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The Orange Oar

PULLING TOGETHER AFTER 50 YEARS



“72 years old and still going strong.” That’s how SU Coach Dave Reischman described the crew he put on the water on the first Saturday in June. The coxswain and oarsmen are members of the Class of ’53 and Reischman says, “they still know how to pull on the oar.”

They were in Syracuse for their 50th reunion and were not about to miss a chance to get back into a shell. Here’s how stroke Bill Hawkey described it:

“(We) met at the boathouse on Saturday morning and put an 8 on the water. For most, it was the first row in fifty years. Banks Henward, our old commodore, rowed bow with (Assistant Coach) Chris Ludden filling in at #2, followed by Bud Seager, George Kushner, Andy Tedesco, Dave Dibble, Frank Kozelek and Bill Hawkey. The Cox Box of its day, Cox Ed Shephard’s old, head-mounted leather megaphone let his commands be heard over the waters of the inlet.”

They rowed and they reminisced about the three-mile IRA races on Onondaga Lake that started with a cannon being fired. (See ’53 Crew on Page 9)

Weekend of Champions

The six-man, Nelson Miller came all the way from Seattle to be there. So did Jim Edmonds who rowed in the bow. In all, six of the eight surviving members of SU’s 1959 Pan Am Champions made it to the Weekend of Champions, May 16-18. Stroke Charlie Mills, the five-man, Ed Montesi, three-man Tom Rouen and the coxswain, Dr. Jerry Winkelstein made it too. (See *Champions on Page 10*)

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Letter from the President

Fellow SARA Members:

Congratulations to Coach Dave for a job well done in his first year, one down and many more to go. I think we can all appreciate Dave's hard work in regard to rebuilding the foundation of the program and the need for a year fulfilling this to ensure success in the longer term.

As always, my open letter to Orange Oar readers touches on the need for participation, specifically financial participation. As the BIG EAST conference travels into new territory without the University of Miami and Virginia Tech's football programs, the remaining participants in the BIG EAST Conference will feel the upcoming financial strain of possibly being left out of the BCS Bowl picture. The lack of revenue will force the remaining Athletic Departments to pare expenses. This last point should be a major concern for all Olympic or non-revenue sports.

Now is the time to ensure Men's Crew is always a part of Syracuse University. Donate to the Campaign for Crew. Endowing our athletic scholarships is the only way to secure our future at SU. Also, there is always a need for equipment and helping to lessen that burden on the Athletic Department budget is another way to keep the crew program permanent. There have been discussions of renovating the tanks in the Jock Stratton Crew Room. If that project comes to fruition, it will be one more way of investing in the future of our program.

With all the changes we've seen to date, and the ones that will take place in the near future, we are at a crucial time in the men's crew program. Unfortunately a one-time gift is not enough. Do what you can to make your donation annually at the level you feel most comfortable.

Thanks for all your support. Enjoy the summer and see you this fall!

Jeff Pesot '90
SARA President



Master's Rowing Report by Ted Kakas '64

The Board of Directors of US Rowing at the request of the Masters Committee recently voted unanimously to eliminate handicaps at the Masters Nationals effective this year in Sacramento. In all races with more than one age category a full set of medals will be awarded to the fastest boats in EACH age category.

The Board tabled (until it's next full meeting the last weekend in July) the Masters Committee's request to award Gold medals in events with only one entry in the G category (65 and older.)

The Committee is actively seeking input on this issue and anyone wishing to have input should mail Ted Kakas at TedKakas@MSN.com

There are really three questions:

- 1) Should gold medals be awarded to competitors in the G and older age categories?
- 2) Should "Special Medals" be awarded to the winners in single entry races regardless of age category?
- 3) Should NO medals be awarded to single entry events regardless of age?

Other Master's News: FISA has awarded the 2006 World Master's Regatta to the Princeton International Regatta Association at Lake Mercer.

A Letter from Camp

Chris Liwski '02 has made the U.S. Team for the Pan Am Games this summer. Here is a note from Chris on how the qualifying went and how this has changed his plans for the next few years.

