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The Orange Oar

REISCHMAN NAMED VARSITY COACH

Built Highly Successful Program At Oregon State

The Varsity eight wearing orange in the IRA Grand Final this June 1 was the crew from Oregon State University coached by Dave Reischman. He'll be coaching Orange crews at Syracuse University in next year's IRA. Reischman, 37, will succeed Bill Sanford who retired June 1 after 35 seasons as head coach.

"We are absolutely ecstatic that David has accepted the position," said SU Associate Director of Athletics Janet Kittell, who served as chair of the search committee, in an e-mail to SARA. "He comes to us having already proved himself as a highly successful head coach. His crews have enjoyed success at the national level. With David's leadership, we are confident that the Syracuse crew program will continue to build upon the strong tradition that Coach Sanford worked so hard at establishing."

Reischman has been head coach for the Beavers the past eight years. His varsity eight was fourth in the IRA Grand Final this year and OSU's team had an overall eighth place finish. After rowing four years at Gonzaga University and graduating Summa Cum Laude, he interned under Harry Parker at Harvard in 1987-88. He then spent a year as freshman coach at Florida Institute of Technology before returning to Gonzaga as Director of Rowing from 1989-1994.

He is a three-time United States National Team coach, having assisted Head Coach Mike Teti most recently in the summer of 2001.

"Dave is the real deal," said Tom Darling '81, the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association's representative on the search committee. "He has all the attributes I would associate with a great coach- commitment, motivation, technical know-how and physiological expertise. The passion Dave has for the sport of rowing and what it takes to build a successful program will



David Reischman - SU's Head Coach

trickle down through the entire organization, from the athletic department to the athletes he coaches."

Darling pointed out that Reischman has been successful at Oregon State working **SEE "COACH" ON PAGE 5—**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

As the new President of SARA, I think my first order of business is to recognize and thank the former President, John Nicholson for a fruitful two years of service. John's effort and leadership were greatly needed in this time of immense change. And I know that we are all thankful and better off for his service.



Jeff Pesot '90

This time of change is something that few former SU oarsmen can relate to. There has been only one Coach for most of us. One man who watched 18-year-old young men hold an oar for the first time and leave four years later as accomplished oarsmen.

Departing with a love for the sport that was on display from Coach, that he literally devoted his life to sharing .

Conversely, upon completing those four years under Coach's eye a recent graduate could not possibly have comprehended the value of the experience. All of the teamwork, dedication and physical exertion would make life just a little bit easier going forward. The experience that I am sure all of us revert back to when necessary.

Thank you for everything Coach.

Now we embark on a new chapter in Syracuse Crew, where the program that all of us benefited so much from needs us to give it our dedication and support again.

Our first contribution as "active" members should be to contact "inactive" members and bring them back into the boat! If each member brings someone back to the fold we will double our strength. I am challenging every member to forward inactive alums contact info (e mail or snail) to me to be included in upcoming mailings.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Coach Dave Reischman on his new post. We are behind you 100%, and will do anything to help you do the absolute best you can.

Jeff Pesot '90
SARA President

SARA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association is to preserve and enhance the excellence of rowing at Syracuse University.

SARA Board Elects New Officers, Approves Henley Policy

Jeff Pesot '90 is the new president of the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association, approved unanimously by the SARA Board of Directors at the annual meeting June 1 at the IRA in Cherry Hill, NJ. Pesot moves up from Vice-president. He is a former varsity 8 stroke at SU and now runs G.A. Options in New York City. He succeeds John Nicholson '68, who returns to the board as a director after two years as president.

The Board also unanimously approved Jerry Jacobi '81 as Vice-president, Joe Paduda '80 as Secretary and re-elected Colin Goodale '90 as Treasurer. In addition, the board welcomed Ted Kakas '64 and Jason Premo '98 as new directors.

Among business the board conducted:

Approval of a Henley Policy which states that SARA recognizes that funds already in the Henley Endowment are committed for that purpose and that it is the coach and athletic department's decision as to when and if SU crews go to Henley. But, should additional funds for Henley trips be sought from SARA, SARA would require that the crew(s) medal at the Eastern Sprints or the IRA to receive that financial backing.

The Board also approved a proposal by Jerry Jacobi to recognize all SU crew members who have been on a national team members at any level, with a plaque to be located in the new Bill Compson Erg Room.

The edition of *The Orange Oar* you are reading now will be the last mailed out in hard copy except to paid-up SARA members who request hard copies. The board approved John Nicholson and Rick Holland's proposal to publish on the SARA website www.saracrew.org. Alumni who don't have access to the Internet or who prefer to have a copy of the newsletter in hand are asked to write to SARA and let the editors know. Publishing on the web is expected to save thousands of dollars in printing and mailing costs and allow more immediacy, more frequent updates and more photos.

The board also approved the first ever formal budget for SARA proposed by Treasurer Colin Goodale, approved a committee headed by Jerry Jacobi to look into changing SARA to a 501(c)3 (tax-exempt) organization or adding a tax-exempt arm of SARA, and heard from Lisa Sinopoli of the Orange Pack that the Campaign for Crew has passed the \$1 million mark, with a goal of \$2 million.

