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ALUMNI 8 WINS IRA GOLD

They "Rowed Like Hell to Beat Cornell . . ."



Members of the victorious Syracuse Alumni 8 at this year's IRA

Their average age is 48.625 and that's not including the coxswain, whom captain Bob Price, '88, kiddingly lists as simply "old." But in 2001, they know what it feels like to be IRA champions. The Syracuse University alumni eight powered its way to a win over five other crews in the *Subaru of America Alumni Eight Championship*, covering the 2,000 meter course in 6:32.39. Perennial rival Cornell was second in 6:39.96, followed by Columbia, California, Penn and Northeastern.

In a race that is handicapped according to the average age of the oarsmen, SU was second off the line. Cornell had a five second lead. Cal in lane three waited three seconds after the Orangemen and so on down the line to Northeastern which had to wait 24 seconds after Cornell's start because of the youth in the Huskies' boat.

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From The President . . .

Dear fellow SARA Members:

I'm pleased to begin this issue's letter by announcing that we have ten new members of the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association. They are the ten just-graduated seniors from whom you'll find comments on page 6.

New blood is extremely important to an organization such as ours and I hope every one of these men will find time to get involved and bring fresh perspective to our mission. Those of us who have been around for years (or decades) know full well the tradition of Syracuse University Crew. But no one knows the current state of the program better than these men who are just now wrapping up their college careers. So, welcome!

We've just re-elected the officers of the SARA board and a number of board members, while adding some new members to the board. I'm glad to have each and every one involved. I'm especially pleased that Jeff Pesot, '90 will serve another year as vice-president, with an eye toward becoming president a year from now. His type of energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the program and its success are what we need in SARA. Jeff and other recent additions to the board, most of them with experience on winning crews, should be able to blend well with board members who have been giving their time, energy and dedication for some time. To single out some for recognition is often to omit others who are deserving, but I do want to say that I am especially grateful that Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, one of the founders of SARA, is still actively involved. I seek his advice often. It's good advice!

So, now what? We need more participation. We need to be better organized. We need to be in better touch with each other. And we need to continue to support the program at as high a level as we are able. We had a couple dozen alums at the recent annual gathering over the weekend of the Dartmouth races. Some came back for the first time in quite a while. But we missed a number of people who had come a year ago. We decided then

to challenge each alum who made it this year to come back in 2002 and bring at least one teammate. We want to have at least 50 alums back next year. 100 or more would be more like it. We'd like to have at least half a dozen foursomes just for the first day's golf. Next year's crew alumni weekend will be better planned, better organized and better publicized. We'll be picking a date soon and then informing everybody by e-mail and then by letter. If you even suspect that I don't have your e-mail address, please contact me at jsnich@juno.com. And in the meantime, check the schedule of events and plan to get together with other alums and the team. You could even plan an event yourself.

One more thing: we're not going to agree on everything. The more participating members we have the more we are likely to disagree on some issues. I think that's healthy. I believe that every active member's opinions have value. Let's air things out for the good of the program. One place to do that is on our Intranet site (<http://saracrew.intranets.com>)

Let's respect each other and keep it civil. Perhaps we'll agree to disagree. Sometimes we will find answers. If you are reading this (and you ARE) we need you: your ideas, your energy, your fellowship and your concern for Syracuse University Crew. Let me hear from you!

R.Y.B.O.
John Nicholson
SARA President

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With conditions virtually flat and the sky overcast, cox Joe Peter says the Orange Crew took a 15-stroke start at 42, then settled. The plan had been to row 33-34 strokes per minute, but the Orangemen stayed at 35, taking a power ten at one minute in to fight off early fatigue. At 500 meters, Peter says SU was moving on Cornell and rowed through the Big Red at about 750 meters. Cal moving up had been a concern, but Peter says at 1,000 meters “Cal was not coming” and he never saw another crew as the Orangemen powered across the finish line without having to sprint.

Peter credits Bob Price for his selection of the oarsmen. It was based largely on erg-scores each had submitted and was “more competitive than it’s ever been” according to the cox. And Price had urged each member by e-mail to “be lean and nasty. We will have to take it to the other boats hard and fast, from start to finish. Be ready.” The eight rowed together just once in a practice session Friday and needed some rigging adjustments. But Peter says “the boat felt fast.” On Saturday it was.

