

The Canoe Era



CULVER ACADEMIES

1967 Canoe Team



**Captain
Jim Etchen**



KALMAN BLAHO
Athletics; 1 year
Died Sept. 24, 1966



**Coaches Kalman Blaho
William Garrison**

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After working through a winter of calisthenics, swimming sprints, and canoeing in the pool, the varsity canoe team opened its season with Culver's fourth-annual Tippecanoe River Race April 15-16. VARSITY CANOE: (l. to r.) FRONT ROW, Chuck Parker, Jose Muniz, Tony Wheeler, Graham Chesny, Bob Fogel, Casper Martin, Steve Wesner, Francis Eyre, Chris Greenleaf. SECOND ROW, Bill Krudener, Steve

Bachmann, Bob Moss, John Tisserand, Leo Hochstetter, Marc Matson, Mark Oppenheimer, Mike Hansen, Dominique Mantout. THIRD ROW, Jeff Marxen, Mike Thrasher, Larry Duffy, Steve Kling, Keith Oldham, Dan Noland, Jim Etchen, Al Lowe. FOURTH ROW, Coach William P. Garrison, Art Flache, Bob Mitchell, Jon Hobson, Don Hulbert, Mark Krone, Tom Bradford.

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The following cadets have been awarded the Varsity and Reserve Letter in Canoeing for the 1966-67 season:

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Varsity			Junior Varsity		
Name	Co.	Class	Name	Co.	Class
Adams, R.T.	PG	1	Eachman, S.R.	Band	3
Bloom, J.A.	PG	1	Bradford, T.H. (Mgt)	Bt.C	2
Etchen, J.R.	Tr.B	2	Duffy, L.E.	Tr.B	3
Filson, T.W.	Tr.A	2	Erwin, L.	Band	3
Hansen, M.A.	PG	1	Frederick, S.E.	Bt.C	3
Kling, S.T.	Tr.A	2	Garrison, M.	Co.B	3
Krone, M.U.	Bt.C	2	Giacchetti, D.J.	Co.E	5
Mitchell, R.C.	Bt.C	1	Mantout, D.M.	Tr.A	3
Oldham, K.T.	Co.B	2	Martens, J.L.	Band	3
Thrasher, M.R.	Co.B	3	Matson, M.S.	Co.B	3
Walsh, D.M.	PG	1	Moss, R.F.	Bt.B	3
Wells, D.L.	Co.B	2	Namiz, L.J.	Co.A	3
Wheeler, A.H.	Co.B	2	Pinto, S.D.	Bt.C	1
			Tisserand, J.B.	Bt.B	3
			Wesner, S.E.	Co.B	3
			White, D.B.	Co.C	4

Athletic Department

The "Culver" and Reserve
Monogram Award

CANOEING
Sport

The "Culver" Award

Name	Co.	Class	No.Yrs. Award Won	Name	Co.	Class	No.Yrs. Award Won
Adams, Terry (R.T.)	PG	—	1				
Bloom, Jim (J.A.)	PG	—	1				
Etchen, Jim (J.R.)	Tr.B	II	2				
Filson, Ted (T.W.)	Tr.A	II	2				
Hansen, M.A.	PG	—	1				
Kling, S.T.	Tr.A	II	1				
Krone, M.U.	Bt.C	II	1				
Mitchell, R.C.	Bt.C	I	2				
Oldham, K.T.	Co.B	II	2				
Thrasher, M.R.	Co.B	III	1				
Walsh, D.M.	PG	—	1				
Wells, D.L.	Co.B	II	1				
Wheeler, A.H.	Co.B	II	1				

The "Reserve" Award

Name	Co.	Class	Name	Co.	Class
Eachman, S.R.	Bl	III	9- Marxen, J.L.	Bl	III
Bradford, T.H. (Mgt)	Bt.C	II	10- Matson, M.S.	Co.B	III
Duffy, L.H.	Tr.B	III	11- Moss, R.F.	Bt.B	III
Erwin, L.	Bl	III	12- Muniz, L.J.	Co.A	III
Frederick, S.E.	Bt.C	II	13- Pinto, S.D.	Bt.C	I
Garrison, M.	Co.B	V	14- Tisserand, J.B.	Bt.B	III
Giacchetti, D.J.	Co.E	V	15- Wesner, S.E.	Co.B	III
Mantout, D.M.	Tr.A	III	16- White, D.B.	Co.C	IV

