

<b>Title:</b>	Tony Biernacki Collection		
<b>Creator:</b>	Tony Biernacki		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1967, 1979-1980, n.d.	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 316
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>1.1 Photographs, 1967, 1979-1980; includes University President Earp pouring champagne on "The Wyatt Earp", Brock University Rowing Crew, Burnaby Lake, B.C., 1979/80 Varsity Women and 1979/80 Varsity Men [7 col. and 5 b&amp;w photographs]</p> <p>1.2 Brock University rowing singlets [5], n.d.</p> <p>1.3 Brock University Invitational Regatta Medal [2], n.d.</p> <p>1.4 Lightweight Varsity Champions Award , 1967</p> <p>1.5 Brock Invitational Regatta Cup, n.d.</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	5 b&w photographs, 7 col. photographs, 1 glass regatta cup, 5 rowing singlets, 2 bronze medals, 1 award plaque		
<b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>Tony Biernacki's rowing career began in 1950 in Ottawa with his first Henley medal in 1952 in the coxless four. Sculling became his real means to success. Since 1955 he has posted record times and had numerous wins in the single. He represented Canada at the National Team between 1958 and 1967 and raced in the single at the British Empire Games and Pan Am Games (Chicago, silver medal) and pair at the Worlds in Yugoslavia in 1966. He won the Olympic trials in 1960 in Rome, but was unable to go. Upon his retirement from competition Tony was hired as the Team Manager for the following Pan Am Games.</p> <p>Tony was hired by Brock University in 1965 as a technician in the Chemistry Department. He became the head rowing coach that same year and began women's rowing at the university level in Ontario with the first women's crew in 1967. As Brock's second coach ever, he led the teams to championship form and kept the athletes racing through the summer regatta season. Tony remained at Brock from 1965 to 1980.</p> <p>He was one of the founders of The Canadian Masters Rowing Committee and he helped to initiate master's racing at the Canadian Henley. In 1985 he won the single, double and quad at the World Masters Regatta in Toronto. For a number of years he was also the world record holder for his age category on the C2 ergometer. His last heartfelt project was the construction of a wheelchair ramp at Resurrection Lutheran Church where he was an active</p>		

	<p>member. Mr. Biernacki passed away on January 9, 1998 at the age of 66 after a valiant battle with cancer only a month after being awarded the Canadian Coaching Provincial Coaching Award. He is survived by his wife Janet, daughters Tracy, Tammy Pauls, and Tory Phannenhour, and son, Tony Jr. He is also survived by several grandchildren.</p> <p>Source: Storrs, Nancy, <u>Passings</u>, in <i>The Journal of Competitive Rowing</i>, March 28, 1998</p>		
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<b>Related material held at other repositories:</b>	Brock University Athletics Fonds		
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