The Orange Oar Interview—SU's 7th Varsity Coach: Dave Reischman

By John Nicholson '68, Editor

Orange Oar: *You've been very successful at Oregon State. What led you to pursue the position at Syracuse?*

Dave Reischman: "The decision to leave Oregon State was gut-wrenching to say the least- great athletes, great support. I'd been there eight years and I think there comes a time in every coach's career that they're looking for new challenges and I thought Syracuse presented a great challenge- one that I very much look forward to."

OA: *What led you to accept the position?*

DR: "It was interesting. I had a really good visit. I connected pretty well I think with Kris (Sanford) and Craig (Milburn) who are the coaches. I had a really good feeling about Janet (Kittell- Associate Director of Athletics) someone I could definitely work for. When it came right down to it, it was just a challenge. I love to create. I love to build and I think that Bill (Sanford) obviously put a tremendous amount of resources in place and established a well-respected, great program. This is a chance to take it maybe up a little."

OA: *What is your philosophy of coaching?*

DR: "It's actually pretty simple: you know coaching is about athletes; always has been, always will be, and in addition to that I just try to create an environment where athletes can be successful. And that isn't limited to success athletically. I guess I'm a little bit old school in my approach in that I don't think athletics is about winning I think athletics is about developing young people, period. I also think the key is to consistently confront them with challenges, allow them to be successful with each challenge and move on to the next one."

"At Oregon State this past year ...every single one of those guys was a walk-on. Not one kid in the entire program had rowed before."

OA: *How important is winning?*

DR: "Winning is important in any program. You need to know that the work you put in has a reward at the end of it. But I want to make it clear that it can't be the focus. Every collegiate program in the country wants to make the grand finals of the IRA. Wanting to win or wanting to do well isn't what separates the best crews. What makes a fast crew is the day to day stuff: the ethic at practice every day, the feelings of trust that the athletes have for each other- that's what you focus on in my estimation."

OA: *What level of success do you see SU being at next year? In three years? How will you measure your success?*

DR: "Not having met the guys yet and not knowing what their take on the program is I don't feel like I can answer that. It's their program. I'm there to guide them. It's what they want me to do. Without sitting down with the guys I don't think it's fair for me to answer that question because it's about them."

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OA: *How will you recruit?*

“INTERVIEW,” CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 ...

DR: “I had a pretty good conversation with (Assistant Coach) Chris Ludden today and I think he and I are on the same page in terms of... we feel like we need to do a better job of recruiting walk-ons on campus. Everybody has made a big deal over what we did at Oregon State this past year and every single one of those guys was a walk-on. Not one kid in the entire program had rowed before they got to Oregon State. Now we’re fortunate at Syracuse that we can attract some top quality high school rowers and to not attempt to do that would be foolish. But for the first couple of years the bread and butter has got to be walk-on athletes from campus.”

OA: What do you think of the facilities?

DR: “You know the facilities were what won me over I think there’s some work we need to do in the tanks. I think the boathouse and the water and the whole setup down at the boathouse- that’s fantastic! Everybody thinks athletics are about resources but, you know, rowing is a pretty simple sport. What you need to be successful is nine people, a lot of heart, a boat (it’s helpful if it floats) and eight things that look like oars, or function like oars. I don’t know that you need much else. Having said that though, there are things that make it easier for student athletes in your program. Things like having enough ergs that they can practice at acceptable times, having a tank so you can teach the technique a little more effectively- those things definitely improve a program. I don’t know if they’re absolutely necessary. You work with what you’ve got.”

OA: Have you met any of the current team members? How much do you know about the squad?

DR: “I haven’t had the opportunity because the interview was in summer and they were all away. I’m really looking forward to it. I’ve talked with Chris Ludden and with Matt Heumann who will be our graduate assistant next year and I’ve heard plenty of stories.”

OA: What do you expect from alumni?

DR: “Through the whole process I’ve been impressed with the level of alumni support. The number of emails I’ve received since accepting this job is phenomenal. And you can guarantee that I’m going to come to the alumni with a plan at some point. But what I need to do right now is meet the guys, spend a couple of months in the program and get a really good sense of what our priorities need to be. Coach Sanford and I have already talked about redesigning the tank to make it a little more effective and a little more useful for how we practice, but other than that I need to experience Syracuse rowing

for a couple of months before I have a plan.”

OA: What should everybody who cares about Syracuse University crew know about Dave Reischman?

DR: “You got me with that one. I probably consider myself a ‘dumb farm boy.’ And what I learned on the farm is that if it’s worth doing its worth doing right. And you can guarantee that there won’t be a lack of effort in our program. And we’re going to do our best to build a program that the alumni can be really proud of. I’ll tell you what I told Janet [Kittle] when I accepted the job – and that was ‘I won’t let you down.’”

