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SU Crews “Most Improved” at IRA. Second Reischman Season Shows Orange Progress

Sometimes you can turn a corner and not know it at the time. It's certainly too soon to say if that's what has happened for Syracuse University Men's Crew. But it wouldn't hurt to make note of the first weekend in June, 2004 in Camden, N.J. That's when all three SU eights got out of the basement and back into contention.

“I know, and all of you know, that we at Syracuse don't aspire to 3rd level finals but these guys raced hard and wore the uniform well,” Coach Dave Reischman said. “This was definitely our best racing of the year.”

Reischman makes no secret of the fact that he points his crews for the IRA and the results are starting to show.

The Varsity Eight took third in that third level final after several years of falling to the fourth level at the IRA. The Jayvee Eight made the petite final and finished fifth. The Freshman Eight shook off a poor semi-final performance, finishing second in the petite final by rowing through Navy in the last few strokes of the race.

SU moved up from 35th in the Ten Eyck Points Trophy Race in 2003 with 22.5 points to 12th out of 58 schools with 144.8 points in 2004. With that jump the Orange won the first Clayton Chapman Trophy for the team that shows the most improvement in Ten Eyck points from one year to the next.

“This crew had a pretty tough season but I don't think I have ever been prouder of the effort put in by a crew,” Reischman said

The Varsity Eight had not won a race leading up to the Eastern Sprints and wound up taking the third level final in Worcester. The Jayvees had knocked off BU and Dartmouth in dual races and were third in the
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow SARA Members:

I'm very grateful for being considered for this position and hope I can contribute in every way possible to our team's development. Clearly, the dream of every SARA member is to see our crews dominate at the Eastern Sprints and IRA's. For the next two years or as long as my term lasts, I'm confident we'll see a dramatic climb in our rankings and, eventually, a realistic chance to win these races.

I'm extremely fortunate that Jeff Pesot and John Nicholson came before me, because they were very quick in addressing the critical issues over the past 4 years. Consequently, I'm not facing any threatening controversies and our program has tremendous potential. Furthermore, our funds are well managed by Colin Goodale and there's not enough to misappropriate or get in trouble with. So, life's great and I can just focus my efforts on supporting Dave and his team.

Rest assured, whatever positive direction the team takes, SARA and I will support the Head Coach and his staff. I also recognize fund raising efforts have to be a priority to ensure the long term viability of the program. These fund raising efforts help ensure the team will always have quality equipment, coaching and basic scholarship money for future teams. Likewise, our presence on campus and in the rowing community has to be continual and impressive. Along the same lines, I'm very supportive of our masters' races and would like to encourage more of this type of exposure at all major regattas.

Ultimately, our role is to provide advisement, mentoring and support to the team, when it's needed, and to continually promote SARA membership. The Sanford days were great for me and I'm confident the Reisman years will be just as good for the boys who're "following in our footsteps."

If anyone has any ideas or thoughts on how our alumni association can help Dave create a winning environment, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jerry Jacobi, '81
SARA President

SARA Officers 2004-05

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Ken Hutton '69 Kennett Square, PA

Jason Premo '98 Syracuse, NY

William Purdy '79 Essex Junction, VT

Joseph Bufano, '99 Syracuse, NY

Most Improved—(from page 1)

Eastern Sprints petite finals.

Rather than playing out the string, the team made the most of the three weeks leading up to the IRA. Visitors to practice the Sunday before saw crews that were swinging and boats that were moving fast. The attitude was positive.

“After the Sprints it would have been easy to go through the motions for the last couple of weeks but these guys made some great improvements and didn’t quit,” Reischman said.

Reischman had done some serious shuffling of lineups between the Eastern Sprints and the IRA, with seat racing determining much of how things shook out. Sophomore Adam Conrad wound up stroking the V8, and it began to move. Senior Captain Adlai Hurt wound up in the bow, with four other seniors in the boat. (See lineups—page 9)

The frosh went into the sprints unbeaten, but lost stroke Matt Morrow to a medical problem and with a quickly reconfigured lineup, fell apart in the petite finals, finishing twelfth.

Coach Phil Marshall moved Justin Stangel up into the stroke seat and the frosh quickly began to regain their stride. With the exception of the semi-final hiccup, the frosh looked strong in Camden, finishing off the season much as they had started.

“I am looking forward to working with these guys next year,” Reischman said.

SU graduated seven seniors, five of them from the final varsity eight lineup. But there are some solid juniors and sophomores moving up, plus this year’s high-achieving frosh to compete for seats in the varsity and jayvee. And Matt Morrow is expected to make a full recovery in time to be among those competing.

