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## SANFORD TO RUN FOR ASSEMBLY Win At The Polls Would Accompany Retirement in June

Head Coach Bill Sanford announced Saturday, Dec. 1, that he will run for the 118<sup>th</sup> District seat in the New York State Assembly. If he is elected he will coach the Syracuse University crew through the spring 2002 season, then retire in June, Sanford said.

Gov. George Pataki is expected to call a special election, probably in late February 2002, to fill the seat which veteran Assemblyman Michael Bragman (D-Cicero) is giving up Dec. 31. Sanford (R-Salina) is generally considered the favorite for the Republican nomination for the seat, and would be strongly favored in the special election. He has been chairman of the Onondaga County Legislature since 1988. The assembly district has a heavily Republican majority among registered voters.

Sanford, 62, who has been head coach of men's crew since the fall of 1967, said he is fully prepared to coach the team during the spring 2002 season, even while the Legislature is in session in Albany. "The only way my crew would be hurt would be if I allowed the position to get in the way, which I will not let it do," Sanford told *The Orange Oar*.

"I've spoken to the people in Albany. My responsibilities (there) would be from 11 a.m. Monday and all day Tuesday," he said. "We're finished with practice by 8 a.m. Monday and traditionally have off on Tuesday. If I am successful, I'll spend a couple of days a week in Albany. If it got in the way, I wouldn't do it," Sanford said. "They know it down there (in Albany)."

The coach said he had not talked with the team as a group prior to the announcement. He planned to "have a good session with them in Florida" during winter break training. Several team members had asked about earlier rumors that he would seek the seat and give up his coaching position. "A couple of them want to work for me," Sanford joked.

Should he be elected for the remainder of the term, Sanford would have to seek a full term in November in an assembly district whose boundaries are likely to be redrawn in 2002 to conform with census figures. That would require mounting a campaign through — (SEE "SANFORD", PAGE 3 . . .)

## From the President . . .

*Dear Fellow SARA Members:*

*Once again, I find myself writing one of these letters for the second time. Coach Sanford's announcement of his plans to run for the Assembly necessitates that. This has been in the wind for a few weeks, but only now (SEE "PRESIDENT", PAGE 2 . . .)*



*Bill Sanford, SU Varsity Coach*

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—looks like a pretty sure thing. There are a couple of hurdles he'll have to clear to get to the Assembly, but I believe it will happen. Then what?

Coach Sanford has assured me that he'll be able to handle both jobs. He said "if it got in the way (of coaching the crew) I wouldn't do it." I'm confident that his first priority continues to be the crew. That needs to be our priority as well.

If indeed Coach Sanford retires at the end of this spring season, we need to be especially supportive in the search for a successor. I'm encouraged by my conversation with Athletic Director Jake Crouthamel. He told me he has "no concerns" with SARA members offering their input on a successor. In fact, he said it would be "appropriate to have a member of the SARA board on the search committee." I find that extremely heartening.

I also expressed my concern about newspaper articles hinting at the possibility of non-revenue sports being cut back further, if more tickets were not sold for football games this season. Jake's response: "you didn't hear that from me." He told me "I have no plan" that would involve cutting crew. I'd like to hope that the ongoing Campaign for Crew also would preclude that possibility.

The next year or two will be crucial times for Syracuse crew. The coaches, the team members and **the program itself** are going to need all the support we can give them. I'll be keeping the membership updated by e-mail as much as possible, so if you want to be "in the loop" and have not received an e-mail from me in the past 3 months, please send me your address. Mine is <jsnich@juno.com >

Now, here's my original message for this issue, which I still want to share.

It was cold in the tent on the bank of the Schuylkill. The wind was kicking up and the tent had no sides on it. But I was warm and so were the other veteran SARA board members who were there. We were surrounded by parents of men's and women's crew members, cooking and passing around food and drinks for everybody. That helped warm our bodies and our hearts. But it was the other group at our Philadelphia SARA meeting that really made the difference.

We were joined by more than half a dozen oarsmen and a cox, who have graduated over the past three or four years: last year's co-captain Josh Stratton and Doug Shaw, Skye Michiels and Chris Kemezis, Jim Klein and Matt Liwski who have younger brothers still rowing for SU and Glenn Heyer, the coxswain who is now an assistant coach for the Orange. They were curious as to what we were up to and eager to pitch in with positive ideas and opinions.

