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As a member of SARA, I've really enjoyed getting to meet alumni from around the country and across several generations. However long ago we've rowed, whatever shape we are in today, we still recognize, perhaps even more intently the older we become, how much rowing is a metaphor for life.

Our purpose as an alumni group is to help ensure that future generations of Syracuse University rowers have the opportunity through their experiences in the sport to develop their physical strength and mental stamina, enhance their appreciation for the contributions of others – even though they may be unlike them – and increase their understanding of the rewards of patience and hard work. Along with this inspiring mission, we as alums just want to get together!

This past September's Evening at Ten Eyck was tremendous fun and I extend my thanks to all of you who were able to make the trip. Many thanks also to the Syracuse University Rowing coaches and athletes, the Orange Club, and the many alums who contributed membership dues and sweat equity. We were able to have the induction ceremonies for eight Hall of Fame honorees and were delighted to dedicate two new boats, the *Mark Lyvers* and the *Drew Harrison*, with their namesakes in attendance. Another highlight was recreational rowing and competitive racing under the lights on the canal. We hope you will enjoy the story and images here in the Orange Oar. Water brings the world together - if you haven't been able to join us yet for this event, please mark your calendars for September 19, 2015 for the third annual Evening at Ten Eyck.

I'd also like to thank former SARA President Joe Kieffer and SARA Board member Charlie Clark for their leadership in making this year's Men's Endowment campaign a huge success, bringing in over \$95,000 in contributions, and increasing the fund total to over \$300,000. I'd like to thank all of you who very generously contributed to the future of SU Men's Rowing through the endowment. We are headed towards an initial goal of \$1 million for this fund and with patience and your support, we will get there.

On the women's side, several years ago Coach Justin Moore started encouraging young alums to consider the value of their rowing experience and become regular supporters, with every graduating class contributing towards the purchase of a pair or a four. These young alums are inspiring in their commitment and you can see groups of them coming to races to cheer on their rowing sisters. SARA will seek new ways to help SU women rowing alums connect with each other and express their belief in the sport.

Thanks to the many of you who over the years help support equipment and other funding endeavors, assisting young rowing athletes on their path to adulthood as they represent Syracuse University across the country and even around the world. To row is to grow - let's cover it in Orange.



Here's to pulling together. Lynne Pascale, '81, G'11 SARA President

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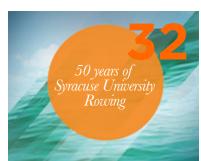
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Moore: Make the Jump to the Next Level?

all is a time of renewal on a college campus—time to look ahead to a new academic and athletic year, including Q&A sessions with the head coaches. The conversation with Syracuse women's rowing head coach Justin Moore touched upon a key aspect of leadership, the potential of this year's team, a comparison with the rest of the ACC and the current amount of alumni involvement.

WHAT'S YOUR MOOD GOING INTO THIS SEASON?

Determined would be the best word. I taught leadership this summer and one of the primary points I walked away with is that "belief in oneself" is one of the most important characteristics of any leader. I believe this team has the talent and drive to "make the jump" to the next level. The actions of our female leaders would indicate the same.

HOW MANY SENIORS HAVE YOU LOST? WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF YOUR ROSTER THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCE?

Seven seniors graduated, and Australian Anna Kaszycki completed her NCAA eligibility (but is with us this year as a student coach and team manager). We added 14 in this year's recruited class, including juniors Kari Tomeny, who redshirted last year and was the top sculler at the US Women's Pre-elite Sculling Camp in the summer of 2014, and Deirdre Fitzpatrick, who stroked the USC Varsity eight to a seventh place finish at last year's NCAAs.

We have the deepest squad of my tenure, and are struggling to transport our squad to training. We have exceeded the capacity of our bus and are now using a bus, a 12-passenger van and a car to get the entire squad to training. This will not doubt increase the competitive culture.

CAN THIS CREW HAVE A BETTER YEAR THAN LAST YEAR'S CREW? WILL THIS GROUP BE ABLE TO MAKE THE NCAAS?

I believe this will be the fastest 1V I have coached at SU. I believe that we have the talent and drive to make NCAAs. Health is always the question. If we are healthy, I feel very good about our chances of racing at NCAAs.

WHERE DOES SU STAND AGAINST ITS FELLOW ACC SCHOOLS WHO DID SLIGHTLY BETTER AT THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AND, THEREFORE, GOT AN NCAA BERTH?

Virginia is the benchmark in the ACC. Once again, I believe they will be the best crew. Their depth of talent is impressive, and they continue to recruit well. One of the women from their second varsity eight earned a spot on the US U23 Team as the single sculler through trials. We know they will be fast. I believe we will be closer to them. Notre Dame will be interesting. They graduated one of their mid 6:40 erg scores in Molly Bruggeman and their second mid-6:40 erg, Erin Boxberger, is taking the year of to train with the US National Team in a bid to race at Rio in 2016. This will certainly change the power of their crew. I am interested in seeing their speed this fall. Clemson, who we beat, hired a new coach this year. It will be interesting to see how the Tigers fair under the leadership of Stephen Frazier Wong, Finally, Duke has completed their million-dollar boathouse project, which should help them in recruiting. Once again, the ACC Championships are going to be a great race.

HOW DO THIS YEAR'S NOVICES RATE AS A GROUP AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM?

Jim appears to have a very physical group in this year's novice class. It is too early to tell what kind of impact they may have on the program, but there does appear to be some decent raw material there.

WHERE'S THE PROGRAM IN TERMS OF FUNDRAISING AND ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT?

We increased the number of women attending this year to 24. At last year's event we had eight alumni boats and each had one oarswoman in each. This year, it was great to see two to three women in each Crew—gotta give a shout out to SARA President Lynne Pascale '81, G '11 and Tiffany Macon '12, who were bow pair in the Alumni Champion Crew.

