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## *2005 Annual Report*

The Husky Gymnastics team is on the cusp of another season, and we are sure to be witness to another year of hard work and fine performances. Before it all begins again, though, we'd like to take a look back at this past season to remind you why we, the Washington Men's Gymnastics Foundation, exist to and let you know what we've been up to. Inside, we go over the goals we set for the Foundation for this past season, and summarize our finances. Keep an eye on your mailbox for our next newsletter in the near future for a preview of this coming season!



*Your 2004-2005 Huskies*

*Left - right: Coach Mark Russo, Jeff Crockett, Joel Hennig, Graham Gordon, Sean Liner, Joe Zhou, Kevin Perkins, Jeff Johnson, Jennifer Umemoto.*

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## *Purpose and Role of the Washington Men's Gymnastics Foundation*

Article II of the WMGF bylaws states:

*"The purpose of the Foundation is to raise the necessary finances needed to run the Foundation and to foster and promote the competitive sport of men's gymnastics at the University of Washington."*

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### *2004-2005 Goals of the Foundation*

Our goals for 2004-2005 season were as follows:

- 1. Fundraise \$128,000.*
- 2. Invest \$10,000.*
- 3. Have a WMGF representative speak at the NCAA coaches meeting at the NCAA championships on our behalf, to garner support for convincing the NCAA to allow qualifying UW gymnasts to compete at the championships.*
- 4. Identify a person (or persons) to write a book on our program to document the history of the "club era" of Husky Gymnastics and to serve as a guide to other programs on how to succeed as a non-university-funded program.*

