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Still “Ready, All!” Orange alums hit the fall racing circuit

“Row hard!” Those are the words Ted Kakas '64 uses to sign off his communications. Those also are the words he lives by. And he's far from alone among Syracuse University crew alumni. For dozens of Orangemen, rowing for SU turns out to have been the launching pad for decades of competition. “The rowing ability we developed as undergrads was really just a beginning,” said Drew Harrison '68. “Our ability can grow with more time.”

Kakas and Harrison are among about two-dozen Orange oarsmen and coxswains, who competed at the top echelon of the Masters events in this fall's Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. Kakas rowed in the two-seat for the Kent Mitchell 4+. The crew was fifth overall in the Masters race and first in the 50-and-over category. “Actually it was our second win in a row as we won the same race last year,” Kakas said.

Drew Harrison competed in a 50+ Masters 8+ at the HOC in a composite crew entered as Genesee Valley, organized by Dick “Pappy” Yochum '68. Jim Segaloff '65 was the coxswain. “We had not rowed together before that weekend,” Harrison said. “But the crew was filled with guys I respect from having raced with or against them at recent National Masters Championships. I expected a good race and we had one.”

The crew raced aggressively from the back of the starting grid, passed several boats, and finished with the 3rd fastest time overall.

Bill Purdy '79 was in the overall winning Master's 4+ coxswain for 1980 Rowing Club. That crew crossed the line in 17:54.5 “Excuse the Penn blades,” Purdy said. (see photo page 2.) It was “Orange power” pulling his oar. Along with his busy practice of dentistry in Vermont, Bill has found time to be in strong competitive shape. So has three-time Olympian Tom Darling '81, who surely would have been among the top competitors but for an injured

Achilles tendon.

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There were 11 SU alums altogether in the 4+ race. Andy Hobbs '83 took third in the Wilmington boat. Bill Bater '79 was ninth with Long Beach. Joe Peter '69 coxed the Grosse Ile Rowing entry to an 11th place finish; third in the 50 and over competition. He is still finding new challenges. “I have coxed the Charles many times before and have always done very well but this is the first time in did it in a “bow-loader” coxed four,” Peter said. “It was a much different view especially cutting corners and buoys.”

Peter is close to needing another room on his house for all the Masters trophies his crews have won over the years. “For me, the involvement is the most important part,” he said. “I am still with Syracuse Crew after 37 years and the closer or more involved the better. The best regattas are the ones were I am in a Master's event and SU is also racing.”

The fact that SU was racing at the Head of the Charles apparently was a big help to Steve Anthony '80, John Rademacher '89, Colin Goodale '90 and Jerry Jacobi '81. “Many thanks to (Assistant Coach) Chris Ludden for an emergency re-rigging Saturday evening and to Chris and (Head Coach) Dave Reichsman in general for their support,” Jacobi said. With high-schooler Dave

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FROM THE PRESIDENT ...



Jeff Pesot '90

Fellow SARA Members:

The new era is in full swing! Coach Dave is doing a great job taking over the leadership of the current team. Any positive support you can send his way would be appreciated. He needs us to stand behind him as makes the "tough" decisions that in the end will be best for the current team as well as the future of the program.

It's a tough economy for fundraising (just ask Lisa) but we gave the Omega Wave machine a good effort on such short notice. In the end, we raised a little over \$11,000 and the Athletic Dept. came up with the balance. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to the plate and made a gift, your support is appreciated.

Speaking of fundraising the Campaign for Crew is still going strong with a little over a \$1 million raised so far. Your efforts toward this important endeavor are on going and ensure the future of the program.

One final note, be on the lookout for talent. If you see any athletes that you think Dave should give some consideration to, be sure to give him a call. With all our eyes open, we can cover a lot of ground.

I look forward to seeing you at future SARA events and at the races this spring.

Jeff Pesot
SARA President

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MARK TOOMEY '92

Burke coxing, Anthony, Rademacher, Goodale and Jacobi raced under the SARA banner and made it to the line in about 19:56 for 20th overall. "Not bad, considering we rowed at 27 strokes per minute, where other boats were stroking at about 30-32," Jacobi said.

