and Stockton State (Atlantic City, N.J.).

Seven 2000 meter races were held in front of Morgantown's proposed Riverfront Park area, starting just below Morgantown Lock and Dam and finishing near the Seneca Center.

WVU won four out of the seven races held with victories in the Women's Varsity Four, Men's Novice Four, Men's Varsity Four and Men's Novice Eight races. Duquesne won the Women's Novice Four and Women's Novice Eight races and Stockton State took first in the Men's Lightweight Four Division (Oarsmen under 160 lbs.).

WVU Crew's next regatta is this weekend as they travel to Pittsburgh to race against Mercyhurst College (Erie, Pa.) and Duquesne. The meet was rescheduled from its original April 11 date due to flood conditions on the Allegheny River.