For Peter, the win is especially sweet. The Orange Alums rowed in Joe’s newest boat, the black Millennium “Joseph E. Peter.” It’s the second time an SU Alumni crew has won the IRA in a Peter-donated shell. The first was six years ago. It was also an especially sweet day for four-man Drew Harrison, the former SU Freshman Coach, whose crews won the IRA in Syracuse in 1976, ’77 and ’78. In addition to his win, Drew’s son, Ian, stroked the University of Washington freshman eight to a Grand Finals championship.

The only disappointment for those who know and love Joe Peter is that the oarsmen did not throw him into the Cooper River after the victory. He said “they just don’t do that, I guess.” He was nursing a bit of a cold, but had enough strength and voice to urge the oarsmen on down the course. Mainly, Peter said “I just concentrated on my steering.”

Syracuse won its fourth Alumni IRA title since the race was first held in 1994.

The winning SU lineup:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Age</u>
Coxswain	Joe Peter	’69	54
Stroke	Bob Price	’88	35
Seven	Paul Wolfensberger	’88	35
Six	Jeff Shafer	’82	42
Five	Tom Darling	’81	43
Four	Drew Harrison	’68	55
Three	John Campbell	’67	56
Two	Ted Kakas	’64	60
Bow	Jim Edmonds	’59	63

Alumni Race Results

Syracuse	6:32.39
Cornell	6:39.36
Columbia	6:43.27
California	6:48.04
Pennsylvania	6:50.87
Northeastern	6:56.26

Coming Attractions: The Recruiting Class of 2005

Freshman Coach Chris Ludden says this fall’s incoming freshman class has the most experienced oarsmen he’s seen in his three years back in Syracuse and he’s already working on adding some impressive walk-ons. 18 members of the Class of ’05 will arrive on campus with a rowing background. They include Domagoj Jelic, a 6’2”, 190-pounder from Zagreb, Croatia who was third in the singles at the Junior Worlds; Russian-born Sergei Burlatskii who has spent the past ten years in the Philadelphia area and at 6’6” - 190, was in the second place quad at the “Stotes” and Russian-born, Israeli-raised Igor Raskin, who is 6’3” - 190 and was a top competitor in Israel before moving to the Bronx two years ago.

There are also oarsmen coming from across the U.S., including one from Hanover, NH (under Dartmouth’s nose) and others from as close to Syracuse as Liverpool and as far away as Florida and Minnesota, plus New Jersey, Philadelphia, Delaware, Pittsburgh and the Washington, D.C. area.

The number compares to 15 experienced oarsmen in the fall of 1999 and just 10 coming on board last year. So what does that mean in terms of wins? “It doesn’t necessarily mean much,” says Ludden “but a large group of experienced oarsmen will breed competition with three full boats on the water.”

He and Coach Sanford also have been in touch with incoming freshmen who have no rowing experience, but size and proven ability in other sports. Coach Ludden says “we count on getting two or three guys who can walk on and be first boat guys” by the time the spring season gets underway.

Overall, he says the expected squad is “a very good group.”

3rd Annual Alumni Weekend Highlighted by 2 Shell Dedications

Les Foster rowed six in the varsity boat. Bob Otis rowed five. In 1938, their senior year, they were co-captains of the Syracuse University Crew. Now, their names are together on one of the two new shells dedicated on Alumni Weekend, May 18-19.

Bryan Collier rowed in the five seat and captained the crew in 1961. He was a part of the SU glory days in the late '50s and early sixties. Years later, Bryan and his wife Nickie lost their daughter Kristin Elizabeth at age 28. Her name is on the other new shell.

Bryan and Nickie have set up a charitable remainder trust that will provide \$500,000 to fund a crew scholarship as part of the Campaign for Crew. Head Coach Bill Sanford, who was Collier's teammate, felt that the Colliers' generosity certainly called for honoring the family with naming of a shell. The Colliers in turn decided to honor their daughter by calling the boat "Kristin E."

Although he has "enjoyed watching the program grow under Bill's leadership," the trip back to the boathouse for the shell christening was Collier's first since he graduated 40 years ago.

"It brought back a lot of memories. The amazing thing about crew," he says, "is that there's a bond there. It's incredible. You cannot talk with a teammate for ten or even twenty years, then pick up the phone and it's as if you had talked yesterday."

When it comes to Edward "Bob" Otis and Malcolm "Les" Foster, chances are they did talk yesterday. Although Bob and his wife Dotty live in Quogue on Long Island and Les splits his year between Maine and Texas, they have stayed close over the years.

And when Bob and Dottie donated stock to the SU and were scheduled to have a crew shell named for them, they wanted Les' name on it too.



