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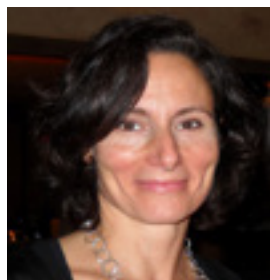
Athletic achievement is the combination of performance and competition, but it becomes a sport when there is a story to tell. We seek to understand the history of a rivalry, the likelihood of victory or defeat, the potential for a personal comeback, the obstacles to success, and the triumph over physical impairment. And even if we don't know the whole story, we pay attention to athletic performance so that we can sing praises or dish out remonstrations, therefore placing us into the story itself.

There are some great present-day stories here in this issue of the Orange Oar: the amazing career path of rowing alum Christine Getzler Vaughn, '02; Holly Johnston's description of what it means to be in the class of 2015; and Carolina Ratcliffe's piece on volunteerism on the part of the women's team.

In addition, SARA's efforts to preserve and interpret the history of Syracuse University Rowing were further advanced this past year with the publication of Mark II: The History of Rowing at Syracuse University by John Nicholson and Joe Paduda. John and Joe put an amazing amount of time and attention into this work over five years, interviewing dozens of alums and coaches. Mark II chronicles fifty years of the program since the first history, Mark of the Oarsmen, was published in the early 1960's.

At the January annual meeting, we welcomed Ryan Patton, '10 and Beth Claggett Marks, '83 to the SARA board of directors. A little of their SARA stories: Beth is presently the SARA data czar, and Ryan is helping to launch a monthly email program. We deeply appreciate their commitment and look forward to working with them. We also heard from men's captain Pat O'Shaughnessy-Hunter, who said the team was working hard and were very motivated. Off-water academic performance has yielded the men a GPA of 3.1. Women's team captains Rose Aschebrock and Georgia Hamilton outlined the success of the team's fall events and its recognition for academic success and community participation.

The tale of this long winter will be one for the history books as we wait for warmer temperatures to bring Onondaga Lake and the Seneca River back to a liquid state. Maybe someday an SU rowing alum will invent a shell that can skim across snow-covered ice. That would be quite a story.



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

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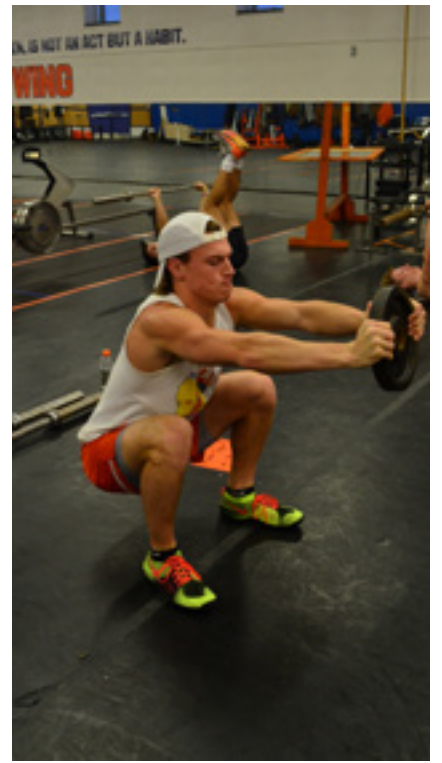
Take a look at what classmates are up to.



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A black and white photograph of a rowing team in a gym. The rowers are seated on Concept 2 rowing machines, which are arranged in a long line. The rowers are wearing athletic gear, including tank tops, shorts, and sneakers. The text "WE COME FROM THE LAND OF ICE AND SNOW" is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image. The word "concept" is visible on the side of one of the rowing machines.

**WE COME
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KEEPING UP WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS.

A LOOK INTO CHRISTINE GETZLER VAUGHAN'S WORLD





Christine Getzler Vaughan's voice is filled with a nostalgic fondness as she recounts her four years at Syracuse over the phone from her current perch in Washington, D.C. Having graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations, Vaughan says her college career, both academically and athletically, has been hugely influential on her road to success.

Today Vaughan serves as a public affairs officer in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, a bureau within the U.S. Department of State, a career she is both incredibly passionate about and proud to be a part of. However, as Vaughan tells it, entering the Foreign Service was no cakewalk. "It is very competitive," says Vaughan. "You have a written exam and day-long interviews with people you've never met. You have to be hustling for the entire day." After being accepted on her third attempt in January 2007, Vaughan believes that the skills she developed as an athlete hold some part in her success. "I know that rowing and the qualities it built in me were something I was able to bring, through sheer force of will, to get into the Foreign Service. Knowing how to work harder than I ever had is something I can draw a straight line back to the experience I had with rowing."

Rowing in many ways was part of Vaughan's genetic makeup. In fact, when she first picked up an oar in her teens she became a third generation rower; her mother had rowed on the first women's team at Rutgers and her grandfather rowed for the University of Rochester. The sport became a large part of Vaughan's life during her high school years for which she lived in New Zealand. As a novice she recalls spending her days training with Juliette Haigh, who went on to become an Olympic bronze medalist in the women's pair and long standing professional rower. Haigh is now married to Olympic gold medalist Mahe Drysdale.

