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Research Hudson Relay Topic

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Information includes:

- Date and years the Relay was run
- Winners and order of finish (class year) and finishing times, if available
- Route
- Trivia, firsts
- Awards to Relay winners, including those classes who have won 4 years straight

Date	Winning class (time)	Order of finish	Other information
1910/06/13	1912 (2:01)	2 nd : 1911 3 rd : 1913 4 th : 1910	 Founder of Relay was Monroe Curtis, who then was appointed chair of a committee to organize the Hudson Relay. Monroe Curtis was unable to run for the senior class, due to illness. It was proposed to run the relay from Painesville to Cleveland. Committee member Quay Findley suggested Hudson to Cleveland, which was accepted. Each team had 24 runners who each ran one mile of the race. Senior class was disqualified when two runners got lost and their replacement had to be transported by "machine." First Hudson Relay rock was donated by Mr. Carabelli of the Carabelli Monument Works. The Relay rock was dedicated by Arthur Young. Captain of the winning Sophomore team, Leroy Davenport, "received" the rock for protection by his class. Hudson Relay festivities were part of Undergraduate Day. Activities related to the Hudson Relay included dedication of the Hudson Relay boulder by Monroe Curtis, and a speech by the captain of the winning team. Upon review of the race, Sophomore captain Leroy Davenport

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			 said, "Our team won, not by having more pluck than the other classes, but rather because of greater physical strength." In honor of the Hudson Relay runners, the junior class held a reception, which was opened with an address by WRU president Charles F. Thwing. The letter of Village of Hudson mayor H. A. Sullivan to Charles F. Thwing is reproduced in 4PY 1912, p. 17. This year's results were not engraved on the Hudson Relay rock.
1911/06/12	1914 (2:50)	2 nd : 1912 3 rd : 1913 4 th : 1911	 Team captains were elected by their classes, and they ran the first mile of the race. Class Presidents ran the final mile. Junior class held a reception "sing-out" for the runners, and President Thwing gave an opening address. President Thwing gave the winning team gold scarf pins engraved with the boulder. The pin was designed by D.J. Bradley, Class of 1912. People gathered at the steps of Adelbert Main to watch the progress of the race. Results were received every so often and recorded on a large map of the course. The letter of Village of Hudson mayor H. A. Sullivan to Charles F. Thwing is reproduced in 4PY 1913, p. 14-15.
1912/06/10	1915	2 nd : 1914	 The class of 1915 won the race by only one yard. President Thwing gave a welcome to the crowd at the reception. The letter of Village of Hudson mayor H. A. Sullivan to Charles F. Thwing is reproduced in 4PY 1914, p. 18 The Relay was part of Undergraduate Day. President Charles F. Thwing presented "rewards" to the winning team. Another component of Undergraduate Day was delivery of custody of the Relay Boulder to the class of 1914.
1913/06/09	1915 (2:07:42)	2 nd : 1916 3 rd : 1914 4 th : 1913	 People who lived along the route telephoned someone at Adelbert Main to tell them who was in the lead. A chart of the route was put outside Adelbert Main to show the crowd the progress. The 1913 class used a car, instead of running. Class of 1916 crossed the finish line first, but were not awarded first place because one of their runners was unable to finish his mile and a second person completed it for him. The letter of Village of Hudson mayor H. A. Sullivan to Charles F. Thwing is reproduced in 4PY 1915, p. 17-18. The Relay was part of Undergraduate Day. President Charles F. Thwing presented "rewards" to the winning team. Another component of Undergraduate Day was transfer of custody of the Relay Boulder to the class of 1915.
1914/06/15	1916	2nd: 1917 Disqualified: 1914, 1915	 <i>Reserve Weekly</i> (5/19/1914): "In order to do away with a thing which has occurred in the last two races, and which detracts from the dignity of the school, there will be a prominent alumnus to accompany and watch the runners of each class, with power to disqualify any runner who rides in an auto instead of running his mile." After the race was one-third over, the class of 1914 gave up and used a car instead of finishing the race.