The most exciting thing about this year's events was the group of women from the Mark Lyvers Era. Many of them had not been back to SU since graduation. It was great to see them head out to row in the recreational row and to visit with them in the tanks on Sunday morning. We need them!

In terms of fundraising, our goal is to raise \$25,000 - \$35,000 a year to ensure that our fleet of boats is as competitive as any team's in the nation. If the alumni women are interested in helping us win, this is a way that they can. We have been working tremendously hard to upgrade our fleet to a level that would be competitive with UVA, Notre Dames and Clemson's. The boat funded by the Class of 2002 was a great start. We got strong support from the alumni to purchase the Kris Sanford. But we fell short in terms of our fundraising for the Mark Lyvers.

Some people have asked me to compare our fundraising to the men's, but I don't believe that this should be our goal. I want the men to fundraise a million a year. What I want to talk about is having the best fundraising year in the history of the women's program.

I want to break \$25,000 in donations. I want to be better than we have ever been, so I can turn to our

undergrads and say: "You see! They believe in you too. Now what are we going to do to show them that we deserve this support?"

For those who are inspired, please make sure that any check you write is written to the "Head Coaches Fund," which allows the coaching staff to use those funds for things like boats and other equipment rather than operating costs.

ANYTHING I HAVEN'T MENTIONED THAT THE PARENTS AND ALUMS SHOULD KNOW?

That we are true student-athletes. We had more than 23 women earn a 3.5 or better last spring, with two women earning the distinction of having a 4.0. Rebecca Soja, who will graduate Number 3 in her class from the School of Architecture ,earned the second 4.0 of her career last spring. Freshman Saydee McQuay is an Honors Biology Student who raced in our second varsity eight and earned a 4.0 in her first spring semester.



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Reischman: Maximize the Days We Take a Step Forward and a Big Step Forward by the Alumni

all is a time of renewal on a college campus—time to look ahead to a new academic and athletic year, including Q&A sessions with the head coaches. In the Orange Oar's conversation with Syracuse men's rowing head coach Dave Reischman, the topics included the way the athletes have begun fall training, an important milestone in the Endowment Campaign and inspirational words from former Syracuse oarsman and coach and recent Hall-of-Fame inductee Drew Harrison '68.

WHAT'S YOUR OUTLOOK AS THE GUYS GET OUT ON THE WATER?

As a staff we have been very excited by the start of a new year. We all feel like we got a lot done this summer, managed to recharge our batteries, and are ready to lead this team. I have been impressed so far with our athletes. Most have done a fair amount of work over the summer, and they have brought the right attitude every day. They are very receptive to making changes—not just technically but behavior wise as well. It is a very fun and energizing group to work with.

YOU COMMUNICATED RECENTLY ABOUT HOW PLEASED YOU WERE ABOUT PASSING A MILESTONE IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT IT MEANS TO THE PROGRAM?

On August 20 the Endowment broke the \$300,000 barrier for total contributions in a calendar year when we've raised just over

\$95,000. Did you catch that number? Just over \$95,000!

This kind of growth in the fund is essential in an environment where some of our competitors can offer 12 to 17 scholarships compare with our 10. A tremendous amount of thanks goes out to Endowment Campaign Chairman Joe Kieffer '88, Charlie Clark '83, Bill Purdy '79, and the many, many people who badgered teammates or simply wrote a check. This is a very substantial step forward.

We had other fundraising achievements, too. As a surprise for Drew Harrison's induction into the Hall of Fame, we challenged the people who rowed with and for Drew to donate at least \$50,000 toward the endowment for the naming rights of the new boat. They exceeded that amount by a fair bit.

HOW MANY SENIORS HAVE WE LOST FROM THE PREVIOUS CREW? WHAT'S THE MIX OF EXPERIENCE AND YOUTH?

We graduated eight seniors last year. Our current breakdown is as follows: 12 seniors, 10 juniors, 12 sophomores, 20 frosh. That is 54 people on the roster.

ARE THERE ONE OR TWO QUALITIES ABOUT THIS FRESHMAN CLASS THAT YOU LIKE, OR IS IT TOO EARLY TO TELL?

It is definitely too early to tell with the frosh. There are always a few guys who take a while to



catch on to the differences between high school and college rowing, but for the most part, I think this frosh class has come in with a sense of purpose that is more defined than our past two classes. These guys have come through the door wanting to be one of those classes that people remember after four years—much like our 2007, 2011 and 2012 graduating classes. It is our job as coaches to set the standards and behavior expectations to help them achieve that.

Time will tell if they can live up to their own expectations.

CAN THIS CREW HAVE A BETTER YEAR THAN LAST YEAR'S CREW?

I thought Drew made a good point in his Hall-of-Fame induction speech. In all his years as a frosh coach, he never talked about championships. He just tried to get them focused on getting a little bit better each day. That is the approach we take every year with our crews. If you think about IRA results or where we will end up at the end of the year, it can seem a bit daunting or at least a long way away.

Of course, the fact that we are training to go as fast as we can at the IRA is always in the back of our minds, but we really try to stay focused on the process. The mindset is, "Here is where we are, and this is what we need to do to get faster."

We just try to maximize the days we take a step forward and minimize or eliminate any day that is a step backward. That doesn't mean you don't have the occasional bad practice. If you learn from that bad practice, that can be a big step forward. HOW MUCH COMPETITION WILL THERE BE FOR SEATS IN THE VARSITY EIGHT? DO THE LOWER LEVEL BOATS HAVE A CHANCE TO PUSH THE VARSITY?

I think we will have to wait and see what kind of competition there is for seats. We have set some targets as far as fitness levels go, and the guys who meet those targets will get a shot at the varsity. To have some strong competition for seats a lot of guys are going to have to come up a level, so we will see how many are up for that challenge.

WILL YOU CONTINUE TO MIX FRESHMEN INTO THE HIGHER LEVEL BOATS?