Brian Mahon '82 was 22nd in the Masters fours+ with the Thames River crew and Chuck Levy '60 rowed in the Navy Masters (average age 54) boat that was 39th overall.

Other SU alums rowing in the Head of the Charles included Andy Washburn '75, Ham Dixon '55, Rich Lewis '84, Jeff Schafer '82, Paul Wolfensberger '88, and Frank Benson '63. "There probably were more," Drew Harrison said. "The volume of Masters athletes at the HOC and other regattas shows that rowing is a lifetime sport for many. It's skillful, aerobic, healthy, relaxing, challenging, powerful, and more.

Harrison, the former SU freshman coach who won three IRA championships, runs a rowing-related business out of British Columbia, has coached internationally and continues to compete. "Our ability can grow with more time," he says. "There may be no limits to the benefits of fluidity and focus for high performance rowing at any age. Many of the more competitive Ma-



Bill Purdy '79, in the 3-seat, won the Masters 4+ with the 1980 Rowing Club at the Head of the Charles

ters rowers are great examples of these abilities, in addition to intense competitiveness, even though some physiological capacities and top speed have naturally diminished with age."

Don't mention that last part about diminishing with age to Ted Kakas. "For what it's worth," he added (at age 59) "I was in the winning Masters 4 the following week in the Head of the Schuylkill with a different stroke, 3 seat and coxswain this time rowing for Occoquan Boat Club."

"Row hard" indeed!



From the Coach ...

The Orange Oar asked Head Coach Dave Reischman for his thoughts on the fall season and the winter and spring ahead. Here's his response:

Turning around a program is always full of surprises, good and bad, and we certainly had our fair share of both this fall. Whenever I visit a rowing program the first thing I try to notice is the attitude around the boathouse and that has been our major focus this fall. I think you can tell the "character" of a program within 10 minutes of walking through the door. How do the athletes interact with each other and do they go about their business with a sense of enjoyment and a sense of purpose?

We started the year with 30 athletes on the varsity squad and we are now down to 18. A few guys quit on their own for good reasons but the bulk of it was what I would call "growing pains". Anytime you do a 180-degree philosophical change you are going to lose guys that were comfortable in the old system and unable to change to fit the new. In our case this year, most of the "cuts" were due to lack of physical fitness or for conduct not appropriate for a Syracuse Oarsman. Although I would prefer a few more guys than 18, I feel like we have 18 guys that are committed to turning this program around and willing to do the work necessary. I believe in leadership from the top and you need a varsity program that people want to row for and an attitude around the boathouse that the two hours you spend at practice is the best part of your day. Our job, as the varsity program, is to model this for the freshmen.

The second thing we are taking a hard look at is the type of kids we are recruiting and how we introduce them to Syracuse Rowing at the freshmen level. We are not going to consistently get to the Grand final at the varsity level if our frosh are finishing in third and fourth level finals. Coach Ludden and I have been working hard at the recruiting business and we are in contact with a lot of talented athletes—both academically and athletically. It is too early to tell what sort of an impact we are having but we think we have a few kids that can help us. Our current frosh class is definitely a work in progress. Not a lot of size but we shall see if we can turn them in to fighters.

We had our Class Day races on November 9th and we changed the format a bit this year. We started off with the men's team doing their own class day in fours. The seniors won the day by 15 seconds over the juniors. The com-

bination four (three juniors, one senior, and a frosh coxswain) was third, the sophomores were fourth and the frosh were last. In the second race of the day we rowed mixed eights with the women's team (four from each squad). The sophomores pulled a huge upset over the seniors by one tenth of a second (honestly—no time fudging here). I think both teams really enjoyed the mixed boat racing and we will probably continue to make it part of class day.

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We are currently at the beginning of our winter training and things are going well. This fall we spent a lot of time changing our technique and we didn't spend a lot of time on fitness. That has officially changed as we move indoors—IT IS TIME TO GET IN SHAPE. You can tell the crew guys around campus...they tend to be moving very slowly when going up stairs.

Thanks to everyone that made it out to the races this fall, we really enjoyed your support. The guys and I are going to work hard this winter and hopefully give you all a little more to cheer about this spring.

