

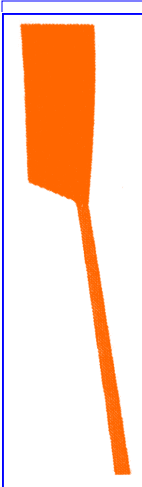


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“Jake” to Retire

Strong supporter of Crew to leave at end of Spring season



You have to look for him because he doesn't like the spotlight, but he's almost always there. There – up on the balcony above the boathouse shell bays, leaning on the railing, rooting on the Orange. Whenever the SU men and/or women are racing, you can bet Jake Crouthamel is there. He walks the walk.

On November 17, SU's new Chancellor Nancy Cantor announced that Crouthamel will retire in June after 27 years on the job. "I will leave the university with very mixed emotions," Crouthamel said.

Maxwell School Professor Michael Wasylenko is chairing the nine-member
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"He is a great athletic mind and a man of tremendous personal integrity and fairness. That is something that is sadly missing in today's world of collegiate athletics."

-Coach Dave Reischman

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow SARA Members:

As President of our Alumni Association, it's my duty to periodically address and communicate the important issues I foresee facing our team and organization. I have been struggling with what my role is and what to say in this letter. Great things are going on with the team and I'm not aware of any controversies. Controversies need to be taken care of first and, with none; we can just focus on rowing.

First order of business:

Well, the first thing I want to do is thank the Presidents that were directly before me for solving all the ugly issues before I took this position. I can't even remember what they were, but I would like to recognize Jeff Pesot, John Nicholson and Rick Holland for steering SARA through some interesting years.

Fall Season:

For the Fall Season, I feel we showed a fair amount of promise. Stonehurst, Head of the Charles, and the Princeton Chase each indicated stiff competition for this Spring, but our boys posted respectable finishes. My feeling about Fall rowing is like the Buffalo Bills Pre-Season it carries limited meaning. Winter training is the real indicator of Spring boat speed. I know this because, every year I raced, I'd sit at the starting line wishing I'd worked harder in the winter.

Spring Season:

Our competition is extremely fast, but I feel this fall indicated we have speed and may surprise some schools this spring. Every collegiate oarsman hopes to win an IRA championship, but only a few have to win. Fear of losing a championship is the major reason why some schools continue winning year after year. The first practice of my freshman year, Drew Harrison held up the IRA's Stewards Cup (Freshman 8 Trophy) his freshman crew won the year before and said, "This could be yours. Who wants to win it?" We all raised our hands and went along with it, but the true meaning didn't come to us until later. We all eventually figured out what Drew was telling us-

'This trophy is the school's.

It's not yours, yet.

And, God help you if you lose it'.

That season, I trained very hard to make sure I didn't lose it. When I crossed the finish line at the IRA, the biggest feeling I had was relief.

Coaching Staff:

Our coaches, Dave Reischman, Phil Marshall and Nick Scholz are putting together a solid team with a promising future. I have confidence in Dave's direction and I know he hates to lose. His teams have the tough task of unseating some of the perennial powers. This spring, he needs 9 guys who also hate to lose, more than they like winning, because this feeling is what will guide them through the loneliness of winter training. Our guys need to think of themselves as thieves, because the only way to win an IRA or Eastern Sprint is to steal it away from the schools that win it year in and year out.

A Fellow Alumnus:

I'm especially proud of Chris Liwiski making the Olympic Team. Over the past year, we all kept a silent vigil praying he'd survive the seat racing and pair trials. His success was tremendous, because we all knew he came in through the back door and unseated some heavy hitters. I'm confident the small boat training Dave's doing now will produce a good crop of SU oarsmen willing to try their luck at making a National Team. Today, it seems nearly impossible to achieve a national championship without a few of them in your boat.

(See Letter-- next page)

Letter from the President (*from Page 2*)

Chris Colville Fund:

Some time ago, we all received a request to support the Chris Colville Fund. These funds are going to build our fleet of pairs. Please support this effort. Chris was a good friend of mine and he has been missed.