We are going to take the same approach with frosh that we did last year. They will be separate in the fall, and then we will evaluate where they are when we head to spring break. If we have eight guys who we think can have a good experience as a frosh crew, we will keep them together. If we don't have eight guys who can meet the standard we need for a good frosh crew, we will mix them in with the varsity boats to ensure that everyone is rowing at a level appropriate to their ability.

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US national team oarsman Mike Gennaro '11 and his teammates in the straight four capped a medalwinning summer with a silver medal at the World Championships. Previously the crew won bronze at World Cup II. At the same regatta, Gennaro subbed for an injured rower in the US eight and won gold. He took time out from his busy training schedule to answer a few questions.





DEPENDING ON WHAT ARTICLE YOU READ, YOUR SILVER MEDAL AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WAS EITHER AN ACHIEVEMENT OR A DISAPPOINTMENT. HOW DID YOU FEEL AS YOU CAME OFF THE WATER?

MG: Before I answer this question, I would like to introduce the other three guys in my boat and our coach. Grant James, the bow seat, is an IRA National Champion from Wisconsin. Henrik Rummel, the three seat, is a 2012 Olympic bronze medalist from Harvard. Seth Weil, the stroke seat, rowed at UC Davis and his first year on the national team was last season. Bryan Volpenhein, our coach, is a three time Olympian and arguably one of the best US rowers of all time. I wouldn't be doing this interview without all four of those guys. I love them all and I am extremely grateful for everything that they have done and continue to do to help make me a better oarsmen and a better person.

My goal and expectation every time I line up at the starting line of a race is that my teammates and I have the ability and capacity to win. With that having been said, winning silver was not a disappointment. The British four that won is a very talented and experienced boat, and they had an incredible week of racing. Our four was composed of the same guys from the 2013 season. Looking at what we did last year in 2013, and where we ended up in 2014, I would say that winning silver in Amsterdam was a big achievement. We moved up from bronze in 2013 to silver in 2014; that, in and of itself, is a huge achievement. Our goal is to win gold at the Olympics in Rio in 2016, and we took a step in the right direction.

NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD TIME TO REFLECT, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

MG: Reflecting back on these World Championships, not everything went in our favor and things did go wrong, but I thought that together as a crew, we handled them all to the best of our ability and kept things positive, and that's what made all of the difference. To me, handling the adversity in a positive manner with a smile on our face was the biggest achievement of the entire trip.it."

■ WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED ABOUT THE EVENING AT TEN EYCK?

MG: One of my favorite things about the alumni event was getting to meet the former rowers of past generations and hearing their stories. My experience as an oarsman at Syracuse was life changing. The rowers that I rowed with in my time there, I love them all as much as I love my own two brothers. I think about my time at Syracuse with those guys every single day, and when I line up at the starting line of the World Championships, I know that they are all watching and that they are there with me. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be able to compete at this level; I would not be able to do this without those guys, and I would not WANT to do this without those guys.



ANY MESSAGES YOU'D LIKE TO PASS ALONG TO THE CURRENT SU ATHLETES AS THEY KICK OFF A NEW YEAR?

MG: It is an honor and a privilege to be an NCAA Student-Athlete. Syracuse University has one of the best athletic departments in the country, and I hope that the current SU athletes understand what they are apart of and that they appreciate that. Fully invest yourself at practice with your teammates and in the classroom with your peers. When things get tough, face the challenge head on and come out better and stronger on the other side, regardless of the outcome. Go Orange.

SOMETHING EXTRA

While I have this platform, I would really like to express some appreciation towards some people.

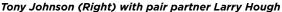
To call Coach Reischman a mentor of mine is an understatement, but I always struggle to find the correct words to accurately describe what he means to me and my rowing career. I have learned just as much from Dave since I left Syracuse as I did when I was there as an athlete of his. It scares me to think about what I would be doing with my life without his patience and guidance with me. I would also like to thank Bill Purdy, Tom Darling and Chris Liwski—three oarsmen who went on to row after their time at Syracuse and have set the bar extremely high for me. I have so much appreciation for what they achieved as athletes and I couldn't be more thankful for the road that they have paved. And lastly, my parents. My mother and father have sacrificed way more than I have in order to help me pursue my dreams and I love them very much for that.

Thanks so much for interviewing me. It means a lot to me.

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Ted Kakas in the two seat in this master's four

wo of SU's own will accept awards for outstanding service from USRowing in November and December. Tony Johnson '62 has earned the USRowing Medal, given in recognition to a member of the rowing community in the United States who has rendered conspicuous service to rowing, and Ted Kakas '64 will receive the John J. Carlin Service Award, which honors an individual who has made significant and outstanding commitment in support of the sport.

