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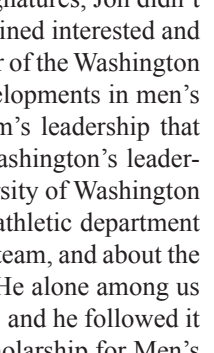
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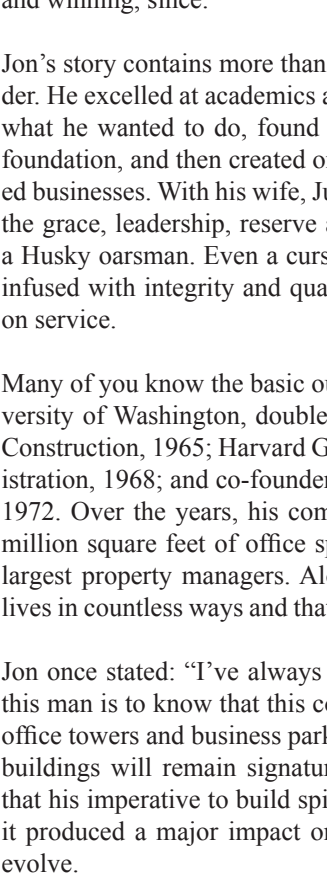
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## Profile: Jon Runstad



Rowing came upon Jon Runstad as naturally as any sport comes upon a young boy. From his home in Seattle's Mount Baker district high above the old Andrews Bay race course, he watched Husky crews race from the floating bridge into Seward Park. In those days a log boom was set up for the races and he recalls thousands of people arriving for the race in boats to tie up on the log boom, and thousands more pouring from cars and homes to line the shore.

The spectacle on the lake was echoed in an entirely different and more subtle way in the Runstad home. One of the emphasized phrases his parents used to describe friends of theirs they held in high regard was, "He was a crew man." So it is no wonder that Jon's attraction to rowing increased as he grew older.

The Runstad family rented their Seattle home during the summers and moved out to Hood Canal. One summer Dan Ayrault and his wife rented the home. Dan had won a gold medal in a 2+ at the 1986 Olympic Games and, at that time, was in training for the 1990 Games. He would win gold once more in the U.S. 4- and he became a hero to Jon. And then there were the names associated with Dan in his two successful Olympic quests: Conl Findlay, John Sayre, Ted Nash, Rusty Wallace—all now legends of the sport.

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In high school, Jon and several friends joined the Green Lake rowing program and for three years competed along with other future Husky luminaries, Chuck Holtz, Roy Rubin, and Leroy Jones.

So it should be no surprise to learn that on June 17, 1961, Jon sat in the Husky freshmen seven seat on Lake Otonodaga, waiting to race for IRA gold. Ten minutes and 51.6 seconds later, he and his teammates won the two mile event, and he hasn't stopped racing, and winning, since.

Jon's story contains more than a small element of storybook wonder. He excelled at academics and rowing, knew from an early age what he wanted to do, found employment that gave him a solid foundation, and then created one of the Northwest's most respected businesses. With his wife, Judith, he serves his community with the grace, leadership, reserve and judgment you would expect of a Husky alumnus. Even a cursory look reveals that his success is infused with integrity and quality, and with an unwavering focus on service.

Many of you know the basic outline: Lakeside School, 1960; University of Washington, double major in Economics and Building Construction, 1965; Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, 1968; and co-founder of Wright-Runstad & Company in 1972. Over the years, his company has developed more than 15 million square feet of office space and is one of the Northwest's largest property managers. Along the way, he touched countless lives in countless ways and that is what we find of greatest interest.

Jon once stated: "I've always wanted to build things." To know this man is to know that this compulsion led him to far more than office towers and business parks. Yes, many of his firm's 56 major buildings will remain signature projects, but the greater truth is that his imperative to build spills into every aspect of his life, and it produced a major impact on our community that continues to evolve.

Both Jon and Judy (a noted land-use attorney, corporate board member, and civic leader) have an instinct for incisive leadership on issues that affect our region's economic, educational and civic affairs. He has served on the boards of the Washington Roundtable, the Downtown Seattle Association, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Institute for Systems Biology, and the Seattle Symphony. He is a former member of the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Associate General Chairman of three different United Way campaigns. He served as the University of Washington's Alumni Association President in 1982-1983, and on the UW's Board of Regents from 1987 through 1998. In 2000 he and Judy made a major endowment gift to the university, the H. Jon and Judith M. Runstad Endowment for Excellence in Real Estate, which creates a professorship and supports the UW's Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies.