Finding the sport contagious, Vaughan knew that once she returned to the U.S. for college, she wanted rowing to be a part of it. With the latter portion of her teenage years spent abroad in New Zealand, Vaughan was firmly set on the idea of finding a college that provided a very



traditional four years. “Coming from overseas I knew I wanted a very stereotypical American experience where there was a quad, where there were football games,” says Vaughan. “I didn’t want to go to school in the city, I wanted to have that sort of movie quality college experience and so that was a big draw in applying to Syracuse.”

Some of Vaughan’s fondest memories are drawn from days on the quad and countless games in the Dome. During Vaughan’s four years, Syracuse football was riding a high, and she highlights her first game on campus, where SU was playing Tennessee during the days of Peyton Manning, as being a very affirming moment. “I remember lining up with all the rowers, walking in with 65,000 others and feeling like this is the reason I’m here,” says Vaughan. “I was making new friends and creating new experiences all in this incredible environment. It was unbelievable.”

It is, however, her time in Syracuse women’s rowing that she holds closest to her heart. Describing the team as “a sort of motley crew

of different personalities from all over the country,” Vaughan knew she had found a group of individuals that would be like a lifelong family. “We squabbled and did all those things, but each girl had your back,” says Vaughan. “None of your other friends on campus quite understand the concept of rowing, so this inner support was essential.”

Vaughan was part of the team during its most recent appearance at the NCAA’s in 2002 and got to see the transition and growth as they gradually became fast across every single boat class, ultimately culminating as one of the nation’s top 10 teams that season. Although Vaughan’s senior class graduated in a less traditional manner, alongside the waterfront at Eastern Sprints, she wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. “There were 10 of us graduating that year and as we stood there in our caps and gowns by the water I remember looking around and thinking, ‘To be honest, this is the group I wanted to be with,’” says Vaughan. “Rowing at Syracuse was a huge part of my college career and really formed the basis of all my college memories by coloring my whole experience.”

From the boathouse to a career in the Foreign Service, Vaughan's success has continued. Wanting to initially study at Newhouse, Vaughan was influenced by an advisor from her first international relations class who she remembers being approached by one day and saying, "I've got the career for you."

Musing in agreement with her advisor's statement from nearly 17 years ago, Vaughan details how her career has taken her all over the world and taught her Spanish and Hebrew, an impressive list that is set to expand to Indonesian by June 2016.



Vaughan's first assignment abroad was in Tel Aviv where, after learning the culture and language, she became a consulate officer processing visas for Israelis and working with American citizens living in Israel. Her time in the Middle East coincided with presidential visits and exposure to the inner workings of countries interacting and coming together. "I am a total junkie for the behind-the-scenes stuff," Vaughan says. "Just seeing how everything comes together so that what you see on the news is a flawless execution of the president coming down the stairs of Air Force One, getting into the motorcade and attending to foreign duties."

As Vaughan explains, the training to be a part of such operations can be incredibly diverse and intense. During her last assignment, which ended in September, Vaughan was placed in a training program with the United Nations Refugee Agency in Germany for emergency responders. While the trainees started in the classroom, they were soon pushed out of their comfort zones, completing hands on exercises with essentially complete strangers. "At one point we were driving through this fake military checkpoint where we were stopped and all held hostage for an hour and a half with bags on our heads," says Vaughn. "It was all planned but there's definitely an element of excitement to it all."

Before the adrenaline rush of being kidnapped in Germany, Vaughan lived in Australia for two years where she very fittingly got to interview visa applicants, which included some of the Australian rowers currently attending Syracuse. "I would approve their visas and then go, 'Oh my god, now we can talk about rowing!'" says Vaughn with a chuckle. But perhaps what Vaughn loves most about her job is the way she gets to collaborate with reporters so that they best capture stories displaying the good that is being done both on and away from American shores.

Vaughan talks of how she recently took a trip to programs that are funded by the U.S. to take photos and write stories about what the U.S. government is doing for refugees who are fleeing out of Sudan. "Not a day goes by that I don't reflect back on the things that I've seen and gotten to experience," says Vaughan. "It's a great job and it really makes me feel fulfilled to the core values of who I am."

Next on her list of adventures, Vaughan, her husband and two children, ages four and 5 months, are uprooting to Indonesia this summer where, after a year of language training, she will act as Public Affairs Officer for the U.S. consulate in Surabaya. While she will be moving away from her parents, a challenge she is not unaware of, her husband's family will be on the right side of the date line in New Zealand.

"I know it will be challenging but I also know, from having these experiences as a kid, that this is the adventure," says Vaughan. "We're going to keep doing this as long as it's fun, as long as our family is having a good time and as long as the career is rewarding."

