

The Canoe Era



CULVER ACADEMIES

1968 Canoe Team



**Captain
Keith Oldham**

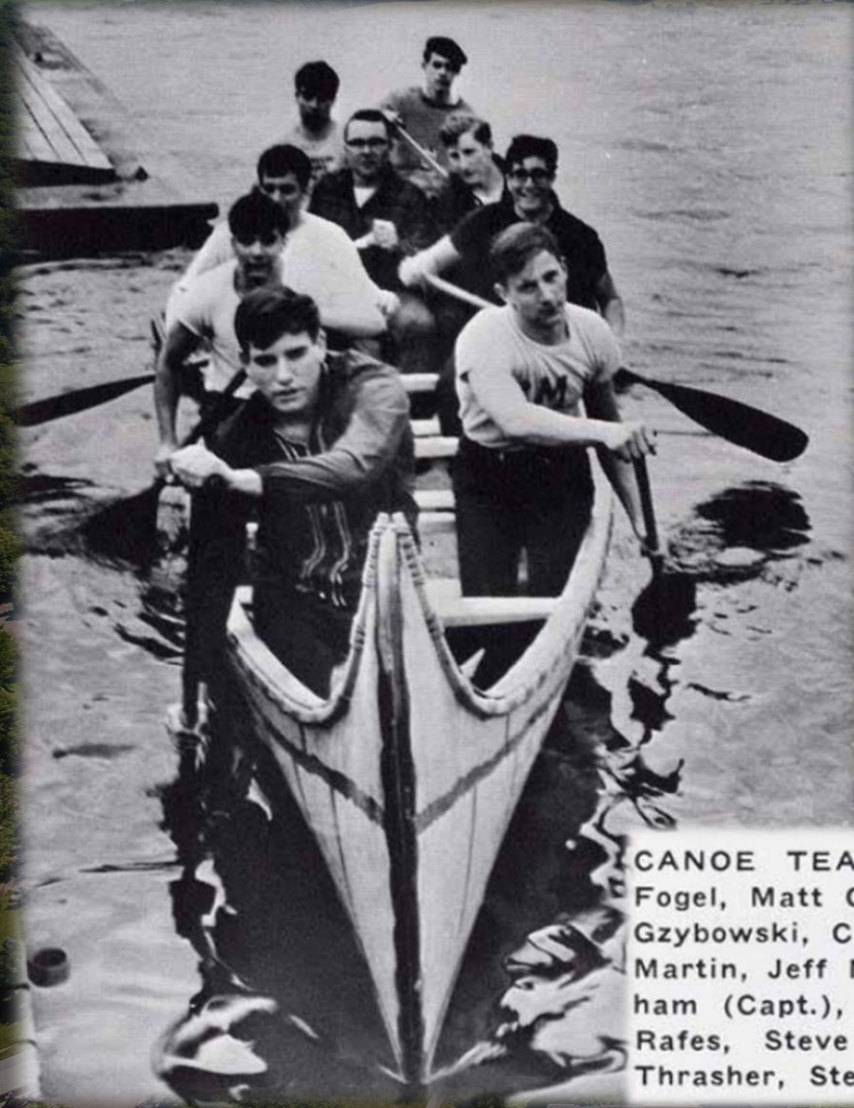


Coach William Garrison

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CANOE TEAM: Jeff Blair, John Epple, Lew Erwin, Bob Fogel, Matt Garrison, Don Giacchetti, Chris Greenleaf, Dick Gzybowski, Clyde Killian, Steve Kling, Mark Krone, Casper Martin, Jeff Marxen, Marc Matson, Jeff Newton, Keith Oldham (Capt.), Eric Olsen, Frazer Parker, Angel Prieto, Rich Rafes, Steve Riley, Lou Schlotterer, Mark Segall, Mike Thrasher, Steve Tilley, Tony Wheeler, William P. Garrison

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May 28, 1968

Memorandum to: Dean Benson
Dean Bryant
Commandant
Public Relations
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Re: Canceling