**SU HEAD COACHES
1899—PRESENT****1899-1902****Edwin Sweetland****1902-1937****James A. Ten Eyck, Sr.****1938-1949****Edward “Ned” Ten Eyck****1950-1955****Gus Eriksen****1955-1967****Loren Schoel****1967-2002****Bill Sanford****2002 - Dave Reischman**

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with mostly inexperienced oarsmen and less than ideal facilities. “ (U.S. National Team Coach) Mike (Teti told) me a story about how he went down to OSU to visit the team and their boathouse is a ‘wooden shed’ and it was a ‘no frills organization.’ He said that in the spring that the river they row on, the current is so strong that when the boats launch they go 10 minutes down river and it takes them 1 1/2 hours to get back. What an incredible accomplishment to have the OSU team finish 4th in the finals of the IRA with that kind of conditions! Imagine what he could do with the SU boathouse and Onondaga Lake.”

Chris Ludden '91 will stay on as assistant coach and Matt Heumann '02 joins the coaching staff as graduate assistant.

In addition to Kittell and Darling, the search committee included Head Women's Rowing Coach Kris Sanford, Cross Country-Track and Field Coach Andy Roberts, Associate Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Corey Parker and Faculty Oversight Chairman Associate Dean/Professor Michael Wasylenko.

The committee considered 18 applications and interviewed three finalists before selecting Reischman as the top candidate. Reischman and SU agreed to terms June 19.

WALL OF CHAMPIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT TEN EYCK BOATHOUSE

SARA Vice President, Jerry Jacobi, is working to compile a list of every SU oarsman who participated on a national team. Included on this list will be anyone who served a national team as a manager, trainer or physician.

At next spring's Champion's Reunion & 5th Annual Alumni Weekend, a permanent plaque will be dedicated in place in the boathouse with the names of all SU national team members.

CHAMPIONS REUNION

Make Plans Now For May 10-11, 2003 in Syracuse

Next spring, the SARA Board will combine its annual Alumni Weekend Festivities with special recognition for all SU Crew alumni who won an IRA, Sprints, or Pan-Am Games crew alumni are encouraged to attend, whether won at one of the "Grand Finals" Banquet, the event will feature the undergraduate against Dart-Packard Cup, variety of other activities. Please reserve the date now — a special invitation will be mailed to all SARA members in the early fall.



SU Crew Alumni Gather At The 2002 IRA

JOIN THE CREW ONLINE!!!!

Thanks to the efforts of Colin Goodale '90, SARA has a new website at www.saracrew.org Check it out today to get everything from schedules to past newsletters, to e-mail addresses for your former teammates. See you on the web!

Alumni Eight Carries the SU Banner, Repeats as IRA Champion

They did it again. Eight veteran oarsmen in orange coxed by the ubiquitous Joe Peter '69 rowed away from the field in both a morning heat and the noon final to repeat as champions of the Subaru of America Master's Eights race at the I.R.A., June 1. Bob Price again organized and stroked the eight and with a member of last year's eight, John Campbell '67 away on business, Bill Purdy '79 stepped in to help power the boat.

SU also fielded a second eight, which rowed hard but was nipped in the last 100 meters of the second morning heat for a spot in the finals. Lineups and results below. Our coverage includes first person accounts from cox Joe Peter and stroke Bob Price.

Boatings

Syracuse "A"

| Pos. | Name/ Year | Age |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | Cox Joe Peter '69 | |
| 8 | - Bob Price '88 | 36 |
| 7 | - Paul Wolfensberger '88 | 36 |
| 6 | - Jeff Shafer '82 | 43 |
| 5 | - Tom Darling '81 | 44 |
| 4 | - Drew Harrison '68 | 56 |
| 3 | - Bill Purdy '79 | 45 |
| 2 | - Ted Kakas '64 | 61 |
| 1 | - Jim Edmonds '59 | <u>64</u> |
| | average 48.125 | |

Syracuse "B"

| Pos. | Name/ Year | Age |
|------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Cox Glenn Heyer '01 | |
| 8 | - Bill Bater '79 | 44 |
| 7 | - Jerry Jacobi '81 | 43 |
| 6 | - Steve Buergin '81 | 47 |
| 5 | - Pappy Yochum '68 | 55 |
| 4 | - Rick Skomra '83 | 42 |
| 3 | - Steve Anthony '80 | 44 |
| 2 | - Frank Benson '64 | 61 |
| 1 | - Dan Hanavan '79 | <u>44</u> |
| | average 47.5 | |

Results

Heat 1

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 Syracuse A | 7:15.22 |
| 2 Penn | 7:19.52 |
| 3 MIT | 7:25.43 |
| 4 Boston U | 7:39.86 |

Heat 2

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 California | 6:37.86 |
| 2 Cornell | 6:45.02 |
| 3 Minnesota | 6:48.68 |
| 4 Syracuse B | 6:51.61 |
| 5 Northeastern | SCRATCH |

Grand Final

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Syracuse | 6:34.68 |
| 2 Penn | 6:41.42 |
| 3 California | 6:47.69 |
| 4 Cornell | 6:51.85 |
| 5 Minnesota | 7:00.94 |
| 6 MIT | 7:28.59 |

Defending the Title

By Bob Price '88

The Orange Oar asked alumni boat organizer and stroke Bob Price for his thoughts on getting this year's championship boat together and how the racing went. Bob's response follows.