Reischman said recruiting is an ongoing process, and he and Marshall hit the road the morning after the IRA finals, looking to fill out next year’s freshman class. There’s good news in the area of walk-ons, he said, with good response to on-campus recruiting of novices this spring.

“Right now, it is about getting as many crews in the Top 10 as we can, Reischman said, summing up the IRA. “Once you are consistently in the Top 10 then you can start to work on making Grand Finals.”

That’s been the goal since he came in the door two seasons ago. It may be too soon to say the corner has been turned. Then again, it may not.

Champions Head New SARA Board



’78 Frosh at 2003 Weekend of Champions- (l-r) Tom Darling (SARA VP), Steve Buergin, Bob Donabella, Charlie Feuer, Jerry Jacobi (SARA President).

Two members of SU’s 1978 IRA Champion Freshman Crew are the new top officers of SARA. Jerry Jacobi ’81 moves up to president from vice-president and Tom Darling ’81 takes the vice-presidency. SARA board members meeting at the IRA in Camden, NJ unanimously approved the slate, which includes Colin Goodale ’90 continuing as treasurer and Joe Paduda ’80 as secretary.

Jacobi is in banking in Buffalo and has been active with the West Side Rowing Club, keeping himself on the water as well as being involved in a rowing program for inner city youth in Buffalo. He is a veteran director of SARA and formerly assistant treasurer. Among the programs he is responsible for is the plan to honor all SU crew members who have been part of a national team. (See Jerry’s first Letter from the President on Page 2.)

Darling is a three-time Olympian who continues his high-level rowing. He was in the SU Alumni Eight again this year. His contributions to SU Crew have been generous in every way and he served on the search committee that selected Dave Reischman as successor to Bill Sanford as head coach in 2002. He lives in Watertown, MA.

Jeff Pesot ’90, concluded two years as president and will stay on the board as a director. Two new directors join the board. Chris Ludden ’90 and Joe Bufano ’99, fill the slots left by John Hession ’72 and Eric Heitman ’88 who retire from the board with thanks from all. Ludden is the former freshmen coach who has gone back to school for a Master’s degree but continues active, as a referee this season, and rowing in the SU Alumni Eight at the IRA. Bufano took the Nottingham H.S. girls’ jayvee to a national championship last year and moved over to coach at Liverpool H.S. this spring. Both bring needed youth to the board.

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1950s

Gene Perry '50 – received the “Jack Franklin” Award from the US Rowing Association’s Referee’s Commission for lifetime service to the sport of rowing at the US Rowing Association’s convention in December.

1960s

Tony Johnson '62 - has just completed his 15th year as head coach of crew at Georgetown and brought his team to Syracuse this spring to race SU and Temple. He is in the process of getting a new boathouse for the Hoyas.



Johnson

Frank Benson '62 – continues as assistant to Tony Johnson at Georgetown and took time to stop by the SU tent during the IRA.



Gladstone

Steve Gladstone '64 – has stepped down after three years as Athletic Director at Cal. He continues as head coach of crew. Gladstone’s V8 was third at this year’s IRA to Harvard and Washington. The Cal frosh knocked off Harvard to win the IRA grand final.

Drew Harrison '68 – and his wife Lee knew the thrill of victory again at the IRA as their son Ian stroked the University of Washington Jayvee eight to the championship. He had stroked the Huskies frosh to an IRA win in 2001. Ian has just graduated and is looking at international competition for Canada.

Drew and Lee had a presence near the finish line with a tent for WinTech Racing, of which he is president. In Drew’s words, “ We are proud to offer affordable high performance racing shells, club racing

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shells, recreational/open water shells, oars, wakeless launches, trailers, service centers, financing, and trade-ins.”

“Our offices and inventory are in Norwalk CT and Victoria BC. We are the suppliers of racing shells and wakeless launches to the 2004 Athens Olympics. People are welcome to contact us at 250-652-8543, www.wintechracing.com .

“I've been coaching 16 Jr. A girls' this year. They have dominated regional competition in varsity and j.v. 8+'s, 2x's, 4x's, and 4+'s. 8 of the athletes are time trialing for Jr. National Team selection in a 4x and 4-.”