June 26, 2003

Thankfully the racing (in Indianapolis) spanned a few days in a heat - semi - final type of breakdown, because it took a few races before we were up to speed and on point. For those who are interested in the actual race, SU put an article on its website about it so you can see the details there:

<http://www.suathletics.com/index.asp?path=crew>

We (Chris and Harvard alum Adam Holland) ended up winning 2 straight in a best of 3 finals format, which means we were given the bid to represent the US in the pair event (2-) at the games. We accepted the bid. I'll also be racing in the 8+ event at the games. So it should be a busy week, with the possibility of racing 8 times in 6 days.

The Pan Am games official site is at <http://www.santodomingo2003.com>

Now I'm back in Princeton and trying to still make another boat lineup which will be competing at the FISA World Championships in Milan approximately a week after the Pan Am Games. So if all goes well, after I get back from the Dominican Republic I'll fly over to Milan, Italy and compete there as well. But of course as usual I just have to take all this just one day at a time.

The coaches here have been uncharacteristically positive and things are looking good for not only this summer but the future as well. As a result I have decided to take a leave of absence from SU Law and pursue my goal of the Olympics with 100% of my time, which is the only way I could ever even stand a chance at getting there. I haven't done the paper work yet but hopefully SU will be supportive and understanding.

Other than that things are pretty regular here from day to day, just eat sleep and row every day.

THE ORANGE OAR INTERVIEW: TEN QUESTIONS FOR COACH DAVE REISCHMAN (& ANSWERS)

Dave Reischman completed his first season as head coach of the Syracuse University Men's Crew at the IRA, with the Varsity 8 finishing second in the fourth level finals and the JV and Freshman eights bowing out in the semi-finals. It was year of change for the crew, which included several upperclassmen being dismissed from the team for academic reasons and/or violation of team policies. There also were suspensions during the season. Alumni who rode with Coach Reischman at practice and who saw the Orangemen compete on the water will tell you there was improvement, even though it doesn't show in the race results. With a change in attitude, a change in style and a class of freshman recruits said to be the best in years, there is optimism in the Orange camp.

Orange Oar Editor John Nicholson sat down with Coach Reischman for a series of ten questions and answers.

Orange Oar: What has been the most encouraging thing in your first year as head coach?

Dave Reischman: I think the most encouraging thing has been our ability to recruit and the positive responses we got from coaches and athletes during racing season. We didn't win a race but a lot of comments from opposing coaches how they could see the change, that they could see the Syracuse crews racing all the way down the race course and fighting pretty hard, but certainly that, coupled with the success we had recruiting this year.

OA: What has been the most disappointing?

DR: I don't know that there's been anything that was horribly disappointing. I think the biggest on the list would probably be the fact that I felt like we didn't get the seniors the type of experience that they deserved. I take that seriously as a coach. I want to send seniors out of my program having a competitive experience and obviously finishing in the 4th level final of the IRA isn't that any of us had on the schedule this year. I thought the guys worked hard. I thought they committed to it. So that was frustrating. That was really frustrating to have to send those kids away with a 4th level final.

OA: After spending one year in the position, how have your expectations changed?

DR: They haven't changed at all. When I came through the door here I had a pretty good sense that this is a program where it could happen on a rather large scale. By that I mean making grand finals in major collegiate regattas. After a year, nothing from that has changed. That's still my expectation for the program. I'm as fired up about it as ever and as excited about it as ever. We're making some good changes for this next year and I can't wait to get going.

OA: You often refer to your expectations of a member of the Syracuse University Crew. What do you mean by that?

DR: I think Lou Piniella probably put it best when he took the job with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He had this great quote about he's not a "baseball guru," he's not a baseball genius. He believes in hard work He believes in no shortcuts and he believes in taking a lot of pride in the uniform you wear and the city you represent. I think that pretty much sums it up.

My expectations are: number one that we are here for academics; that our kids are going to go to class and they are going to do their work and they are going to attempt to do their best at academics much like they will in rowing. And my second expectation is that...I think there is an appropriate way to represent Syracuse University and "the uniform that we wear" and that's with a lot of class, a lot of integrity, a lot of personal character. And that's really important to me. It's more important to me than winning.