Clearly, the long hours they spend in study, discussions, meetings and work have been fruitful for our community. And our community has responded. In 1989, Jon received the Greater Seattle Businessperson of the Year Award in Commercial Real Estate. In 2000, he and Judy were awarded the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's E. Donnall Thomas Medal of Achievement. In 2009 the couple received the prestigious Gates Volunteer Service Award by the University of Washington and the UW Foundation.

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Yet well beyond the demands on his time and all the interests he serves, one of the most cherished accomplishments in his life and one of his strongest attachments remains the Husky rowing program. "It had a significant effect on me," Jon says. "It was a major formative part of my life for all the reasons that rowers understand. The sport teaches values such as work ethic, tenacity and teamwork like no other."

In a manner that became one of his personal signatures, Jon didn't put his rowing experience behind him but retained interest and involvement and supportive. As a long time member of the Washington Rowing Stewards Board, Jon watched the developments in men's collegiate rowing and agreed with the program's leadership that changes were required in order to maintain Washington's leadership in the sport. And as a Regent of the University of Washington he was in the perfect position to talk with the athletic department about his fear of reduced funding for the men's team, and about the need for men's scholarships. Bob Ernst said: "The alone among us had the ability to do that and he done seriously, and he followed it up by endorsing the Jon Runstad Endowed Scholarship for Men's Rowing. It was a pivotal moment in the history of the program. In 2008 the Runstads added a second endowment, the H. Jon Runstad Endowed Scholarship for Men's Rowing."

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Jon says: "One of the great joys Judy and I get from our involvement is getting to know our scholarship students. John, Graham, Robbie and now Conlin are wonderful young men with very bright futures." Bob Ernst says: "Jon always told me he was more interested in getting players for the program than he was in projects. Well, I can tell you he was one of the titans who helped us with both projects and players to make the big turn in the program." Michael adds: "Judy also has been a champion of our program. We appreciate her support, and appreciate her support of Jon's support. Any good rower knows he needs a good partner; Washington rowing is lucky to have both the Runstads."

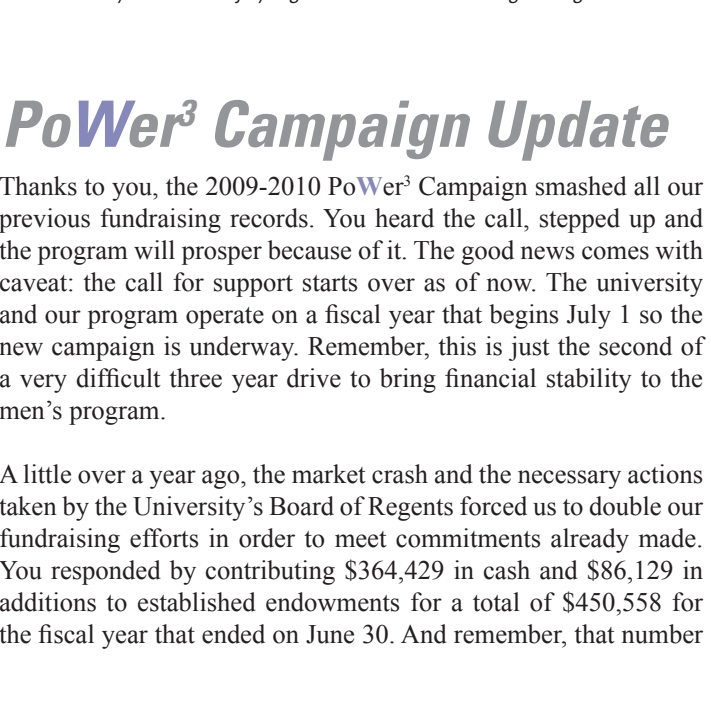
But it was a 2007 gift that has the most widespread notice. Jon donated an Empacher 8 to the men's program and named it Carl & Louise Lovsted and Husky legend. The Chuck Holtz became—and remains—the most successful shell in the program's history. At one point, the Holtz won 20 intercollegiate victories in a row. It remains in action and it continues to take Husky rovers across the finish line first. One of Michael Callahan's most vivid memories is the day he and Bob Ernst arrived at Jon's office in downtown Seattle to present him with a national championship ring not long after the men's varsity won the 2007 IRA in the Holtz. "It was a very emotional moment," Michael says. "For a moment there, none of us could talk."