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1966-67 Racing Schedule

Sept 24-25 **Whitewater River**
Brookville IN – 16 Miles

Oct 15-16 **White River**
Indianapolis, IN

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1966-67 Racing Schedule

April 16-17

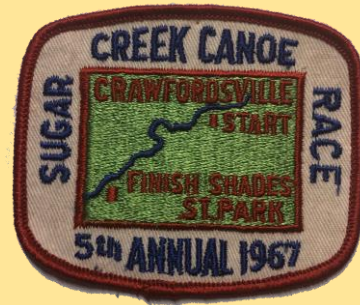
**Culver's Tippecanoe River
Leiters Ford, IN – 54 Miles**



C1 1st	Jim Etchen
C2 1st	Etchen & Mitchell
C4 1st	Fogel, Kling, Martin, Oldham
K1 1st	Ted Frison

April 23-24

**Sugar Creek
Crawfordsville, IN - 22 miles**



C1 1st	Jim Etchen
2nd	Keith Oldham
3rd	Rob Mitchell
C2 1st	Etchen & Mitchell
2nd	Kling & Oldham
C4 1st	Fogel, Kling, Martin, Oldham
2nd	Moss, Muniz, Tisserand, Wesner



1966-67 Racing Schedule

May 6-7	Wildcat Creek Race Kokomo, IN – 15 miles	C2 1 st C4 1 st 2 nd	Etchen & Mitchell Mitchell, Thrasher, Tisserand, Walsh Adams, Bloom, Moss, Muniz
May 20	Canoe & Cross Country Race Culver, In – 15 miles 5 miles Run & 10 Canoe	C2 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kling & Oldham Etchen & Wells Krone & Thrasher
May 27-28	Wabash River Race Wabash, In	C1 1 st C2 1 st C4 1 st	Jim Etchen Kling & Oldham Etchen, Kling, Mitchell, Oldham



Canoeists Finish Short Fall Season

After a short fall season of two races, the Culver varsity canoe team has hung up its paddles for the winter until its big season, climaxed by a 60-mile race down the Tippecanoe River, starts next spring. Culver was the site of the North American Canoeing Championships Sept. 17 and 18. The new team was saddened by the untimely death of team coach Kalman Blaho Sept. 24.

Under the coaching and watchful eyes of Coach William P. Garrison, Richard G. Davies, and Donald R. Bivens, the varsity canoeists paddled to completion of them to Brookville and to the White River at Indianapolis for the Indiana Capital Canoe Derby.



4th Annual Tippecanoe River Race Has Been Changed to Include Events

Culver's fourth annual canoe marathon on the Tippecanoe River will take place April 15 and 16. William P. Garrison, founder of the race, announced that the marathon had been shortened to 30 miles for Saturday's race and that Sunday will be devoted to the six and two-tenth mile events ending in Winamac. Events will be C-1, C-4, father and son, mixed doubles and double blade.

Since many paddlers felt that a 60-mile race was too long, the race has been shortened to 30 miles, running from Leiters Ford

to Beason Park. Winners will be determined by their elapsed time.

Culver paddlers will be placed in the junior level, which will consist of the novice, intermediate, and championship flights.

All cadet entrants will have to pay a \$1 entry fee and pass a simple canoe rescue and swimming test during recreation period in the swimming pool.

Culver's 40 two-man canoes will be allotted on a priority basis to the varsity canoe team, varsity crew, Explorer Scouts, Boy Scouts, first classmen, and underclassmen until the canoes run out.

Canoe coach Garrison pointed out that "this race is a real test of guts and determination. I strongly encourage every boy to try it at least once before he leaves the Academy."

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Paddlers Set for Fourth Tippecanoe River Race

Culver's fourth annual Tippecanoe River Race, founded by William P. Garrison, coach of the Academy canoe team, will begin tomorrow with a 30-mile marathon starting at Leiters Ford and finishing at Beason Park along the Tippecanoe River.