As Vaughan gets ready to leave the conversation, she reflects back one last time on her life at Syracuse saying, "It unbelievable to think that those experiences were 17 years ago, but those are still moments that stick with me. I'm getting goosebumps thinking about it, but we were able to leave the Syracuse chapter of our lives knowing that there were no regrets, knowing that we accomplished everything that we could have."

HOLLY JOHNSTON '15

Let's Give Back

SU WOMEN ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the fall of 2014, the Syracuse women's rowing team worked to reach out into the local community through many different events and programs. A large group of the team was grateful to be able to take a trip to the Ronald McDonald House of Central New York and prepare a delicious meal for the families and children.

The value of this gesture and ones like it is captured on the organization's web site: "When parents are told that their child is seriously ill, life stops. The routine of daily tasks is interrupted by travel to distant cities for the best medical care. Dinners may come from hospital cafeterias or vending machines. The comforts of home are traded for sleeping in chairs near the bedside of a sick child unless there is a Ronald McDonald House nearby."

Junior Ariel Litovsky and sophomore Alyssa Vasiliou have helped coordinate Syracuse University's "Otto-Thon", a 12-hour dance marathon set to begin February 28 in the hopes of raising thousands of dollars for the children of Golisano Children's Hospital located next to campus. Funds would be used to pay for expenses not covered by insurance, provide scholarships to camps for kids, help families who are grieving and buy equipment that helps the hospital stay up-to-date.

Junior Miriam Ward has volunteered weekly at both the Ronald McDonald House and Golisano's, where she has prepared meals and supported families enduring difficult times.

Junior Julie Bengis has continued her work with Women In Sports and Events (WISE), an association for women involved in the business of sports. Her work has included a spin tournament that raised money for On Point for College, a Syracuse non-profit whose stated goal is "helping first-generation youth get into college, stay there, and succeed afterwards."

Bengis has volunteered twice a month at the Samaritan Center, which serves hot meals to those in need, including helping out at their Insane Inflatable 5K.

The team's community service plans for the spring include cheering on the athletes at the Special Olympics in Syracuse and helping the Student Athletic Advising Committee collect shoes to donate to the local community.

BY CAROLINA RATCLIFFE '18



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AN INHERENT LEVEL OF TRUST AND ADMIRATION.

LOOKING BACK ON FOUR YEARS AT SU



As a rower, seconds mean everything. They represent the choices we make in our most brutal moments of pain and they represent either the elation or disappointment that comes as a result. Time is both an enemy and a friend. It's also sometimes an uncontrollable factor - something you only realize when you reach that very last spring season of racing in your college career. For the senior class of 2015, this realization is just setting in.

I'm sure you all as alumni remember those first few days that you set foot on campus, pushed off the dock at Onondaga Lake and met the teammates that would become your family over your following four years. Many of you may still consider each other family today.

I remember that first day, too. The other freshmen and I all met on the quad under the humid, mid-August sun where the coaching staff was picking out unsuspecting souls for walk-on tryouts at an alarming rate. We bonded suddenly and firmly, celebrating the diverse spread of countries represented, the opportunity we had been given and the excitement that comes from being a part of something bigger than ourselves. This was Justin's first recruited class, and we blindly agreed to meet the challenges that he was laying out in front of us.

Since that first day we have come to know the measure of both each other and ourselves. Not all who started in 2011 have reached the final stretch, but for those who have, an inherent level of trust and admiration for each other has formed. I cannot count how many times Justin has spoken the words, "The truth will always reveal itself," but I do know that this statement has held true. When our eight crosses into the third 500 meters of a race and we feel that iron fist clamp down on our lungs, the truth reveals itself. When we are trudging through snow in the pit of winter and someone finds a way to make each of us smile, the truth reveals itself.

Focus is a word that is easy to brush off or make light of. It is a word perhaps much overused, often faked and not fully understood. To focus on the same goal for four straight years is no easy feat. For the eight of us that were recruited as Justin's first class, rowing our way into the NCAA's has been that goal. We have seen it reflected in each other's eyes just as much as we have seen it burning in Justin's every move.

The intensity of this goal has not always been so tangible. In our first two years here, our NCAA prospects seemed lofty and far-fetched. Last year the sting of just missing out by a closed-water margin hurt more than we will each admit. This year we have the privileged of being able to show every single woman who will come after us what it means to throw oneself into the abyss of pain with reckless abandon. This year NCAA's aren't just a goal. For us, it is a lifeline, a measure of thousands of meters and strokes and the ultimate reward for learning the true definition of focus.

Over the past four years, Justin's demands have been relatively simple: he has asked for a tenacious desire to be the best team in the country, shown through unconditional commitment in the boat, classroom and dining hall. At times we have been flaky, stayed out too late or remiss in our academic commitments. But, we have also listened. We have listened each day through the megaphone, each morning in the tanks, on bus rides, in individual meetings, and during those last few adrenaline-filled moments before we have gone out to race. Listening is the quality that has not only taught us how to lead ourselves, but it has taught us how to lead our team as a collected and unified front.

