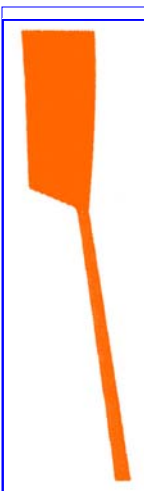


### Sit ready...Ready all...

- Big Night for SU Crew, Rowing Alums on Thursday
- Alumni Armada Hits the Water on Saturday
- Fall Racing Success for Women & Men's Teams
- Alumnae Grab Olympic Gold, Silver Medals

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# The Orange Oar

## '78 Crew Still Smooth - in Tuxedos and on the Water



**The poster is so big they still haven't figured out where to display it permanently.**

Yet while the size of the photos depicting the 1978 men's varsity eight dwarfed the eleven men in tuxedos, they stood as giants in the history of Syracuse University Crew.

At the beginning of a September weekend to celebrate SU athletics, the eight oarsmen and coxswain who won the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta were honored as the first Team Letterwinners of Distinction and their coaches, Bill Sanford and Drew Harrison joined them on the platform.

"It's pretty incredible," six-oar Tom Evancie told *The Orange Oar*. "There's obviously a huge history here at Syracuse so for us to be the first one as a team - it's a great honor."

They hadn't all been together in the same room  
*(See Letterwinners—Page 3)*

### Goodale gets Gold: SU Teammates Celebrate

When **Anna Goodale '05** and the U.S. Women's Olympic Eight crossed the finish line first in Beijing, the loudest cheering came from Anna's fellow SU Rowing alums, **Chrissy Chamberlain, Tori Amling and Carolyn Taylor**. They had front row seats just before the finish line. "I'm so happy we were here to watch Anna win her first Olympic *(See Olympics—Page 13)*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Sports fans!

Well, I shoveled my walkway the other day, so it must be fall in Syracuse. And that means it's finally "Go Time" for our men and women. Already our women have had great rows at the Head of the Genesee and Princeton Chase and the men had their best showing at the Chase in the Reischman era. Good results thus far, the promise of more to come, and knowing we've got a group of high-character rowers heading into winter training – lots for us alumni to be excited about!

Our alumni group, SARA, has stayed busy in the off-season. We had a FANTASTIC extended weekend earlier this fall based around honoring the Class of '78 and Emme Aronson. There was an alumni row, a "football game" (ahem), and social gatherings throughout the weekend. We also continue to focus on fundraising activities, and "friends-raising" as Coach Reischman likes to say. We planned gatherings for the women's and men's Foot of the Charles races in Boston and we've begun planning our annual Board meeting for January 24. A quick note on this meeting – while it's geared toward Board members, any male or female rowing alum is encouraged to attend and contribute. If you are interested, or simply want to know what goes on when these astonishingly brilliant minds get together, feel free to contact me at: [jmpremo@hotmail.com](mailto:jmpremo@hotmail.com)

In closing, I want to urge everyone to take a look at our teams' schedules and get some dates in your calendars (do it now!). It's great for them to see us there to cheer them on, and great for us to catch up with each other at these events. I'll be looking out for you all this fall and spring!

Cheers,  
Jason Premo '98  
SARA President

## *Letterwinners (from Page One)*

since that Summer, when they won the title on Onondaga Lake and went on to compete at the Royal Henley Regatta. They'd come from as far away as California and British Columbia to be in this room on this night.

"Words can't describe how exciting it is to be back here in Syracuse and to have our banner up on that wall," bow man Gerry Henwood said. "It's an out of body experience to be honest with you."

There was a distinct rowing flavor to this year's festivities at Manley Fieldhouse, with Emme Aaronson also being honored for her accomplishments on the women's team and in life and Martha Mogish Rowe (basketball and rowing) the first woman to be honored as a Letterwinner of Distinction handing out the awards as ESPN's Mike Tirico emceed.