A common trait among truly successful people is the ability to balance business, community and personal life. From the perspective of the coaches and the Stewards, Jon has mastered the art. He responds to their requests for time or assistance more quickly than the average junior executive. "He is always there at the other end of the telephone, a helpful resource whenever I need advice or enter or help," Bob Ernst says. And Jon has won a minor sort of fame among the business and civic elite in the Northwest for his multiple DVD screenings of the varsity's thrilling 2009 national championship victory.

There are few people in the long history of the Husky rowing program about whom it can be said: Without him, the program would not have reached its current position. Jon Runstad is one of those few. His capacity for leadership and his dedication to the program serve not just the rowing program, the university and our community, but provide our student athletes with a visible definition of the goals of Husky Crew.

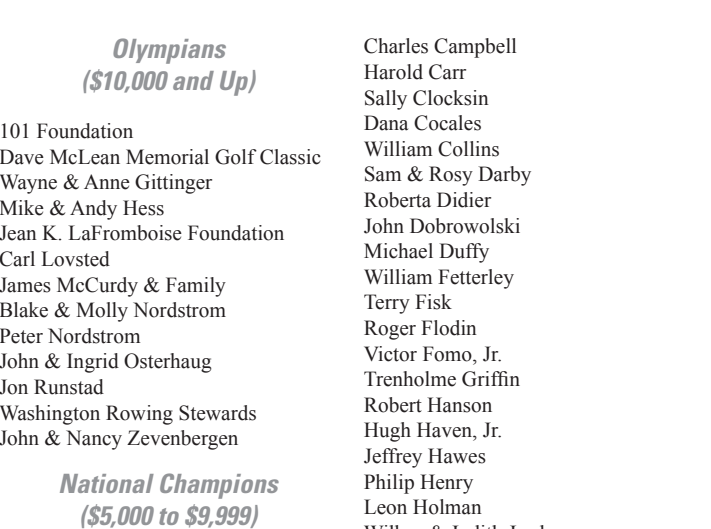
As we close this salute to our friend and benefactor, we return to the words his parents used decades ago: "He was a crew man."

Indeed he is.



Jon Runstad [7 seat] and the 1961 National Champion Freshman crew

## Summer Highlights



Back in the days, summer was a time to relax with family and friends, and recuperate from the months of training and racing. But that was then. Our student athletes maintain a frenetic pace these days. As the following highlights will attest.

### Royal Henley Regatta

The summer began with a thrilling victory for the Husky freshmen eight which traveled to Henley and won the Temple Challenge Cup. The boat included Scamus Labrum, Dusan Milovanovic, Alex Bunker, Ryan Schroeder, Brian Radel, Max Mannisto, Sam Donner, A.J. Brooks, and Mijao Tuff.

They were joined at Henley by a number of other victorious Huskies. Giuseppe Lanzone '05 and Brett Newlin '05 made two of their National Team rowers won the Stewards Challenge Cup. Kiel Peterson '06 raced in a quad to win the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup. Scott Gault '05 competed with Giuseppe, Brett, and the other US National Team rowers in the Grand Challenge Cup. Rob Gibson '09, Anthony Jacob '11, and Conlin McCabe '12 rounded out the Husky contingent with their efforts in the Canadian entry in the Grand Challenge Cup.



Simmonds, Otto, McCabe, Jacob, Didier, and Struzyna with their U23 medals.

### Under-23 World Championships

The U.S. and Canadian Under-23 Teams were stacked with Huskies this summer. Kerry Simmonds '11 became an Under-23 World Champion with a gold medal performance in the U.S. Women's Eight. Ty Otto '11, Rob Munn '12 and Blaise Didier '10 made the U.S. Men's Under-23 eight and won silver at the same event. Hans Struzyna '11 made the U.S. Under-23 team for a second year in a row, and raced in the men's quad at the 12-23 World Championships. Once again, teammates Conlin McCabe '12 and Anthony Jacob '11 represented Canada at the Under-23 World Championships, this year earning a silver medal in the men's pair event.