The following cadets have been awarded Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh-Soph Letters in Canceling for the 1967-68 season:

| | | No. Yrs. Award | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|----------------|-----|----------------|------|-------|--|
| Varsity | Org. | Class | Won | JUNIOR VARSITY | Org. | Class | |
| Blair, R.J. | Band | 2 | 1 | Brooks, W.M. | Co.D | 3 | |
| Carmichael, J.S. | Co.B | 1 | 1 | Lake, W.H. | Co.B | 2 | |
| Coutin, R.F. | Co.B | 2 | 1 | Olsen, E.D. | Band | 3 | |
| Erwin, L. | Band | 2 | 2 | Pristo, A.C. | Bt.B | 2 | |
| Garcia, C. | Tr.B | 3 | 1 | Riley, D.S. | Co.D | 3 | |
| Giachetti, D.J. | Co.B | 4 | 1 | Wesner, S.E. | Co.B | 2 | |
| Greenleaf, C.M. | Co.E | 1 | 1 | Zeman, D.R. | Band | 3 | |
| Gzybowski, R.W. | Bt.B | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Killian, C.B. | Co.B | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Kling, S.T. | Tr.A | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Krone, M.U. | Bt.C | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| Marxen, J.L. | Band | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Moss, R.F. | Tr.A | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Newton, J.H. | Co.D | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| Oldham, K.T. (Capt.) | Co.B | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Parker, F.A. | Bt.B | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Rafes, R.S. | Co.D | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Scott, L.N. | Co.B | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Thrasher, M.R. | Co.B | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| Tisserand, J.B. | Bt.B | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Athletic Department

The "Culver" and Reserve
Monogram Award

CANCELING
Sport

The "Culver" Award

| Name | Co. | Class | No. Yrs. Award Won | Name | Co. | Class | No. Yrs. Award Won |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|
| 1.-Blair, R.J. | Bd | II | 1 | 16.-Parker, F.A. | BB | II | 1 |
| 2.-Carmichael, J.S. | B | I | 1 | 17.-Rafes, R.S. | D | II | 1 |
| 3.-Coutin, R.F. | B | II | 1 | 18.-Scott, L.N. | B | I | 1 |
| 4.-Erwin, L. | Bd | II | 2 | 19.-Thrasher, M.R. | B | II | 2 |
| 5.-Garcia, C. | TB | III | 1 | 20.-Tisserand, J.B. | BB | II | 1 |
| 6.-Giachetti, D.J. | B | IV | 1 | | | | |
| 7.-Greenleaf, C.M. | E | I | 1 | | | | |
| 8.-Gzybowski, R.W. | BB | II | 1 | | | | |
| 9.-Killian, C.B. | B | II | 1 | | | | |
| 10.-Kling, S.T. | TA | I | 3 | | | | |
| 11.-Krone, M.U. | BC | I | 2 | | | | |
| 12.-Marxen, J.L. | Bd | II | 1 | | | | |
| 13.-Moss, R.F. | TA | II | 1 | | | | |
| 14.-Newton, J.H. | D | III | 1 | | | | |
| 15.-Oldham, K.T. (Capt) | B | I | 3 | | | | |

J-V AWARD

| Name | Co. | Class |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1.-Brooks, W.M. W.M. | Bd | III |
| 2.-Lake, W.H. | B | II |
| 3.-Olsen, E.D. | Bd | III |
| 4.-Pristo, A.C. | BB | II |
| 5.-Riley, D.S. | D | III |
| 6.-Wesner, S.E. | B | II |
| 7.-Zeman, D.R. | Bd | III |

F-S AWARD

| Name | Co. | Class |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1.-Arthur, C.H. | BB | IV |
| 2.-Garrison, Matt | B | IV |
| 3.-Scieszka, J.A. | A | IV |
| 4.-Zick, R.N. | B | IV |

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Chairman - Athletic Department

Athletic Coach

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Culver as Founding Member of USCA



1967-68 Racing Schedule

Sept 24-25

**Whitewater River
Brookville IN – 16 Miles**

**C2 2nd
3rd**

**Kling & Oldham
Thrasher & Wheeler**

Oct 15-16

**White River
Indianapolis, IN**

Background and History

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Oldham and Kling Seek Canoe Title