Champagne flows over the bow at the christening of the new "Bob Otis - Les Foster"



Bryan and Nickie Collier christen the "Kristen E." in memory of their daughter



L. to R. Sly Rowe, Rick Holland, Bill Sanford & Jeff Pesot

Bob Otis says he is impressed by today's SU Crew. "They're so damn big and they all have some experience." At the christening, he kidded that he was glad to have been able to "scrape the money together. We thought 'let's give it to somebody who can use it.'" Dotty Otis, who plainly keeps both men in line, told *The Orange Oar* "I know it meant a great deal to my husband and to Les." And Foster chimed in "now I'd like to see this boat come across the line first in a race." He told the crew "go out and win a race in this boat."

In addition to the boat christenings, the 3rd Annual S.A.R.A. Alumni Weekend attracted over 20 former SU oarsmen. The traditional 1,000 meter intramural alumni "race" was postponed to May 4, 2002, due to too much outstanding pre-race barbeque and plentiful supply of malted beverages. The 4th Annual Alumni Weekend will be held May 3 - 5, 2002.

Second Varsity Top SU Finisher at 2001 IRA

“We’re being outgunned and we’ve got to do something about it.” That’s how head coach Bill Sanford summed up the Orange Crews’ performance at the 99th IRA in Camden, New Jersey, May 31 and June 1 and 2. He said, “we rowed faster every day but we aren’t fast enough. We have to raise the bar.”

The best showing by an Orange undergraduate eight at the annual championships on the Cooper River came from then second varsity (JV). Stern-pair cousins, Andy Berster and Chris Liwski, paced SU to a fifth place finish in the IRA Petite Finals. The second varsity had finished fifth in the Grand

Captains Elected

Squad members elected co-captains for the 2001-2002 season. Matt Heumann will serve as Senior co-captain. Matt is from Ballston Spa, New York and was Junior co-captain this season. Stepping up to take Matt’s spot as Junior co-captain is Steve Boselli. Steve is from Bedford, New Hampshire and joined the crew as a walk-on in his freshman year.

Finals at the Eastern Sprints. Pete Romano coxed, with Sean Ring, Matt Costigan, John Merzig, Steve Boselli, Matt Scott and Scott Vandevusse filling out the boat.

At the IRA, Dartmouth’s 2V got a measure of revenge for a two second loss at Syracuse on May 19th. The Big Green edged

SU by less than a second to take fourth place in the IRA Petites. Northeastern won the race, followed by Yale and Oregon State, then Dartmouth, SU and Boston University. The Orangemen finished 11th out of 17 crews overall. California won the second varsity Grand Final.

The first varsity eight fought and lost another tough one with Big East Rival Temple in the Third Level Final. The Owls finished in 5:49.47 to SU’s 5:55.91. Marist, Georgetown, Columbia and Virginia trailed. The SU varsity finished 14th out of 24 crews. Cal edged Princeton and Washington for the Varsity Grand Final championship.

Senior Karl Sudar stroked it from the starboard side, with Jay Abbott at seven. Josh Stratton, Matt Heumann, Kevin Boyle, Kevin Klein, Jon Stephanik and Jason Bourcier were at six through bow and Junior Eric Miller at Cox.

Coach Sanford said he is “proud of them” in that “technique-wise our boats were sharp. They kept their length, especially in the later races.” But he is disappointed that in the Thursday heat “we were fourth with ten strokes to go and let

two crews (Michigan and Stanford) go by.” That led to positioning that helped Stanford make the Petite Final while SU wound up in the Third Level Final. Sanford said “we didn’t catch a break all weekend, but we’ve got to make our own breaks. The gap between us and the Grand Finals crews is about six seconds. We are big and strong,” he said “but we’ve got to find more firepower.” How? Sanford said “I don’t know. We were driving the boat. The Varsity and JV were doing well comparatively. But the league has gotten faster. We have to raise the bar.”

It was a tough weekend for the freshman eight, which wound up fourth and last in Friday’s semi-final and did not qualify to race on Saturday. The six-man caught a boat stopping crab as the frosh tried to row through Cornell in the Thursday repechage. When it came to the Friday third-level semi-final, Coach Sanford said the frosh “were flat.”

The freshman four was fifth in the Petite Finals in 7:03.11. Michigan State won that one, followed by Gonzaga, Michigan, Hobart, SU and MIT. That put SU’s freshman four at 11th out of 18.