SARA's Purpose:

I've tried to understand what our purpose is; what our objectives should be for '05; and how we could fulfill them. I see our most important on-going duty is to support the team and its coaches. SARA facilitates this by communicating to the alumni; providing direction; and raising funds. In the past 2 years, we talked a lot about changing our tax exempt status, but we eventually saw little incremental benefit. The need for tax exemptions in fund raising were already being satisfied by the Campaign for Crew for long-term giving, or through Orange Pack and Varsity Club for the team's immediate (non-budgeted) needs. We also found raising money for recent graduates can be done with the cooperation of their local, tax exempt clubs. Our network goes to work spreading the word and funnels the donations where they're tax deductible.

Next SARA Meeting:

Our annual January meeting is tentatively schedule for the 22nd and I'm looking forward to hearing great things about our team's winter training. Please join us for this meeting.

Masters Races:

I also think seeing SU alums competing in the club races, as well as in the IRA, help to secure a strong reputation for our team. I have to believe it helps in recruiting and it sends a message that SU Rowing is a life long endeavor. I would like to develop a system for SU Masters looking for races or oarsmen for a race.

Summary:

In summarizing this long winded letter, I feel grateful for Pesot, Nicholson and Holland for tackling some tough issues over the past few years. I'm also grateful for Dave and Phil taking on this assignment. I'm confident they'll recapture the prestige Bill Sanford forged and develop huge hammers we can be proud of.

I also think training in small boats is fantastic, because it produces good oarsmen and those oarsmen should produce fast boats. An IRA Championship in either an eight, four or pair is still a National Championship. From my years in this sport, I've come to realize that losing is contagious and winning begets winning. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best-

*“Every child of the Saxon race is educated to wish to be first. It is our system;
and a man comes to measure his greatness by the regrets, envies and hatreds
of his competitors.”*

RYBO

Jerry Jacobi, '81
SARA President

Academic Honors from the Spring of 2004

Dean's List (3.4 or higher) and Athletic Director's Honor Roll

Class of '04:

Matt Brocks, Marketing Management
Bryan Goody, History
Andrew Wright, Electrical Engineering

Class of '05:

Sergaii Bourlatskii, International Relations and Economics
Andrew Weisberg, History

Class of '06:

Dan McManus, Geography
Terry Wilkin, Political Science and Speech Communications

Class of '07:

Jimmy Bader, Civil Engineering
Mike Beck, Psychology
JP Geise, Management Undeclared
Joel Harrison, Political Science
Tim Mambort, Arts and Sciences Undeclared

Matt Morrow, Pre Med
Greg Stiller, Psychology

Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0 and higher)

Nick Alexander, '04, Economics
Kevin Boyle '03, Exercise Physiology Grad. Student
Justin Burgess '05, History of Architecture, History, and Political Science
Adam Conrad '06, Political Science
Josh Gautreau '06, Physical Education
Chip Gibson '04, Economics
Adlai Hurt '04, Speech Communications
Jon Dagan Mallace '06
Tyler Page, '06, Health & Exercise Science
Andrew Ross, '07, Civil Engineering

Special Recognition:

Jimmy Bader, 3.93, Civil Engineering
Matt Morrow, 3.93, Pre Med
Andrew Weisberg, 3.93, History

Marshall Recruits Frosh with (P.E.) Class

SU's crew coaches have turned back the clock with their approach to recruiting this year's freshman class, with a twist. Coach Phil Marshall enrolled freshmen and sophomore novices in a one-credit physical education class and brought in a solid pool of walk-ons with no rowing experience but plenty of potential.

"Unlike last season where our efforts resulted in rounding up a grand total of seven young men for the meeting, and gave us one returnee, this year's group is significantly larger," Marshall said. "Our official total was 40 for the early weeks of the class and very few felt that it wasn't worthwhile enough to see through to the end."

The way it works is that students sign on for the course and complete it in five weeks by trying out for crew. Then they decide whether they want to stay.