These are guys just starting out in their careers or still in graduate school. Except for Glenn, they live in the Philadelphia area. And as I said about Josh and his fellow graduates last May, they are the future of SARA and by extension, the Syracuse University men's crew program. Let me amend that. They need to be the present as well. I could not have been happier to see them.

I'm glad I insisted on having a SARA board meeting in Philadelphia (and outside of Syracuse) and especially grateful to the board members who were able to make it. We did not do a lot of official business.

There was discussion of the Henley debate. The younger guys had some very helpful input on that. But nothing has been decided, nor was that planned. The Henley Policy Committee now is moving to the serious work, deciding whether SARA should have a policy at all, and if so what it should be. Joe Peter is the chair and other members are Charlie Roberts, Ken Hutton, Joe Paduda and Kenzie Miller. I encourage you to give them your reasoned input. I expect the committee's report and serious discussion at our January SARA board meeting in Syracuse.

Barry Weiss, Ken Hutton and I walked back along the course that Saturday afternoon, heading for the parking lots on the bluffs above the Schuylkill, just in time to stop and watch the Orange varsity eight go by. The crew was opening water on the following boat and gaining on the boat ahead. It made the climb up the bluff and the drive back to Syracuse easier.

RYBO,

**John Nicholson '68**

SARA President

## BECOME A USRA JUDGE-REFEREE

By Tom Lotz '57

There is nothing like standing on a small float in the middle of the river with a light rain falling while crews are late to the starting line, cannot maintain point, and have to ask which is their assigned lane. With rainwater trickling down your neck, you raise your wet red flag and send yet another race down the course. The sun breaks through and it becomes a beautiful day, more rowers come to the start line, away they go, and all is right with the world.

Such is the life of a US Rowing Association licensed Judge-Referee. You know – the seasoned citizens in the blue blazers that contribute their time and untold resources to work with the local organizing committee toward a successful regatta.

A lot of former Orange Oars are continuing in the sport by serving as Judge-Referees at regattas all over the US. Although a cliché, officiating is truly a way to give back to the sport.



There are more and more regattas with the marvelous growth of rowing across the country. Thus there is an accompanying need for licensed Judge-Referees to insure that the races are managed within the tenets of the Rules of Rowing. So, how does one start down the path

to become a blue blazer model?

One way, and probably the best way is to informally visit with any official at a regatta or at your club. Most will be happy to share their knowledge and to guide you on the path. Ask if you can ride in their launch – observe the litany used by the Aligner and the Starter. Look for those times of potential peril when the rowers are on the course. Sit at the finish line for a while and judge the order of finish.

Further research can be made on the USRA website [www.usrowing.org] – click on Judge-Referee Info, the go to JR License requirements and look through the Rules of Rowing. The requirements to become an assistant Judge Referee, then to become a fully licensed JR, and requirements to retain licensure are all contained therein.

Try it, you'll like it!

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—the summer. Sanford said he would pursue that after retiring as coach in June.

S.U. Athletic Director Jake Crouthamel told *The Orange Oar* he has talked with Sanford about his plans and is supportive. Should Sanford win a special election and officially announce his retirement plans, there would be a national search for a successor.

“We would advertise nationally,” Crouthamel said. “We would follow standard procedure and form a search committee. He also said he feels it would be “appropriate” to have a SARA representative on the search committee.

“It is possible there would be “an interim situation,” Crouthamel said. “You never know. There might be some things that come up (in the assembly) that he (Sanford) doesn’t know about.”

In such a case, there might be need for an interim coach for the 2002 season, because finding a long term successor on short notice would be difficult, as some potential candidates would be reluctant to leave their current situations with the season about to begin. But Crouthamel said he is hopeful that won’t be necessary. “My druthers would be for him to complete the season, assuming he can devote the time,” Crouthamel said.

### RECEPTION IN NEW YORK CITY

**A SARA gathering is being planned for New York City in January or February. Sly Rowe < slyrowe@email.msn.com > and Paris Daskalakis < parisdask@hotmail.com > are in charge. If you’re interested in attending, please e-mail one or both of them and you’ll be informed of the where and when with plenty of advance notice.**

### FOLLOW SU CREW TO FLORIDA

**If you’ve never watched a SU Crew practice without wearing gloves and a parka, you owe it to yourself to see the team this winter in Florida.**

The team will be in Melbourne at the Pines “Resort” from January 4-11. For the spring camp, from March 7-15, the team will be in Miami Beach at the Golden Sands Motel on Collins Avenue. Also: don’t miss the Varsity 8’s race in Tampa on March 10th.



# BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

## 1950's

**Floyd McCormick '50** – lives in Kingston, NY. Floyd reports that he is “still rowing starboard and remembering Eugene Kelly’s freckles from the back.”

**Charles Murphy '52** – is in John’s Island, SC. He’d like to know if any 1952 graduates will be back for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Contact him at < cmurphy@awod.com >

**Ed Shephard '53** - and wife Chris had a great visit with Bart Green '56 and his wife Carol at their home in St. Michael's, Maryland. He'd like to hear from old friends from the boathouse days. Bart is retired, but is busier than ever with consulting work, much of it linked to his days as a legal counsel for the Iron & Steel Institute in Washington. Thanks to **Ray Rogers '56** for connecting me to Bart. Response is coming in from the members of the Class of '53 for a get-together during our 50th reunion in 2003. Many are planning to make the trek to Syracuse. Have yet to hear from **Phil Barrett, Dave Dibble, Frank Kozelek, Roger Mallory** and **Andy Tedesco**. (e-mail-eshephard@capecod.net). A follow-up letter about our 50th will be in the mail very shortly. (*Editor's note: see Bart's version below.*)

**Dick Weinberger '53** – is involved in coaching the Pittsford High School crew in suburban Rochester along with **Dick “Pappy” Yochum '68**. Pappy says Dick is also into sailing. “It’s hard to keep him away from the water.

**Henry Einhorn '54**- lives in Silver Spring, MD. The last of his 3 sons was married this August, 2 weeks after Henry’s third grandchild arrived. It was a busy summer!

**Bart Green '56** - reports that **Ed Shephard '53** and his wife Chris recently visited Bart and his wife Carol at their home in St. Michaels, Maryland. Ed and Chris live in Brewster on Cape Cod. Ed and Bart grew up in the same neighborhood in Syracuse, went to the same church and schools, were in the same Boy Scout troop and their parents were friends. Ed brought with him some old and recent photos and videotape. Bart has also been in touch by e-mail or regular mail with **Ray Rogers '56**, who lives near Albany; **Jack Follis '56**, who lives in East Northport on Long Island; **Bob Hick '54**, who lives in Springfield, Pennsylvania, and **Stan Leiberman '54**, who lives in Del Mar, north of San Diego. The SARA website provides email and home addresses for Old Oars and makes it easy to get in touch with them." Bart's e-mail address is < bcgreen@crosslink.net >

**Bob Angelucci '57** - is holding down the fort in Erie, Pa., and checks in to say he is glad to see the women’s crew (coached by Kris Sanford) did so well in 2000. (The Orangewomen made the NCAA’s for the second time this year.)

## 1960's

**Bryan Collier '61** – has relocated to Louisville, Tennessee.

**Paul Eckhardt '64** – lives in Stormville, NY, and is retired from the Carmel Central School District where he was chairman of the math department.

**Gary MacLachlan '67** – and Kathy proudly announce the births of TWO granddaughters - Lindsay on March 28 (to son Gavin and daughter-in-law Kristin) and Ainsley on October 16 (to son Tim and daughter-in-law Rebecca). The Big Duper is now the Big Grand Duper!

**Dave Tousignant '67** – lives in Malvern, PA, and sends a message for Coach Sanford. “Keep turning boys into men. Life only seems to be getting together after 9/11/01.”

**Don Plath '68** – still lives in Skaneateles, NY and says “the single still goes each morning.” Don’s son Christopher graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and married Erica, also Navy '01. Son Trevor is a senior at Geneseo and starting close D in lacrosse.

**Dick Yochum '68** – has been coaching the Pittsford High School crew in suburban Rochester, NY along with **Dick Weinberger '53**. “Pappy” also reports meeting **Nathan Graf '96**, who is rowing with the Community RC out of Boston and was successful with the “A” and “B” eights at the Masters’ Nationals.

## 1970's

**Bill Bater '79** – lives in Long Beach, CA., is still rowing and coaching and now has taken up cycling as well. His children are also competing in soccer and swimming. Bill says he continues to provide environmental advice to Wells Fargo Bank.