If we win but we don't do it with class and integrity I'm not interested in that. I'm not interested in winning with kids that are rowing mercenaries per se, with kids that aren't here to get an education. I'm interested in doing it in what I perceive as the right way and that's with student athletes and that's with kids who care a lot about the program and how it's perceived. At Oregon State it took us eight years to make the grand finals of IRAs. We probably could have done it a few years sooner if we'd taken a few shortcuts and compromised a bit on the value system but that's not what this program is about.



OA: Some veteran members of the team did not meet those expectations this past year and wound up off the team. What are your thoughts on that?

DR: Everybody asks me, "was that a tough decision?" The decision was easy because they were pretty black and white cases, I think, not understanding what this program is now all about. It was tough because you know that you're ending someone's rowing career and that's not something that I even remotely take lightly. It's pretty serious business and that's what causes you pause I guess, or causes you the most grief for the situation. But the decision had to be made if we were going to move this team forward and change sort of this culture that had embedded itself here and as we attempted to get our priorities back where they needed to be. It was unfortunate but it was obvious that it needed to be done.

Sometimes people say you've got to take a step backwards to get two steps forward. It was clear to me that any success we gained by keeping those people around was going to be short-lived and that we were going to have to deal with these issues down the road somewhere, that we had some very real internal team issues that needed to be dealt with and needed to be dealt with in a decisive manner. So it was a choice: short term success or get this thing started right now in shaping the program the way we wanted to. That was a pretty easy decision.

OA: How do you see the returning members of the varsity squad this fall fitting into your plan for success?

DR: I think it's going to be an interesting summer for most of those guys and I'm excited to see how they respond to the challenge of last year. I think in past years there was a lot of frustration at the end of the season and it was pretty easy to let that frustration turn into non-action in the summer, to a feeling of futility that "it doesn't matter what I do, we're not going to get better."

We had long talks about how to handle disappointment. I know as a young man if I was unhappy with my results the year before I would probably commit myself to some sort of Spartan lifestyle in the summer where I was training like a madman to get ready for the next year and change it. And that's the ethic we tried to instill in these guys as they left this year. "Hey, you're unhappy with the results this year. Well, do something about it. Put yourself in a situation that this is a priority in your life. Put yourself in a situation where you can row some singles and small boats and do what you can this summer to have an effect on next year." They seemed pretty excited about that. I've heard from a couple of guys and they're staying active and doing some stuff.

I think the kids next year are going to have a much better expectation heading into the year than they did last year. I think they understood that they were going to have to change the way they rowed and the way they trained but I don't think they understood behavior stuff, how much this new guy was going to care about how the university is represented. I think they have a better expectation of that. So I'm excited about. We are maybe a little shy on the talent side next year in numbers but that's OK. As long as we have guys representing our program that understand what it's about and are going to work really hard at it I'll take whatever results we get.

OA: What can you tell us about the freshmen coming in this fall?

DR: Nothing but good things. I just got back from Boston. I was doing a camp at Harvard and the Junior National Team Camp is in town. Five of our recruits were at the camp. Three of them made the first round of cuts and I'm excited to see what happens from there. It was fun because I had junior team coaches come up to me and saying "I can't remember having so many Syracuse recruits here. It's good to see." And it was fun because the guys were excited that there were so many other Syracuse recruits there.

When I went down to the boathouse to visit, I was there a little bit early and here come the five Syracuse recruits walking through the door to practice together. The obviously get along with each other. They're excited about the year. They are already themselves recruiting underclassmen from juniors and sophomores in high school who are at the camp to come to Syracuse next year. They're a pretty excited group and a pretty talented group, so we're pretty excited to get them all together. You add to those five a kid that was too old for juniors this year, but a coxswain from The Gunnery who was two time junior national team coxswain in four with. You've got a national team coxswain and five kids that have been in the selection process. Two of those kids have already been on the junior national team and are good bets to repeat this year. It's pretty exciting.

OA: What are the top five things you need to accomplish to make SU crew faster and more competitive?