The varsity four without cox (Doug Shaw, Matt Thome, Bill Schmidt and Pat Mahardy) was sixth in the Petite Final. The varsity four with (Abe Yoffe cox), Matt O’Neill, Mike Gryniuk, Brian White and Jamie Byrnes) was eliminated in the Friday semis, coming in fourth behind Temple, Drexel and Michigan.

The varsity pair without cox, Adam Stivala and Andy Johnson won the Third Level final on Saturday in 7:33:29. Michigan was second, then UCSB, Wisconsin “B”, Ohio State and BU.

One major plus of the IRA, Sanford says was the strong turnout of parents and alumni. There were two SU tents on the site and they were filled with Orange backers. Sanford said that was “a good feeling of being together. It makes it nice.”

The varsity squad took a short break after the IRA, then got set to regroup and get ready for the trip to Henley. Sanford said he’s looking at ways to use the

Henley trip the way football coaches use bowl game preparation, as an opportunity see what next year’s Varsity and Second Varsity boats could look like. Ten seniors have graduated, five of them first seconds, but a strong core of rising Juniors and Seniors returns along with at least four rising Sophomores Sanford says will compete for the Varsity boat next year.

That could be step one in “raising the bar.”

“The league has gotten faster. We have to raise the bar.”

Bill Sanford

2000-01 Syracuse Crew Roster

Varsity

Name	Class	Height	Weight	Hometown
Jay Abbott	Sr.	6-8	205	Augusta, Maine
Andy Berster	Jr.	6-4	205	Sarasota, Florida
Steve Boselli	So.	6-5	230	Bedford, NH
Jason Bourcier	Jr.	6-2	195	Greenland, NH
Kevin Boyle	So.	6-5	210	Emmaus, PA
Jamie Byrnes	So.	6-1	185	Medford, MA
Matt Costigan	So.	6-1	195	Wexford, PA
Mike Gryniuk	Sr.	6-0	180	Easton, MA
Matt Heumann	Jr. (Captain)	6-6	205	Burnt Hills, NY
Chris Hinman	So.	5-11	195	Oak Ridge, TN
Andy Johnson	So.	6-1	165	Oak Ridge, TN
Kevin Klein	So.	6-4	200	Drexel Hill, PA
Chris Liwski	Jr.	6-8	210	Sarasota, Florida
Patrick Mahardy	So.	6-3	185	Liverpool, NY
John Merzig	So.	6-5	190	Albany, NY
Eric Miller	Jr. (cox)	5-9	125	Syracuse, NY
Matt O'Neill	So.	6-3	195	Liverpool, NY
Sean Ring	Sr.	6-2	210	Hyde Park, NY
Peter Romano	So. (cox)	5-5	125	East Amherst, NY
Bill Schmidt	So.	6-2	190	S. Bernardino, CA
Matt Scott	So.	5-11	195	Millbrook, NY
Doug Shaw	Sr.	6-3	195	Philadelphia, PA
Jonathan Stephanik	Sr.	6-3	195	Marietta, Ohio
Adam Stivala	So.	6-1	165	Colts Neck, NJ
Joshua Stratton	Sr. (Captain)	6-4	208	Hyde Park, NY
Karl Sudar	Sr.	6-2	190	Springfield, VA
Matt Thome	Sr.	6-3	195	Kenosha, WI
Scott VandeVusse	Sr.	6-3	192	Grosse Point, MI
Brian White	Sr.	6-0	190	Marlboro, MA
Abe Yoffe	So. (cox)	5-6	132	Baltimore, MD

Freshmen

Nicholas Alexander		6-4	210	Wilmette, IL
Matt Brocks		6-1	185	Hyde Park, NY
Mitch Curtis		6-2 ½	205	Sharon, MA
Charles Gibson		6-2	200	Wellesley, MA
Bryan Goody		6-5	195	Burnt Hills, NY
Rory Holmes		6-2	190	Egremont, MA
Adlai Hurt		6-4	165	Ames, IA
Michael Horvath		6-3	215	Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Klipple		6-4	180	Oak Ridge, TN
Will Russo		6-5	225	Neshanic Sta., NJ
George Spizak		6-2	210	Ithaca, NY
Will Villon	(cox)	5-6	125	Los Angeles, CA
Andrew Wright		6-4	190	Burlington, Ont.

TESTIMONIALS FROM THE CLASS OF 2001 . . .

The largest senior class in recent memory was asked to provide thoughts on their crew experience over the past four years:

Jay Abbott - Rowing for Syracuse for four years has created a brotherhood among all of my teammates and an even stronger bond among those who have raced, struggled, overcome and conquered together in the same boat. SU Crew strengthened my body, mind and heart.