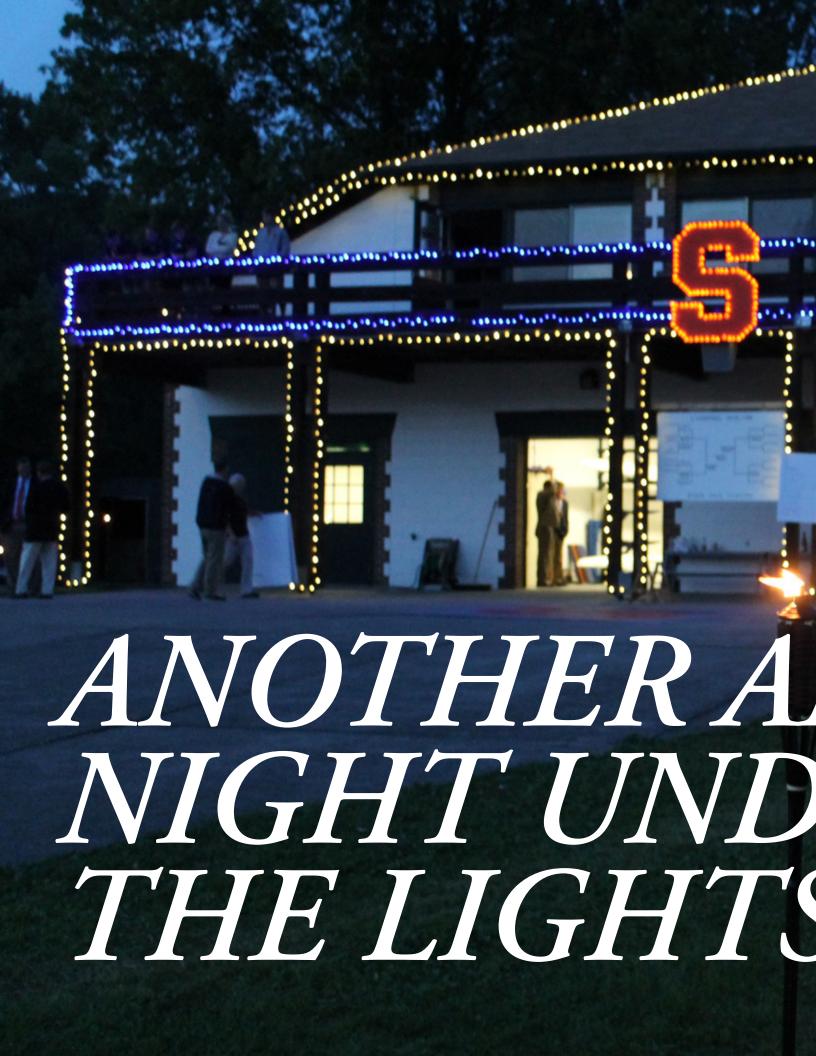
Johnson is receiving the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by USRowing. In addition to his time at SU, Johnson rowed at Potomac Boat Club and on the US national team. His accomplishments in international competition include a 10th-place finish in the pair at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, gold medals at the 1967 and 1969 European championships and a silver medal in the pair at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

As a coach, Johnson was an assistant with the US Olympic team in 1972 and was the head coach at Georgetown in two stints totaling 28 years, sandwiched around a 20-year run as the head coach at Yale. Johnson retired from Georgetown in May 2014. Kakas was on the freshman crew that won the Eastern Sprints in 1961.

As a Syracuse alum, has been a member of the USRowing Masters Committee, serving as the committee chairman for a number of years.

The LetterWinner of Distinction honors former student-athletes who have left their mark on the athletics program and in their lives after graduation. SU bestowed this honor on Kakas in 2010. Some of the accomplishments that these awards recognize are helping to organize and launch National Learn to Row Day, instituting the AA masters category and expanding masters categories at the Head of the Charles.

Johnson will be officially recognized at the Golden Oars Awards Dinner on Nov. 20 in New YorkCity, while Kakas will be honored at the USRowing Annual Convention in Jacksonville, Fla. on Dec. 5.







tarting early on Saturday morning, September 21st the men's and women's rowing teams piled out of cars and buses dressed in full costume, hurling friendly challenges and insults to any rower not in their academic class. It was the morning of the second annual Evening at Ten Eyck and the bid to win the envied 'World Champion of Syracuse' title was palpable.

The event, which began for the first time last year under the leadership of coaches Justin Moore and Dave Reischman, was designed to draw alumni back to the boathouse that was once their second home.

"When we designed the event, Coach Moore and I thought, as alumni, what would get us excited to come back to the boathouse?" men's head rowing coach Dave Reischman said. "We had a lot of fun lighting up the boathouse, decorating event space. It's a good event and the main purpose is our opportunity to say thanks to our alumni group."

The day began with an undergraduate-racing bracket; two mixed boats from each class that would race off against each other to determine the four top crews for night racing. With a flurry of activity, eight mixed 8+'s took to the water the freshmen dressed as Harry Potter characters; the sophomores dressed as farmers; the juniors dressed in full Hawaiian get-

up and the seniors taking the traditional route with a classic orange 'S' proudly upon their chests. Like any well-developed program it was the seniors that managed to qualify both 8+'s for the evening alongside the junior A and sophomore A boats.

With class day taken care of it was time to place the finishing touches on the boathouse in preparation for the evening's celebrations. As per last year, an enormous white marquee was erected on the front lawn, the small boats bay was transformed into a formal dining oasis and thousands of colored lights lined the banisters of the boathouse.

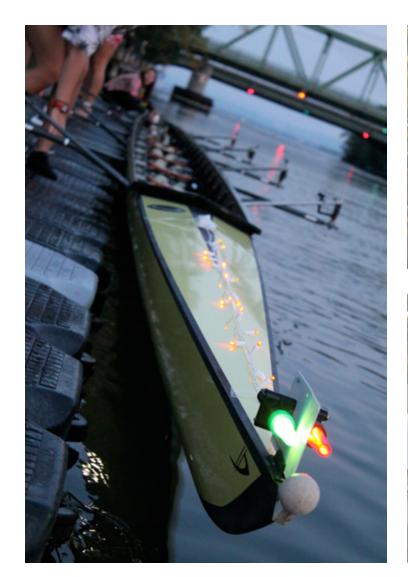
At 4 p.m., amidst a myriad of athletes and alumni, friends and family two boat dedications honoring the legacies of Mark Lyvers '77 and Drew Harrison '68 took place. Lyvers was recognized for his vision as the first women's rowing coach at Syracuse and his accomplishments both as a oarsman and team leader were met with a sea of applause as he bathed the bow of a brand new 8+ in champagne.

Stating that the discussion of a boat naming began last spring, Lyvers expressed his appreciation at the gesture. "I'm overwhelmed, " he said. "This is an absolute honor, and certainly not one that I ever expected. I'm very lucky to be a part of this today."

Next, Coach Drew Harrison was admired by Coach Reischman for his ongoing dedication to both Syracuse and the greater rowing community. Joined by current men's captain, Patrick O'Shaughnessy-Hunter, the two also doused the men's newest Empacher with a bottle of bubbly.