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			 A class of 1916 runner was held up by a freight train crossing his path, but still kept the lead. The Relay was part of Undergraduate Day. President Charles F. Thwing presented "rewards" to the winning team. Another component of Undergraduate Day was delivery of custody of the Relay Boulder to the class of 1916. The winning team's class year was to be engraved on the Hudson Relay Rock as soon as the race was over. Rules listed in the Undergraduate Day program included: 24 men from each class participate; the senior runners relay a message from Hudson's mayor to WRU's president; class captains start the race; class presidents run the last mile; each member of the Relay boulders Other rules include: (1) each runner must be ready to leave at 1:30 pm; (2) each runner must be numbered according to the mile which he will run; (3) every man must finish his mile and only one man to the mile; (4) no runner can participate in more than one mile; (5) an alumnus will accompany each team,
1915/06/14	1918		judging the race
1916/06/12	1919 (2:17:12)	2 nd : 1918	 Class of 1916 and class of 1915 used cars instead of running the race. Star and Arrow athletic fraternity hosted a reception for the runners immediately following the race. The Relay was part of Undergraduate Day. President Charles F. Thwing presented "rewards" to the winning team. Rules listed in the Undergraduate Day program included: 24 men from each class participate; the senior runners relay a message from Hudson's mayor to WRU's president; class captains start the race; class presidents run the last mile; each member of the winning team is presented a pin, which is a miniature of the Relay boulders Undergraduate Day program gave special thanks. It said, "Vehicles for the runners furnished by the Packard Motor Company, The Peerless Motor Company, The White Company."
1917			Race not run?
1918/05/27	1921 (2:14)	2 nd : 1920	 Class of 1918 ran the first and final miles and rode in a car for the 22 miles in between. The captain of the class of 1919 team missed his ride back to Cleveland after running his leg of the race and had to walk the 23 remaining miles back to campus.
1919/06/09	1921		 Because the class of 1922 substituted a faster runner for their class president for the last mile, they were not awarded first place, even though they crossed the finish line first. The Relay was part of Undergraduate Day
1920	1922		
1921/06/13	1922		 Class of 1923 was disqualified for failing to run one of the laps. Class of 1921 used cars instead of running the race.

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1922	1922	2 nd : 1924 3 rd : 1923 4 th : 1925	• Beginning in 1922, the Hudson Relay was part of "Spring Day," a full day of competitions and activities.
1923	1926		
1924/06/06	1926		
1925	1926	2 nd : 1925 3 rd : 1927 4 th : 1928	
1926	1929		
1927	1928		
1928	1931		
1929/05/16	1931		
1930	1933		
1931	1933		
1932	1934		
1933	1936 (1 hour, 57 minutes)		
1934	1936		
1935	1938		
1936	2 1935 [not sure what the		
	2 means, though the class of 1935 should have graduated by		
1937	1936] NONE	NONE	• Instead of class teams, one team was formed to run a better time. The race was run in 2:17:21.
1938	1941 (2:15)		
1939	1941 (2:13)		
1940	1943 (2:17)		
1941/05/09	1943 (2:17)		Part of Campus Day activities.
1941/03/09	1944 (2.20)		Race was run using bicycles instead of runners.
1942/04/24	minutes)		 Part of Campus Carnival Weekend. Adelbert classes were cancelled after 10:00 a.m.
1943			Race not run?
1944			Race not run?
1945			Race not run?
1946/05/17	NONE	NONE	 All teams were disqualified because they used cars instead of running the race Part of Campus Day activities. Adelbert classes were cancelled after 10:00 a.m
1947	1949		
1948/05/21	1951		• Part of Campus Day activities. Adelbert classes were cancelled after 10:00 a.m.
1949/05/20	1951		
1950	1951 (2:17:30)		Race was run on "Campus May Day" beginning this year.
1951	1953		
1952	1953 (2:20)		
1953/05/15			• Race not run?