Harrison

Don Plath '68 – sends this: “On a spring weekend at the house (in Skaneateles) for dinner, gathered **Frank (stroke)** and Cheryl **Doble '69**, **Richard (coxswain)** and Jane **Kortright '69**, Don and Maureen Plath class of '68. Rich, a.k.a. “Wheels” and Jane had arrived from London at his law firm’s post, providing a good occasion for us other locals to get together. The years were invisible, and the camaraderie better than ever. Kids are off to graduate schools, financial markets, Navy Officer, and weddings.

1980s

Gerry Henwood '80 - was in from Strongsville, Ohio to root on SU at the IRA. Jerry was a member of the '78 IRA Varsity Champion Eight and is an Aftermarket Manager for Clark-Reliance.

Jeff Schafer '82 - recently became engaged to Dr. Lisa Kunze an anesthesiologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. She is a former captain at Riverside BC. She and Jeff haven't firm plans but hope to get married in November (the off season) and possibly a reception at the Cambridge BC. CONGRATULATIONS are in order from all.

(Editor’s note – this item from Ted Kakas '64.)

Jay Rhodes '89 - is teaching at Prospect Sierra School, an independent K-8 school in El Cerrito in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Jay reports, “I'm actually in a boat again, coxing for Lake Merritt Rowing Club. It's fun.”

1990s

Steve Buckley '92 – is still living and working in Philadelphia and made it to the IRA. He hosted a barbecue afterwards for **Roby Totten '92**, **Tomas Puky '93** who came into town for the races and “the usual suspects from Philly” **Brian Fitzgerald '94**, **Jim Klein '94**, **Bill Cochran '94**, and **Jon Parella**

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Dave "Duff" Camins '93 – “finally tied the knot to his long- term partner Pat Erickson,” according to **Mark Toomey '92**. Mark reports, “the commitment ceremony was held in Los Angeles on March 27th. **Andrew Butler '92** and I both attended. Duff is a commercial real estate developer in Manhattan. Pat and Duff live in the West Village.”

Tomas “Tom” Puka '93 – drove up from Charlotte to be at the IRA. Tom is sales director for VA TECH HYDRO USA in Charlotte.

Jennifer Sanford-Wendry '93 – had a shell dedicated in her name this May at her alma mater, Liverpool High School where **Joe Bufano '99** is now women’s coach. Jen coached the Liverpool V8 to a U.S. National Championship in 1995. She has been head coach of women’s crew at the University of Connecticut the past seven years.



Holding son Will, Jen Sanford-Wendry christens Liverpool H.S. new shell named for her.

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'91.

Josh Kaplan '98 - married Brooke Davis in June in Philadelphia.

Dave married Amy Long Island boatload of mates at-



Altman '99 - Schwartz in on May 23rd. A Dave's team-tended.

"The Boys" at Dave Altman's Wedding- (l-r) Scott Christian '99, Joe Bufano '99, Skye Michiels '99, Jamie Bettini '99, Chris Kemezis '99, Jason Hillebrecht '99, Jason Premo '98, Pat Daughton '99." Dave and Amy are front and center in case that's not clear.

Phillip Kaputa '99 - has left PricewaterhouseCoopers and is now a Manager at Accenture, where he will principally advise and assist Accenture with its worldwide mergers and acquisitions strategy. Phil says he is "happy to be working with a company that is less than 22 letters long." Between jobs, he and wife Christine (Camilleri '98) and their son Nolan (now 8 months old) vacationed in Orlando, FL, where they visited Disneyland and the Syracuse Crew Mecca of Publix. Phil can be contacted at pjkaputa@yahoo.com.

2000s

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Josh Stratton '01 - just finished his first season as assistant women's coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, along with Tom Sanford, former SU grad assistant who's coaching the Marist men. (Editor's note: Tom is the son of the late Marist Coach **Scott Sanford, SU '63** and nephew of long-time **SU Head Coach Bill Sanford '63**) Josh's day job is membership director at the Mid-Hudson Athletic Club in Kingston, NY. He and his wife live in Hyde Park.

Stratton

Chris Liwski '02 – continues his training for the Olympics, with the final decision not yet made at press time on what boat he'll be in. Watch the website for updates. Chris was able to make it to the IRA to get together with SU teammates and fellow alums, root on the Orange and offer thanks for everybody's support in his quest.

Peter Romano '03 - is living in Brighton, MA, working for Cambridge Computer Services, a small computer consulting firm in Waltham, MA.

Will Russo '03 – in his words, “I have been living in Hoboken, NJ since graduating in 2003 and have been working for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, based out of New York City. I work in a small group that does litigation support, which includes financial analysis and large-scale financial fraud investigations.