Now, as we enter the last few days of winter training, we as collegiate seniors are faced with our final 2k erg test. For the last time on Syracuse soil, we will be asked to choose how we want to conduct ourselves throughout the seven minutes of pain. We will be asked to decide on the individual and collective legacies we want to leave behind. For those of us who will never quite have the physical capacities to break through the seven-minute ceiling, Justin's words will ring in our ears, "It is not how much you suffer, but how you suffer. Look around and know that you're all in it together. So, suffer well."



*Reischman:
Support on and
off the water is key.*

1) If I've been working hard and taking care of the kids, what on-the-water highlights from the fall should I know about? (One can go to cuse.com and see plenty of times and line-ups from the fall races. It's a little hard to distinguish the notable performances/the performances that bode well for the spring.)

I am not sure one result from the fall racing stands out above the others. I think, for the most part, we raced to our talent level. The focus for us during the fall racing was to get off the water feeling like we had raced aggressively and that we left it all out there and we did that. Our racing was very consistent and we made small improvements every time we had a chance to come down the course. The real focus for us, as it is every fall, was on our work every day in practice. I thought we made very good strides in our ability to just go hard on a daily basis. We already had a good technical base with a lot of our athletes so, for most of them, the focus was just on seeing how hard we could train. We made good progress and continue to do so.

2) What off-the-water highlights from the fall, not including the Evening at Ten Eyck, should I know about?

The only thing I can think of from an off the water standpoint is the great work Joe Kieffer and his gang did with the endowment campaign. Well over \$100,000 is quite a feat! Between the participation at Evening at Ten Eyck and participation in the endowment, I would say that alumni involvement is at an all-time high.

3) How did September's Evening at Ten Eyck compare to last year's? What should fence-sitters for the 2015 event know?

I think both events have been fantastic. I think the weather and a few more people in attendance may have worked to make this year's event slightly better than last year. Certainly having Drew Harrison going in to the Hall of Fame was a huge draw for the lucky guys that he coached. Details are still being finalized for this year's event. The date is Saturday, September 19th, and we are positive it will be another big crowd.

4) You've completed the winter-training trip to Florida. How did/does the team look compared to last year at this time, including any differences in experience?

Comparing to another year is always hard. We have always been a good technical crew and I think this year is no exception in that regard. Also, last year our camp was shortened significantly by travel delays from the storm that pummeled the East Coast. This year was more of a "training" camp than a "learn to row" camp. We did very little drill work and just worked on going hard and trying to build the fitness we need to race aggressively this spring. The camp seemed like it went very quickly and I thought we had a number of quality rows. Most importantly, it was obvious that the guys did a fair amount of work over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and that allowed us to train ever harder and stay injury-free.

5.) Same spring-break trip--location, structure, etc?

Yes, we are heading to Clemson for Spring Training Camp and everyone is really looking forward to it. Besides training hard, we will make our trip to the Smokin' Pig BBQ which is some very good eating! The Clemson camp has served us well, and we are really looking forward to getting down there and starting our selection process.

6) Who is this year's captain? What is one thing that makes that person unique?

Pat O'Shaughnessy-Hunter is our captain this year. He is the younger cousin of Dan O'Shaughnessy who was our captain in 2006. Pat has spent most of his career at Syracuse as the quintessential lead-by-example guy. He understand hard work as most guys that come out of the Brockville program do. What he has really improved on are his verbal leadership skills. Under Pat's leadership, we have created what we call a "Leadership Council" that consists of two guys from each class. Pat has been key in putting that together.

We have three athletes returning from last year's varsity: Jon Dawson, Cam Bierwith, and Pat. We have seven returning from last year's JV.

On the squad of 52 athletes, we have:

12 seniors

11 juniors

12 sophomores

17 freshmen

7) Since our last Orange Oar, Tony Johnson '62 has received the USRowing Medal, and Ted Kakas '64 has received the John J. Carlin Service Award. What do those awards mean to the program? Did the undergraduate athletes hear that news, or are they head-down training for today?

Having Tony and Ted win their respective awards was a great reminder for everyone associated with our program what a great history we have and how many alums we have who have made lifelong commitments to the sport. The current athletes certainly heard the news, but more than the stuff we "old guys" do, Mike Gennaro winning the Fan's Choice National Team Athlete of the Year award resonated with them. They all follow his twitter account, and he visits the program three or four times a year.

Moore:

Continuing to build off last year's success.



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This fall was different for the Syracuse women's rowing team. It was the most successful fall season for the team in more than a decade. The women managed a rare double win at the head of the Charles. Our priority crew - the Champ 4+ - finished 3rd overall in the event, behind two US National Team crews, to capture the "Top Collegiate Finisher" prize in that event. This was complimented by the performance of our Champ 2X, which finished 13th in a very international field to win the "Top Collegiate Finisher" prize in that event. These crews, and two more women combined to become our Varsity 8+ at the Princeton Chase. This boat, having rowed six times in the 8+, finished 3rd in the event, behind the winner (Brown) and UVA, and ahead of Yale and 20 seconds ahead of Princeton on their home course. The team finished the fall with a 4 x 1,500m scrimmage against upstate rivals Cornell and U Buffalo. ALL SU boats swept the day, beating Cornell by open water in every event except the 3V 8+, well ahead of Buffalo.