### Senior National Team - World Cup Events

The summer has been busy for Huskies on various National Teams. Rob Gibson won a bronze medal at the World Cup races in Bled in the Canadian men's 4-. Then, in Lucerne, Rob competed with Husky teammates Anthony Jacob and Conlin McCabe for a fourth place finish in the men's eight.

Prior to their win at Henley, Giuseppe Lanzone and Brett Newlin won silver at the World Cup races in Munich with the U.S. Men's 4-. Scott Gault, Will Crothers '09 and Dave Calder '01 have been spending the summer racing the world cup circuit, as well.

## The McLean - Another Hole In One

Washington National, 98 degrees, big smiles and bigger swigs, old friends and new, Cadillac, beer, brownies and Starbucks, Cutler & Buck shirts and Callaway balls, prime rib and salmon, and the lights out auction signs of our own Bob Ernst and Michael Callahan. What's not to love here?

The fourth annual Dave McLean Memorial Golf Classic was as advertised - bigger and better and even more fun than the first three, and it made more money for the Husky rowing program. We'll have to wait for the final accounting but the total will be something close to \$17,000.

The golf results are in and they suggest we might have to rename the tournament The Marcum Family Affair. Scott and Tori Marcum were joined by Tori's parents who came over from Spokane for the tournament, and their foursome won top honors. In addition, both the women's long drive and closest to the pin contests were won by Tori. The Marcums, huge Husky fans, have attended all but one of the McLean Classics. They missed 2009 affair only because Tori was due to deliver her first child on the day of the



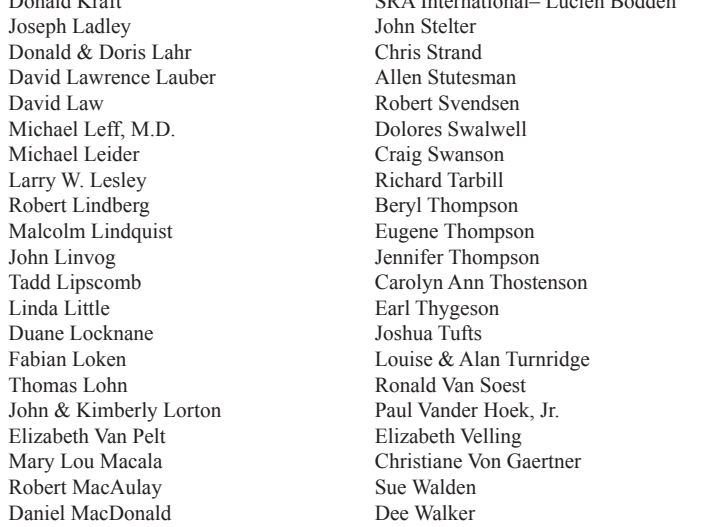
(l-r) Erin Lauber, Ailish O'Sullivan, Victoria Nenchev, Adriene deLuw, Maddie Culp, Skye Pearnall-Gillman

### USRowing Club National Championships

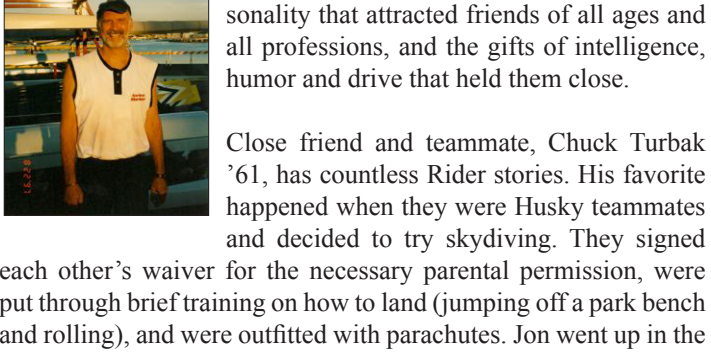
Back on US row, several current Huskies have been winning races for various summer clubs. At the USRowing Club Nationals, Jay Thompson '12 and Niles Garratt '11 won gold in the bronze pair. Robert Squires '12 and Garratt Rinden '13 won silver medals in the intermediate pair. For the women, Erin Lauber '12 and Ailish O'Sullivan '12 won gold in both the intermediate pair and the bronze pair. Maddie Culp '13 and Skye Pearnall-Gillman '12 won bronze in the intermediate pair and senior pair. Jillians-to-be Victoria Nenchev and Adriene deLuw won silver in the senior pair.