All contestants will be placed in the junior or senior levels and will race in championship,

intermediate, or novice flights. Junior flights will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the senior paddlers starting at 2 p.m. Top finishers in the junior division will be presented the Blaho Memorial Award.

Events beginning Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Beason Park will include a four-man canoe open, mixed doubles, father and son or daughter, and double blade event with no restrictions to the type of boat or number of paddlers. The finish line will be in Winamac's park, a distance of six miles. All events will be over by day noon.

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They're Off!

By Keith Oldham

This year's Tippecanoe River race, sponsored by Culver April 15-16, proved to be a conglomeration of many extremes.

Entrants ranged anywhere from the dedicated, competitive paddlers to those engaged in an earnest contest for last place. Times varied from two hours and 45 minutes to somewhere over eight hours, although timing stopped after six hours because of darkness.

Canoes ranged from the fastest permissible fiberglass "Sawyers" to the aluminum Grumman "bathtubs." Two Indians who entered the race paddled an old, traditional birch-bark canoe.

The weather, sunny and warm for Saturday's 30-mile marathon, did an about face Sunday, and trophies were awarded in a cold, drizzling rain.

The river itself was responsible for some of the good and some of the bad in the race. Unusually high water blessed the racers with a fast current which resulted in record times. But high water meant numerous log jams and swamped canoes if one ventured off the main river.

Here many of the more inexperienced discovered that the water was also unusually cold and that the required life jackets were really a good idea.



Weeks of training come to a climax as six girls begin their flight to Monterey down the swift and many times harsh Tippecanoe River. Six miles of whirlpools, log jams and rapids were conquered at the cost of a few sore muscles.



Mark Oppenheimer won fourth place in his single kayak.



Butch Bartlett's determination drives him to finish the race.



Beginning paddlers surprised themselves in what they could learn of canoeing and exertion on the 30-mile wilderness marathon.



Wildly beautiful, the river banks sometimes misled unsuspecting paddlers as they darted along.



An Indianapolis canoeist rights his canoe on a log jam.



His partner ships as help and extrication arrive on the scene.



Warm fire and food at the finish line helped canoeists tell their adventures to the girls.

Culver Canoeists Sweep Eight Events In Tippecanoe River Race April 15

The Culver varsity canoe team, coached by William P. Garrison, travels to Kokomo, Ind., to race on Wildcat Lake Saturday, May 6.

Last Saturday the Eagles raced in Crawfordsville, Ind., where Keith Oldham, Jim Etchen, and Bob Mitchell took the top three positions in the C-1 class.

Oldham, Steve Kling, Rob Fogel, and Casper Martin captured a first in C-4 followed by Steve Wesner, John Tisserand, Joe Muniz, and Bob Moss in second.

The fourth annual Tippecanoe River Race, shortened to a single day 30-mile marathon and a series of 6-mile sprints, instead of the traditional two-day 60-mile marathon, provided a show case for the Eagle canoe team. Competing in a record field of 150 entrants, Culver swept eight of the 14 events.

Team captain Etchen and his partner Mitchell captured first place and the Kalman Blaho Memorial Trophy in the Championship division for the 30-mile Marathon, with a record breaking time of 2:49.43.

Other Culver winners were Mark Krone and Mike Thrasher, junior intermediate; Tisserand and Wesner, junior novice; post grads Jim Bloom and Ray Adams, senior novice; Fogel, Martin, Kling, and Oldham, six-

mile C-4; A. Coke and Perry Smith, six-mile CMA faculty father and son; Ted Frison, double blade open; and Etchen, C-1 junior. (See pictorial feature on Page 3.)

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James Etchen, Robert Mitchell
—Leiters Ford to Beason Park
2:49.43. Old Record: 3:20.

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Canoeists Travel To State Races

Tomorrow the varsity canoe team will travel to Wabash for their final race. For the state championship Jim Etchen and Bob Mitchell are leading with Steve Kling and Keith Oldham as rivals.

In last Saturday's Les Voyageur canoe race, 52 competitors raced cross country for five miles to the Yellow River and paddled for 10 miles to the intersection of the river and Indiana 17.

Oldham and Kling took the top position among the varsity competitors with a time of one hour and 40 minutes for the 15-mile event. Etchen and Denny Welis followed for second place while Mark Krone and Mike Thrasher seized third. Among the non-varsity competitors Roger Bolling and Alf Jones placed first.