Sean Ring - Rowing at SU has been a passion for me these past four years. It has given me the confidence to do my best at everything I endure. I look forward to obstacles rather than fear them -- I owe it all to Coach Bill [Sanford].

Jon Stephanik - In the past four years of rowing for SU I have learned new meanings of teamwork, friendship and success. It is an experience that will stick with me and guide me in future endeavors.

Josh Stratton - Rowing for Syracuse has been the most memorable and rewarding experience of my life. The lessons I have learned are ones that will stay with me forever. The most valuable of those lessons is that there are no limitations to an individual who is supported by the strength of a team.

Matt Thome - Rowing at Syracuse has allowed me the opportunity to experience an existence beyond academics and socializing. It has made me push the bounds of what I thought was achievable. After crew everything seems attainable.

Scott VandeVusse - Rowing at SU has given me many unique experiences. It has taught me perseverance, commitment and dedication battling the workouts, teammates and the gorgeous Syracuse weather. Looking back on my four years, every day of practice was worth it for what I took from SU and I would like to thank Coach Bill and my teammates.

Brian White - Rowing at Syracuse has been an experience that will shape my life forever. It has taught me invaluable skills - commitment, determination, friendship and teamwork. These skills will help me succeed in every endeavor I choose to pursue.

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1930's

Bob Otis '38 – lives in Quogue, New York with his wife Dottie. They donated a shell which was christened on alumni weekend and named for Bob and his co-captain Les Foster. (*see Page 4.*)

Les Foster '38 – divides his year between Brunswick, Maine and Brazoria, Texas. Les was also in Syracuse for the shell dedication.

1940's

Dr. Bruce Chamberlain '41 – and wife Fran hosted the Otises and Les Foster during the alumni weekend, which included a dinner for them and the Colliers in a private dining room at the Sheraton on campus. Bruce was a freshman when Bob and Les were seniors.

Bruce also once again ably chaired the Nominating Committee for S.A.R.A. officers and board members in preparation for the annual meeting. He is one of the founders of SARA and continues to serve on the board. (*Editor's note: thank goodness!*)

1950's

Gene Kelley '53 – and his wife Betty have been living in Santa Barbara, CA since 1994. Gene rowed in the four seat as a freshman in 1950, then on varsity under Ned TenEyck, before becoming stroke as a junior and senior for Gus Erickson.

Ed Shepard '53 – was in Syracuse for alumni weekend and the S.A.R.A. annual meeting. He's trying to get in touch with everyone from the Class of '53, hoping to get together for lunch or breakfast during the 50th reunion in 2003. Contact Ed at eshpard@capecod.net

Ed reports that he has been in touch with **Sam McFadden '53** and **Ray Rogers '56** by e-mail. Ed and his wife, Chris, were in San Francisco last summer and “renewed acquaintances” with Sam and his wife Rosemary.

Jim Edmonds '59 – rows on. Jim was part of the gold-medal SU Alumni Eight again this year at the IRA in Camden, New Jersey.

Lance Osadchey '59 – has retired from Family Practice – MD – and lives in Bradford, Vermont. Lance rowed bow all four years at SU. He says it was “great experience rowing. It really brightened my life.”

1960's

Bryan Collier (Captain) '61 – and wife Nickie have moved from rural Stanfordville, NY to Washington, CT. Both were back at SU for dedication of a shell to their daughter in May. (*See article, page 4.*)

Chuck Rayfield '63 – lives in Midlothian, VA and is retired from Reynolds Metals after 32 years. Chuck says he does some part time work but “mostly enjoy my free time and the beautiful lake I live on.” After graduating, Chuck worked in Rochester, spent a couple years in the Army stationed in Germany, then went to work for Reynolds in Louisville, moving to St. Louis and finally to Richmond where he rose to become General Manager of the Recycling Division. Chuck says he's been in touch with **Tony Johnson '62** and **Frank Benson '62** and would like to hear from other oarsmen from the 1959-1960 era.

BACKSLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

Steve Gladstone '64 – led his Cal/Berkeley varsity 8 to *another* IRA win in Camden, NJ earlier this month. Congratulations to Steve on his 3rd consecutive IRA title. Over his career, he has now coached nine IRA varsity champions, second only to Charles "Pop" Courtney, who won 11 titles at Cornell between 1901 and 1915. Earlier this spring, Steve was named as the new Athletic Director at Cal, following a national search. He began his new assignment on June 1st, but will continue serve as the head coach of crew for the Golden Bears.