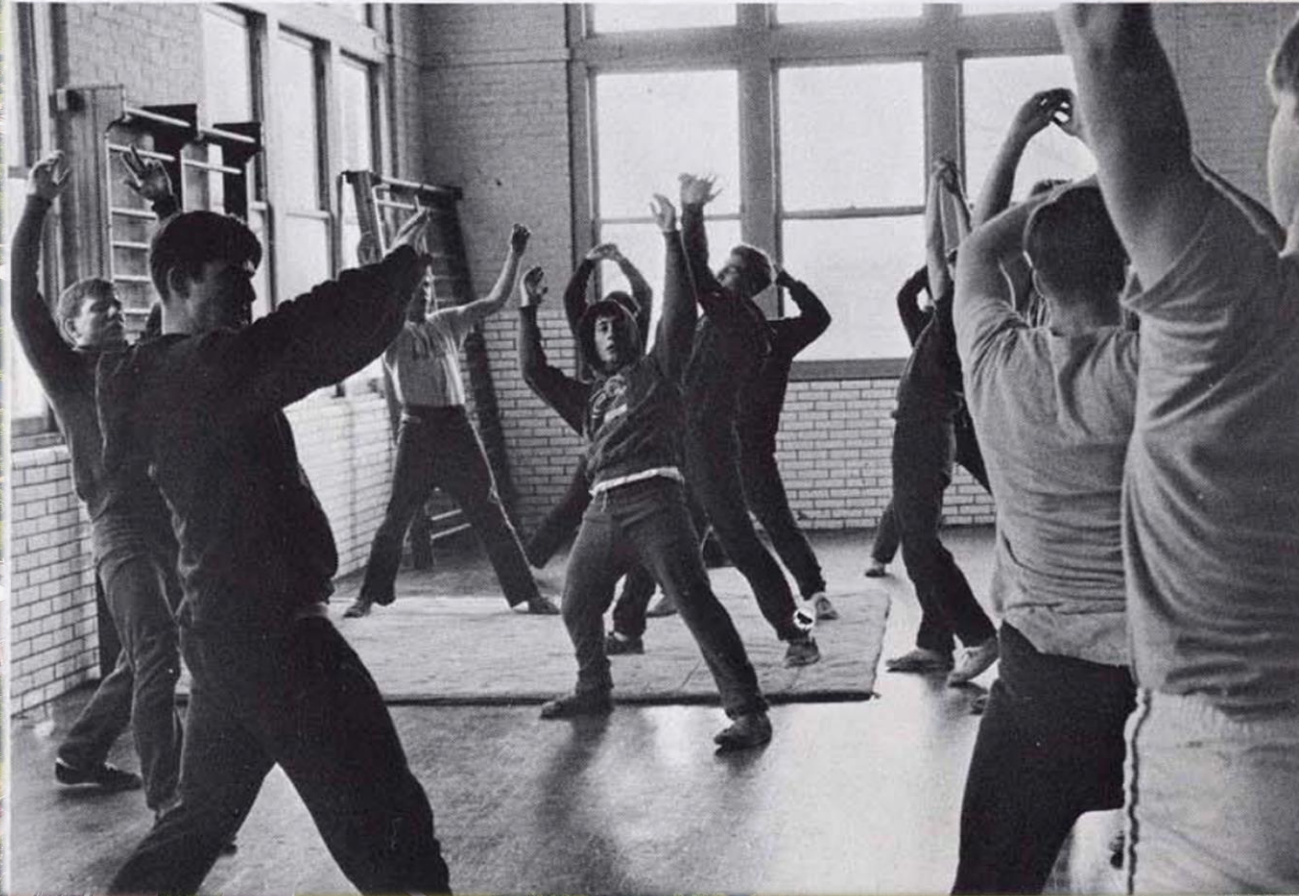
The Culver duo of Keith Oldham and Steve Kling won the first canoe race of the 1968 season at Spencer, Ind. in July.

The team is now tied for the Indiana Junior Canoe Championship, won last year by Jim Etchen and Bob Mitchell of Culver. Their chief opposition for the state canoe crown is the Wilkins-Runnels team of Brookville, which they will face at Indianapolis Oct. 14-15.

Four Culver paddlers placed highly Sept. 24 in the first race of the fall canoe season on the 20-mile Whitewater Canal near Brookville, Ind.

Of the 30 two-man teams entered in the race, eight were from Culver. Highest Culver finishers were Keith Oldham and Steve Kling, second, and the team of Mike Thrasher and Tony Wheeler, which came in third. Coach William P. Garrison's paddlers also took fourth and sixth.

Resembling a modern dance class, the varsity canoers worked all year under the leadership of captain Keith Oldham toward fall and spring regattas. Before Spring Vacation, the team had made three cold and snowy trips down the Tippecanoe River.