2) What off-the-water highlights from the fall, not including the Evening at Ten Eyck, should I know about?

We had a great academic fall, with 23 women earning a 3.5 or higher and two women, seniors Chelsea Frawley and Amy Ludovicci, both earned a 4.0 while sitting in the first varsity boat.

3) How did September's Evening at Ten Eyck compare to last year's? What should fence-sitters for the 2015 event know?

I have been coaching now for 24 years. I have spent significant time at three universities now (Yale 1992 - 1999); Williams College (1999-2010) and Syracuse (2010 - present). I have experienced a LOT of alumni events, and none compares to what the Evening at Ten Eyck has to offer. What alumni need to know is that their presence, which is a reflection of their caring for the team, means a great deal to not only the coaching staff, but the athletes as well. We recognize the level of commitment required to reserve a weekend, sort out work and family plans, arrange travel, book hotels and, for some, train to race as Alumni Champions. Our athletes are learning how special it is to row for Syracuse. Seeing the alumni return and find joy at the boathouse years

after graduation further reinforces how special it is to row for Syracuse.

4) You've completed the winter-training trip to Florida. How did/does the team look compared to last year at this time, including any differences in experience?

The rowing in Florida was of the highest quality to date. Because of the increasing depth of the team, the competition to earn a seat on this trip was great. The women who earned their seats truly valued their time on the water.

5) Same spring-break trip--location, structure, etc?

Yes - Clemson with a race on the final Saturday. We will be bringing an additional 8+ this year (a 4 V 8+) which bodes well for the future success of the team.

6) Who are this year's captains? What is one thing that makes each of them unique?

The Captains are Georgia Hamilton and Rose Aschebrock. Neither is American. Georgia is a Canadian and Rose hails from New Zealand. What is important for people to know is that these two women bleed orange as much or more than any of the American born women on the team. They truly love their teammates, the sport, the university and their entire experience.

Georgia is an outstanding student, majoring in Public Relations. She has spent every summer rowing seriously to improve herself. In the summer of 2013 Georgia arranged to study at the University of Istanbul to meet the requirements for her major. While there, she became the only female member of the Istanbul Rowing Club, where she worked to shatter gender stereotypes by beating a lot of men on the water. She trained so successfully that summer that she earned a spot on the Canada Summer Games team for Ontario. This year Georgia has been our top physiological performer and has earned an invitation to the Canadian U23 Selection Camp.

Rose is a magazine journalism major in Newhouse. She has learned a lot about America and life since our initial conversation, when I told her that Syracuse was in New York, and she responded: "New York?!.....New YORK?!!!!.....NEW YORK!!!!," to which, I had to say, "Well, hold on a minute....) Rose is also one of the team's physical leaders. She stroked our 2V at the ACCs champs last year,

and was a major catalyst for the crew rowing back through Notre Dame (9th in the nation in 2014) in the final 500 meters to finish second.

Beyond the captains, I feel compelled to mention the ENTIRE senior class. They have been exceptional leaders as a collective. This started on day 1 of the year, when ALL of them met the physiological standard to be in our top group. Senior coxswains Katherine Isaza has been a leader in terms of preparation and expectation during training, and the entire class has demonstrated consistent and strong commitment to our younger athletes.

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All of our women, including the internationals, enjoy reading USRowing Magazine. They take great pride in reading about anyone connected to Syracuse. These accomplishments will be further celebrated at the next Evening at Ten Eyck. This is, BY FAR, the best way to connect the great history of this program to the current generation. What I have found is that "intergenerational caring" is something that builds on itself. It is incredible to see, as the alumni show caring for the current undergrads, how this opens the undergrads eyes to the history of the program. Like all things, individual person-to-person contact is THE most powerful tool for enhancing understanding. This is another reason why the evening at Ten Eyck is so important to this program. The more the women see the former generations—rowing, laughing with teammates and enjoying the boathouse—, the more they want to know about their experience. I believe this is because it helps them to understand how fleeting "now" is. When they see the alums, they better understand that it will be a relatively short period of time before they are at the boathouse, with their children, meeting teammates they have not seen in years. It's the cycle of life. Cue the theme from "The Lion King."



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Dr. Tim Daughton Jr '98*
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John & Beth Delaney P'16*
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Paul Dierkes '79#
Michael Dietrick '11
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IMO Alyce Dudzick
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Colin Goodale '90
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Todd Green '56
Tim Griffin '10*
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Sam Haines '98
Perry Hamerla '88*
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Jeff Harriman '70*
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Drew Harrison '68*
Scott Hansen '88*
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Randel & Susan
Hockenbery P'17

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Dan Hogan '65
Rick Holland '83
Michael Horvath '04
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Gordon Hull '83#*
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Richard Kortright '69*
Matt Kosboth '95*
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John McGhee '84
James McKay '82*
Richard McNamara '88#*
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Skye Michiels '99 #*
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 Brian Oppenheimer '74
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 Eugene Perry '50*
 Bob Price '88#*
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 Joey Peter '69#*
 Thomas Petnuch '97#*
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 Don Plath '68#*
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 Tom Pridville '65*
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 Jim Reilly '85#
 Jay Rhodes '89*
 Ashton Richards '82 *
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 Steve Rogers '69
 Peter Romano '03
 Andrew Ross '07*
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 Will Russo '03*
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Sit Ready, Ready All...