"The weather in September was great, which played a large role in keeping interest and morale high," Marshall told *The Orange Oar*.

Working around schedule conflicts, Marshall said each athlete chose four sessions a week to attend. Time also was spent indoors in the tanks and on the ergometers. "In October, we moved to six sessions a week and added a little more structure to the sessions, Marshall said. "As a result, I was able to identify and select a group of 17 rowers and 3 coxswains to join our four experienced rowers."



Phil Marshall

"This particular group didn't want to go away," Head Coach Dave Reischman said. "We had to make some cuts with such a large groups and with roster management and the number of kids we think we can successfully manage."

Marshall says the plan is to carry 2 eights and four for the spring season. "I think with a lot hard work and a little luck, we can be a position to be competitive by the IRA."

Tanks "Quietly" Being Upgraded

Remember the timeworn rowing tanks with the noisy motors in the giant orange boxes in the SU crew room? Coach Dave Reischman says they'll be just a memory soon. A three-phase renovation is well underway with help from the Hoople Fund and contributions from alumni.

Phase one already is complete. "We've redone the guts of the tank from oarlock to oarlock," Reischman said. "We've put carpeting under the foot stretcher area, new decking and fabric-covered marine plywood."

Phase two comes over Christmas break. "We'll put new two feet by two feet motors," Reischman said. "Goodbye to those big orange boxes. It's more of a direct drive system which means less water churned up and less noise."

The final phase is being worked on, Reischman said. "It entails new carpeting and some minor facelift stuff we can do relatively inexpensively yet affect the appeal to recruits."

(The crew room) is the first place a recruit sees when he comes on campus. Everybody's got a new boathouse in our league (or) new and updated facilities." Upgrading the tanks is just one way he plans to keep pace.

Looking for “Difference Makers”: *Coach Reischman sums up fall and plans for the winter and spring.*

After last spring’s strong showing by the Class of ’08 freshman, there are continuing high expectations for the now sophomore class as its members move up to varsity. “I think early on some of the sophomores thought they could come in and be at the top of the heap but the upperclassmen have been putting up a good fight,” Head Coach Dave Reischman said, in summing up the fall season.

“They have definitely forced the sophomores to get better which is a good dynamic to have on the team. I think as a whole we have a lot of oarsmen of similar abilities and we need a few of them to step up and prove they are difference makers.”

SU Varsity crews competed again this fall at the Stonehurst Invitational, the Head of the Charles Regatta, and the Princeton Chase.

Results available at:

http://www.rit.edu/~934www/results_2004.html

<http://www.hocr.org/indexcomp.html>

[http://www.row2k.com/results/resultspage.cfm?](http://www.row2k.com/results/resultspage.cfm?UID=7677719&cat=2)

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“I have mixed emotions about the results (of the Princeton Chase), Reischman said “On one hand we were pretty consistent with our Head of the Charles results meaning we were about the same distance from the crews we also raced at the Head of the Charles. A few seconds better in some cases in a few seconds farther away in others. But it drives me absolutely nuts that Cornell and Navy have two boats that beat us.”

There’s good news and bad news about the sophomore class. Matt Morrow, who had stroked the frosh to an unbeaten season before the Eastern Sprints, then ran into health problems, is reported fully recovered and moved into the V8 bow for the Princeton Chase. Another sophomore, Jimmy Bader stroked the boat. On the other hand, the crew has lost Chad Taylor, who coxed the first frosh. He has left the squad to pursue his love of music.

There are five seniors and seven juniors on the roster and many rowed in the varsity this fall, though the Princeton Chase lineup featured six sophomores and two juniors with a senior coxswain.

Reischman says it’s too early to tell what impact the sophomores will have in the spring, but he expects them to be a major part of the varsity boat. “It sort of depends on how things continue to develop. The squad as a whole is working



Dave Reischman

really hard. We’ve been having a lot of fun.”