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			• Part of Campus Day activities. Adelbert classes were cancelled after 10:00 a.m.
1954	1957 (2:17)		
1955	1955		
1956	1958 (2:17)		
1957/05/10	1960 (2:18)		Part of Campus May Day events.
1958/05/09			Race not run?
1959	1960 (2:31)		Part of Campus May Day events.
1960	1963 (2:12)		
1961	1964		
1962/05/05	1965 (2:30)		• First time in 6 years that the senior class did not finish in last place.
1963	1965 (2:20)		
1964	1967	1964- 4th	
1965	1968		
1966	1968		
1967	1968		
1968	1970 (2:47)		Route of Relay was: Chapel Street to Route 91, Route 87 to South Woodland Road, Warrensville Center, South Park Blvd, North Park, East Blvd, Ambleside to Adelbert Road
1969	1971		
1970			Race not run
1971			Race not run
1972/04/29	1974 (2:01)		 Race was held during Greek Week. Route of Relay was: Chapel Street to Route 91, Route 87 to South Woodland Road, Warrensville Center, South Park Blvd, North Park, East Blvd, Ambleside to Adelbert Road A bicycle race, organized by Sigma Chi, was to run concurrently with the Hudson Relay. WRUW offered live coverage of the race using a radio car. President Toepfer had a trophy made to give to the winners. Breakfast for participants was hosted by Dean Libby Walker at her home in Hudson. Message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy was carried by the teams to give to President Toepfer. Ian Haberman, an assistant dean at Western Reserve College, is credited with reviving the Hudson Relay. It was the first race in which Mather College entered a team. Rules included: each class must have at least 30 runners; each lap is one mile in length; Elizabeth Walker hosted breakfast at her home in Hudson; the class president will run the final mile; members of the winning team will be guests of President Toepfer for steak lunch to be held at the faculty dining club at 1:00 pm on the day of the race; no runner will be permitted any assistance, such as riding in cars or having another runner finish the mile - in case of disability the next runner must come back for the baton The Curtis Cup for the winner, t-shirts for the participants, and a steak dinner were new incentives for teams to participate.
1973	1973		Rules included: each class must have at least 30 runners - women can have 55; each lap is one mile in length - women's laps are .5 miles; Elizabeth Walker hosted breakfast at her home in Hudson; the class president will run the final mile;

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			members of the winning team will be guests of President Toepfer for steak lunch to be held at the faculty dining club at 1:30 pm on the day of the race; no runner will be permitted any assistance, such as riding in cars or having another runner finish the mile - in case of disability the next runner must come back for the baton; it is the responsibility of each team to obtain a member of the CWRU faculty or Administration to run the first mile
1974	Alumni (2:32:45)	2nd: 1977	 The Case team finished first, 2:30, but was disqualified because it was not officially entered in the race. Rules included: each class must have at least 30 runners - women can have 55; each lap is one mile in length - women's laps are .5 miles; Elizabeth Walker hosted breakfast at her home in Hudson; the class president will run the final mile; members of the winning team will be guests of President Toepfer for steak lunch to be held at the faculty dining club; no runner will be permitted any assistance, such as riding in cars or having another runner finish the mile - in case of disability the next runner must come back for the baton; it is the responsibility of each team to obtain a member of the CWRU faculty or Administration to run the first mile Rules stated that the Relay was open ONLY to Reserve students. Six teams only: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, "Mather" mixed and Alum A bicycle race was advertised as part of the Hudson Relay.
1975	Alumni		 Route of Relay was: Chapel Street to Route 91, Route 87 to South Woodland Road, Warrensville Center, South Park Blvd, North Park, East Blvd, Ambleside to Adelbert Road A party was held on the day of the Relay at Thwing, which included the movie "Dirty Harry", free beer, soda, and food at the Snackbar. Members of the winning team would get in free. Female runners were allowed to run with their classes for the first time, instead of running as a separate team. Sigma Chi sponsored a bicycle race from Hudson in addition to the traditional relay. Senior Jeff Akaka won the bike race.
1976/05/02	1979		 Rules included: each class needs 52 runners; average lap is .5 miles; class chairman will run the last lap; all members of the winning team will be a guest of President Toepfer at a lunch to be held the following Wednesday; no runner will be permitted any assistance, such as riding in cars or having another runner finish the mile - in case of disability the next runner must come back for the baton; baton must be carried at all times; it is the responsibility of each team to obtain a member of the CWRU faculty or Administration to run the first mile; a picnic on the lawn between Baker and Amasa Stone Chapel will follow the race
1977/05/01	1979	2 nd : 1980 3 rd : 1977 4 th : 1978	 Rules included: each class needs 52 runners; average lap is .5 miles; class chairman will run the last lap; all members of the winning team will be a guest of President Toepfer at a lunch to be held the following week; no runner is allowed assistance, such as riding in a car or having another runner finish their leg; baton must be carried at all times; it is the responsibility of each team to obtain a member of the CWRU faculty or Administration to run the first mile; a picnic on the lawn