Tom Denver '66 – runs every day and says he has “good intentions of getting involved in Los Gatos RC Masters Program.” As we reported last issue, Tom is a full time mediator and arbitrator. He retired from his law firm at the end of 1999. He lives in Saratoga, CA (Silicon Valley.)

Tom says he last heard from **Virgilio (Vic) Ciullo '66** about ten years ago and Vic was an attorney in India. (*Editor's note: Tom and Vic were a famous bow pair.*)

Paul Dudzick '67 – has spent 34 years in the Stony Brook University athletics department. After a 19-year coaching career (crew, cross country, tennis) and nearly a decade as Athletic Director, Paul is now an Associate Athletic Director and Director of NCAA Compliance. Paul live with his wife Lenore in Mt. Sinai, NY while their son Jeff attends the University of Hartford.

After attending this year's S.A.R.A. alumni weekend, Paul is promising to hunt up some of his Class of '67 teammates for the 2002 gathering. These are the guys who made up Coach Bill Sanford's first freshman team in 1963-64.

Drew Harrison '68 – continues his Wonderful World of Rowing business based in British Columbia. Drew, whose frosh won three IRA titles, was a member of the IRA champion SU alumni boat and his son Ian stroked Washington's frosh boat to the IRA title.

Joe Peter '69 – has not missed an IRA since his freshman year ('65). His number of wins in Masters races now exceeds the number of bridge stanchions with which he has collided over a storied career. He coxed the SU Alumni boat to victory at the IRA again this year, and continues to run the Peter's Markets empire in the Syracuse area.



The Relentless Joe Peter, '69

1970's

Jonathan Schmitz '73 – lives in a 250-year-old “vestige” of a farm in Stamford, CT.

He and his wife Karen operate an interior design firm in Greenwich, CT and manage some real estate there as well. Their daughter Kenleigh, now married, graduated from SU in 1998. Their daughter Cameron is heading off to the University of New Hampshire on a field hockey scholarship this fall.

Jonathan runs several times a week and broke four hours in the New York Marathon two years ago. He's had a few chances to row recently at the Norwalk CT rowing club and plans to do more of that, time permitting. And he is currently rehabilitating a 2-man “row cat” he bought about twenty years ago and hopes to re-christen it this summer on the lake where they have a summer home in New Hampshire.

Mark Lyvers '77 – checks in from Harvard, MA where he lives with wife Nina and son Joshua. He is working at

Staples as Director IS Operations. Mark was coach of SU's first Women's Varsity Crew ('77-'80) and Nina (Ockene) Lyvers rowed in '78 and '79. Mark has been rowing a single, five of the past six years and is looking for a new or used single. He has also helped establish a rowing program at the local high school – "lots of interest but need equipment!"

He encourages everybody to get on board with the SARA Intranet site and says he's been contacted by "some old rowing pals by registering with the site." Mark "would love to get together with alums of the '70s and early '80s."

Lt. Col. Andrew Papp '78 – is spending two years Seoul, South Korea after graduating from Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

1980's

Stephen Anthony '80 – lives in North Andover, MA. He reports he is "trying to keep up with life; work (Lucent Technologies) and family (wife Katie and daughter Aislinn) and trying to stay in shape (Steve is a bicycle racer.) He has "a home page of sorts." You can check it at <http://world.std.com/~santhony/index.html> (*Editor's note: I checked it out. Impressive! Especially the "seat belts" photo.*)

Jeff Braun (Captain) '80 – lives in Scottsville, Alabama "a little town in the mountains outside Huntsville." He is a Six Sigma Blackbelt for Noranda, a Canadian based mining and metals company. Jeff says "if anyone is interested in videoconferencing through Netmeeting (using msn messenger) my address is braunj80@hotmail.com and it would be good chat with y'all."

Joe Paduda '80 – lives in Madison, CT and is a self-employed managed health care consultant. He is married to the former Deb Mollihan (SU '81) and they have 3 kids- 12, 10 and 8. Joe says they are "all short like dad, so don't expect to see them on the water." Joe sculled for 7 years after graduating at Potomac and Undine BCs and is now retired from rowing.

Art Sibley '80 – is a new member of the S.A.R.A. oard and says he especially enjoyed seeing Jerry Jacobi at the alumni weekend for the first time since '81. Art, recently revealed to be known as "Skip" lives in Old Lyme, CT.