The coach sees the league getting even stronger, with Harvard getting challenges from a number of crews, and SU’s opening day opponent Boston University being especially strong. There were signs of that in the fall competition. “We were a bit undergunned this fall, Reischman said. “We’ll have to see how we respond to winter training and fitness levels.”

Reischman has scheduled training trips to Florida over semester break and winter break. The crew will be based at Stetson University in Deland. “There’s fresh water: a lake and a river with no wind issue and by spring a buoyed course will be up there.”

The crew enjoyed beautiful weather all fall in Syracuse and was still on the water heading into Thanksgiving break. Once indoors, oarsmen will have upgraded tanks to work in (*see Tanks- page 4*) as well as the newly dedicated Bill Compson Erg Room. “We’re just trying to get a lot of good solid strokes in; get some volume in to see if we can affect our fitness.”

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1950s

Bill Hawkey '53 - in his words, "Another fantastic rowing and racing season! Rowed in all of the mid-east regattas and head races, as well as the FISA Worlds in Hamburg. Ended the season with a first in the pair, then a couple of seconds & thirds and a few middle of the packs, all in fours (+&-) and eights.

"To me, the best event of this year was my wife, Penny beginning to row. She stroked her four+ to a strong second in the Head of the Housatonic, and is now a completely psyched rower. Next season watch for a new mixed double bursting on the scene."



Bill Hawkey (in the orange hat, of course) and crew battling at the FISA Worlds in Hamburg

Andy Geiger '59— continues as Athletic Director at Ohio State and no doubt is enjoying the fruits of an upset of Michigan the weekend before Thanksgiving. Andy continues in the spotlight in various issues at Ohio State. Here's a note from him:

"I missed the reunion of the Pan American '59 crew because of conflicts with my Ohio State duties. I wish I could have been there. I am in my 11th year as Athletics Director at Ohio State and my 33rd year in this position having served at Brown, Penn, Stanford and Maryland before Ohio State. My whole philosophy of athletics administration stems from my experiences as an undergraduate oarsman at Syracuse. I was average in ability, at best, but I learned more through the experience than in anything else I have done. I correspond with Chuck Mills from time to time, and he keeps me current on news of others. Thanks for what you and your colleagues are doing for Syracuse Crew."

1960s

Charlie Mills '60 - has moved to Haymarket, VA (40 mi. outside DC), it's going to be harder to get to the IRA but you never know. Charlie became a grandfather (in July) for the second time as his son Greg and his wife Paige had a girl named Aubrey Lamb Mills.

Charlie was recently honored professionally when he was inducted as a "Cable Pioneer" which recognizes people who have been in the cable industry at least 20 years and who have contributed time and effort to the growth and development of the industry.

He reports, "had brunch recently with **Jerry Winkelstein** and **Tom Rouen** (Pan Am Cox and #3) and respective wives. Naturally talked over old times...and they are old now. Pleased with the development coach Reischman has accomplished in the program and look forward to a great future for SU rowing."

BACKSPASH . . . News of Our Alumni—continued from page 4

Bill Sanford '63 – will be honored at the Power Ten Dinner on January 20, 2005 at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City, along with his brother, the late Scott Sanford.

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Bill Sanford poses with grandson Will Wendry and Coach Jen's dog Libby.



Gary '67 and Kathy MacLachlan - were present for the delivery of their fifth grandchild - Kaelynn Murphy Wrights- in Rochester on October 22. Number six is due in April !

1970s

Bill Bater '79 - in his own words— “I still work for Wells Fargo Bank performing their environmental due diligence. I have been working out of my home for 6 years now which allows me to coach the local junior rowing program. I coached the men's varsity 4 to that finished third in the UST High School National Invitational in Cincinnati. This year's should be a strong year as I only lost one to graduation.

I am still competing on the master's level and raced the SD Crew Classic (Club 8 for Long Beach Rowing Assoc.) and the Head Of The Charles. It is always good to see all the former Syracuse rowers at these races. Bill Purdy still looks fit as ever as does Drew Harrison.

