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Public invited to get behind the oars of warship at Laurier

Today we use rowing machines for fitness; in the ancient world, they were a matter of survival. Find out what it was like to be the grunt and sweat of a 170-oar Athenian warship from 430 BC.

S. Ford Weiskittel, president and chair of the Trireme Trust U.S.A. will invite audience members to take a seat in a mock-up of a section of the warship when he speaks at Wilfrid Laurier University on Thursday, February 7.

His presentation on the history of this warship and the story of the building and testing of a full reproduction launched in 1987, the Olympias, begins at 8 p.m. in Rm. 1E1 of the Arts and Science Building.

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Note: Weiskittel will arrive in Waterloo on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Using the trireme mock-up, he will speak to a WLU class on Greek and Roman sports Thursday morning. To speak to him before the public lecture, contact Dr. Gerald Schaus at (519) 884-1970 ext. 2302.