"My father (Andy) being a Letterman of Distinction and my sister Martha being the first woman honored as a Letterwinner of Distinction I think I've just got a special appreciation for the magnitude of this honor that our team has gotten tonight," said two-man Andy Mogish, Jr.

"It's like being in a candy store," stroke Art Sibley said. "We're all a little grayer, a little wrinkled, but we're still the same guys. It's been 30 years since we've all been in the same room together and it's like we didn't miss a beat."

### *On the Water...and In It*



They didn't miss a beat Saturday morning either as the remarkably fit looking eight eased into an SU shell, following the commands of coxswain Ozzie Street. They pushed out into the channel and rowed away as if they'd done it together the day before, and soon came blasting by as one on the water. It brought back memories of that day in 1978, when the men in Orange crossed the line first.

"The one thing that I remember that a lot of the guys in the boat may not remember is that the crowd was huge," Street told *The Orange Oar*. "There must have been 100,000 people at the race.

The wind was very difficult – it was tough to stay on course but the crowd was so loud as we got down to the end of the race and it looked like we were going to have the opportunity to win."

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"I remember that we had lost two races to get into the finals and I really wanted to win bad," seven-man Bill Reid said. "I was gonna pull that boat across the end, I felt really like 'we gotta win.'"

Sibley half-kidded that while he was in the stroke seat, Reid was the stroke. His reaction when the Orangemen won?

"Unbelievable. Like disbelief. Couldn't believe it. You really didn't think it was your biggest moment – it really was – kind of was, I don't know – surreal."

And now on this beautiful Saturday morning in Syracuse, 30 years later, they were in sync still. Right down to the plot they executed when they'd docked and put the shell and the oars away. The '78 Varsity Crew grabbed Ozzie Street...and threw him into the water. He came up sputtering...and smiling.

*(More on the big weekend—Page 12)*



## The 1978 IRA Champion Varsity—In Their Own Words



Champs: Bow- Gerry Henwood, 2- Andy Mogish, Jr., 3- John Shamlian, 4- Dave Townsley, 5- Bill Purdy, 6- Tom Evancie, 7- Bill Reid, Stroke- Art Sibley, Coxswain - Ozzie Street

**John Shamlian** – “This is just such an incredible pleasure. If the award isn’t great enough which it certainly is amazing, the fact that it brought us back together after 30 years is fantastic. Finding out what life has been for them for 30 years. Everybody’s got a great story and it’s just been wonderful.”

**Bill Purdy** – “I haven’t seen Bill Reid, Tom Evancie or Dave Townsley since 1978 so it’s an incredible thrill to see them again... and they don’t look at all different than they did on that screen up there.”

“It’s an incredible honor for me because I emulate all of the people that were on that teams I was recruited from Liverpool High School by Bill Sanford and Drew Harrison – I remember them in my living room like it was yesterday and it really is coming home for me. Syracuse is my home and we have people who have not been back to Syracuse for a couple of decades that are now back to join us and it’s just an incredible honor to be with them.”

**Bill Reid** – “You remember this, you remember that. I think we’re all going down Memory Lane and enjoying everything we remember that was nice.”

“This is very special. This is amazing. The university - I think they really respect us and respect the athletes and that’s one thing I like about Syracuse.”

**Dave Townsley** – I’ve not been back since the IRA. It’s fun to come back here and get with the whole group of guys – everybody being together – just having a chance to get back and see everybody again – see the coach – just the people, the people who made the experience.”

**Gerry Henwood** – “Bill Reid was the one guy I did not recognize today, probably because he looks better than the rest of us. We’re all very fortunate to be back together and everyone’s healthy. 270 years of living that have gone on since we won the IRA and we’re all here together and that’s saying something that we’re all here as a team, able to come back together and be healthy and be here.”

**On Coach Bill Sanford**— “He was just somebody physically and mentally we looked up to. He was always so level. He kept us calm. We were like racehorses going into the gate and he was just always so level. You knew he was a little nervous but we were all nerves. We were just totally uncontrolled as far as our emotions we couldn’t handle the pre-race. But he was the guy that as there to calm us down and he and Drew (Harrison), their physical presence...they gave us that added advantage the edge if you will at the time and they still do.”