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Members of the 2002 Masters 8 IRA Championship Crew

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1930's

Herb McKean '34 – is in Bellevue, WA and an apartment “punctuated with Syracuse mementos, his IRA freshman and JV championship cups, a crystal orange, his Letterman of Distinction Award and the Orange “S” on his window.” We’re told “his eyes light up at the mention of Orange or rowing at Syracuse.”

1940's

Bruce Chamberlain '41 – reports he is “still around.” The good doctor is living in East Syracuse. He continues as an active board member of SARA and is a regular at home races.

1950's

John Palmer '50 – is retired in Lewiston, KY. “Good for me,” he says “to hear from Floyd McCormick and Gene Kelley; two guys from the '49 ‘engine room’ at the last Poughkeepsie Regatta.”

Lee Simon '50 – lives in Wilmington, N.C., having retired as Chairman and CEO of L&D Inc. and Text Services Inc. Lee winters in Naples, Florida and summers in the 1,000 Islands.

Chuck Murphy '52 – was in Syracuse for his 50th class reunion. “Went by the boat house and wished the regatta was still at SU so we could have seen the race. Only saw one oarsman at the reunion and he was from the class of '53.”



B. Sanford (l.) & outgoing SARA President, John Nicholson
6960. bcgreen@crosslink.net. ”

Eric Ellis '56 – has retired after 37 years of teaching physics at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. Eric and his wife Barbara (SU '58) have four children and four grandchildren.

Barton Green '56 – still lives in St. Michael's, MD and reminds us of something a lot of younger alums were not even aware of- not only did Bart row four years for SU, but he coached the championship *light-weight crew* while he was in graduate school.

AND an update from Bart: “Carol and I recently bought a cottage on Skaneateles Lake and would be delighted to hear from any old rowing buddies. Cottage: 315-685-6805. Home: 410-745-

Robert (Bob) G. Angelucci '57 - attended the Eastern Sprints Regatta in Worcester, MA with classmates **Pete Beckett, Tom Lotz, Jack MacClelland, and Ham Dixon ('56)** to honor **Dick Horstmann** in dedicat-

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Tom Lotz '57 – continues to lead the Houston 2012 effort to bring the Olympics to Houston. Tom also served as an official at the IRA.

1960's

Chuck Levy '60 - rowed in the London Head of the River March 24, 2002, as part of an international team "de Maas/Vesta" made up of four men from Rotterdam, two from Vesta Rowing Club, U.K., Chuck at bow, and his teammate from Potomac Boat Club. Average age was 47 for the 4.5 mile head race. The long row to the start (4.5 miles) permitted everyone to practice rowing together.

Charlie Mills '60 - in his own words “ I work for Playboy Entertainment (the cable TV side, not the magazine) as Director of the Atlanta office. Commute to NYC daily from home in West Grove, PA (3 hrs. one way door to door). Get to Atlanta about once a month. Fiancée Brenda Radford who works for QVC (HQ Westchester, PA) in Hockessin, DE which is about 10 miles from home.

Enjoyed the IRA this year and seeing all the alumni. Looking for better results in the future. Congrats to the Alumni boat for coming in first. Great tradition.”

Frank Benson '63 – continues as assistant coach of crew at Georgetown and rowed in the second SU alumni eight at the IRA. Frank lives in Lorton, VA.

William E. Sanford '63 – has retired after 35 years as head coach of men's crew at Syracuse University and is a New York State Assemblyman. After three-and-a-half decades living in the boathouse, Bill and Nancy have moved into a beautiful home in Liverpool overlooking Onondaga Lake.

Paul Eckhardt '64 – is still in Stormville, NY and recalls rowing with Bill Sanford as an undergrad.

Gary MacLachlan '67 – reports the birth of his second granddaughter – Ainsley MacLachlan- in Philadelphia last October. Gary continues to head the DeWitt F.D. as its first full time chief, after retiring from the New York State Parks Department as a regional director.

1970's

Walter MacVittie '78 – in his own words “I have been living in Discovery Bay California (on the delta outside of San Francisco) since 1980 with my wonderful wife Debbie of 15 years. Last fall I purchased a Maas Aero that I keep on my dock behind my house. I have enjoyed getting back into rowing. It is the most pleasing way to get a work out. I see fellow



*L. to R. Nancy, Bill, Jen, and Shawn Sanford
at the 2002 IRA*

classmates of '78 **Ed Johanson** and **Tom Evancie** three or four times a year as they only live a couple hours from me."

John Shamlian '79 – lives in Jamesville, NY and continues as a financial advisor for Paine Webber. The youngest of his five children just turned ten and John says he sees "the light at the end of the tunnel."

1980's

Steve Anthony '80 – is still living in North Andover, MA and rowed in the second alumni boat for SU at the IRA.