SYRACUSE MEN'S CREW ENDOWMENT 2015 SPRING FUNDING RAISING CAMPAIGN

SARA is launching the 2015 SARA Men's Crew Endowment campaign on April 1. Similar to previous years, this year's fund raising campaign will last 2,000 hours and will 'cross the line' on June 21 at 8am.

We have set an ambitious goals for this year campaign of \$100,000 raised with 200 participants from 50 class years. The SARA Men's Crew Endowment, begun nearly four years ago, has grown to over \$325,000. Last year we raise \$108,176 with the average donation just over \$300!

Class groups will be pitted against each other with SU racing shirts at stake.

Racing shirts will be awarded to those class groups' contributors¹ in two categories - those having the greatest number of participants and those generating the most money.

Any donation that has increased by \$75 or more from last year will receive an SU racing shirt.

Any donation of \$5,000 or more receives a full size SU oar or mounted SU blade.

Any one contributing for five or more consecutive years to the Endowment will be inducted into the Onondaga Lake Society.

1-To receive a racing shirt an individual needs to contribute \$50 or more

Keep SU fast on the water by giving to the SARA Men's Rowing Endowment.

ONLINE: **mygiving.cnycf.org/sara**

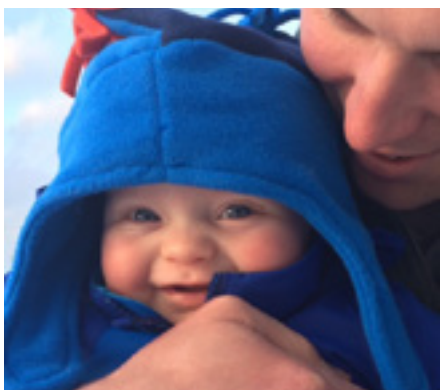
MAIL: **Central New York Community Foundation**
431 East Fayette Street, Suite 100
Syracuse, New York 13202
Make checks payable to: CNYCF
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Other Gifts: **Donations of stock are also accepted**
Please call CNYCF at 315-422-9538.

**Check with your company about a matching gift program.*

BACKSPLASH

NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI



TERRY & INEKE
WILKIN '06

Terry and Ineke Wilkin, both class of 2006, were thrilled to welcome their baby boy Terence James Wilkin to the world August 15, 2014. We currently live on Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.



MATT
MORROW '07

This year I spent my holidays in Argentina and a few weeks of that was spent climbing the highest mountain in the Andes--Acon-

cagua. I planned my gear carries so I would be able to sport some Syracuse Rowing pride at 22,841'. I topped out in good weather and feeling good! See attached picture. I am currently living in San Francisco, CA

RENEE
LOWE (FAGOT) '03

My husband Greg Lowe and I welcomed our first baby, Claudia Fagot Lowe in 2014. We live in San Jose, CA where I own a medical device distribution company and Greg is an attorney. We would love to catch up with other alumni in the area!

testing the waters, deciding if he wants to start rowing again. Also Jim wanted to break out his 30-year-old rowing trou before it disintegrated. Jim won a gold medal in the IRA's in 1981 in the coxed 4 with Chris Coville (cox), Rick Ritter, Russ Johnson and Mark Bickford.



JOHN
TYTUS '96

My wife Alex and I added our first child, and he is shaping up to be a nice solid 6-seat!

Rhett William Tytus, born October 23, 2014



TOM
DARLING '81

Jim McKay '82 and I went for a Sunday morning doubles row on the Charles River in November. Jim's town of Milton MA is starting a rowing program and Jim's



MELISSA AUSTIN
**HADDICK '88 SU-VPA '86,
SU-Crew '84**

I'm grateful for a wonderful group of women teammates and a coach who inspire me to work harder. Lake Merritt Rowing Club has been my rowing home for over 18 years. Racing with teammates "half" my age only makes me more competitive!