By 5p.m. the guest list of nearly 200 people had been marked off and the front lawn at Ten Eyck Boathouse was humming with laughter and long-overdue catch-ups. Undergraduates mingled and had the opportunity to meet those individuals who had pioneered the road before them. For women's captain, Georgia Hamilton, this had a lasting affect.

"I was talking to a group of ladies earlier who explained how they came into this team and they didn't have change rooms, they didn't have the boathouse, they didn't have the proper gear to wear," Georgia said. "So it's just very eye opening and we're very humbled to learn about their experiences."









Unlike last year, there was not a cloud in the sky or a drop of rain to be felt. Instead the earlier wind flurries had died down enough for Coach Reischman's tiki torches to make an appearance and with a setting sun the evening festivities commenced.

"This year, with even better weather, we are looking forward to another great event," head women's rowing coach Justin Moore said before the evening began. "Last year, it poured, but the 230 people that were here thought it was fantastic. The reviews were phenomenal."

While some shared nostalgic moments over a glass of wine, others had the opportunity to hop into a boat with current undergraduates and revisit their on-water glory days. Then, all those who had bravely signed up to race pulled out their old Syracuse spandex and reported to their assigned coxswains for a pre-race meeting.

With no further ado another round of 8's took to the water and the alumni went head to head against each other, fiercely ignoring their groaning bodies as some reached rates of up to 42 strokes per minute. The action was of course reported live by none other than event emcee and all-around sports personality John Nicholson himself. With no less than a few upsets, the senior and sophomore boats were knocked out of the field and 10 minutes later only the alumni D boat remained.

As the floodlights lining both sides of the canal reached full luminosity, it was time for the main event. Knowing that the odds perhaps weren't in their favor, the alumni boat got off with a hiss and a roar against the undergraduate junior boat. However, by 250 meters in the juniors were clearly out in front and the alumni boat brought up the rear with the same kind of tenacity from their own college days. In the end it was the junior "A" crew, comprised of Ariel Litovsky, Aleks Staprans, Bryce Vanderberg, Ryan McCarry, Alex Zadravec, Jonathan Dawson, Kari Tomeny, Deidra Fitzpatrick, and Yasmine Hemida that defeated the alumni "D" crew for the Evening at Ten Eyck title.

Following the racing, alumni and undergraduates alike changed into their glad rags and gathered for a celebratory dinner that was highlighted with jokes from John Nicholson, fond memories from SARA board members and of course the 2014 Hall of Fame Inductions.

This year's Hall of Fame class included Steve Gladstone (1964), Clifford "Tip" Goes (1914), Drew Harrison (1968) who was honored with a standing ovation, Marty Hilfinger (1914), Dr. Tom Kerr (1939), Mark Lyvers (1977), Howard Robbins (1914), and the 1913 IRA champion varsity eight.





I HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE ALUMNI EVENT THIS WEEKEND! IT WAS NICE SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN AND HEARING THAT THE TEAM IS DOING WELL SO FAR THIS SEASON!

-Kristin Grace Hanifin

I ENJOYED MY RACES, BUT WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN ELIMINATED AFTER #2. MY FAVORITE MOMENT WAS SUSAN'S KISS FOR MY PERFORMANCE. WHEN'S THE NEXT RACE?!

-Richard "Pappy" Yochum

SHOWING THE HILFINGER FAMILY THE BOATHOUSE, THE DREW HARRISON SHELL, AND INTRODUCING THEM TO COACH DAVE. IT MEANT THE WORLD TO THEM FOR THEIR GRANDFATHER TO ENTER THE HALL OF FAME.

-Joe Paduda '80



MY FAVORITE PART OF THE WEEKEND WAS THE RACING. I WAS GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET IN A BOAT WITH SOME GREAT ALUM GUYS AND THE PRESIDENT OF SARA. I KNEW THE MAJORITY OF MY BOAT FROM THE SARA MEETING. I WAS GLAD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE THE TITLE OF FASTEST ALUM BOAT. I AM TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT MY YEAR MAKES AN HONEST EFFORT TO COME NEXT YEAR.

-Tiffany Nichole Macon '12

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR COORDINATION ON THIS. IT WAS ANOTHER BLOWOUT EVENT, THIS TIME WITH 70 DEGREES INSTEAD OF SLEET. MY FAVORITE WAS THE FIRST 25 STROKES IN THE SENIOR A ALUMNI BOAT IN OUR FIRST RACE. GOT OUT AHEAD OF OUR COMPETITION TO OUR STARBOARD SIDE, AND THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR THAT. CONSIDERING THAT OUR BOAT HAD ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO SORT OURSELVES OUT, I CONSIDER THOSE 25 CLEAN, STRONG STROKES THE BEST I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OVER THE PAST DECADE!

-Stephen Costello '77

MY FAVORITE HIGHLIGHT WAS LISTENING TO DREW HARRISON SPEAK ABOUT SCOTT SANFORD RECRUITING HIM TO ROW IN AN UPSTATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE '60S. I SHARED THAT SAME EXPERIENCE WITH JUDY SANFORD, SCOTT'S WIFE, RECRUITING ME AT MY DOWNSTATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE '90S. IT'S INTERESTING HOW SCOTT TOUCHED DREW'S LIFE JUST AS HE TOUCHED MINE, BUT CERTAINLY NOT UNIQUE. COACHES LIKE DREW HARRISON AND ALL OF OUR RESPECTIVE COACHES HAVE AFFECTED SO MANY LIVES IN A WONDERFUL WAY THROUGHOUT THE DECADES. THIS EVENT ALWAYS DRIVES THAT HOME SO POWERFULLY.

-Josh Stratton '01

INDEED, YEAR TWO WAS AMAZING AND HAD THE SAME ENERGY AS THE FIRST YEAR. THE BOATHOUSE LIGHTS WERE INDEED A GREAT ADDITION.