DR: I don't know that there are five. We take it on a year by year basis and evaluate year by year what we need to do and there are three things that we need to do for next year. One is to continue to establish what the character and ethic of this program is going to be with our varsity squad. We think that's important because our freshmen need to look up and say, "The varsity program is a place I can't wait to row for." We need to improve our freshman experience. We've had a lot of freshmen fall by the wayside both academically and athletically through the last couple years and we need to improve the freshman experience and make sure that they're getting a quality experience and excited about what we're doing. And the third thing we need to do is continue our recruiting push. (SEE "Ten Questions" ON PAGE 6)

Ten Questions (from page 5)

You can be the most clever coach in the world but if you don't have athletes it doesn't matter. So those are the three things that we need to continue to work on this year and I think some our hires we've made and are about to make this summer are important.

OA: What has been your impression of alumni involvement and support in your first season?

DR: It's been great. To be honest with you I think the alumni are in a "wait and see" position and I understand that. They've got this new coach that probably says the right thing in their minds, and they're excited about that but they want to see results. And I think that to get people on board we're going to have to get results.

As active as our group is, I think financially the support isn't there to the level it is at other big level programs. At the last SARA meeting, Ken Hutton gave me a letter from Cornell where the alumni raise \$100,000 for operating expenses every year. \$100,000! Lisa Sinopoli (Orange Pack) just gave our report and in just a little bit of fundraising that we've done and we've got a hair over \$15,000. Some bigger gifts here and there from people that have unfortunately passed on, but as far as continual gifts it's a little bit low. But I understand that I've got to do my job to increase that so I'm not really worried about that.

OA: What would you like from alumni as you move ahead?

DR: As far as long range goals I think there are two main financial pictures out there. One is we need four more pairs to row in the program and Barry Weiss and other members of the Chris Colville fund have stepped forward and they want to lead the fundraising way for that. The other thing is that I've been working with Tom Darling on redoing our tank system and that's I think the last major piece of the puzzle from a major facilities standpoint. There are some other things we'd like to do, re-do the locker rooms and stuff like that, but, major facilities, the tank is an issue to be dealt with and I'm working with Tom Darling on doing that.

Otherwise I think the main thing I need from alumni is just keeping the faith. This thing is not going to be easy. It's not going to be a short term change. It's going to be long term and I hope what you see from us is that the program consistently gets better year by year. Hopefully next year you'll see an improved frosh program. The varsity program, we obviously hope for improvement. We'll see. But this frosh program has to lead the charge. So just keep the faith and keep the support and I hope that as you get involved in our program you see a program that you like and you want to be involved in. We'd love to have you.

Class of 2007 Recruits

Oarsmen

- Aramony, William
- Bader, Jimmy
- Barone, David
- Beck, Mike
- Flynn, Jonathan
- Geise, JP
- Mambort, Tim
- Morrow, Matt
- Munz, Tim
- Ross, Andrew
- Russo, Brett
- Stangel, Justin

School/Club

- West Potomac High
- DeMatha Catholic HS
- St. John's Jesuit HS
- St. Joseph's Prep
- Holy Spirit Crew
- Blair Academy
- St. John's Jesuit HS
- McCallie School
- Malvern Prep
- St. Joseph's Prep
- Hillsborough High
- Madison West

Coxswains

- Sutton, Kenneth
- Taylor, Chad

- TC Williams
- Gunnery



Godfrey Award Winners Kevin Klein, '03 and Adlai Hurt, '04. See *Backsplash*—Page 8

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1940s

Dick Merrick '45 – lives in Newburgh, Indiana and sends along this memory: “I was a freshman cox, Class of '45. Rowed in the tank, filling in, usually for two sessions. Post WWII, stroked third varsity at 149 pounds, until cut after two weeks on the water. I think my love for crew touched the heart of gruff old Ned Ten Eyck.”

(Editor's note: we have been remiss in not reporting the dedication of the shell "Richard Merrick" in Melbourne, Florida, January 11, 2001. A photo from that ceremony accompanies this note.)