Last, but certainly not least, Robert Squires '12 and Jeff Gibbs '12 each won Student-Athlete Academic Services Academic Excellence Awards for spring quarter. The awards are based on dedication to academics, challenging course load and notable grades.

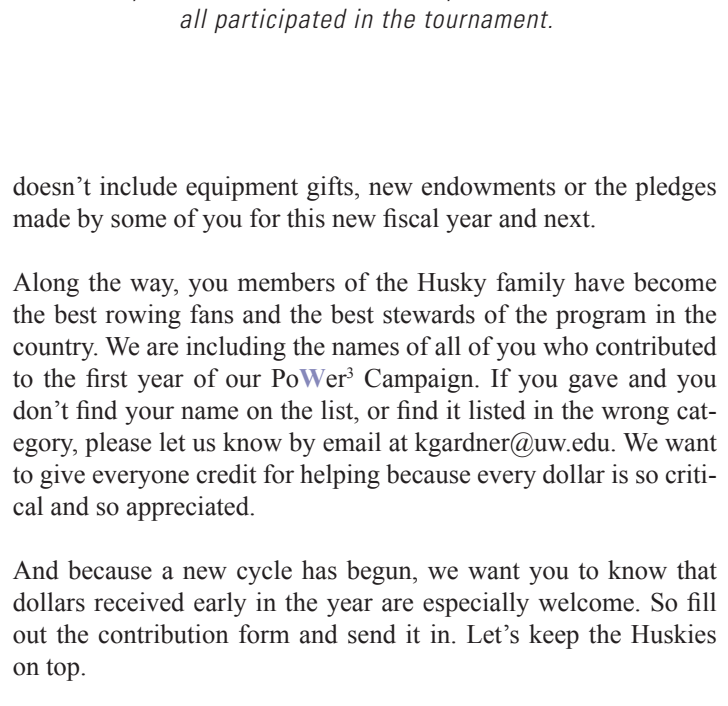
Congratulations to all Husky Rowers!!



(l-r) Erin Lauber, Ailish O'Sullivan, Victoria Nenchev, Adriene deLuw, Maddie Culp, Skye Pearnall-Gillman



Husky Alums enjoying the sun and some great golf!



Husky coaches, student-athletes, parents, and alumni all participated in the tournament.

## PoWer<sup>3</sup> Campaign Update

Thanks to you, the 2009-2010 PoWer<sup>3</sup> Campaign smashed all our previous fundraising records. You heard the call, stepped up and the program will prosper because of it. The good news comes with a call for support that starts over as of now. The university's new campaign is underway. Remember, this is just the second of a very difficult three year drive to bring financial stability to the men's program.

A little over a year ago, the market crash and the necessary actions taken by the University's Board of Regents forced us to double our fundraising efforts in order to meet commitments already made. You responded by contributing \$364,429 in cash and \$86,129 in additions to established endowments for a total of \$450,558 for the fiscal year that ended on June 30. And remember, that number

doesn't include equipment gifts, new endowments or the pledges made by some of you for this new fiscal year and next.

Along the way, you members of the Husky family have become the best rowing fans and the best stewards of the program in the country. We are including the names of all of you who contributed to the first year of our PoWer<sup>3</sup> Campaign. If you gave and you don't find your name on the list, or find it listed in the wrong category, please let us know by email at kgardner@uw.edu. We want to give everyone credit for helping because every dollar is so critical and so appreciated.

And because a new cycle has begun, we want you to know that dollars received early in the year are especially welcome. So fill out the contribution form and send it in. Let's keep the Huskies on top.