WILL DEFINITELY PLAN TO HELP IN THE SET-UP AGAIN NEXT YEAR. WORKING WITH BILL, PAUL, LARRY AND THE SU COACHING STAFF REALLY STARTED THE WEEKEND FOR ME, AND MADE ME FEEL PART OF SOMETHING UNIQUE.

WHILE THE ENERGY AND CAMARADERIE OF THAT SET-UP DAY WAS SPECIAL, NOTHING COULD REPLACE RECONNECTING WITH HALF-A-DOZEN FELLOW ROWERS FROM THE MID-SIXTIES WHO I HAD NOT SEEN SINCE GRADUATION. RELIVING THE MEMORIES AND LEARNING WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED FOR ALL OVER THE PAST 45+ YEARS WAS VERY TRULY GRATIFYING. ROWING AT SU WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE AN UNBROKEN CONNECTION FOR EACH OF US.

THANKS, COACHES, FOR MAKING THE EVENING AT TEN EYCK UNIQUE WITHIN THE COLLEGIATE ROWING COMMUNITY.

-Ken Hutton '69

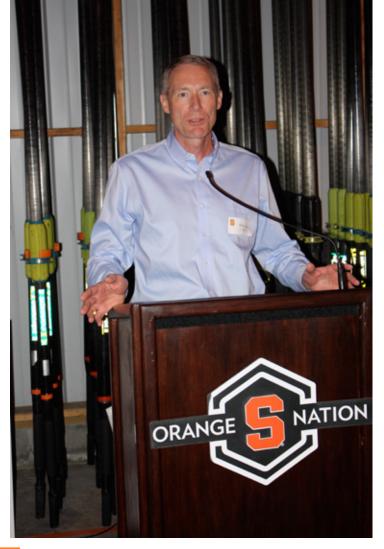
LOTS OF MARVELOUS MOMENTS. FOR ME - 3. HAVING MARTY HILFINGER'S FAMILY COME UP TO ACCEPT HOF PLAQUE AND SON ROBERT MAKE A SHORT SPEECH 2. NED (MY TEAMMATE) AND SUE - SON AND DAUGHTER OF DR. TOM KERR ACCEPTING AND 1. (WITH A BULLET) WHEN MY FRIEND AND TEAMMATE DREW HARRISON ASKED EVERYBODY WHO HAD ROWED FOR HIM TO STAND AND ABOUT 3-DOZEN DID - TO MASSIVE APPLAUSE.

-John Nicholson '68

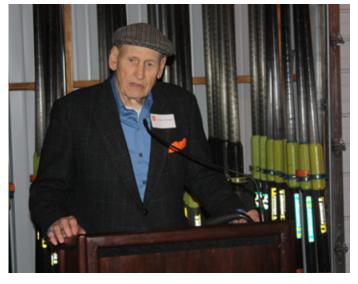
THE DECORATED BOATHOUSE WITH THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND THE BOAT BAYS OPENED UP FOR A CATERED DINNER IS ALWAYS THE HIGHLIGHT. PLUS HAVING ANDY GROCH, CLASS OF '81 FROM OUR '78 FROSH EIGHT BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 30-PLUS YEARS WAS ALSO A HIGHLIGHT. ANDY DROVE 800 MILES JUST TO THANK DREW FOR EVERYTHING HE DID FOR US.

-Tom Darling '81, member of the Syracuse Rowing Hall of Fame









WATCHING MY WIFE, NANCY, INTERACT WITH ALL THE ROWERS WHO ATE IN HER KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM OVER THE YEARS. HADN'T SEEN BOB WHITE OR VIC CIULLO SINCE THEY LEFT SCHOOL IN 1966. GREAT TO CATCH UP. ALSO ON FRIDAY, A ROUND OF GOLF WITH DAVE FISH, ART SIBLEY AND MY BROTHER, PAUL SANFORD. LOTS OF LAUGHS. ALSO BEING PART OF THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING WITH THOSE I ADMIRE AS THEY WERE INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME: STEVE GLADSTONE, DREW HARRISON, MARK LYVERS AND TOM KERR. THEY ALL HAD TREMENDOUS IMPACTS ON MY COACHING CAREER.

-Bill Sanford '63, freshman coach from 1963-1967 and head coach from 1968-2002

THE BEST WAS SEEING 4 OF MY FROSH '78 IRA CHAMPION DREW'S CREW 3-PEAT BOAT, JOINING WITH DREW'S CREWS OARSMEN GATHERED AROUND HIS DEDICATED SHELL LISTENENING TO JOHNNY GUITAR WATSON PLAYING "IT'S A REAL MUTHA FOR YA" OVER THE BOATHOUSE PA SYSTEM AND WATCHING DREW HARRISON INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME.

-Charles Feuer '82

FAVOURITE MOMENT? IT WAS A WONDERFUL WEEKEND FOR ME IN ALL WAYS. SEEING SO MANY GUYS THAT I HAD COACHED AND OTHERS WHO WERE TEAMMATES. RELIVING THE JOURNEY IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO ROW VERY FAST, AS WELL AS THINKING ABOUT HOW THOSE YEARS INFLUENCED THE COACH I AM TODAY. LOTS OF GREAT STORIES, SOME OF WHICH MAY EVEN BE TRUE. REALIZING THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HELPED BUY THE EIGHT AND ARE SUPPORTING SARA AND THE TEAM. CONFESSING TO PEOPLE THAT MY FOCUS WAS (AND STILL IS) BEING OPEN-MINDED ABOUT HOW GOOD WE CAN BE AND MAKING SMALL IMPROVEMENTS EVERY DAY. THAT FOCUS HELPED CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH WE BECAME CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS. BEING INDUCTED ALONG WITH STEVE GLADSTONE, MARK LYVERS, AND DOC KERR, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO CAME BEFORE ME. SEEING MEMBERS OF THE FIRST WOMEN'S TEAM, WHOSE EFFORTS TO GET ON THE WATER HELPED BUILD THE STRONG TEAM WHICH EXISTS TODAY. SENSING THAT THE CURRENT COACHES AND ATHLETES HAVE VIBRANT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS WHICH WANT TO GO FAST. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS WEEKEND A SUCCESS, SHARE THE HONOUR WITH ALL THE ATHLETES THAT I COACHED, AND WISH THE CURRENT TEAMS GREAT SUCCESS.

