

### **The Codger Award**

The Codger Award is presented each year at the Annual Rowing Club Banquet to that student who in his or her time with the team has done the most to further the traditions of rowing at William and Mary.

#### **1999: Joshua A. Ehrenfeld '99**

Joshua A. Ehrenfeld came to William and Mary as a transfer student from Johns Hopkins, a second-semester Sophomore. He had thought about rowing at Hopkins, but had decided against it. Shortly after arriving in Williamsburg, he met members of the team who convinced him of the seriousness of Tribe Rowing. Out of shape at 6'6" and 230 lbs., his first day at practice was inauspicious: Josh barely finished a DOG Street run, walking in with someone who later that afternoon was diagnosed with mono. After nearly having second thoughts, Josh accepted the challenge, as he would every other challenge which would confront him during his time with the team. He embraced a philosophy that if he just worked hard enough then things could happen. He became a fixture on the ergs in the Rec Center, rowing until he was unable to do anything other than convulse on the floor and alarm all the non-rower Rec Center users. By his Senior year, he was winning many of the men's erg competitions and finished as the fastest heavyweight competitor at the triathlon. He also recorded an incredible 1264 points on the Winter Challenge, an average of over 38 points per exercise day and an improvement of over 500 points on the previous record. He made the First Varsity Eight as a Senior, but raced only half that season due to compound injuries. Although on the shore, he was never out of the boat, continuing to travel with it and inspire it to the season's end. Josh also spent a year as President of the team. During that time, he made numerous sacrifices at all hours of the day and all days of the year in order to ensure the continuity of the program. At times, only his credit card tided the team over between budget crises. His apartment and SUV were the center of the team's operations in Williamsburg and on road trips. He made the team the center of his life at W&M, and for his contributions he has become the recipient of the 1999 Codger Award.