Will was at the IRA and says, “I was happy to see that the team is improving.”

“YOU GUYS ARE THE START OF IT AND I WILL MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.”
-Dave Reischman



Alexander



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Brocks



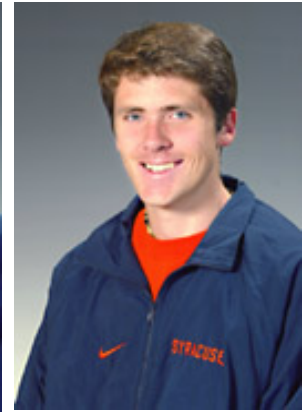
Gibson



Goody



Hurt



Wright

A CLASS WITH CLASS

Their coach says the newest members of SARA have made a major difference in the Crew Program at Syracuse University and their supporters filled a banquet room at the Wyndham at Carrier Circle, April 24, to celebrate their achievements.

“Keep the faith,” Coach Dave Reischman told the group. “I’ve really enjoyed coaching this year. I think we’re making progress. I believe very strongly in the athletes in this program.”

Seven seniors were honored at the traditional banquet. They are Nick Alexander, Kevin Boyle, Matt Brocks, Chip Gibson, Bryan Goody, Adlai Hurt, and Andrew Wright.

Varsity Club Vice-president Harold H. McGrath ('53 Tennis) presented the traditional senior blankets and SARA Director John Nicholson '68, handed over senior plaques. The Class of 2004 also took home mugs for winning the annual class races last fall.

“I’m really happy to see that people are excited about this program again,” Captain Adlai Hurt said. Hurt, a walk-on from Ames, Iowa, won the Godfrey Award for the second year in a row. It was created in 1984 by the classmates of David D. Godfrey (1964-1983) and is given to the oarsman who best exemplifies Godfrey’s outstanding characteristics of leadership, dedication, and friendship. In presenting the award, Godfrey’s teammate, SARA Director Barry Weiss talked about lasting relationships from crew, saying, “It is about the friendship.” (See Seniors—page 10)

SYRACUSE’S IRA LINEUPS

Varsity Eight

- 1 Adlai Hurt, Sr, Ames, IA
- 2 Andrew Wright, Sr, Burlington, Ont.
- 3 Nick Alexander, Sr, Wilmette, IL
- 4 Bryan Goody, Sr, Burnt Hills, NY
- 5 Chip Gibson, Sr, Wellesley, MA
- 6 Andrew Cooley, Jr, Vassalboro, ME
- 7 Dan O’Shaughnessy, Jr, Elizabethtown, Ont.
- 8 Adam Conrad, So, Staatsburg, NY
- c Dan McManus, So, Smithville, NJ

JV Eight

- 1 Andrew Weisberg, Jr, Warner, NH
- 2 Josh Gautreau, So, New Ipswich, NH
- 3 Terry Wilkin, So, King of Prussia, PA
- 4 Kevin Boyle, GS, Emmaus, PA
- 5 Sergei Bourlatskii, Jr, Philadelphia, PA
- 6 Justin Burgess, Jr, Maitland, FL
- 7 Matt Brocks, Sr, Hyde Park, NY
- 8 Tyler Page, So, Grimsby, Ont.
- c Mike Wzontek, So, Buffalo, NY

Frosh 8

- 1 Will Aramony, Alexandria, VA
- 2 Jonathan Flynn, Pomona, NJ
- 3 Tim Mambort, Penridge, OH
- 4 J.P. Geise, State College, PA
- 5 Jimmy Bader, Fort Washington, MD
- 6 Mike Beck, Cherry Hill, NJ
- 7 Dave Barone, Maumie, OH
- 8 Justin Stangel, Madison, WI
- c Chad Taylor, New Milford, CT

**NO "FOUR-PEAT" FOR ALUMNI EIGHT
Master's Boat Second to Cornell**

All streaks end eventually and so it was for the Syracuse University Alumni Eight at this year's IRA. Cornell ended SU's three-year reign in the Subaru of America Master's Race with a victory by just over a length. But the Orangemen did not go down without a fight.

The Big Red had a head start of more than 30 seconds because of its higher average age and the Orange blasted down the course trying to close the gap with Brown close behind. Both crews gained throughout the race, rowing through other boats that had started sooner, but Cornell hung on for the victory. SU finished a length ahead of Brown.

"No one can take this race lightly," captain and stroke Bob Price said and certainly the Orange alumni did not. "It's hard to win when starting 30 seconds down against a well prepared crew that really wants to win badly."