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			between Baker and Amasa Stone Chapel will follow the raceThe class of 1978 was only able to finish the race with the aid of a bus.
1978/04/30	1979		 First year that Case students were allowed to participate Route of Relay was: Chapel Street to Route 91, Route 87 to South Woodland Road, Warrensville Center, South Park Blvd, North Park, East Blvd, Ambleside to Adelbert Road Rules included: each class needs 52 runners, with a minimum of 15% women; class chairman/president will run the last mile; all members of the winning team will be a guest of President Toepfer at a lunch to be held the following week; no runner is allowed assistance, such as riding in a car or having another runner finish their leg; baton must be carried at all times; a picnic on the lawn between Adelbert and Tomlinson will follow the race
1979/04/29	1982 (2:17)		 Rules included: each class needs 52 runners, with a minimum of 15% women; the 2 class chairmen/presidents will run the last 2 miles; all members of the winning team will be a guest of President Toepfer at a lunch to be held the following week; no runner is allowed assistance, such as riding in a car or having another runner finish their leg; baton must be carried at all times; a picnic on the lawn between Adelbert and Tomlinson will follow the race Team captains agreed to allow a third of the runners to be Case students; last year, only a half dozen runners from Case participated President Toepfer promised that, if the class of 1979 achieved its fourth straight win, he would reward them with champagne at the finish line.
1980/04/27	1982	2 nd : 1980 3 rd : 1981 4 th : 1983 5 th : alumni and faculty	 Rules included: each class needs 52 runners, with a minimum of 15% women; average lap is .5 miles; two class chairmen will run the last two laps; all members of the winning team will be a guest of President Toepfer at a lunch to be held the following week; no runner is allowed assistance, such as riding in a car or having another runner finish their leg; it is the responsibility of each team to obtain a judge and a member of the CWRU faculty/staff to run the first lap; baton must be carried at all times; a picnic on the lawn between Adelbert and Tomlinson will follow the race Inscription on the Curtis Cup: "This is not the ordinary run of experience." The second rock was placed outside Adelbert Hall 8/21/1980. The rock was from Kirtland, Ohio, found on the property of Leonard Skeggs, MED faculty. Dr. Skeggs donated the rock to the University. (see article in 7PA1 7:2 Insight, 10/1980)
1981/04/26	1982 (2:14)		
1982/04/25 1982/04/29?	1982 (2:17)	2 nd : Alumni 3 rd : 1984	• Class of 1982 was the first to win the race 4 straight years. To celebrate that feat, President Ragone served the winning team champagne at the Hudson Relay rocks.
1983/04/24	1986 (2:18:38)	2 nd : 1983 (2:20:34) 3 rd : Alumni (2:23:14)	• The class of 1986 was only declared the winner after a controversy was settled. The class did not have a class president from CIT, but class presidents for CIT and WRC were to run the final 2 legs of the race.