This year Brian and his CG alumni boat started right behind our LBRA entry at the HOC. We both chased Bill Purdy's boat down the course, but that was as close as we could get to Bill. Moving to the 50+ event won't make things easier as Bill's boat will move up as well. We'll have to come up with some plan to beat his boat.

My family is doing well and the kids are getting older (13 and 11). My son is rowing for the JR program now and enjoys it. We will see if baseball or rowing wins out in the long run.”

1980s

Chip Chase '83— (heard from through **Gordon Hull '83**.) As Thanksgiving approached Chip was headed off on a mission as a Commander in the U.S. Navy. He shared some of his thoughts with Gordon:

“The mission of my group continues to change. Because of a new mission we are now about twice the size as when I emailed you last. Unfortunately that knocks me down to the Deputy Group Commander position, and increases the workload at the same time. Either way it will be a great opportunity to lead an even larger group of young men and women from all over the U. S. Short term sacrifice to have a lasting affect on the sailors and the Navy.

(See *Chase* —next page)

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(Chp Chase continued)

“I just hung up the plaque that we received as seniors. The one of us standing on the bridge at Longbranch Road with the boathouse in the background, and Chris in the middle of all of us. It is on the wall of my rec room among the pictures of the high school team I coached after graduation, and the team at St. Joseph's University that I coached in the mid 80's. They are all located where I can row on my erg and reflect on days gone by. It is interesting the perspective I have now, going into unknown circumstances for an extended period of time.”

Rob Heinstein '89 — “Jenny, Noah and I welcomed Kaela Ann on Thursday, July 22 at 5:10 a.m. weighing in at 7 lbs. even. Everyone is doing great. “

Rob is Manager of the Litigation Department here at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. I am now responsible for 367 attorneys and 108 department staff members across 5 offices both domestic and international.

Kaela Ann Heinstein



1990s

Don Smith '90— announces the arrival of Luke William Smith on the evening of October 24, 2004, at 9:24PM. He weighed in at 7 lbs., one ounce, and is 19.5".



Luke William Smith

“The little guy didn't make it for the Head of the Charles, but did catch the end of game two of the World Series. I think he'll forever be a Red Sox fan.”

- Dad

BACKSLASH . . . News of Our Alumni - continued from Page 6

Jen Sanford-Wendry '93 - "Brian and I are expecting boy number two on February 8th, 2005. I will continue to coach at UConn after a short maternity leave." Jen is head coach of women's crew at the University of Connecticut.



Jason Premo ('98) married Kseniya Potapenko August 14th. Syracuse Rowing alumni in attendance included (front row): **Joe Peter, Dave Altman**, the Bride and Groom, **Chris Kemezis, Joe Bufano**; (the gallery behind, left to right): **Nyala Watkins, Vallerie (Bettini) Peck, Harold Bender, Zennon Kapron, Jay Hegener, Colin Goodale, Tim Daughton, Adam Jackson, Skye Michiels, Doug Markel, Rich Sangillo, Josh Statton, Jamie Bettini, Pat Daughton, Dale Ellis, Paris Daskalikis, and Scott Christian.**

Scott Christian '99 - and Cortney Dell were engaged on July 17. They currently reside in Washington D.C.

'00s

Chris Liwski '02— is off for a year at Oxford after being an alternate for the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic eight this summer. Chris plans to return to SU Law School in the fall of '05.

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The following is from Lisa Crespo of the SU Orange Pack:

The Syracuse University Athletic Department would like to thank all the alumni, parents & friends of Syracuse crew that supported the program over the past year. Your help has made a lasting impact on our endowed scholarships, recruiting budget, operating budget and equipment needs. We thank you for all you do and look forward to your continued support throughout the upcoming years. (List is comprised of all people who made a gift to Syracuse University Crew in fiscal year July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004)

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Power Ten Dinner To Honor Bill, Scott Sanford

The annual Power Ten dinner on January 20, 2005 at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City will honor retired SU Coach Bill Sanford '63 and the late Scott Sanford '63, and their lifelong dedication and contributions to the sport of rowing. Scott was the long time coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. He died in 2002.