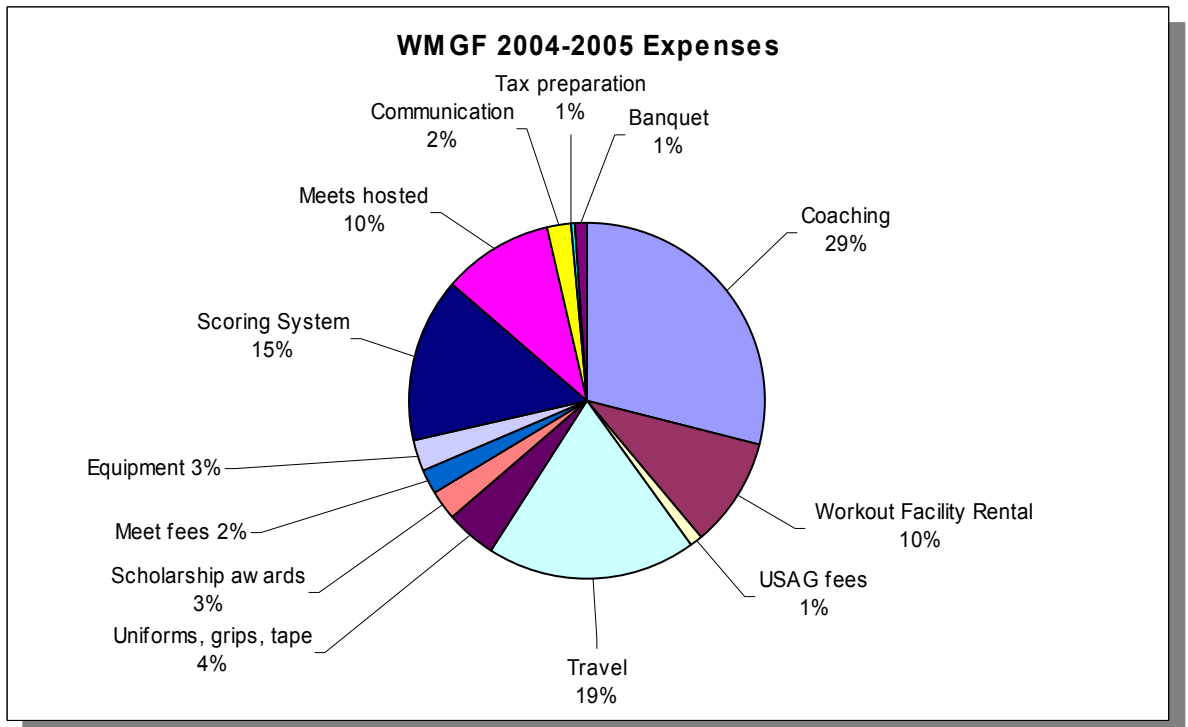
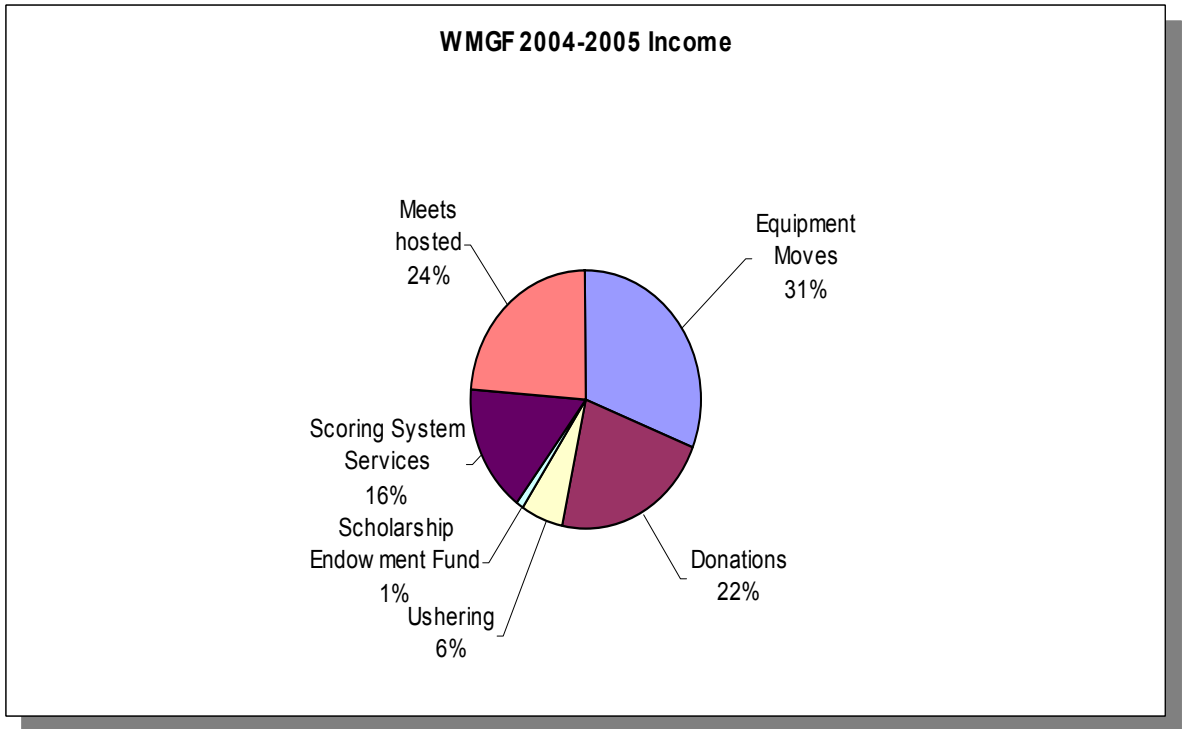
In our efforts to meet our aggressive goal #1, we were able to raise \$95,550. Our funds come mainly from the following sources: Equipment-moving by the team for the UW women's meets, Husky Football ushering by the team, donations, local meet scoring services provided by the WMGF, and junior-level meets that we host. The deficit is partly due to the fact that we were unable to host as many junior-level meets this past season as we were the previous season.