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		4 th : 1984 (2:28:07) 5 th : 1985 (2:30:30)	• Class of 1983 offered their runners generic beer after the race and the class of 1985 offered their runners cake as motivation.
1984/04/29	1987 (2:08:57)	2nd: 1986 (2:09:40) 3rd: 1985 (2:16:31) 4th: 1984 (2:20:21)	 Rules included: teams must have a minimum of 36 runners, with a maximum of 52 and a minimum of 5 women who must run a minimum of 8 legs; each undergraduate class can field a team; a combined team of alumni, faculty, and staff was permitted; each team will carry a baton containing a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy; the winning undergraduate team's class year will be inscribed on the Monroe Curtis Cup and on the Relay Rock outside of Adelbert Main; average leg is .5 miles; baton must be carried at all times; no runner will be permitted any assistance, including riding in cars or having another runner finish the leg; WRC senior class president will run last lap, and CIT senior class president will run second-to-last lap; the alumni/faculty/staff team can place but not win; there will be an all-campus picnic between Adelbert and Tomlinson after the race; all members of the winning team will receive a congratulatory steak dinner from President Ragone Route included: Chapel Street to Route 91 to Shaker Blvd to South Park to North Park to East Blvd. to Ambleside to Adelbert Road The School of Law entered a team.
1985/04/28	1986 (2:08:25)	2nd: 1987 (2:12:40) 3rd: 1988 (2:13:41) 4th: 1985 (2:13:59)	•Rules included: teams must have a minimum of 36 runners, with a maximum of 52 and a minimum of 5 women who must run a minimum of 8 legs; each undergraduate class can field a team; a combined team of alumni, faculty, and staff was permitted; each team will carry a baton containing a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy; the winning undergraduate team's class year will be inscribed on the Monroe Curtis Cup and on the Relay Rock outside of Adelbert Main; the winning team will be guests of the President at a congratulatory luncheon; average leg is .5 miles; each team must include a faculty or staff member to run the first lap of the race; baton must be carried at all times, any advancement besides by running is grounds for disqualification; WRC senior class president will run last lap, and CIT senior class president will run second-to-last lap; the alumni/faculty/staff team can place but not win; there will be an all-campus picnic between Adelbert and Tomlinson after the race
1986/04/27	1986 (2:06:10)	2nd: 1989 (2:07:28) 3rd: 1987 (2:11:28) 4th: 1988 (2:12:44) 5th: Alumni (2:34:47)	•Rules included: teams must have a minimum of 36 runners, with a maximum of 52 and a minimum of 5 women who must run a minimum of 8 legs; each undergraduate class can field a team; a combined team of alumni, faculty, and staff was permitted; each team will carry a baton containing a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy; the winning undergraduate team's class year will be inscribed on the Monroe Curtis Cup and on the Relay Rock outside of Adelbert Main; the winning team will be guests of the President at a congratulatory luncheon; average leg is .5 miles; baton must be carried at all times, any advancement besides by

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			running is grounds for disqualification; WRC senior class president will run last lap, and CIT senior class president will run second-to-last lap; the alumni/faculty/staff team can place but not win.
1987	1990		
1988	1990		
1989	1990		
1990	1990	2 nd : 1993 3 rd : 1992 4 th : Alum 5 th : 1991	 First Relay run entirely in University Circle 5 commemorative runners ran the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland, after which the race between the classes was held in University Circle.
1991/04/28	1994		 Luncheon for the winners of the Relay was held on the following Monday 5 commemorative runners will run the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland. The race baton, containing a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy, will be passed to the first senior class runner participating in the 25 mile relay within University Circle.
1992/04/26	1994	4 th : 1992	 Inne relay within University Circle. 5 commemorative runners will run the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland. The race baton contained a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy. The message will be read by the president at the conclusion of the race in University Circle. On April 27, the annual steak luncheon was to be held for the winning team. The commemorative rock had to be moved away from Adelbert Main for the race because of construction on the
1993/04/25	1994		 Addition to the face because of construction on the building. The rock was placed just outside the construction site for the relay. 5 commemorative runners will run the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland. The race baton contained a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy. The message will be read by the president at the conclusion of the race in University Circle. On April 26, the annual luncheon was to be held for the winning team. On the night before the race, a spaghetti dinner was held for all runners at the Faculty Dining Room in Tomlinson Hall.
1994/04/24	1994		
1995	1998		• On April 26, the annual luncheon was to be held for the winning team.
1996	1998		~ ~ ~
1997/04/27	2000		 5 commemorative runners were to have run the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland. The race baton contained a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy. On April 28, the annual luncheon was to be held for the winning team.
1998/04/25	2001		 5 commemorative runners were to have run the 26-mile course from Hudson to Cleveland. The race baton contained a message from the headmaster of Western Reserve Academy On April 26, the annual luncheon was to be held for the winning team.
1999	2001		Č Č

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2000	2002		
2001	2004		
2002	2004		
2003	2006		 Last 26 mile race—the following year the race was shortened to 24.5 miles. Class of 2006 won the race by less than a minute.
2004/04/24	2006		 Race course was altered to pass through the North Residential Village to attract more student support. This shortened the course to 24.5 miles. A spaghetti dinner was held for all undergraduates the night before the race, and newly elected class officers were asked to give speeches to motivate their class. Each class must have between 42 and 50 runners. 14 of the 50 half-mile legs must be run by at least 10 women. The first leg is run by a faculty member the class chooses, and the final 2 legs are run by class vice presidents and presidents.
2005	2006		
2006	2006		• seniors, class of 2006, won for the 4 th time
2007	2009		
2008	2011		
2009			