## 1980's

**Art Sibley '80** – is now the second selectman of Old Lyme, CT. Art was elected November 6. Art is a Republican (*Editor's note: Coach Sanford no doubt is proud*) who had a tough campaign, but wound up the leading vote getter in the election. He says “at least we had no hanging chads.”

**Brian Mahon '82** - is men’s crew coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. Brian lives in Niantic, CT.

**Pete Sheerin '83** – has completed his residency in Theriogenology (Animal Reproduction) at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. He is now in Glen Rock, PA at an equine practice that specializes in reproduction.

**Bill Duffield '86** – is in Brookfield, CT., with wife Renee and two kids. He’s “captain of a new team” as general manager for a roofing and siding distributor.

## 1990's

**Jay Rhodes '90** – has accepted a job teaching English as a second language in Chile. He leaves for Santiago in February.

**Todd Selig '91** – is Town Administrator in Durham, NH. Prior to that he’d been business manager for the Hopkinton School District. Todd lives in Laconia, NH.

**Steve Buckley '93** – is back in Philadelphia after a two-year stint in the Bay area. He recently became—  
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# FALL 2001 RACING RESULTS

**PHILADELPHIA** — SU's top eight finished fifth in the championship eight at the Head of the Schuylkill, in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 27.

The Orange's entry in the Championship Eight event crossed the finish line in 12:49.28. A boat from the Princeton Training Center won the race with a time of 12:19.62.

SU had six other boats in five other races at the Schuylkill. The highest showing for SU at the regatta came in the club eight race. The Orange placed fourth with a time of 13:48.00.

Championship Eight

1. Princeton Training Center	12:19.62
2. UPenn - A	12:43.91
3. Boston	12:45.87
5. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>12:49.28</b>

Club Eight

1. Drummoyne Rowing Club	13:19.72
2. Potomac BC	13:32.24
3. Umass- Amherst	13:41.18
4. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>13:48.00</b>

Four w/ Coxswain

1. UTS	13:53.50
2. Penn AC	14:13.49
3. Princeton Training Center	14:14.97
6. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>15:06.16</b>

Open Quad

1. Princeton Training Center	13:09.72
2. Malta Boat Club	13:28.50
3. Penn AC	13:28.72
9. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>15:24.23</b>

Freshman Eight

1. Princeton A	13:10.43
2. Navy A	13:22.96
3. Penn	13:24.44
6. <b>Syracuse A</b>	<b>13:56.35</b>
<b>Syracuse B</b>	<b>Did Not Start</b>

Freshman Four w/ Coxswain

1. Georgetown	15:25.71
2. Penn	15:46.26
3. Temple	16:17.40
5. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>16:37.12</b>

**BOSTON** — SU's highest finish at this year's Head of the Charles was a fifth-place showing in the youth four race. The Orange crossed the finish line in 17:22.27. Princeton won the race of 31 crews.

Syracuse's championship eight placed 16th at the Charles. The Orangemen crossed the finish line in 14:58.28. US Rowing won the 40-boat race with a time of 14:09.46.

The Orangemen finished 21st in the 29-boat championship four race, with a time of 17:38.66.

Championship Eight

1. US Rowing	14:09.46
2. Deutscher Ruderv.	14:21.17
3. Harvard	14:28.24
16. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>14:58.28</b>

Championship Four

1. US Rowing	15:45.17
2. U. Of Tech - Sydney	16:01.21
3. Penn AC	16:22.63
21. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>17:38.66</b>

Youth Four

1. Princeton	16:33.27
2. The Gunnery (HS)	16:49.24
3. Boston Rowing Center	17:12.20
5. <b>Syracuse</b>	<b>17:22.27</b>



*Chris Liwski & Andy Berster*

## SU VARSITY 4 BRINGS HOME GOLD FROM STONEHURST

Using a combined time from the three-mile head race and three times the finish time of the 1,500-meter sprint, SU's varsity four finished ahead of Cornell and Yale. Last season, SU's varsity four placed third at the Stonehurst.