Dave Reischman
Head Coach

Dave Reischman became SU's 7th men's varsity crew coach since the sport had its start on campus in 1899. He can be reached via e-mail at dreischm@syr.edu

2002 FALL RACING RESULTS

Head of the Charles — Oct. 19, Boston, MA

Youth Fours (41 crews entered)

- 1) Princeton 16:32.41
- 21) Syracuse 18:43.15

Championship Eights (42 crews entered)

- 1) US Rowing 14:53.28
- 33) Syracuse 15:58.92

Princeton Chase — Oct. 27, Princeton, NJ

Men's Heavyweight Fours (25 crews entered)

- 1) Princeton "A" 14:58.96
- 7) Syracuse "A" 15:30.64

Men's Heavyweight Eights (22 crews entered)

- 1) Cornell "A" 13:15.65
- 11) Syracuse 14:06.29

SARA Champions Reunion Weekend

Join the crowd in Syracuse on May 16-17, 2003

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Syracuse University's 1978 IRA Varsity Eight championship, SARA will hold a Champions Reunion Weekend on May 16-17, 2003. The Pan American Games championship eight of 1959, the IRA Varsity Four champions of 1981, the Freshman Eight champions of 1956, '76, '77 and '78, and the Eastern Sprints Freshman champions of 1961 also will be honored at a Saturday night dinner.

Each championship team has a member in charge of rounding up the crew for this even and response so far has been strong. This is a chance to celebrate the tradition and camaraderie of Syracuse Crew, get together with old friends and give the current team a taste of what it means to be part of this great tradition. It's also a chance for alums to root on the Orangemen as they race against Dartmouth for the Packard Cup

The tentative schedule is:

Friday, May 16 –

1 p.m. – SARA golf outing

Dinner – informal gathering/ location(s) TBA

Saturday, May 17 –

TBA - Dartmouth vs. Syracuse/ Onondaga Lake

11 a.m. SARA Annual Meeting

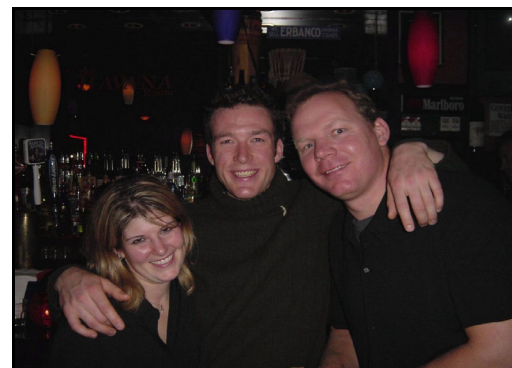
1 p.m. Barbecue & alumni row at boathouse

7 p.m. Dinner of Champions/ Doubletree Hotel, North Syracuse

A limited number of reduced rate rooms will be available to SU Crew alums at the Doubletree Club Hotel in North Syracuse. NCAA lacrosse playoffs are being held in Syracuse that weekend, so it's a good idea to make reservations early. **Call (315) 457-4000** and ask for the **SYRACUSE CREW** rate.

Complete arrangements including ticket prices are in the works and will be announced by e-mail, on the web at www.saracrew.org and in the pre-season issue of *The Orange Oar*.

In the meantime questions and/or plans to attend may be addressed to John Nicholson '68 at (315) 453-3640 or jsnich@juno.com



SARA MISSION STATEMENT

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

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1940's

Bill Oles '43 – in his own words, “Still kicking and thinking SU crew, of course.” Bill lives in Delhi, NY.

1950's

Tom Lotz '57 – was honored this October as a Syracuse University Letterwinner of Distinction. Tom's accomplishments over the years include heading Houston's effort to land the 2012 Olympics. After the Letterwinners' Dinner on Homecoming Weekend Tom said the plan was to “wander around upstate New York researching genealogy until the following weekend when we return to our hometown to celebrate the 50th reunion of our undefeated high school football team. I was a tackle, Susan a cheerleader! And then back to Houston to seek new challenges.”

John MacLelland '57 – is in Yarmouth Port, MA and continues his support of SARA and SU Crew.

