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The Queen Presided . . .



Barbara Berg, ruler of KSU's royal navy, presided over today's Regatta festivities and crowned

(Courier-Tribune Photo) the victors who crossed the finish line on the "beautiful" Cuyahoga.

REGATTA HISTORY

*Since '39 Beginning
Regatta's Grown Up*

By Larry Vitsky

This year's Regatta, with its floating swing band, royal queen and court, and "Life" coverage giving it added luster has come a long way since the first shindig in 1939.

It is fast becoming the university's top annual affair and future editors are certain to capitalize on anything that might have been overlooked this year. Students next year are almost certain to top off the day's festivities with a Regatta hop or a formal dance.

The Rowboat Regatta originated in a journalism class in the Spring of 1939, when students were discussing the lack of tradition at the university.

At first the Regatta suggestion was treated lightly, but Paul Ryan, Stater editor, liked the idea and KSU's first battle of rowboats was under way.

Cuyahoga river, with its muddy waters, wasn't exactly a beautiful site, but it had plenty of tradition and that's what the students wanted. The race started at Standing Rock where Captain Brady, an Indian fighter, made a courageous leap, and ended at the Main st. bridge in Kent.

Until this year it had always been the site of the race, but in order to accommodate more spectators and to do away with the danger hazards, Fuller park, also on the Cuyahoga, was chosen as a new site.

Except for the war years, the Regatta has been an annual affair for KSU students.

Al Post and Roy Apple, Stater staff members, were assigned the task of heading this year's show and before they knew it were knee deep in one of the stiffest assignments ever handed to a

Stater member.

The Regatta took on added excitement when Post received a reply from "Life's" sports editor, Gene Farmer, saying he was interested in covering the race for the magazine.

Several days later Farmer was more definite in a wire: "Regatta Assignment Now Definite." The big show was on.

A special raft was built for Mike Friedland and his floating swing band, a Regatta queen and court were chosen, a faculty race was arranged and jeeps were obtained to pull wagons full of hay to be used as observation cars for spectators.

Today's Regatta, with 31 boats entered, has been the largest one yet. The ball has started to roll. The eighth annual Rowboat Regatta should be bigger and better than ever before.

**Moore, Form
Pace Faculty**

Dr. William Form and Vic Moore rowed away with faculty men's honors this morning in a preliminary race.

Dr. Will Thompson and Andrew Paton finished second, followed by Prof. Bernard Mikofsky and Prof. Henry Adam.

**3,500 WITNESS
STATER REGATTA
PI KAPPA SIGMA,
GAMMAS, BLACK
SHEEP, WAA WIN**

**REGATTA
LINEUP**

Note: Here is a list of the people who participated in today's program:

9:00-10:00—BOAT INSPECTION IN AREA OF STARTING LINE

10:00—CROWNING OF QUEEN—Barbara Berg and court
MUSIC—Mike Friedland's band from swing raft at finish line.
BATHTUB ACT—Stan Mine and Bob Wentz

10:30—FACULTY MEN'S RACE
11:00—INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S RACE GROUP ENTRANTS

Moulton Hall—Pat Warner—4
Georgetta Brusak
Engleman Hall—Elaine Chill—1
Helen Styrep
W.A.A.—Yvonne Lewandowski—2
Berniece Looney
Lowry Hall—Jean Clementz—3
Ginnie Purdue

11:20—SORORITY RACE

Beta Gamma—Pat Weltner—2
Marge Ennes
Sigma Delta Sigma—Toni Holmes—5
Jeanne Carey
Gamma Sigma Phi—Mary Lou Johnson—3
Phyllis Robbins
Theta Sigma Tau—Lea Baumann—4
Jean Fulweber
Alpha Omega—Phoebe Steiner—1
Dee Bashline
Pi Kappa Sigma—Agnes Sawyer—6
Mary Lou McClaren

11:40—INDEPENDENT MEN'S RACE (First Heat)

Marine Club—Unannounced—1
Duchess—Chuck Vajner—2
Meyer
Terrace Lodge "D"—Unannounced—3
Mariners—Gerald Liebert—4
Dick Morris
Terrace Lodge "C"—Albert Guarneri—5
John Lipidakis
Le Cercle Francois—Unannounced—6
Black Sheep—John Sackmar—7
Gene Jagman

11:50—INDEPENDENT MEN'S RACE (Second Heat)

270 Club—Joe Cunningham—8
Bob Byrnes
Newman Club—Ernest Szalma—10
Leo Morley
Nationals—Unannounced—11
A Cappella Choir—Unannounced—12
Curph's Boys—Larry Auckland—13
Neil Crandall
Phi Gamma Theta—Jim Kline—14
Bob Chambers

Mystery Entry—? vs.