U.S. Rowing Southwest Regional Championship Regatta, June 29, 2014

Lake Merritt Rowing Club Master Women's Team Champions

- GOLD in Women's Master 4x (AA-C)
- GOLD in Women's Master 4x (D+)
- GOLD in Women's Master 8+ (B)
- SILVER in Women's Master 8+ (C)

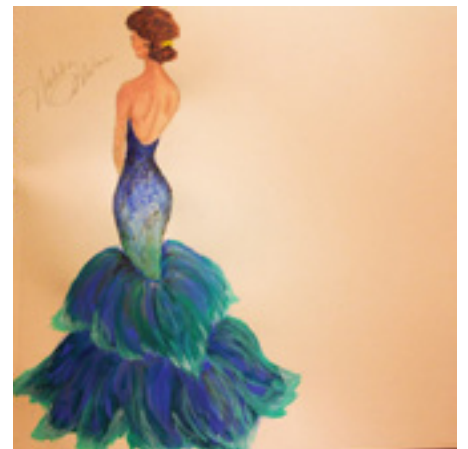
Head of the Lagoon, Foster City,

CA, November 9, 2014
Lake Merritt Rowing Club Master Women's Team, Undefeated 5-time Champions in Master Women's 4+ event
- GOLD and Championship Silver Cup Master Women's 4+



JOE
KIEFFER '88

Joe Kieffer '88, Margaret Kieffer, Tim McDermott '86 and Clare Larkin "represented" SU in Bangkok in November. Joe and Margaret, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, were visiting Tim and Clare, who are teaching at the Ruamrudee International School, following a nine-year stint at the Shanghai Community International School.



Art created in her "spare time" by Natalie Mastracci

2014-2015 SCHEDULES

WOMEN'S ROWING

Saturday, April 4, 2015 v. Nordic Nine, Ithaca, NY

Saturday, April 18, 2015 Clemson Invite, Clemson, SC

Saturday, April 25, 2015 v. Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Columbus, OH

Friday, May 15 - Saturday, May 16, 2015 ACC Championships, Clemson, SC

Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31, 2015 NCAA Championships, Sacramento, CA



MEN'S ROWING

Saturday, April 11, 2015 v. Wisconsin, Syracuse, NY

Saturday, April 18, 2015 v. Navy and Cornell (Goes Trophy), Syracuse, NY

Saturday, April 25, 2015 v. Boston Univ. and Columbia (Conlan Cup), Boston, MA

Saturday, May 9, 2015 v. Dartmouth (Packard Cup), Syracuse, NY

Sunday, May 17, 2015 Eastern Sprints, Worcester, MA

Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31, 2015 IRA Regatta, Mercer Lake, NJ



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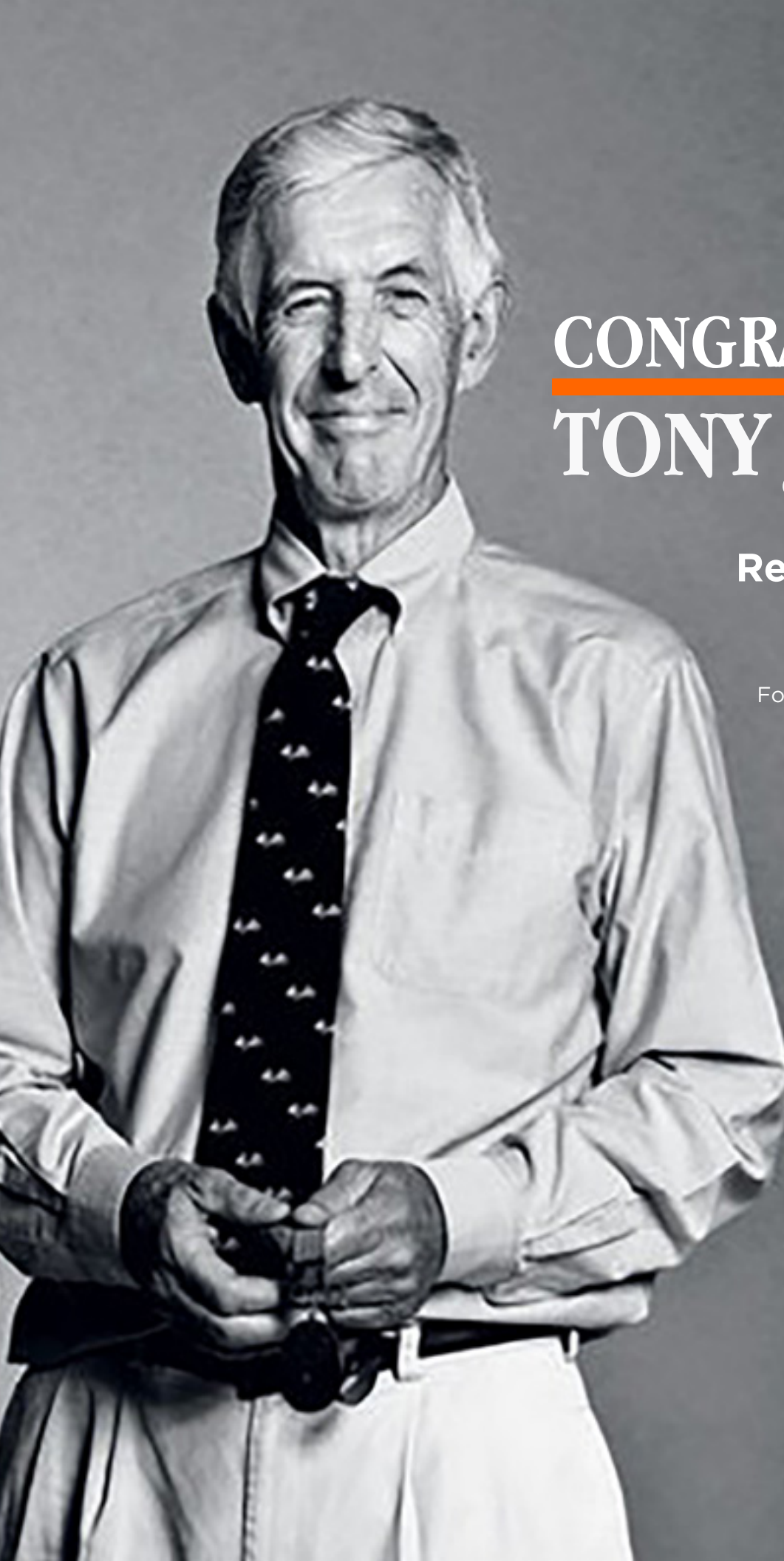
TED KAKAS