1967-68 Racing Schedule

April 15-16

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

**C9 1st Troop B
2nd Troop A
3rd Company B**

**C1 3rd Steve Kling
4th Keith Oldham
C2 2nd Kling & Oldham
3rd Fogel & Killian
4th Thrasher & Krone
C4 1st Fogel, Killian,
Kling, Oldham
2nd Krone, Moss
Thrasher, Wheeler
3rd Giacchetti, Lake
Newton, Wesner
K1 2nd Chris Greenleaf
3rd F.T. Eyres
C2 1st Garrison & Lovett**

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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Canoeists Paddle 'Ole Man River' On Vacation Before Tippy River Trip

Operation Huck Finn, as it is called by the canoe team, will begin at noon, March 22, on the Tippecanoe River.

Coach William P. Garrison, history, plans to take along 12 cadets and two junior high faculty daughters, in a special canoe called a "Voyager."

THE GROUP WILL paddle 10 hours a day and camp along the way. The object is to see how far down the Mississippi they can get in nine and a half days. They

will take a train back to Culver.

Mr. Garrison has always wanted to canoe down the Mississippi, and he wants to check the trip out to see if it would create enough enthusiasm and be worthwhile enough to warrant an annual journey.

SATURDAY and Sunday, April 6 and 7, approximately 130 cadets will paddle to Beason Park to participate in the fifth annual Tippecanoe River Race.

A big event in this year's race will be an intramural war canoe race. Each company will enter

an eight-man crew, one of whom may be an adult.

The race consists of 30 miles from Leiters Ford to Beason Park.

The junior and senior divisions will be broken down into three groups: championship, intermediate and novice.

EVENTS WILL be for two-man canoe, war canoe, open kayak, women's cruising race, mixed doubles, and a family race.

This year, Culver will have its first entry in the Women's Race. Young faculty daughters Jane Garrison and Susan Lovett will enter.

Mr. Garrison says that any of Culver's four teams could win the Blaho Memorial Trophy this year. The coveted award was won last year by James R. Etchen and Robert Mitchell.

He added that Culver's main competition will come from Runnels and Wilkins from Crawfordsville, Ind., who are ranked number one in the state, just ahead of Culver paddlers Keith Oldham and Steve Kling.

The race is sanctioned by the Indiana Canoe Racing Council and operates under its regulations.



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1967-68 Racing Schedule

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| April 20-21 | Sugar Creek Race Crawfordsville, IN - 22 miles | C2 2 nd C4 1 st | Kling & Oldham Krone-Thrasher- Newton-Giacchetti |
| April 25-28 | Manhattan Island Race New York, New York | | Canceled |
| April 27-28 | Mad River Springfield, OH | | |
| May 4-5 | Mid-America Canoe Race (Fox River) St. Charles, IL | | Unofficially won top 3 positions – Late Entry |



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Background and History

Paddle Around Manhattan

Eight Culver canoeists will race in a 26-foot canoe around Manhattan Island against eight other teams tomorrow. Several other Eagle paddlers will compete in the Mad River Race at the same time in Illinois.

The team, with one alternate, consists of Bob Fogel, Chris Greenleaf, Clyde Killian, Steve Kling, Mark Krone, Bob Moss, Keith Oldham, Mike Thrasher and Tony Wheeler. Coach William P. Garrison said that although a Culver team defeated last year's champion team in a head to head race, this year he is just going to "wait and see" what the new competition will be like.

The top four or five canoe teams from Culver will enter

Golfers Travel Saturday

The varsity golf team will travel to LaPorte tomorrow to play in a quadrangular meet against LaPorte, Lafayette Jefferson and Marion. LaPorte's top man, Rich Sutor, is the Indiana Junior champ.

So far this year, Culver has a 3-1 dual record. The junior varsity has a 5-1 record, and the freshmen have a 2-0 record.

the Fox River Race May 4-5, instead of the previously-scheduled Kokomo race.

CULVER'S STRONGEST varsity team, Keith Oldham and Steve Kling, lost the lead in last Saturday's Sugar Creek Race by one minute, 41 seconds to the experienced team of Ward Wilkins and Paul Runnels of Crawfordsville.