Joe Paduda '80 - has moved into a house on the shore of the Neck River in Connecticut, "a small tributary of Long Island Sound - it is pretty small, but we do have a dock on the river. We keep an old wooden skiff on it for lobstering in the Sound...we also have a guest room for anyone brave enough to visit the Padudas."

Jerry Jacoby '81 – in his own words "I'm a VP at M&T Bank in the Commercial Lending Area (Buffalo) . I coach club lightweights at West Side Rowing Club. I just moved to 123 Berryman Dr. Snyder, NY 14226- a block away from **Rick Skomra** ('83).

My wife's name is Maria- my kids are Katy (14), Wyatt (13), Justine (11), and Miranda (9). Miranda just won the Buffalo Diocesan Parochial Soccer Championship (3rd & 4th Grades) and Wyatt & Justine lost in the Semi-finals. Wyatt was his team's leading scorer. Aside from the soccer camps this summer, I signed my son up for West Side's summer rowing camp (starting him early). (*Editor's note: on top of all that Jerry was elected Vice-president of SARA at the annual meeting June 1.*)

Rick Holland '83 – attended part of this year's IRA and was especially glad to see former classmates **Barry Weiss '83**; **Andy Hobbs '83**; and **Rick Skomra '83**, all out of detox and apparently holding down jobs again. As for his own employment, Rick just started a new job as a reporter for the *Wellesley Townsman* newspaper in Wellesley, MA.

Scott Baltazar '89 – and his wife Maureen have a new baby girl, Morgan (born in April). They also have a son named Parker. The Baltazars have moved back to New York (Mt. Kisco) and Scott is working in New York City.

One Last Time

Nancy was there. Two of their three daughters, Shawn and Jen were there. Kris was off coaching her SU women's team in the NCAA's so she couldn't be there, but stayed in touch by cell phone. Bill Sanford thanked his family in front of well over 100 team members, parents and alumni who had gathered on the shore of the Cooper River the night before the IRA finals to honor him. And then he thanked all of those people. He could have thanked each one by name. He knows them all.

The team presented "Coach" with a watch and SARA presented him with a digital camera and blown up photos of his IRA Champion eight from 1978. One of the mainstays in the boat, Bill Purdy '79 handed them over. Sanford said he is proud of that crew and of all his crews.

Earlier, as team parents barbecued under a tent SARA had rented, long time friends and rivals had come by to pay their respects. Buzz Congram and Pete Holland, to name two, stayed and chatted for a while. And the brutal thunderstorm that had been predicted passed to the north, leaving only a wind that had the crowd straining to hear

Sanford's words. No matter. They knew what he meant.

There was posing for pictures and plenty of shaking hands. It was as if he were a politician. Wait. He is. And now he'll be one full time in the New York State Assembly.

But before that there was this one last trip to the IRA as head coach.

On the water, things didn't go as well as he would have liked. Not every story has a completely happy ending. Four years rowing. Four more as freshman coach. 35 as the head man. A lot of people wanted to be sure Bill Sanford knows they appreciate him.

And he wanted to be sure they know he feels the same about them.

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John Rademacher '89 –and his wife Lynn are parents of a new baby girl (Anne), born this past winter. They also have a son named Jack.

Robert Heinstein '89 – the former coxswain continues with his legal work and running a restaurant in the Boston area and offers this on Bill Sanford's retirement: "I had four great years on the crew team. I learned a tremendous amount about what it meant to be a team player. As a varsity coxswain, Coach Sanford taught me a lot about teamwork, leadership and old- fashioned hard work. The greatest part of my college experience was being a member of the Syracuse Crew Team."

1990's

Chris Smith '90 – and his wife Kerri Lynn had a baby born in April (Grant).

Todd Selig '91 – continues as Town Administrator of Durham, New Hampshire and lives in Laconia.

Andrew Butler '92 – "Drew" married his high school sweetheart Jill Shane last October. He's living in Marina del Rey, CA and has been acting in commercials, television and theater in Los Angeles.

Brian Fitzgerald '94 – just bought a house in Abington, PA and is planning to move in in July.

Andrew Sawyer '95 – lives in Norrisville, IL and reports his first baby due in July.

Michael Fegley '97 – lives in Lehigh, PA. He and his wife Sheri are the proud parents of Thomas Michael Fegley, born on May 14th, 2002. Mother and baby are well.

Phillip Kaputa '98 – has been promoted to Senior Associate in the Television Services group at Price Waterhouse Coopers. His wife Christine (Camilleri '99) has been promoted to Manager of Sales Planning at America On-line. Phil was certified as a CPA in January and Christine is pursuing her MBA at Fordham. They live in Hamilton, NJ.

James Bettini '99 - has become certified as an NSCA-Certified Personal Trainer (NSCA-CPT) by the National Strength and Conditioning Association Certification Commission. By passing the NSCA-CPT exam, James is certified as holding the only nationally accredited personal fitness training credential."

Joe Bufano '99 – coached his Nottingham High School (Syracuse) JV girls eight to a National Championship in June.