1960s



Andy Geiger '61 – in his own words: “I was a starboard spare with the '59 Pan Am crew and rowed bow on the SARA eight that finished 3rd in the '60 Olympic Trials. I coached Frosh Crew at Dartmouth from 62-64 and served at Syracuse as Assistant AD from 64-70. Have been Athletic Director at Brown, Pennsylvania, Stanford, Maryland, and since May of 1994, The Ohio State University.

I missed the recent reunion due to Big Ten Conference Meetings, but I enjoyed a bit of catching up with folks via email. I continue to enjoy a career in intercollegiate athletics that began when I walked into Archbold Gymnasium to register for classes as a freshman in September of 1957 and was "recruited" by the Varsity at the door.”

Gary MacLachlan '67 – is a grandfather yet again. Brendan Robert Wright was born April 13 to Gary's daughter Kelley and her husband Rob. 8 lb. 6 oz.

Mark Sprague '68 - in his own words: “Basically, I am in ‘volunteer heaven’ at the University of Wisconsin Extension office, playing with dirt and trying to sound intelligent to citizens with landscape and garden questions. Mark lives in Green Bay.

1970s

Jeff Harriman '70 - in his own words, “My wife Diane and I live on small lake outside of Kansas City. Two of our 3 children have graduated college, the other one is still in school in LA. I trade stock for a living now, which allows us to spend the winters in Colorado (got in 115 days of skiing this past season). I get out in a single scull occasionally, but most of my water time is spent racing my sailboat.”

1980s

Joe Paduda '80 - in his own words: “All well with Padudas although we are eagerly anticipating summer's arrival. Purchased an old wherry from my other alma mater, Potomac Boat Club, and plan to start sculling again on the Neck River and Long Island Sound. Deb is still coaching girl's field hockey and lacrosse, had 8 girls from her team make the CT U15 Select Lacrosse team this year, including our daughter Erin (14). Maybe Title IX isn't so bad after all.”

Art Sibley '80 – sends some thoughts on the “Weekend of Champions”: “I was most appreciative of the committee's efforts and though I missed most of Saturday's activity, I was extremely happy to re-unite with many former teammates. I was happy to meet the new head coach and hear the enthusiasm in his voice. Those of us that have been around know great success does not come instantly. Great results in this sport happen because of great "processes" that build great traditions. There are no fluke wins and I heard Dave's realization of that. I think as alumni we need to have patience and give Dave full support so that his

"processes" are given a given a fair chance. It was also great to witness recognition of Coach Bill Sanford. He is a great leader not only in our sport, but to his family and his community. His sense of balance and priority reminds us of where we need to be as well. His well-grounded approach to life's challenges exemplifies traits that the majority of us need to replicate in our own lives with more regularity. It was great listening to his remarks." *(Editor's note: Art stroked the '78 IRA Champion Varsity Eight and is a member of the SARA Board of Directors. He drove in from his brother's wedding in Massachusetts to make the end of the "Dinner of Champions.")*



Joe Kieffer '88 - sends this picture of 5 SU crewmen from the late '80s after the IRA this year in Camden, NJ. From right to left - Jay Greytok '87, Dr. David Swenton '87, Jay Rhodes '89, Peter Liefeld '87 and Kieffer.

1990s

Chris Ludden '90— is leaving as freshman coach at SU and will pursue a graduate degree, aiming at a career in education. Chris was honored at the IRA with a custom made Pete Sparhawk oar trophy. Both Coaches Bill Sanford, for whom Chris rowed at SU, and Dave Reischman had high praise for his work as coach.

Todd Selig '91— Town Administrator of Durham, N.H. has been selected to receive the 2003 Caroline L. Gross Fellowship. The fellowship enables an individual involved in public life to attend a three week summer seminar - the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mark Toomey '92 - is working in New York for Goldman Sachs in the Equity Derivatives group after graduating from Georgetown with his MBA in 2001. He sees **Don Smith, '90** - fairly often as his firm, Delaware Investments, is a client. Mark reports he had some oarsmen over for the Final Four "to watch the Orange finally overachieve, for a change, which was great!"

Phillip Kaputa '99 - Phil ran the 107th Boston Marathon in a time of 3 hours 33 minutes and 29 seconds, setting a new personal marathon record by over 4 minutes. Wife Christine (Camilleri - Coxswain '99) was also there to cheer him on from the sidelines. The couple is expecting their first child, a boy, at the end of August.