The state championship is determined by the number of points earned in the canoe races. Wilkins and Runnels are in the lead, and Oldham and Kling are next. Oldham and Kling have at least one more chance to beat Wilkins and Runnels before the end of the season.

The Les Voyageur Race April 13 consisted of a five-mile run and a 10-mile paddle for Culver canoeists only. Jan Medusky and Scott Carmichael won the novice class followed by Matt Garrison and Matt Brooks. Oldham and Kling won the varsity class, and Jeff Marxen and Jeff Blair captured second.

Culver canoe teams gained first place titles in the junior novice, C-4 and girls divisions of the Academy-sponsored Tippecanoe River Race April 6.

Paddlers Perform Here Tomorrow

The Culver Canoe Regatta will be tomorrow from 1 to 3 p.m. Four teams are expected to enter: Brookville High School, Crawfordsville High School, the Detroit Girl Scouts, and Culver. All races will be conducted on an individual basis.

Barbara Blose and Betty Nutty, women's state champions from Brookville are also expected to enter.

The races will be run all afternoon, followed by the Crew Regatta at 3 p.m. Events include boys K1 and girls K1 (one-man kayak), boys C2 and girls C2 (two-man canoe), boys war canoes and girls war canoes (eight-man teams), boys C4 and girls C4 (four-man canoes), boys C1 and mixed doubles relay (3 boys and 3 girls).

Ribbons will be awarded in each event for the top three places. The three highest point winners in the boy and girl divisions will receive gold, silver and bronze Varsity Club medals for Excellence in Athletics.

Paddlers Win Own Events

Culver canoeists competed for Varsity Club Medals in the School Canoe Regatta at Mothers Weekend. Jim Etchen won the gold medal in the K1 regatta, accumulating 11 points. Keith Oldham won the silver medal with 26 points, Steve Kling won the bronze with 25. Etchen and Carlos Garcia pulled a big upset when they defeated Oldham and Kling in the C-2 races.



1967-68 Racing Schedule

May 25-26

Wabash River Race
Wabash, In

C2 1st Kling & Oldham
Later disqualified
because of last minute
change in start time

THE CANOE TEAM suffered a discouraging setback May 31 at Wabash. Five Culver teams were disqualified because they were not notified of a last minute change in the time of the race, and consequently failed to start on time. Starting late, Keith Oldham and Steve Kling actually defeated this year's C-2 state champions and Eagle canoeists placed in all of the first 10 positions before being disqualified.

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Strip Built Boats

Culver investigates Strip built boats. The design of a canoe has a big impact on the potential speed that can be achieved in racing. The Strip Built Boats were much faster than the tradition Sawyer (Fiberglass) canoes Culver currently was using.

Coach Bill Garrison Requests Purchase of Boat

Background and History

15 May 1968

Memorandum to: General Dobson
Dean Benson
Adm. Bays
Mr. Marshall
Col. Crise
Mr. Wentz

After looking carefully at canoes called "strip built" Max Wentz and I are convinced that we can and should build them here at Culver for the following reasons:

1. They are economical. The estimated cost for materials is \$60 per boat. This compares favorably with the wholesale price of \$175 that we pay for fiberglass Sawyers.
2. They are reputedly faster than any other boat available.
3. By permitting cadets to help build the craft that they will be racing in we can institute some sound educational principles that are generally lacking at Culver. These are: self help, pride in creating a useful object with ones own hands, care for Academy equipment.

My proposal falls into two parts:

1. Max assures me with his usual cooperative spirit that we can take a new Sawyer (we have asked for two in next years budget) and build a form over which we can build any number of boats. This is done by gluing 1/4" by 1" strips of western cedar together over the form. Next comes a long job of hand sanding and rubbing followed by a thin coat of fiberglass. The hand work can be done by the cadets who are going to be using the canoe in the spring. This work can be done under the coaches' supervision during week-end free time in the winter months. If the cadets work many hours hand finishing the boat that they will be using, we can feel sure that it will be handled with care during the season.
2. If two cadets do all the hand work on a particular canoe they could have the option of paying the Academy for the actual cost that the Academy has invested in the construction. This would further enhance the interest and care the cadets take in the canoe while at CMA, it would give us a constant resupply of new boats at no additional cost in materials, would give each new group of canoeists the chance to share the values listed above, and would spread the sport when our boys take their canoes to college.

Wm. Garrison
Canoe Coach

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