Jim McKay '82 – and his family live in Cambridge, MA. Jim is moving over to A.G. Edwards in July after 12 years as a financial advisor with American Express.

Chip Chase '83 – his wife Karen, Andrew (12) and Jennifer (9) are proud to announce the birth of Katherine Anne Chase, January 31 in Plano, Texas. The Chase family will be moving back east this summer to Ellicott City, MD. Chip plans to change colors from the Dallas Rowing Club to Baltimore Rowing Club.

Barry Weiss '83 - is now chair of the Club Committee for SU's Alumni Association Board. Barry is Administrator of the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office and active in numerous civic organizations. He and his wife Kathy (a school administrator) live in Syracuse.

Rich Lewis '84 – and his wife Mary Jane have with two kids, Charlie 6 and Sam 2, and works for Erie Insurance Group as Regional Manager of Operations in the Northern Virginia Area. He is still rowing a single at Potomac Boat Club along with "several other master rowing alums such as **Jim Edmonds '59**, **Bob Price '88**, **Frank Benson '62**, **Nils Peterson '70** and a couple of others."

Jim Haas '85 – lives in Kiev, Ukraine. Since May 1991 he has worked as a controller for a food manufacturer (headquartered in Barcelona, Spain). Jim is married, with three boys, Kirill, Nikita, and Enoch, and "would love to relocate to the U.S. someday."

Steve Coutant '87 - and his wife Pam have welcomed a new baby daughter, Lucia. The Coutants are living in Winter Park, Florida just down the street from Rollins College.

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

Scott Baltazar '89 – and his wife Maureen and son Parker have moved from Mt. Kisco, New York to Hamilton, MA. The whole family made it back to Syracuse for last month's S.A.R.A. Alumni Weekend. Scott and **John Rademacher '89**, played on a division-winning basketball team this winter in Boston.

Dan McClimans '89 – lives in Homer, NY and has just changed jobs. He is now a Product Line Manager for WYNIT, Inc. which is “one of the leading national distributors for computer peripheral products with a focus on digital imaging equipment (Digital Cameras, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, etc...)”

Dan and his wife Judie have two children: Rose will be 9 and James will be four this summer. Rose is a gymnast, who took 3rd place overall in her division in a recent Regional Meet.

John Rademacher '89 – is living in Hampton, New Hampshire with his wife Lynn and son Jack. They're expecting another baby in the fall. John is working for Nexis-Lexis.

Jay Rhodes '89 – is going to study intensive Spanish this summer at Middlebury College. Jay asks that if anybody knows of a company, especially an international company where he can combine his communications/PR and Spanish skills afterward, please let him know.

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Rick Horn '90 – is living in New York City, working for Banc of America Securities in the Financial Institutions Investment Banking Group.

Don Smith '90 – SU's most recent Olympian, is living in Philadelphia and working as an equity analyst at Delaware Investment Advisors. His dad (**Don Smith the Elder, of Buffalo**) reports that Don is engaged to Denise Cattie of Philadelphia with the wedding scheduled next spring.

Todd Selig '91 – is Town Administrator in Durham, NH, home of the University of New Hampshire.

Bill Sheehan (Captain) '91 – is now VP of Information Systems and Technology for Lord & Taylor. He and wife Noelle have recently moved to Somers, NY and as we go to press she is expecting their first child.

Alex Cmil (Captain) '92 – lives in Boxborough, MA with his wife Jennifer, their nearly 2-year-old son Jonathan Alexander (“Jack”) and new baby Kathryn Grace. Alex is a Practice Manager for Eclipsys Corporation, a software company that provides information software to large health organizations. His focus is Hospital Finance.

Sylvester Rowe Jr. '92 – lives in New York City and is Director of US Equities for UBS Warburg LLC. Sly says he has become an avid snowboarder the past two years, frequently making trips to Killington, VT and occasionally out west. Sly was elected to the S.A.R.A. Board of Directors in May.

Chris Ward '92 – is still living in Cambridge, MA and rowing occasionally out of Union. He left Fidelity Investments last July after seven years and joined a start-up, Tidal Wire Inc. The good news is, Chris says the company is profitable and growing. Chris manages western region accounts, among other things.

Andrew Maude (cox) '95 – has just graduated from Fordham University School of Law in New York City and will start working in October for Deloitte & Touche on tax consulting matters. He is currently living in Hoboken, NJ.

Jamie Bettini (Captain) '99 – recently moved back to Boston after a one-year stint in Dallas. He has been working for E.W. Blanch, a reinsurance broker, for two years. Jamie says he is “dying to get back on the water so if anyone's looking for a teammate” he'd love to get together.