-Drew Harrison '68, coach of the Freshman IRA Champions in 1976, 1977 and 1978, and member of the Syracuse Rowing Hall of Fame

PREMO IN A PURPLE ROWING SUIT AND DREW HARRISON'S HEARTFELT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.

-PJ Kaputa

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ANOTHER WELL DONE AND WONDERFUL EVENING. THEY WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS. ALUMNI FROM THE PHILADELPHIA AREA WERE ATTEMPTING TO LIGHT CELEBRATORY CIGARS. TO FIND A SPOT OUT OF THE WIND FOR LIGHTING MATCHES, THESE CIGAR AFICIONADOS CAME TO THE INSIDE CORNER OF THE BOATHOUSE...COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO THE LARGE YELLOW LOCKER WITH LABELS STATING: "DANGER. FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS." COACH REISCHMAN WALKED BY, ASTOUNDED, AND ASKED, "REALLY?!!" SAID INDIVIDUALS REALIZED THEIR NEAR CALAMITY WITH A SHEEPISH "BUSTED" LOOK. CLOSE TO AN EXPLOSIVE FAREWELL.

-Don Plath '69

JOHN NICHOLSON'S RUNNING COMMENTARY. THAT GUY CAN FILL MORE DEAD AIR THAN A PRESIDENT.

-Jeff Pesot '90



THE EVENT WAS PERSONAL FOR MY FAMILY. MARTIN HILFINGER WAS INDUCTED INDIVIDUALLY AND WITH HIS CLASSMATES FOR THEIR 1913 IRA VICTORY. MARTIN WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD THAT TWO OF HIS SONS, GEORGE '41 AND DON '45, A GRANDSON, JOHN '77, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, MELINDA '76, ROWED FOR SYRACUSE. HE MAY HAVE FORGIVEN HIS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, KIM '03, FOR ROWING FOR CORNELL. ROWING WAS A FAMILY LEGACY. THE EVENING WAS PERSONAL BECAUSE WE MOURNED THE RECENT LOSS OF JOHN. HE WAS A MEMBER OF DREW'S CREWS AND DEDICATED MANY YEARS TO COACHING.

THE MOSTREMARKABLE ASPECTOFTHEEVENING WAS REUNITING WITH CLASSMATES. DRIVING TO THE EVENT, MY MEMORY BECAME VERY ACTIVE—UNUSUAL THESE DAYS FOR MY CALCIFIED 58-YEAR-OLD MIND. I WONDERED WHO WOULD ATTEND, TICKING OFF NAMES OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA. IN REALITY, I WAS EMOTIONALLY OVERWHELMED TO REUNITE WITH SO MANY CLASSMATES, CLASSMATES I HAD NOT SEEN IN THIRTY-SIX YEARS!

THE EVENING WAS SPECIAL FOR THE WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION GIVEN DREW HARRISON. HOW NICE TO SEE AND TALK TO DREW AND LEE. HOW WOULD THE EVENT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT BILL AND NANCY SANFORD? IN SO MANY WAYS, THEY EACH DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO ROWING. ROWING GAVE SO MUCH TO EACH OF US. WHILE MANY YEARS MAY SEPARATE THEN AND NOW, THERE IS CONTINUITY AND REASSURANCE TO SEE DAVE REISCHMAN AND JUSTIN MOORE PRESIDING OVER THE EVENING. SYRACUSE ROWING HAS A STRONG FUTURE. IT CANNOT BE MEASURED JUST IN CHAMPIONSHIPS. IT IS MEASURED IN THE DEDICATION AND EFFORT PUT FORTH BY COACHES AND STUDENT-ATHLETES ALIKE. IT IS MEASURED IN THE CALIBER OF EACH MAN AND WOMAN, AS EACH OF US CAN ATTEST, SO MANY YEARS AFTER GRADUATION.

WELL INTO THE EVENING, I GLANCED AT THE EIGHTS GOING OUT FOR THE FINALS "UNDER THE LIGHTS." IN THAT MOMENT, I SAW (AND FELT) THE TWO EIGHTS MOVE THROUGH THE WATER EFFORTLESSLY. I COULD SENSE THE CONCENTRATION OF EACH POSITION, EYES FORWARD, FEELING THE SWING IN THE BOAT. THE VENUE, THERE, OUTSIDE THE BOATHOUSE, ALONG THE WATER, STANDING WITH CLASSMATES, WATCHING BOATS MOVE UP THE INLET; IT TOUCHED THE CORE. YOU KNOW IT WELL. MAKE SURE YOU COME HOME TO SYRACUSE.

-Bob Portmess '78

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2014 SARA Men's Crew Endowment Campaign

On behalf of Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association and SU coaching staff, we would like to **THANK ALL** that contributed to the 2014 SARA Men's Crew Endowment campaign. Your financial support ensures the long term health and competitiveness of Syracuse men's rowing. As of August 30, the SARA Endowment has grown to over \$300,000. As this grows over time, the Endowment will provide an annual cash flow to the rowing program to fund a range of needs including coaching positions, equipment, away regattas, and facilities. We have targeted a goal of \$1 million in the next few years. Your continued support will allow us to achieve this goal.