This summer, after training in Illinois and Canada, individual members of the varsity canoe team will again travel to the national championships in New Rochelle, N.Y.

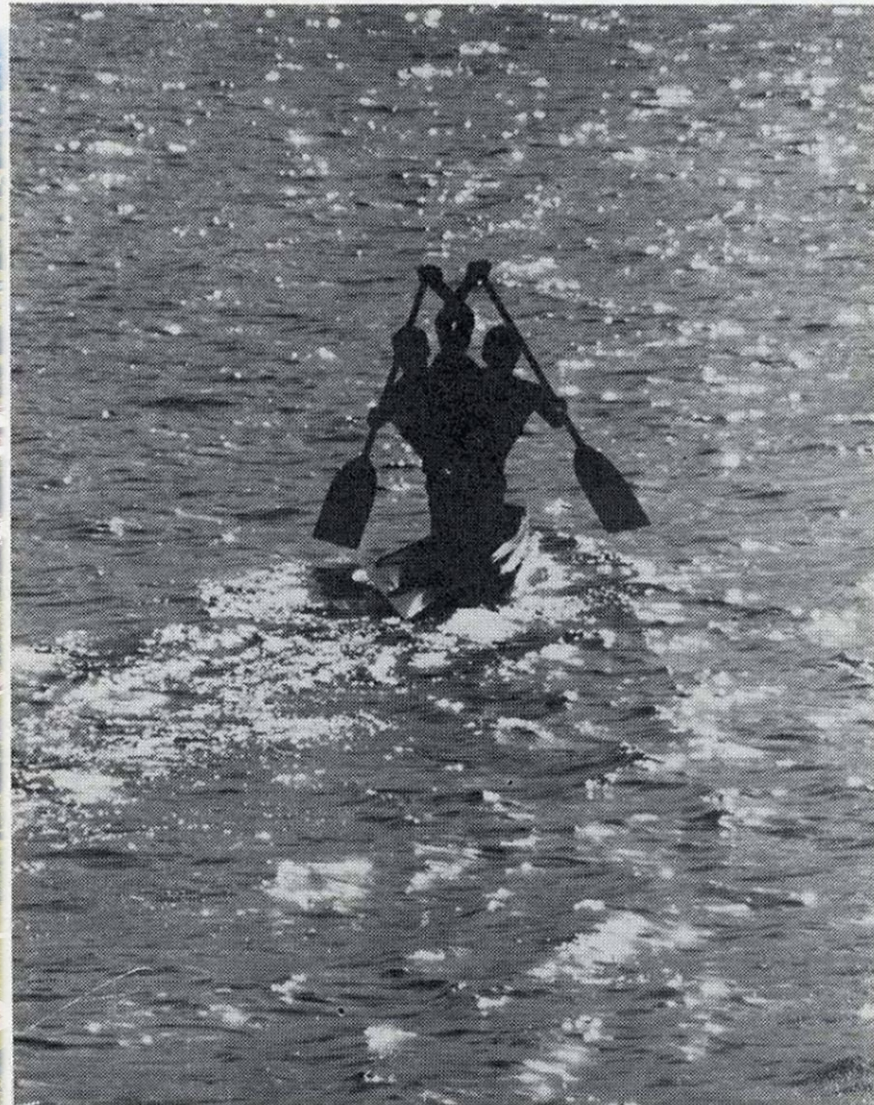


Canoeists Win State Championship

Culver's canoeists wrapped up their fourth year of competition May 26 and emerged as the winner of the season-long competition for the Indiana State Canoeing Championship.

That weekend, James Etchen and Robert Mitchell secured their grasp on the individual junior State Championship by paddling home first in several events including the two-man slalom and, teamed with Steve Kling and Keith Oldham, the four-man open.

Oldham and Kling, the third-ranking pair in the state, won the 15-mile marathon race.



Judged "Best Picture of the Year," this silhouette of two paddlers at the North American Canoeing Championships last September on Lake Maxinkuckee, was taken by Willard W. Brown. As Roll Call photography editor, Brown also won last year's contest with a silhouette of the Black Horse Troop.





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