Recipient of the 2014 USRowing Medal

For more on this historical night go to
www.sararowing.com/syracusealumnirowing/2014/12/23/ted-kakas-class-of-73-receives-usrowing-award





CONGRATULATIONS TONY JOHNSON

**Recipient of the 2014
USRowing Medal**

For more on this historical night go to
<https://youtu.be/dh1gDMZH8t0>





MIKE GENNARO

National Team Athlete of the Year

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2014





THE SYRACUSE ALUMNI ROWING ASSOCIATION IS WORKING HARD TO HELP OUR ROWERS BECOME THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE, as well as providing services for alumni and friends of SU rowing. It is time to ask you to renew or establish your SARA membership so that we may continue to provide these services and more:

Publication of a quarterly newsletter, the “Orange Oar” as well as communication with SU rowing alumni and friends through the SU Rowing website, blog, Twitter and Facebook.

Completion and publication of “Mark II”, a book that chronicles the history of SU rowing from 1960 to the present.

Establishment and maintenance of the SU men’s rowing endowment

Audio broadcast of men’s and women’s races, both home and away.

Organization and partial funding of “The Evening at Ten Eyck”, including class reunions, and induction of men’s and women’s alumni into the SU Rowing Hall of Fame. Members will receive discount tickets to this event.

Assistance with race hospitality for SU alumni, rowers and their families, and friends of SU rowing including a tent at the IRA regatta.

Lifetime Membership: Pay today and never again!

Recent Alums: The first four years of membership are free! Simply register so we have your current contact info.

It’s easy to pay online! www.syracusealumnirowing.blogspot.com



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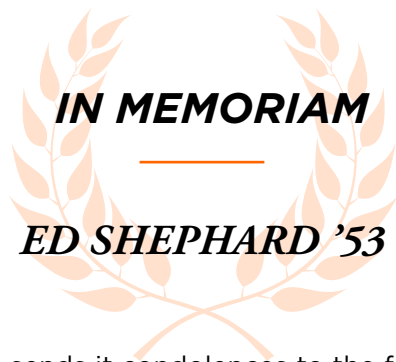
3RD ANNUAL EVENING AT TEN EYCK



**EVENING AT TEN EYCK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

- Racing under the lights!
- Get back in the boat with your old teammates!
- Dinner afterward to bring back all the memories!
- 240 people attended last year. Don't get left out!





SARA sends its condolences to the family of Ed Shephard, who passed away in January in Columbia, South Carolina. The coaches and SARA veterans remember Ed for his longstanding involvement in the IRA when it was held in Syracuse and after it moved to Camden.

A coxswain in the Class of 1953, Shephard later served as an official for USRowing. He was active in scouting, the Cornell Hockey Boosters Association, the Ithaca Jaycees, the Masonic Lodge and the Orange, Conn., volunteer fire department. Retirement from a long and award-winning career in advertising afforded him the time to become more active in the Northeast United Methodist Church in Columbia.

Shephard is survived by his wife, Christine, five children, 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The family requested that donations be made to, among others, the SARA Endowment via the Central New York Community Fund (<https://www.cnycf.org/sara>).

WELCOME TO THE BOARD

At the January annual meeting, we welcomed Ryan Patton, '10 and Beth Claggett Marks, '83 to the SARA board of directors



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Memo line: SARA Endowment
431 East Fayette Street, Suite 100
Syracuse, NY 13202

Or donate via credit card or PayPal to: www.cnycf.org/sara
All donations to the SARA Endowment are tax deductible

Checks for other men's team donations should be made payable to "**Syracuse University**." In the "memo" line of your check, please indicate: **Men's Crew Head Coach's Fund**.

WOMEN'S ROWING HEAD COACH'S FUND

Donation can be sent to:
Donations to the women's team, including the Kris Sanford Equipment fund, should be made payable to "**Syracuse University**." In the "memo" line of your check, please indicate: **Women's Crew Head Coach's Fund**.

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