Nelson Miller '59 – In his own words: “I ‘graduated’ in '59, rowed in the Olympic trials in '60, and am still rowing at Lake Washington Rowing Club in Seattle. I coached at Gonzaga for a few years when they were first getting the program going, and am extremely pleased with the decision to hire Dave R. as the new coach!” *Editor's Note: Nelson rowed 6 in the Pan Am Games championship crew in 1959 and will be among the honorees at next May's Weekend of Champions. He also coached Dave Reischman at Gonzaga.*

Lawrence Weiner '59 – is in Hollywood, Florida with Pension Investors Corp.

1960's

Walter Kehm '60 - stopped by Coach Chris Ludden's office this fall. In Chris' words, “He was in town for business and thought he'd stop by the crew room. He is now coaching at University of Guelph in Canada (relatively new program) and gets out and rows the Master's circuit quite a bit too. He related a couple of old stories (including placing second in the IRA by 1/10 second to Cornell his senior year, with 7 guys rowing from mile 2 to the finish due to one oarsman passing out from sickness). He was also pleased to see the oar from the 1956 Frosh IRA Championship hanging in the crew room (he was a member of that crew).”

Bob Miron '60 - chairman and chief executive officer of Syracuse-based Advance/Newhouse Communications, one of the nation's largest cable-system operators is one of 11 inductees at the 2002 Broadcasting & Cable Magazine Hall of Fame in New York City. Bob also was elected this year to the Syracuse University Board of Trustees. Editor's note: Quite a year for the former coxswain who is a strong supporter of SU crew! Bob also is former president of the SU Varsity Club.

Jerry Winklestein, M.D. '61 – writes from Baltimore, “My wife Marilyn and I had a great visit with Charlie Mills and Tommy Rouen in September where we relived many wonderful memories of our 1959 Pan American Games gold medal crew.” Editor's Note: Jerry was coxswain of that championship crew, Charlie was the stroke and Tom was in the 3-seat.

Chuck Rayfield '63 – has been retired since 1998 and is serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors in his community of 14,000 people. Chuck lives in Midlothian, VA.

Bill Sanford '63 - is looking forward to the next challenge after a year in the NY State Assembly. Redis—

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tricting put him against a long-time incumbent in a heavily Democratic district and Election Night found him on the short end. Bill says he'll remain active in public service and had a job offer the next morning. He'll take some time to decide what's next. Coach Sanford retired this past summer, after 35-seasons as head coach of SU Crew.

Owen Lewis '66, PhD 73' – In his own words: “ I only rowed my freshman year so really don't call myself a ‘Syracuse Rower.’ As an adult (>40) I took up sculling and have been very active ever since. And I row with a lot of SU grads at Potomac Boat Club.”

Gary MacLachlan '67 – continues as fire chief in DeWitt and reports he is expecting his third grandchild in April.

David Tousignant '67 – is in Malvern, PA and continues to support SU Crew.

Drew Harrison '68, MS '92 – in his own words: "I wish Coach Dave Rieschman and his athletes great success this season and in coming years. I also enjoyed racing in a good 50+ 8+ in the Head of the Charles with other SU grads **Dick Yochum '68, Jim Segaloff '65**, Brian Massey, and John Danks, along with some good guys from other programs.

Don Path '68 – in his own words, “Great to see everyone at the IRA’s and subsequent gatherings for Dave Reischman. The boathouse looks terrific.” (*Editor’s note: Coach Dave and the crew have been spiffing it up.*) “The single, road bike and erg almost keep middle age at bay. It is amazing how often ergs can be found on international business trips.”

1970's

Chuck Harris '70 – says he is doing some coaching and rowing in Erie, Pa. but would like to row with some Masters level boats.

Bob Portmess '78 – in his own words, “Our allegiance is split between Syracuse and Cornell. Our oldest daughter, Kim completes her senior year as captain of the Cornell women’s crew team. The long tradition of rowing in the Hilfinger/Portmess family continues.” Bob lives in Tully, NY.

Bill Bater '79 – made the trip from Long Beach, CA to the IRA and to the Head of the Charles. In Bill’s words, “It was fun to see everyone at the Head of the Charles. It had been 20 years since I last raced. It sure has changed. It was great to meet and talk with Dave Reischman, Kris Sanford and Chris Ludden. Good luck.”