2000's

Josh Stratton '01 – offers this news: "I would like to announce my engagement to Charlene Jones. We were engaged just this last weekend (June 15) on the beach in Sea Isle City, NJ. I'll be looking to move back to

the Hudson Valley within the next few months.”

Andy Berster '02 – is going to work for a defense contracting company called Mantech Realtime Systems Laboratory, in Sarasota, FL, his hometown.

Matt Heumann '02 – is staying in Syracuse to pursue a Master's degree in Thermo geology at SU. Matt will also be graduate assistant for the crew for the 2002-2003 season.



The 2002 SU Freshmen and Varsity squads at the IRA

(see above) and coxswain **Eric Miller '02**, who is heading into the final year of a 5-year Industrial Design major.

Chris Liwski '02 – spent the past month in Wisconsin, trying out for the U.S. Nation's Cup team. His time was well invested, as Chris earned a place on the team (in the 7 seat) and is now bound for Genoa, Italy for the [World U23 Rowing Championships](#).

This fall, Chris will attend Syracuse University Law School. He'll be rooming with **Matt Heumann '02**

IN MEMORIAM: SCOTT SANFORD ... June 19, 1941— June 8, 2002

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Crew and the Hudson Valley have always been one of Scott Sanford's greatest passions. He dedicated his time to educating the youth of the area and coaching the sport he loved, including the last nine years at Marist College. Scott passed away June 8th, with his family at his side. He was 60. His passing will leave a void for his family and friends that can never be filled.

Scott has been a part of Marist crew for the last nine years and has been the driving force behind the revitalization of the program. This spring has seen the Varsity Eight reach a national ranking of 15th, while winning at the Avaya Championship and finishing 15th at the IRA Regatta. At the end of June the Varsity fulfilled yet another of Scott's dreams when it traveled to England to compete in the Henley Regatta. Coach Sanford graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in history, rowing alongside his brother, Bill, the immediate-past head men's crew coach at Syracuse. He went on to earn a pair of Master's Degrees in social studies education and educational administration at SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Albany, respectively.

Scott was an educator and coach in the Hudson Valley for over 20 years. He spent 15 years as a teacher and crew coach at Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, NY, prior to becoming the principal at Spackenkill High School. In 1983 he started the crew program at Vassar College and spent 10 years there before coming to Marist College. In June of this year, Scott was named Coach of the Year by the New York State Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association.

IRA 2002 RESULTS . . .

SU Varsity 8 finish: 2nd in 4th Level Finals (20th of 23 overall)

SU J.V. 8 finish: 6th in Petite Finals (12th of 17 overall)

SU Varsity 4 with cox finish: 3rd in 3rd Level Finals (15th of 24 overall)

SU Open 4 with cox finish: 6th in 3rd Level Finals (18th of 24 overall)

SU Masters 8 finish: 1st in Grand Final (1st of 9 overall)

Syracuse did not field a Freshman 8 at the 2002 IRA.

View from the Cox's Seat

By Joe Peter '69

Joe Peter has coxed the Syracuse University alumni boat to the Subaru of America championship at the IRA the past two years. The Orange Oar asked him to recap how the weekend went for him and his crew.

Friday Practice -Did a few loopy-loops around the 500 meter mark as the boat felt good, real strong and I could feel a lot of "send" at the release. Most of all we got to the BBQ for the Coach on time.

We had an intense discussion with the officials (who were proposing dividing the nine crews registered into two divisions by age) and prevailed in having heats in the morning and then Finals. We wanted to win everything outright as we won last year by a good margin and with Bill Purdy added to the line-up we could only be faster. Also everyone had been training real hard and I was down to 123.5 lbs. not bad for an old guy).

Saturday Heat: Popped out of Bed at 5:40, etc., etc. and was on the "Charles E. Roberts" at 6:15. We were in the first heat (7:36 a.m. start) with BU, MIT and Penn. The last three years it has been Penn or us winning and they had a new stroke, plus one of the guys I have raced with before was added to the line-up.

We lined up on the stake boats; water was calm, sunny morning, and warm temperature. On the staggered start MIT went first as their average age was 62 and they had a 25 to 30 second handicap. We waited, then started around "40" for 24 strokes and settled to 34, planning on catching MIT and then coasting in. Three to the final (out of 4) and since the handicaps will determine our

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I'd been working the list of interested alumni rowers since late last fall, asking for workouts and erg scores, setting erg tests, and encouraging everyone to race often. With the pressure on us to repeat as champs, my constant reminders of how "it is easier to get to the top than to stay at the top" was my usual message. I think it sunk in as we had 10-12 guys working hard all winter and spring to make that final lineup. Plus, the added interest to make the trip to see Coach Sanford's retirement kept all the guys motivated to train hard.

It was a tough selection, but I chose the 8 guys (and cox) that I thought had the best chance of winning the race. We all knew that repeating was going to be very tough and that the other crews would come to the race with us in their cross-hairs.