Goal #2 was dependent upon achieving goal #1, and meeting our budgeted expenses. Down the road, this goal supports our longer-term objective of setting up a self-sustaining endowment to support the team.

Goal #3 was a success. Board member Paul Roggenkamp spoke at this year's NCAA championships to explain and gather support for our desire to have qualifying UW gymnasts be allowed to compete at future NCAA championships. NCAA rules currently bar club programs like ours from competing at the NCAA championships. We received plenty of enthusiastic support from the coaches present at this year's championships, and communication continues with the College Gymnastics Association and the NCAA.

We are making progress, and efforts continue toward goal #4. UW Men's Gymnastics is a unique program in the collegiate world, mostly by virtue of the fact that for 25 years we have been able to sustain a team that continues to compete against the best schools in the nation. As the number of university-funded men's gymnastics programs continues to dwindle, we see our experience as something that others could look to for the continued existence of their programs.

# Financial Overview



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## *What the Dr. Eric Hughes Scholarship Means To Me*

By Graham Gordon

I did not go to high school in Washington, so I knew that if I wanted to be able to pay for college I was going to need to establish residency as soon as possible. Out-of-state students pay more than three times as much in tuition as residents, so I usually paid more tuition for a single quarter than many of my teammates paid for an entire year.

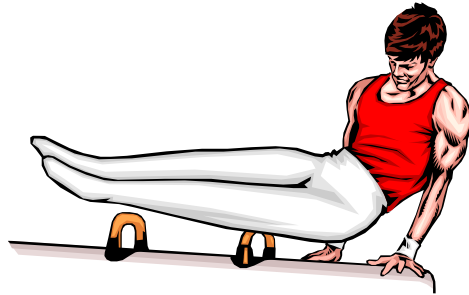
One of the most difficult requirements for me to fulfill in establishing residency was that more than 50% of my expenses had to come from within Washington State. In the summer I had plenty of time to work, and spent much of my summer painting houses and working on a commercial fishing boat. But during the school year, between classes and gymnastics, I had little extra time for work. I was able to find odd jobs here and there,



Graham Gordon

such as working as a janitor, editing class material for students, and coaching gymnastics, but the hours were few and far between.

The Dr. Eric Hughes Scholarship was a huge boost toward my goal of making 51% of my expenses. It was money that I did not have to do any additional work for, and was from within Washington State. Without the scholarship, I'm not sure if I would have been able to get in-state tuition. The money always came at a convenient time. After I completed one quarter's class work, I would receive a check to help pay for the next quarter. The scholarship not only made it easier to pay for school in the year that I received the scholarship, it also made it possible for me to continue to pay for the rest of my education.



## *Donate a Husky Gymnastics Scholarship!*

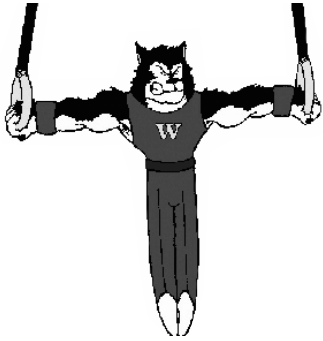
We would love for you to donate a scholarship to one of the deserving gymnasts on the Husky Gymnastics team. \$1500 may sound like a large donation, but it really helps that student with tuition which has increased dramatically since we all went to school. \$1500 pays for roughly one quarter's tuition (15 credits) and is disbursed in \$500 increments at the completion of each quarter. Remember, these gymnasts are also students and fundraisers that provide nearly 37% of the team's funds. They do so – by working outside of school and gym – so that they have the *opportunity* to compete for the University of Washington. Your gift will be greatly appreciated – you will be recognized in our WMGF news-

letter and receive your own Husky Gymnastics team sweatshirt. Simply specify that your donation is to be used for a scholarship, and it will go directly to our Scholarship Fund. Giving a scholarship to a Husky gymnast is a great way for you to continue to be a part of the team.

Sincerely,

Coach Mark Russo

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