SARA annually has a presence at the dinner, including director Sly Rowe and Past-President Jeff Pesot and a strong showing is being urged for Coaches Bill and Scott.

Seating will again be limited to 200. Dinner fees are \$275 for those 30 and older and \$225 for those under 30 (2005 dues are included in this fee).

In 2004, Power Ten President Lara Rubin reports the organization gave away more money than ever to support junior rowing. The Power Ten Board of Stewards voted to grant \$7,500 to support the U.S. Junior Nation Team, \$1,000 to the restoration project, and an additional \$1,500 to Row New York, a new pro-

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Crouthamel Retires (from Page One)

search committee, which will recommend a replacement, but the Chancellor will have the final say.

Less than three years ago Crouthamel hired Dave Reischman as head coach of crew, on the recommendation of a search committee that included SARA director and three-time Olympian Tom Darling. It was the first time a member of a sport's alumni group had been invited to be on a search committee for a coach.

"When I interviewed with Jake I was a little skeptical to be honest with you, "Reischman told *The Orange Oar*. "I think it is easy sometimes to interpret his silent and contemplative nature as not caring. After working for him I can tell you that is about as far from the truth as you can get. He is a great athletic mind and a man of tremendous personal integrity and fairness. That is something that is sadly missing in today's world of collegiate athletics."

Crouthamel had come to SARA's winter board meeting that January to answer questions about the search for a new coach, after Bill Sanford had announced his retirement at the end of 35 seasons as head coach. He was candid, as always. He explained that SARA would have a place at the table but would not dictate the hiring of the new coach. He told the board the search would be for the best available coach who would work within SU guidelines. There may have been some skepticism then. Reischman's hiring changed that in a hurry.

He'd told *The Orange Oar* a year earlier that he was a supporter of crew and that his admiration for oarsmen goes back to his undergraduate days at Dartmouth, where he played football and some of his fraternity brothers rowed. He said he was impressed by how hard they worked.

Crouthamel has consistently advised crew alumni that the best way to preserve the program at SU is to endow the scholarships for the team, something the Campaign for Crew is meant to do. Reischman says Crouthamel always has been fair. "If you went to him with something you knew the answer might be no but you also knew that he would consider it and give careful thought to it before he gave you an answer."

His departure brings immediate speculation as to the future of non-revenue sports, such as Crew. "A new person isn't going to come in here and make (his or her) mark by improving the non-revenue sports—he or she is) going to come through the door thinking of generating more revenue through football and basketball and that will take some time," Reischman said. "It usually takes a while for that success to filter down to the other sports in terms of facilities and budget increases. I also worry about their approach to gender equity issues--is this a person that will solve these issues by increasing female participation or will they look to decrease male participation? There is no doubt that this is a crucial hire for Syracuse and that the new person has the opportunity to bring some exciting changes to our department."

"Knowing who the candidates were 26 years ago," Crouthamel told a news conference, "I was the best of a very bad lot, which may tell you something." Many observers will say what it tells you is that Syracuse University, and by extension SU Crew lucked out.

In a month or two, or three his successor will have been named and the transition will be underway. The proverbial torch will be passed and with it the future of Crew at Syracuse University.

One thing that seems certain is that next spring, if you look, you'll find Jake Crouthamel at the boat-house on race day. Up there - on the balcony. Out of the spotlight. Rooting for the Orange.

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January 20	Power Ten Dinner	New York City
January 22	SARA Winter Meeting	Syracuse
March 26	Boston University	Boston
April 9	Ten Eyck Cup vs. Rutgers	Syracuse
April 16	Goes Cup vs. Cornell & Navy	Ithaca
April 23	Georgetown & Temple	Philadelphia
May 8	Packard Cup vs. Dartmouth	Syracuse
May 15	Eastern Sprints	Worcester