1980's

Steve Anthony '80 – is one of the many alums who competed at the Head of the Charles. (See separate story.) He’s in North Andover, MA.

Don Scobell '80 – is now part of a three-generation SU rowing family. His son Chris is a walk-on with the freshman crew. Don’s father George rowed at SU and graduated in 1952 and his father-in-law John William (Bill) Pigott rowed at SU and graduated in 1951.

Bryan Mahon '82 – in his own words, “ completed another successful season as Varsity Men’s Coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Daughter, Erica, a high school junior has a second place finish in the Canadian Henley Regatta. Bryan lives in Niantic, CT.

Tom Lowe '83 — was seen in the stands at the recent football game between SU and B.C. in Boston. Tom is still working for Fidelity and he and his wife are expecting their first kids — yes that’s plural — with the arrival of twins in February. Tom attended the game with fellow SU crew alum, **Tom McGinness**.

Pete Sheerin '83 – and family have moved again. This time the Sheerins have moved to Lexington, KY, where Dr. Pete has taken a position at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, one of the largest equine hospitals in the country.

1990's

Dirk Stribny '90 – stopped by the boathouse for this falls’ class races along with **Don Smith '90**, before heading for the Carrier Dome and SU’s triple-overtime win over Virginia Tech.

Chris Ludden '91 – has a new son to “row like hell to beat Cornell.” Bailey White Ludden was born October 11th. Chris continues as assistant coach in charge of the freshman team at SU.

Sly Rowe '92 - started a new job this summer with Blaylock & Partners LP, a small investment boutique in midtown Manhattan after a 9-and-a-half-month hiatus. Sly reports "things are going well so far!

Jennifer Sanford-Wendry '93 – continues to coach at UConn and reports she and her husband, Brian are expecting their first child, a boy, in February.

Michael Fegley '97 – reports the birth of his first child, Thomas Michael Fegley, May 14. He was 7 lbs, 10 oz and 21” long. The Fegleys live in Lehigh, PA.

Tom Petnuch '97 – is practicing dentistry in Greensburg, Pa. Dr. Tom and his wife Julie have a daughter, Sarah and are expecting their second child in April.

John Curtin '98 – in his own words, “Just ended a 5-month break from the “real world” traveling through the U.S., Mexico & Europe. Visited 14 countries in all, seeing some of the most beautiful sights in the world. Just received a job offer with Pulte Homes, a large national residential property development firm, for the position of assistant land manager.”

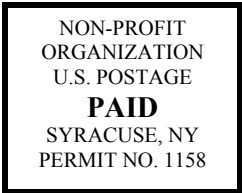
Paris Daskalakis '98 – is working for Foundation Press, a legal publishing company and is an account manager for the northeast region. Paris has moved from Manhattan to Astoria, Queens.

Phillip Kaputa '99 - and his wife Christine (Coxswain '98) plan to vacation in Australia, New Zealand and the Mamanuca Islands of Fiji this winter. The couple will travel for three weeks and plan to snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef, visit the Yarra Valley wine country and view the America's Cup semifinals action."

2000's

Glenn Heyer '00 – just earned his Master’s in Engineering Management and send s plea to fellow alumni in engineering fields, “help me find a job.” Glenn was varsity coxswain and later graduate assistant under Coach Bill Sanford.

Doug Shaw '01 – is in his first year at New York Law School. Doug is living in Manhattan.



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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.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 25, 2003	S.A.R.A. Winter Board Meeting	Syracuse, N.Y.
March 28, 2003	3rd Semi-Annual Bow Ball Dinner	Boston, MA
March 29, 2003	S.U. vs. B.U.	Boston, MA
March 30, 2003	S.U. vs. Brown (tentative)	Providence, R.I.
April 12, 2003	S.U. vs. Rutgers (Ten Eyck Cup)	Syracuse, NY
April 19, 2003	S.U. vs. Navy & Cornell (Goes Cup)	Syracuse, NY
May 11, 2003	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
May 17, 2003	S.U. vs. Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	Syracuse, NY
May 29-31	IRA	Camden, NJ

REMEMBER: SU CREW “CHAMPIONS REUNION”

Honoring all SU Crew Gold Medal Winners—May 16-17, 2003 in Syracuse