<u>Eights Championship Time</u>	<u>Head Race</u>	<u>Sprint</u>
1. Harvard 28.46.4	15:28.89	4:25.85
2. Brown 29.09.9	15:43.99	4:28.65
3. Cornell 29.25.4	15:48.15	4:32.41
6. <b>SU 29:41.9</b>	<b>16:07.12</b>	<b>4:31.61</b>

<u>Fours Championship Time</u>	<u>Head Race</u>	<u>Sprint</u>
1. <b>SU 32:36.58</b>	<b>17:35.44</b>	<b>5:00.38</b>
2. Cornell 33:08.74	17:58.45	5:03.43

## BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni - continued from Page 5

—engaged to Maria Duque and they are planning a May, 2002 wedding. (*Editor's note: thanks for the help at the Head of the Schuylkill.*)

**Jennifer Sanford-Wendry '93** – and her husband Brian have bought a house and are living in Coventry, CT. Jen is in her fifth year as head coach of women's crew at the University of Connecticut.

**Tom Petnuch '98** – has been married to Julie Hagan since August, 1998. They have a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born April 12, 2001. Tom graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine this year and is practicing in Oakmont, PA.

**Josh Kaplan '98** - recently relocated to Boston from Detroit. Desire to be close to teammates given as one of the top reasons for moving.

**Paris Daskalakis '98** – has passed both the New York and New Jersey bar exams and hopes to be sworn in as an attorney sometime early next year. He looks forward to seeing everybody at SARA's NYC gathering, which he is helping to arrange.

**Phillip Kaputa '98** - ran his first Marine Corps Marathon in Washington DC in a time of 3 Hours 37 minutes. He and his wife (former coxswain **Christine Camilleri '99**) welcomed **Tim Daughton '98** to his new house in Princeton New Jersey for a Thanksgiving feast.

**Joe Bufano '99** - became engaged to Amy Laubenstien in November. They are planning a summer wedding in 2002.

### *And the following were seen at the Head of the Charles:*

*Rowing:* Ham Dixon '55, Bill Hawkey '53, Mike Beebe '75, Bill Purdy '80, Frank Benson '62, Ted Kakas '64, Paul Wolfensberger '88, Joe Peter '69, Dick "Pappy" Yochum '68, Don Smith '90, Tom Darling '81, Bob Price '88, Jim Edmunds '59, Jeff Shafer '83.

*Enjoying the day outside a shell:* Josh Stratton '01, Adam Jackson '00, Sly Rowe '93, Scott Baltazar '89 (with wife Maureen & son Parker), Skye Michiels '99, Dave Fish '80, Jay Abbott '01, Karl Sudar '01, Charlie Durham '99, Mike Gryniuk '01, Brian Mahon '82, Greg Harvie '97, Jamie Bettini '99, Pat Daughton '99, Sean Ring '01, Sam Herrick '97, Roby Totten '93, Steve Buckley '93, Alex Cmil '93, John Tytus '97, Mike Celluci '98, Jay Hillebrecht '99, John Curtin '98, Brandon Lee '98, Matt Krehbiel '00, Scott Christian '99, Doug Markel '98, Tim Daughton '98, Josh Kaplan '98, Paul Wojdyla '99.

Sightings and spellings courtesy of Freshman Coach Chris Ludden.  
Incorrect class years should be blamed on your editor.

*And one more note of thanks:* from the coaches, crew and SARA members to the parents who provided sustenance food and drink) at the Head of the Charles and the Head of the Schuylkill, especially to Chip Gibson's parents, **Charles and Donna Gibson**, who fed the crew at their home on Friday night at the Head of the Charles, and to Alex Ficarella-Danberg's folks, **Vicki Danberg and John Ficarelli**, who did the honors at their home on Saturday night.

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## CREW CALENDAR

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

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

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
January 4-11	Winter Training Camp	Melbourne, FL
January 26, 2002	Winter S.A.R.A. Board Meeting	Syracuse, NY
TBA	2nd Annual S.A.R.A. NYC Reception	New York City
March 7-15, 2002	Spring Break Training Camp	Miami Beach, FL
March 10, 2002	President's Regatta	Tampa, FL
March 29, 2002	Annual Bow Ball Dinner	Syracuse, NY
March 30, 2002	Opening Race vs. Boston University	Syracuse, NY
May 3-5, 2002	4th Annual S.A.R.A. Alumni Weekend	Syracuse, NY
May 12, 2002	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
May 30-June 1, 2002	I.R.A.	Camden, N.J.

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