In Memoriam . . . Vic Michaleson

Earlier this year, the sport of rowing lost a grand man with ties to the Syracuse Crew Program. Victor "Mike" Michaelson, passed away after a coaching career that spanned three decades.

He was Syracuse's Freshman coach from the late 1950's until 1961. In the spring of 1961, his last season at Syracuse, his freshman 8 won the Eastern Sprints — still the only Syracuse crew that has ever won in Worcester.

In 1962, Mike continued his career, becoming the varsity coach at Brown. He retired in 1981, having notched a Varsity 8 IRA championship in 1979 and a JV gold medal at the Sprints in 1971 — among many other highlights over his outstanding tenure.

To help remember a man whose quiet leadership and grace touched generations of oarsmen at Syracuse and Brown, The Orange Oar asked Dan Hogan, '64, the stroke SU's 1961 Sprints Champion crew, to provide his thoughts and recollections of Vic Michaelson.

I have often wondered how Mike was unique as a coach and why he was successful. There was nothing dramatic or unusual in his approach to teaching rowing that I recall. What I do recall is that I never doubted anything he said or questioned his motives. That boils down to trust. He was consistent and fair, and while I can't say why exactly, his crews were extraordinarily motivated to succeed.

Whether his crews won or lost, he left rationalizations and analyses to the squad and simply got on with business. He was quiet; he wasn't much for long discourses on the intricacies of technique, but everyone seemed to respond to his presence. He never, ever said anything negative. His coaching consisted of observations rather than critiques and intricate solutions. There is the sense that he distilled technique down to what matters and what doesn't; he knew that rowing is simple.

I do know that pulling hard weighed heavily on his selection process and it was the easiest way to get his approval. At practice one day, I remember that he was unhappy with our effort when the 2nd frosh took a lead as we approached the boat-house after an "LSD" (long-slow-drawn-out) to the end of the lake. As we passed the breakwall, he said that we had to keep rowing until we caught them.

I can remember Mike's expression during that eternal interval while his two boats forgot slides and rating and fought for their lives. He was delighted.

I can remember, too, pulling alongside the varsity and receiving clear orders from their coach on rating. I'd look at Mike and he'd wink which I assumed meant that our rating could be whatever it took to win. Of course, what I preferred to interpret as a wink, may have been his characteristic twitch accentuated by those magnificent eyebrows.

Two of the highlights of my life are while at Syracuse: Mike said I was a pretty good stroke man, and when he was coaching at Brown, he said I was a pretty good coach.

He sure knew how to make a guy feel good.

After rowing for Vic Michaelson, Dan Hogan later coached the Syracuse Freshmen in 1970-71. He is still involved in rowing as the coach at Binghamton (NY) University, and also serves as a manager for BAE Systems Controls in Johnson City, NY.

Robert Leshner '38 – passed away in March of 2000.

Phillip Irvine '39 – died this January. He was a four-year oarsman for SU. His brother **Paul Irvine '42** has signed up for a lifetime SARA membership in memory of Phillip.

Raymond G. Okey '42 – passed away February 16, 2001. His daughter Judy Valerio sponsored an oarsman at this spring's crew luncheon in memory of her dad.

Mike Larsen '60 – passed away in Idaho this spring. Teammate and friend **Lance Osadchey '59** reports that Mike was with the forest service in Idaho and a leading expert in the world on fungi. Mike rowed four years at SU, working his way into the varsity as a junior.

The university's Campaign for Crew and S.A.R.A. encourage alumni and their family members to consider memorial gifts as a way to preserve the memory of deceased former oarsmen.

If you are interested in a memorial gift to S.A.R.A, please call John Nicholson at (315) 453-3640. For a memorial gift to the Campaign for Crew, call Paul Norcross at (315) 443-2766.

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Alumni, parents, & friends of S.U. Crew ...

Reserve these dates on your calendar to join the fun and show your support for the crew.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 4-8	Henley Royal Regatta	Henley-on-Thames, G.B.
September 19	2nd Annual S.A.R.A. Lubin House Reception	New York City
October 20-21	Head of the Charles Regatta	Boston, MA
October 27	Autumn S.A.R.A. Board Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
October 28	Head of the Schuylkill Regatta	Philadelphia, PA
May 3-5, 2002	4th Annual S.A.R.A. Alumni Weekend	Syracuse, NY

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Honoring all IRA and Sprints Gold Medal Winners — see details in next issue.