Phillip and Christine got together with fellow SU Rowers **Paris Daskalakis '98, Pam Meyer (Women's Rowing '00), Mike Cellucci '98 and Dana Nakaya ('98)** for an afternoon cookout following the IRA Finals.

Chris Kemezis '99 - is engaged to Stephanie Seder (Syracuse Class of 2000). They are planning a Valentine's Day wedding on February 14, 2004

2000s

Chris Liwski '02 - has made the U.S Team for the Pan American Games. Chris will row in a pair without coxswain with Harvard alum Adam Holland. Chris also expects to be part of the U.S. eight at the games August 4-10 in the Dominican Republic. He has just completed his first year of law school at SU. *(See "A Letter from Camp" - Page 3)*

Matt O'Neill, Kevin Boyle, Will Russo, Steve Boselli, Kevin Klein, Peter Romano, Matt Costigan, and Pat Mahardy '03— are the newest members of SARA. The graduating seniors were honored at a dinner at the Sheraton on campus during IRA camp. Boselli was this year's senior captain. Klein, who stroked the varsity at the IRA, won the Godfrey Award for leadership, dedication and friendship, along with Adlai Hurt, '04, next year's captain.



'53 Crew (from page 1)

and how active each of them has been.”

When told by *The Orange Oar* that there hasn't been a commodore in some time, Banks Henward inquired, “who picks up the dirty socks?” Plainly Commodore Henward did a lot more than that and still does. So do they all.



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Threepat

The Syracuse University Alumni Eight made it three in a row at the IRA, winning the Subaru of America Master's Championship again. The victory was not as clear cut as the past two years as the stewards, fearing bad weather, bumped the race to the end of the Saturday schedule and broke it into two divisions, by age. The Orangemen wound up as the youngest crew in the older division, so started last. As Drew Harrison, '68 put it, “we went through Penn like **** through a goose and raced for the finish line.”

Brown won the younger heat and the SU crew was disappointed not to have the opportunity to go head to head with the Bruins. The next best thing is some scientific number crunching. The end result – a threepat for SU.

Combined race:	Actual Time	-	Headstart	=	"Official" Time
Syracuse	6:22.97		21		6:01.97
Brown	6:07.50		---		6:07.50
Cornell	6:52.40		43		6:09.40
Penn	6:37.42		25		6:12.42
Temple	6:26.13		3		6:23.13
BU	6:43.64		1		6:42.64
MIT	8:05.32		53		7:12.32
Rutgers	8:55.23		20		8:35.23



Bob Donabella and Crew

Champions (from Page 1)

Dr. Bill Purdy, the five man of the 1978 IRA Varsity Champions was there, with two-man Andy Mogish, who came in from Tennessee. Bow-man Jerry Henwood was there, along with coxswain Ozzie Street and three-man John Shamlian, who had the audience roaring with his completely invented tales of what had become of teammates who didn't make it. Stroke Art Sibley drove in from his brother's wedding in eastern Massachusetts to make the end of the dinner.

About 100 alumni, family, friends and members of the varsity and freshman crews attended the Dinner of Champions at the DoubleTree Hotel in North Syracuse on Saturday night, during which gold medal crews from the 1956 IRA Freshman Champions to the 1981 IRA Varsity Four with Cox Champions were honored. The 1959 Pan Am Crew and the 1978 IRA Varsity Eight Champions, celebrating their 25th anniversary, wound up the festivities. Each championship crew was represented and members received commemorative watches. Watches will be mailed to team members who could not attend.

Rick Holland, '83 first suggested the idea when he was SARA President, to honor our champions, build support among alums and help the current team members see the strong tradition of crew at Syracuse University.

Bill Sanford, '63, who coached the 1978 and 1981 Champions, praised his crews, but singled out Harrison, '68 as, "the best freshman coach I ever had." He credited Harrison with preparing the oarsmen and coxes who went on to become champions at the varsity level. Harrison, who is an international coach now and lives in British Columbia, coached the 1976, '77 and '78 IRA Champion Freshman Eight, each of which was honored, and finished out of the medals at the IRA only once in his nine year career, when there was equipment breakage. Harrison flew in for the dinner with his wife Lee. Both coaches received a thunderous ovation.