As we gathered late Friday afternoon, we did not know whether there would be a morning heat, or if we would go to a straight final. We all saw that the preliminary entry list had eight crews, which would call for a heat to get the final six, but we'd never seen a preliminary entry list that actually stayed intact all the way 'til race day. By Friday evening, we found out; yes there would be a heat as there were eight crews entered. Happily, one of the other eight crews was a second entry from SU.

We were happy to hear this because we didn't feel comfortable with our warm-up row Friday night. The pending storm that night closed the race course before we could get in enough swing work, so we were counting on the morning heats to provide that opportunity. Not all crews felt that way as some of them wanted only one race for the day. But level heads prevailed, and the heats were scheduled.

Our heat put us against last year's second place finisher (and the 2000 winner) Penn, MIT (the oldest boat entered), and Boston U. Of all the crews entered, Penn was the one I did not want to see until the final as I knew they would probably be the most motivated to beat us. SEE "TITLE" on Page 14—

Alumni Attending The 2002 IRA:

David Altman '99
 Stephen Anthony '80
 Scott Baltazar '89
 Bill Bater '79
 Shawn Sanford Bebko
 Frank Benson '63
 Mark Bickford '81
 Bill Bragdon '86
 Stephen Buckley '83
 Steve Buergin '81
 Tom Darling '81
 Paris Daskalakis '98
 Bob Donabella '83
 Paul Dudzick '67
 Jim Edmonds '59
 Charlie Feuer '78 Frosh team
 Jim Fullerton '68
 Fred Gliesing '78
 Colin Goodale '90
 Drew Harrison '68
 Dan Hanavan '79
 Jay Hillebrecht '99
 Andy Hobbs '83
 Rick Holland '83
 Rick Horn '90
 Jerry Jacobi '81
 Ted Kakas '64
 Phil Kaputa '98
 Chris Kemezis '99
 Ned Kerr '67
 Chris Lenahan '91
 Matt Liwski '00
 Bryan Mahon '82
 Andrew Maude '95
 Jennifer Maude '95
 Bill McCusker '67
 Skye Michiels '99
 Arthur Mittelstaedt '58
 Ken Miller (Parent rep)
 Charlie Mills '60
 Michael Minor '73
 John Nicholson '68
 Joe Paduda '80
 Eugene Perry '50
 Joe Peter '69
 Don Plath '68
 Dave Preis '73
 Jason Premo '98
 Andrew Powers '96
 Bob Price '88
 Bill Purdy '79
 Sly Rowe '90
 Jonathan Schmitz '73

Doug Shaw '01
 Bill Sheehan
 Jen Sanford-Wendry '93
 Jeff Shafer '82
 Rick Skomra '83
 Bill Smeltzer '58
 Don Smith '90
 Josh Stratton '01
 Dirk Stribny '90
 Karl Sudar '01
 Greg Weinglass
 Barry Weiss '83
 Bob Whyte '66
 Paul Wolfensberger '88
 Pappy Yochum '68

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lane, and not our finish in the heat, no sense in getting too worked up.

At about the 1,000 meter mark we passed MIT and BU was way back. We settled to 32. Penn had closed on us and was within a half-length of passing, but they did not want to get in a battle for the lead. We reduced to 30 and the shell was really gliding thru the water. We went over first with Penn a length behind, then MIT. BU had to de-rig early.

Unfortunately so did our other entry as Minnesota got the best of them. Pappy (Dick Yochum '68) was in that boat and we race a lot together, so I am use to winning and losing with him together. It was odd not to be sharing the same emotions on that day. We figured that Penn and our crew had people who had trained a lot so it would be between our two crews. The MIT crew had some rowers who had not been in a shell for a long time and the second race would really take its toll. My boat/crew had steered straight, the crew did well and except for not seeing and calling the 500 meter mark it was a good race.

The Final: Noon time had our crews ready to race, sun getting warmer but most of all, we had a strong tail wind. Bare feet, black rowing "trou" and orange tank top over an orange shirt and the cox is ready to steer and race his crew. We take one more practice start in our lane and line-up on the stake boats. The handicaps will have us starting right with Cal in lane 3. We are in 4.

The countdown starts. MIT and then Cornell take off. WE wait forever (so it seems) 20 -25 seconds and then Cal and we go. Followed by Penn and Minnesota. My 7 man pulls a little too early on the start and the shell jerks to the port side. In the first few strokes we are on the port buoy line, I tried to ease it off but finally just gave the ropes a good tug and we got back in the center of the lane.

We are neck and neck with Cal on the start, up 4 seats, which we got from our 1/2 sec start from our handicap. We are off at a 42 for our 4+ 20 stroke start and as we settle the boat is really moving and we pick-up another seat on Cal. We are dead center in our lane after the 1st four or five strokes so now I can fully concentrate on Cal. We inch out another seat. They come back.

We go out again. This battle with Cal is keeping us well ahead of Penn and we are closing on MIT and Cornell. We go up so I am on Cal's bow man, I call the 36/37 rate for the crew, the 500 meter mark as well as the split time. All is well although I am nervous about our rate as I think it is too high. I keep calling the rate 36/37 and Bob (Price '88-stroke) and the crew keep on pushing. The boat is really running at the release so why not? The race is really intense and that's what it is all about anyway.

