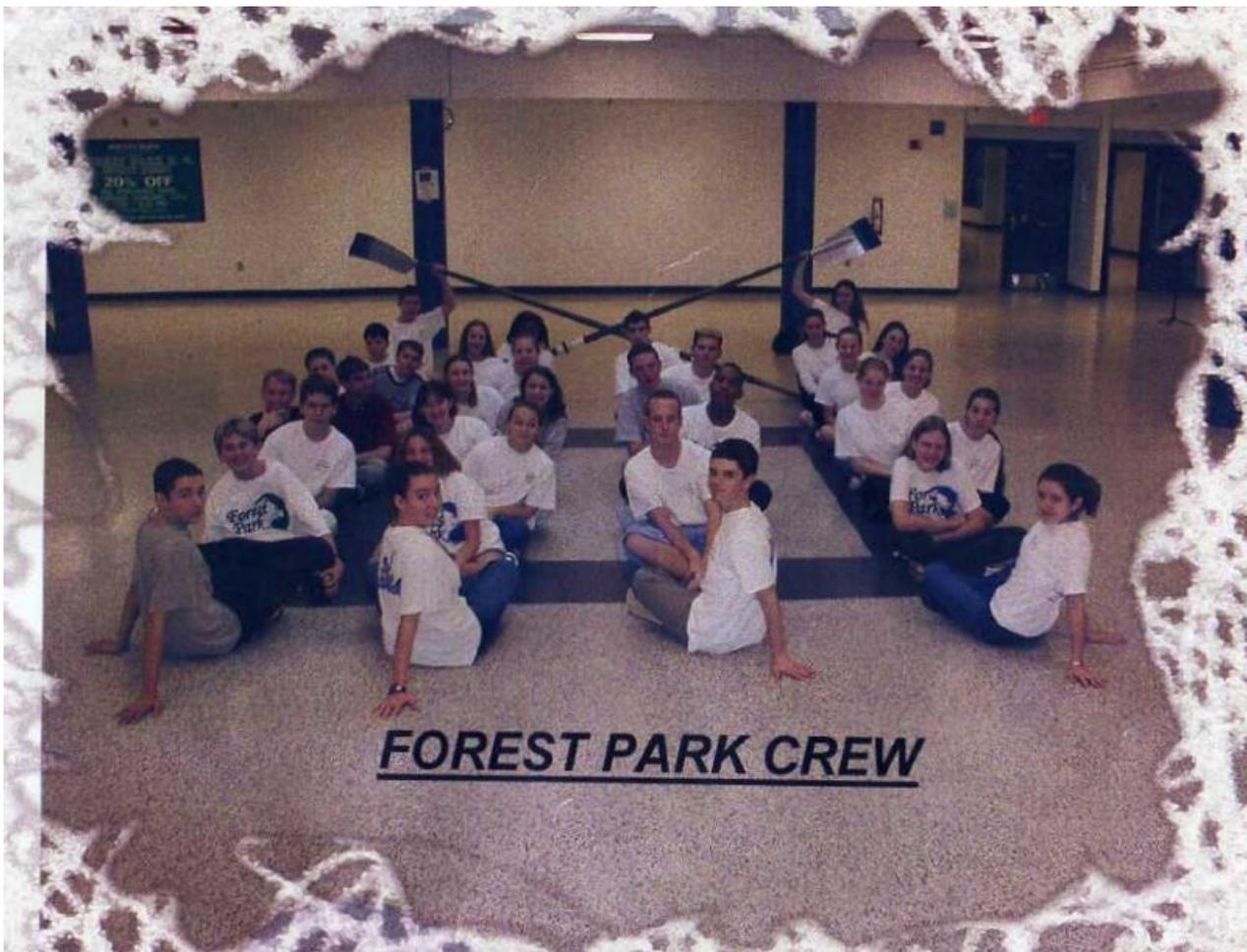


# FOREST PARK CREW HISTORY

Forest Park Crew was founded in the summer of 2000 with only a dream: to be the fifth high school to row out of Oxford House in Lake Ridge Park. Slowly, the board members emerged and worked with head coach Heather Cox to make the dream a reality. During our first season we stored our equipment in a space donated by the Park Authority. With used equipment rented to us by other schools, we persevered and put 46 rowers on the water our first year--to the surprise of many and the chagrin of those who told us it couldn't be done. We even earned a few ribbons.



The second year of our program brought many interested kids...nearly 100 attended our informational session in the spring. However, equipment continued to be an issue, and we ended up having to make cuts to accommodate 52 rowers. Thanks to the persistence of then, President, Eddie Barnette, we acquired a permanent space in the boathouse. Once again, Forest Park Crew rose to the challenge and achieved its goal of qualifying for NOVAs, the premiere rowing event in Northern Virginia for high school rowers.



As we continue into our 10th year, great things continue to await Forest Park Crew. We have had a women's quad go to nationals for two years in a row. The mens varsity hold great promise. The program currently employs three coaches including both a head men's and women's coach, and have availability for a fourth coaching position. The team race a varsity or first eight, a four in both men's and women's events, and a quad. Due to the dedication and hard work of our parents, we have updated some boats including replace one older eight. The current fundraising focus this year is to get more oars, update another boat and replace engines for the launches.