Price selected this year's eight, as he had chosen the last three IRA winners, going by ergometer scores sent in by SU alums.

- The crew:
 Cox – Joe Peter '69
 Stroke – Bob Price- '88
 Seven- Tom Darling '81
 Six – Chris Ludden '91
 Five- Bill Purdy '79
 Four – Andy Hobbs '83
 Three – Jeff Schafer '82
 Two – Ted Kakas '64
 Bow - Jim Edmonds '59

Coxswain Joe Peter said the boat felt strong. "The guys rowed well and the boat was moving," Peter said.

"We had a great crew, the boat was fast, solid," Price said. "We just needed more race course to catch Cornell."

Price has already started working on plans to get that championship back in 2005.

Men's Masters Eight - Grand Final

Order	Entry	Time
1	Cornell	7:17.00
2	Syracuse	7:23.75
3	Brown	7:27.30
4	Penn	7:38.46
5	Boston U.	7:50.18
6	MIT	8:12.35
7	Rutgers Cam	9:14.00

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The seniors seemed to get that. "I had a great time all four years. You make great friends and it's a really good experience," Chip Gibson said.

"As much as I don't want to leave here, I look forward to the time I'll see you all at a future banquet...talking about how fast we were and exaggerating that," Nick Alexander added, drawing enthusiastic laughter.

It was also time for thanks, and former coaches Bill Sanford and Chris Ludden were mentioned, along with Reischman. "I'm one of the guys Ludden picked up off the quad (along with Hurt) and I won't leave," Kevin Boyle said. Boyle finished as a grad student, after a bad back forced him into a redshirt year. Reischman stuck with him. "Without Dave I wouldn't be rowing, Boyle said. "Dave, you're the only reason I'm here and I really appreciate it because I want to be a part of this."

"Thanks to Dave. He really kept me personally working hard. I've learned a lot about myself," Bryan Goody said.

"Coming to Syracuse rowing was a really big opportunity for me and it's led to a lot of opportunities that I now can start moving on to and I'd just like to say thank you," Andrew Wright added.

Hurt capped it as he picked up one more piece of hardware—the captain's plaque. "I was really privileged to row with you guys. I really feel it was an honor to do that. I do look forward to coming back and being involved in this program."

The seven seniors went through plenty of turmoil in their time at SU. They saw changes in the program that led to teammates leaving, some not of their own accord, as Reischman established the standards he expects Syracuse crews to live up to, on and off the water. They did not win many races. But Reischman says they never stopped working and getting better. He told them they are the foundation for good things to come.

"You have to know who you are," Reischman said, "and what this program stands for and what the character of this program is going to be. The hardest step for any program to make is to go from where it was to defining that character and representing that character."

"The job you've done won't be forgotten because the most important step is defining it "

"You guys are the start of it and I will make sure you are not forgotten."



Dr. Bruce and Patricia Gormel Baker with Coach Dave Reischman at shell dedication.

DEDICATED ALUMS DEDICATE NEW SHELL

“We christen thee the Doctor Bruce E. and Patricia Gormel Baker.” With those words and a splash of champagne, the newest shell in the Syracuse University fleet was dedicated April 24.

A crowd of about 100 team members, parents, coaches, administrators and SARA members applauded on a sunny but crisp morning at the Ten Eyck Boathouse. Director of Athletics Jake Crouthamel and Associate Athletic Director Janet Kittell both were on hand to recognize the Bakers.

The Bakers donated the money that allowed the crew to purchase the shell, a Hudson. It is the first Hudson eight for SU.

Dr. Baker was a member of the 1956 IRA Freshman Eight champions and a spare on the Pan Am Games championship crew in 1959. He is an SU Letterwinner of Distinction. He served as the SU Team Physician from 1973-1993 and is considered a national leader in sports medicine.

The Bakers have been married 43 years, and they told of missing fraternities formals and such during their dating days in college, while Bruce rowed and Patricia rooted him on.

I wish it was just a bit better spectator sport,” Mrs. Baker told the crowd, drawing a laugh. “It ends very rapidly.”

“College was some of the best four years of my life and crew was a big part of it,” Dr. Baker told *The Orange Oar*. “I really have fond memories of the people in the sport here and we were able to win some significant races which adds to the excitement of it.”

The varsity eight wrapped up the ceremony by taking the new shell for a quick row in the channel. It would race in the “Baker” at the IRA.

“We look forward to seeing a fast shell that wins many races and allows the sun to set Orange,” Dr. Baker said.

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