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- Class of '76 Endowed Men's Crew Scholarship
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- Olympians (\$10,000 and Up)
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## Fall Season at Conibear

There was a time when the fall season at Conibear included little more than the curiosity of gawky freshmen, daily workouts, pranks and parties. All that has changed. Well, maybe it hasn't but the schedule has improved. There is plenty for everyone to do in the fall - including alumni, friends and family, and in the Northwest, as well as the Northwest. Review the schedule on the back cover for events, dates, and times.

From the start of school (and practice!) on September 29th to the end-of-the-year "Husky Triathlon" and Winter camp in December, the boathouse is a busy place for Washington Rowing.

If you are interested in attending any of the events listed below, or simply want to come out and watch a practice from the coaching launch, please don't hesitate to contact us for more information. Coach Ernst can be reached at errow@uw.edu or 206-543-2136, Coach Callahan can be reached at rowing@uw.edu or 206-543-5249, and Katie Gardner can be reached at kgardner@uw.edu or 206-543-1117. Hope to see you around the boathouse this fall!!!

## Our New Look

Since we began regular issues of the Husky rowing newsletter in February, 2005, we've made incremental changes in the format and content to reflect some of the feedback from you. With this fall issue, we inaugurate the first major change in style and format. We give special thanks to Jonathan Soriano, Creative Services Coordinator for the Husky Marketing Department, who designed this upgrade.

More important, we hope it will spur you to share information with us. We want to make each issue relevant to both the student athletes and to you. We can do that with more input from you. Let us know what you and your teammates are doing: let us know about jobs, children, marriages and passages and we will do our best to get the information in these pages. And while you are at it, let us know how we can improve this magazine.

## Husky News & Notes

Congratulations are in order for several Husky alumni! Erin O'Connell '06 was married at the boathouse in July. In August, a pair of Husky weddings took place. Sam Burns '04 and Eva Anderson '06 were married in August at a ceremony on Vashon Island. One week later, Sam and Eva's teammates, Ian Sawyer '04 and Kara Farquharson '06 were married, as well. Congratulations to all!

We are also excited to announce a new member of the Husky Family! Freshman Coach Luke McGee and his wife Portia welcomed their first child, Nora Taylor McGee, into the world on August 25th. Congratulations Luke and Portia!!

If you have news you would like to share in the pages of the newsletter, please let us know! You can contact Katie Gardner at 206-543-1117 or kgardner@uw.edu. We will be our best to publish all Husky news in our quarterly editions.

## Big "W" Club Tailgate

Going to a Husky Football game? Meet up with your former teammates at the Big "W" Club Tailgate in the Zone! Admission is free to all Husky letterwinners, and includes complimentary food (wings, sliders, vegetables, cookies, and other tailgate food) and drink (coffee, soda, beer, wine, and water). The Big "W" Club Tailgate is located at the east end of the football stadium, making it a perfect place to catch up with friends and teammates before you head to the game.

Questions? Call Elliot Silvers at 206-685-1159.

Go Dawgs!



## Great Opportunity!

The women need a new 8' and 4'... If you want to help, call Bob Ernst. 206-550-4268

## Remembering Jon Rider



Our friend and teammate, Jon Rider '63, died on August 9 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis. He had the sort of outsized personality that attracted friends of all ages and all professions, and the gifts of intelligence, humor and drive that held them close.

Close friend and teammate, Chuck Turbak '61, has countless Rider stories. His favorite happened when they were Husky teammates and decided to try skydiving. They signed each other's waiver for the necessary parental permission, were put through brief training on how to land (jumping off a park bench and rolling), and were outfitted with parachutes. Jon went up in the plane first and jumped, but wind caught him and pushed him out of the drop zone. He hit a 270,000 volt power line with one arm and the momentum swung his legs up. They hit a second line and Chuck recalls a huge flash of light at the moment of contact. Later, in the hospital, Jon's comment was: "That would have made a great picture. You get the camera and I'll do it again."

Bravado, swagger and spirit marked our friend. He was declared medically unfit by the U.S. Marine Corps because of the scar tissue from his parachuting adventure, but he fought the decision and was accepted. Jon served three tours of duty in the Vietnam War and earned three Bronze Stars, a Combat Action Ribbon, and Presidential and Navy Unit Citations, among many others. Along with the earned masters degrees from Pepperdine University and University of Maryland and an advanced degree from the Naval War College. He served 27 years in the Marines and retired as a Colonel.

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