The 2014 SARA Endowment Campaign generated over \$51,000 over a 2,000 hour or 83 day period. The average donation just over \$300, with several large leadership gifts received. We received over 35 contributions of \$500 or more and 14 contributions of \$1,000 or more. 177 alumni and friends of Syracuse rowing contributed to the Endowment during this period. More impressively 47 class years participated. We have exceeded last year's totals in dollars contributed, number of contributors and class years given – all categories are campaign records. Since its inception in 2010, over 315 have contributed to the SARA Endowment, 185 people have contributed more than once and 68 people have contributed \$1,000 or more. The cost of the campaign was funded by private donations or the SARA operating fund and is not from the SARA endowment.

This year's competition was particular fierce in dollars contributed and number of contributors. We had a photo finish between 1965-1969 and 1995-1999. The younger class were on the drive at the line and won \$11,500 to \$11,150. Congratulations to both class grouping and great job to class captain's Paul Dudzick '67 and Jason Premo'98 and their teams that made it happen. Participants from the winning class years are receiving a SU racing shirt!

Joe Kieffer '88 Dave Reischman
SARA President SU Men's Head Coach

THANK YOU

Thank you for your contribution to the Men's Crew Endowment. The Men's Endowment was established over in the Summer 2010 and has grown to over **\$300,000** with over 325 alumni and friends contriburing. Thank you again for all of support of Syracuse Men's Rowing and keeping them fast.

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BACKSPLASH NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI



From left to right: Bill Purdy, Bob Price Tom Darling, Rich Lewis, Steve Rogers Bill Bater, Joe Paduda, Andy Washburn, Joe Peter

SU

ALUMNI 8+

The SU alumni eight returned to a familiar spot on the podium when it won its race at the 2014 IRA.



RYAN

ARMSTRONG '08

Ryan Armstrong, '08 and his wife, Laura '08 welcomed their first child, James Kenneth Armstrong on 07/04/2014, 7.12 lbs, 22". He is already sporting his Cuse gear!



JOE

KIEFFER '88

and his son Harrison, a junior at Mercyhurst University, won the Father Son Double at the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia. The Kieffers finished eighth at the Head of the Charles in a time of 19:22.18. They represented Fairmount Rowing Association in both events.

NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI





From left to right: Tom Darling, Bill Purdy

HEAD OF

THE CHARLES

The SU Alumni eight at the Head of the Charles started 35th and finished 23rd in a time of 16:23.16.

Bill Purdy '79's 1980 four finished third in the Men's Senior Master Fours [50+] category with a time of 17:20.36.

Tom Darling '81 garnered two thirdplace finishes, representing Cambridge Boat Club--in the Men's Senior Master Doubles [50+] with a time of 17:44.26 and the Director's Challenge Men's Quad in a time of 16:38.49.





HEAD OF

THE SCHUYLKILL

Syracuse Alumni boated two eights for the Head of the Schuylkill. Syracuse Alumni B finished 7th with a net time of 14:49.11. Syracuse A finished ninth with a net time of 14:57.7.

WE CAUGHT A CRAB!

In the July issue, we made a mistake with the year Jack Newby was an SU freshman.

Newby won a silver medal in the freshman eight at the 1979 IRA. We regret the error.

Coming This Fall...



The History of Syracuse University Rowing from 1962-2012.

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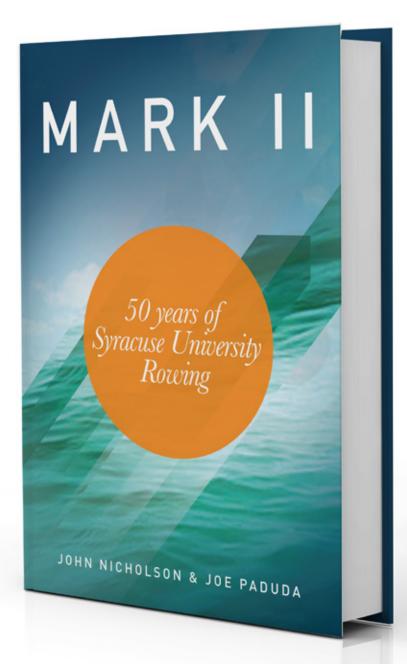
AS THE ORANGE VARSITY EIGHT CROSSED THE FINISH LINE, THE STANDS ERUPTED.

The hometown crowd had watched and listened and cheered, dismay turning to exuberance as SU had driven through the field in that key third 500, held off Brown, then moved out again to win convincingly. Now, as the Orange crew waited its turn to pull into the awards dock, there were handshakes up and down the boat, back-slapping, yells of congratulations and a celebratory dive into Onondaga by Gerry Henwood. With bronze and silver medals awarded, SU pulled into the dock, Street called the "one foot, up and out" and the oarsmen faced a roar from their coach, teammates, families, friends, and fans.

They had done it! They were the 1978 IRA Varsity Champions!









Tom Lotz was a man of commitments and passion, not the least of which was his dedication to rowing.

A collegiate rower at Syracuse University, Lotz, 78, spent 20 years as a USRowing referee, helped start the Bay Area Rowing Club near his home in Clear Lake City, Texas, was a substitute teacher, played a key role in the development of a bid to try and bring the 2012 Olympic Games to Houston, ran local political campaigns and was aid to the late Houston City Councilman Joe Roach.

Those were the things Lotz did in public, the commitments most people knew about. There was one other.

After retiring from the referee corps and scaling down his busy life, Lotz became involved with the Wounded Warriors program, specifically with a young Marine named Steven Schulz, who was wounded during a roadside bomb attack in 2005 in Iraq.

Lotz is survived by his wife, Susan, two daughters - Gretchen Lotz and Jennifer Lotz-Durham and two grandchildren.



DOUGLAS K. LEHMANN '61

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Douglas K. Lehmann unexpectedly passed away on September 3, 2014. Doug is survived by three children, two sisters, several cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Doug earned his BS from both State University of NY College of Forestry and Syracuse University. Doug was very active in many organizations including the American Philatelic Society, and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

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