12:10—BATHTUB RACE—Stan Mine

Bob Wentz

12:30—FRATERNITY MEN'S RACE

Delta Phi Sigma—Fred Klaisner—1
Jack James
Kappa Mu Kappa—Dwight Follin—2
Jerry Stevenson
Alpha Epsilon—Sid Rosenthal—3
Harvey R. Israel
Alpha Phi Beta—Paul Pieper—4
John Beles
Gamma Tau Delta—Dick Kline—5
Gene Glass
Phi Beta Phi—Bill Wilde—6
Paul Lawson
Kappa Sigma Chi—Bill Williams—7
Dick Zimmerman

OFFICIAL STARTER

Merle Wagener
JUDGES
Robert Clark, Chief of Fire Department, Kent; M. A. Wolcott, Editor of Kent Courier Tribune; Alf Lovell, Mayor of Kent.

Threatening skies and slight showers failed to dampen the spirits of 3,500 boisterous spectators who lined the banks of the Cuyahoga to watch the Stater's Seventh Annual Rowboat Regatta.

Winners in their respective

events were: Gamma Tau Delta, Fraternity; Pi Kappa Sigma, Sorority; Blacksheep, Independent Men's and WAA, Independent Women's.

Pre-race festivities included crowning of Barbara Berg as Regatta Queen, KSU professors matching brawn in the faculty men's race, the bathtub act of Stan Mine and Bob Wentz, and jeep observation trains traveling along the race course.

A blimp and several planes were overhead watching other events such as the raft borne Stater reporters knocking out a row by row account of the Regatta, a dis-wheeler paddle-boat, a maple sugar kettle with sail bobbing down the river and a three-men-in-a-tub act.

Fraternity Race

Dick Kline, who rowed the Gamma Tau Delta boat alone, won the Fraternity Men's race going away by three lengths over the nearest contestant.

Alpha Epsilon finished second and the KMK boat, salvaged from the river bottom after sinking in the Independent Women's race, stayed afloat long enough to finish third.

Independent Men's Race

In the first heat of the Independent Men's race, John Sackmar and Gene Jagman skimmed the wa-

ter in a time of 3 minutes and 7 seconds to win the event for the Blacksheep.

Their time bested the mark of three and a half minutes made in the second heat by Mariner's Gerald Liebert and Dick Morris.

Between heats of the Independent Men's race Jessie West and Wayne Beatty jumped into the river to add an impromptu feature to the Regatta.

Sorority Race

Sweeping over the finish line four lengths ahead of the nearest boat, Pi Kappa Sigma's entry rowed by Agnes Sawyer and Evelyn Smith won the Sorority race.

Gamma Sigma Phi finished second and the Beta Gamma boat was last over the finish line.

Independent Women's Race

Berniece Looney and Yvonne Lewandowski rowed their WAA skiff to a close victory over the Moulton hall boat to win the Independent Women's Race.

Lowry hall finished third and Engleman's entry wound up on the bottom of the river as Elaine Chill and Helen Styrep found the chilly waters closing around them when their boat sank.

The rowers had to swim ashore. The catastrophe took place shortly after the start of the race.

**WAKR Covers
Race Events**

Highlights of the regatta, recorded on over a mile of wire by WAKR and university Radio Workshop announcers are now being edited for the half hour broadcast tonight at 7:30.

Station special events announcers Ted Johnson and Coleman Scott, and Walton D. Clarke, professor of radio, handled the stroke by stroke account. Radio Workshop members Duane, Budner, and Ted Heisig acted as assistants and spotters.

*Life Photographer Inspires
Lensmen; Guides Add Color*

Life Photographer George Skadding didn't have a monopoly on the picture taking of the Rowboat Regatta. Following the impetus set by the Life, hundreds of spectators pointed lenses at the girls attired in shorts, at the rowers and at the other highlights of the event.

The crowd began to gather about 9:30 a.m. and by starting time the banks of the river were lined with a multitude dressed in clothes

hardy enough to laugh at the mud and the threatening rain.

Thirty-five official guides, dressed in shorts and sailor hats added a nautical air, while derby hats and bow ties worn by the refreshment vendors added a carnival touch as the barkers peddled their wares.

Among the many alumni present were rowers of former years who recalled other Regatta days.