In the second 500, we start to clear Cal. I am past their bow—**SEE "COX" — Page 14**

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and we are catching Cornell as they are passing MIT. My crew is getting the blow by blow of the crews we are passing. We are ahead of lanes 1, 2 and 3 at 1000 meters. Split time is 3:01 still at 35/37.

The third 500 is what we trained for as we figured the other crews that tried to get up to us would now fade for paying the price. Out of the corner of my starboard eye I can see Penn about a length open behind us, and they are really not moving.

In the last 500 we keep the rate at the 36/37 beat and Penn stays were they are. The last 500 goes by quickly as I count down 400 meters to go, 300 to go etc. The "Charles" has steered straight for the whole course (something his namesake does not always do). The last ten, I call a power ten for the "Coach". We cross over and my cox-box shows 6:05 and the rest is history.

The best part of the race was they gave us an extra medal for Coach Sanford. (Maybe they heard the Ten). I won another Gold medal in a shell that is the sister ship to mine, as the JV was using my namesake.

We earned points for Syracuse's overall standing in the Ten Eyck Trophy. It was a great weekend seeing all of the "old oars" etc. Most of all it's wonderful to have the honor and privilege to be able to represent Syracuse University Crew once again.

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Our task for the heat was to finish in the top three in order to make the final. Our strategy was to do whatever it took to qualify, but to not

blow it out if we didn't need to. A hard first 1,000 and then an assessment was our race plan.

With the start being staggered (instead of calculating handicaps at the end of the race, the IRA staggers the start. The oldest boat goes first and then the younger boats follow a number of seconds after the crew ahead, all based on average age), MIT went off first, then us, then Penn and finally BU.

Off the line at a 38 and settling to a 34, we were very close with Penn for that first 1,000. Luckily, after that first hard 1,000 meters, it looked as if BU was far enough back that they wouldn't challenge for the top three. So, with a top three finish assured, we (SU and Penn) both took the rating and pressure down for the last half of the race, catching MIT in that last 500 meters. We finished about a length or so in front of Penn to win the heat, but we knew we'd see Penn again that day in a much harder race.

Watching the second heat from the shore, we saw Cal come through with the win and, unfortunately, SU coming in 4th to miss a grand final berth.

Our strategy for the grand final was to race hard, but to make sure we raced as clean as possible. The water was becoming choppy, so the crew with the cleanest row had the best chance of winning. I assured the guys that the second 1,000 meters of this race was going to be a test of conditioning; ours vs. all the rest of the crews'.

I predicted that we had the best conditioned (alumni) crew on the water that day, and I wanted to remind everyone to remember that fact



Cox, Joe Peter '69, keeps firm hold on Masters 8 Championship Trophy

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when the 1,000 meter mark arrived. A hard 20 at the 1,000 to remind the rest of the crews out there was our plan. If anyone had thoughts of catching us at the midway point, we were going to squash that the best we could.

At the start, we went off the line third, after MIT and Cornell, and essentially even with Cal who only had a one second differential in the stagger. Penn followed with Minnesota after them. A hard, clean start at a 40 got us off the line quick and a tailwind-aided 36-37 spm base rate put us in our racing rhythm. We caught MIT and Cornell at roughly the same time, around the 800 meter mark, and by the 1,000, we could see that Cal was hanging tough, with Penn closing on us.

Penn's historical fast start was evident. They made up more than a length on us early and we knew that their famous sprint was in their bag of tricks as well. Knowing this, Joey called for our "hammer" 20 and we responded with 20 very hard strokes; our conditioning paid off right there as we were now in front of the field by a boat length, pulling away.

Hearing the cheers from the crowd, and running on emotion, we hung on for that last 750, rowing as hard as we could. Our strategy worked: the field could not catch us after our strong move and we crossed first, winning gold for the second straight year.

We were all very proud to represent and win for Syracuse this year, especially in front of the larger than normal SU crowd. Repeating was tough enough: to have to do it in front of a lot of people made it a little bit tougher. But, all the guys worked tremendously hard in the off season and we came into the race knowing that we prepared well; anything but the win would have been a huge disappointment.

So, yes, we look to next year and the three-peat. It will take another year of super dedication and commitment from a strong group of guys to pull off another win. We know Penn will come back with a vengeance and Cal has now emerged as not only a great undergrad program, but a great alumni boat as well. Plus, I'm always certain that all the other boats in this year's race will come in stronger next year. No rest for us, we have to be ready. As always, I welcome any alum (27 or older) to join the group of candidates for the alumni boat(s) and I'm sure we'd all like to see a regular turnout of two or more SU alumni entries at the IRA. I will begin to remind everyone about IRA 2003 at the end of the head racing season this year, so if you know of anyone interested, please pass them my contact info.

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| August 4, 2002 | “Meet The Coach” Picnic | Boathouse—Liverpool, NY |
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