Lance Osadchey, Bill Laidlaw and Dr. Bruce Baker joined Miller and Edmonds, representing the 1956 IRA Freshman Champions. Ted Kakas and Dan Hogan represented the 1961 Eastern Sprints Freshman Champions, and Sanford also praised Hogan for his contributions as freshman coach after graduation.

Bob Donabella, Jerry Jacobi, Tom Darling, Rick Ritter, Charlie Feuer and Russ Johnson represented the '78 IRA Freshman Champions. Street, Sibley, Henwood and Steve Anthony were there from the '77 frosh champions, Purdy and Shamlian from the '76 freshman winners. Ritter and Johnson represented the '81 Varsity four, the last SU crew to win at the IRA.

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Each came forward with his teammates to be honored and when the ceremonies were over, they stayed late into the evening, trading stories, laughing together, teammates still.

The day's activities started with SARA's annual meeting at the boathouse, then progressed to the water, as members of the championship crews got into shells for an enjoyable and generally uneventful row. Charlie Mills, the stroke of the '59 Pan Am Champions, opined, "I couldn't believe how out of shape I was. My legs were like rubber." He also kidded Pan Am coxswain Dr. Jerry Winkelstein for selecting a starboard rigged four, so Mills was not able to stroke.

Bob Donabella, who coxed the '78 Freshman Eight, got members of that crew back into a shell and out onto the water, where things went smoothly. The cox took some kidding, however for a less than smooth return to the dock. Damage reportedly was minimal.

Sunday morning saw the dedication of the new shell "William E. Sanford" with wife, Nancy and daughters Shawn and Jennifer on hand to take part in honoring SU's head coach of 35 years, who retired last spring. Daughter Kris was off coaching her SU Women's Rowing Team at the Eastern Sprints.

There was racing against the Big Green of Dartmouth. Dartmouth took the varsity race, but the Orange alumni contingent saw a strong effort by SU. "It was great to see some ferocious fighting out of our oarsmen," Jason Premo, '98 said.

Response has been positive. Osadchey summed it up this way, "What a great experience seeing the bright new faces as well as the old guys in disguise. It seemed a bit more like a family picnic than an athletic event."



Jan and Joe Peter, '69, Lee and Drew Harrison '68



Christening the William E. Sanford

He once was lost

In the department of happy irony - in spite of extensive efforts leading up to the Weekend of Champions, nobody was able to locate the captain of the 1959 Pan Am Crew, Jim Kries, so he never received an invitation to the event, much to the disappointment of everyone involved. A few days after the event, Coach Dave Reischman received an e-mail from...you guessed it, Jim Kries. He said he had been captain of the '59 Crew and wondered if Dave could get a crew sweatshirt for him. Dave did more than that. He put Jim in touch with Charlie Mills and they had lunch together soon after. It turns out that Jim was in Philadelphia the whole time, just as we'd thought, but we couldn't find him. As the old saying goes, "I wasn't lost. I always knew where I was." We're glad the captain has surfaced.

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Please take this opportunity to support the Syracuse University Rowing program by continuing your membership with S.A.R.A.. Each year as tuition and the cost of rowing equipment increases, S.A.R.A.'s support becomes even more important to the continued success of the crew program at Syracuse University. In addition to dues, all other contributions except those that are made for S.A.R.A.'s general use are now to be sent directly to the "Campaign for Crew Endowment Fund", Paul Norcross, Syracuse University Orange Pack, Manley Field House, Syracuse, N.Y. 13244-5020. Included in this campaign are the S.A.R.A. Endowed Crew Scholarship, the Bill Sanford Endowed Crew Scholarship, the Joseph E. Peter Endowed Crew Scholarship, the Class of 1915 Scholarship-Gordon Hoople, the Ten Eyck Endowed Scholarship, the Chris Colville '83 Endowed Scholarship and the Henley Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Colin Goodale, Treasurer

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