**Ozzie Street** – It’s absolutely fantastic it’s wonderful. Some of these guys I have not seen for a very, very long time and it’s as



if our friendships were renewed after being away from each other for a week – a bunch of great, great guys. Solid citizens, great parents and mothers and fathers and it's wonderful, wonderful to see them again.

***On winning the race***— “It was fabulous – I looked over and I saw the coach and the coach was so excited, everyone on the shore was excited. Such a great, great event in the history of Syracuse. It was wonderful.”

***On freshman coach Drew Harrison (whose squad won its third straight IRA that day)*** “Drew was an outstanding coach and he built the foundation through his freshman team that then the varsity coach Bill Sanford was able to utilize. Drew was a great tactician. He understood how to get the most out of all of his boats and he understood the progress of his boats where they were at any point in time on the spectrum of where he wanted them to go to achieve success. Drew was an excellent, excellent coach and probably doesn't get enough credit for the contributions to the varsity's success.”

**Tom Evancie** – “It's awesome. It's great to see. It's a great bunch of guys. It's great to see everybody is healthy and doing well, staying in shape. It's been fabulous meeting their families. Some of them brought their kids along. It's just a treat.”

***On what he wants to see***— “A few IRA championships.”

**Art Sibley** – “I remember that year...well, that particular event we had a problem with kind of fading in the third 500. So our strategy was go out, hang with the pack to the halfway point -1,000 meters - and then put the hammer down because everybody was waiting for Syracuse to fade because we had done that the two previous days. So our strategy was to go out get it done, 1,000 meters kick it in and then with like 500 to go we had almost open water we were like ‘no way – we're not gonna be denied.’ It's awesome.”

“When you reflect back on it – Mike Tirico said it tonight – in a great way – it gave us foundation to out and continue as good citizens, do good things for our families...get the next generation going, appreciate each others company and enjoy life.”

**Andy Mogish, Jr.** – “It's great after 30 years – a couple of them a haven't seen in that long.”

***On winning the race***— “I remember that there was a head wind and it was a tough race a little longer race of course than flat conditions and the feeling as we got near the finish line and realized that were going to win the race was just a feeling that I can't explain – especially for me being from Syracuse originally and really hearing the crowd through the whole race. And I'd been to a lot of regattas in the past before that and I know that a lot of folks didn't really pay attention to a lot of the races and I've talked to a lot of people since then that have said that there was more interest in our race that year than they probably ever had. And we heard it in the boat and I heard it and especially I think as I say being from the area it was just one of the highlights of my life coming down across the finish line.”

**Drew Harrison** - “It's a pleasure. This is absolutely wonderful to see these guys after 30 years. And I've seen a few if them since then but many of them I haven't seen since then It's nice to see really good men who were great athletes who have become fine men fine contributing people to society and also in tune with what's going on at his Letterwinners of Distinction banquet.

***On coaches getting credit for success***— “Sometimes that's part of it, sure but it's really the athletes that make it happen isn't it? Athletes and coaches have to work together.”

**Bill Sanford** - “This is probably more special to me than the individual award (which he won earlier) because it's all because of these guys that that happened. But just being with them here tonight as Drew and I were talking and just taking a look down the line at these guys and the way that they came back and the fitness that each one of them shows us as well as the success that they've had in life something's working and I'm just so pleased to be a part of it. I'm overwhelmed.”

***On what he was thinking as SU was winning the race***— “When we were going to come from fifth place to first place— and it took us almost the whole race course to do it. It was time. The year before had been such a disappointment when we had lost to Cornell to get to then final and turned in that fastest time of the day in the repechage. It was time and these guys had paid the price. That particular time in my life was like going from sheer wonderment of is it going to happen or not and that sort of thing to ecstasy – I was ecstatic with everything that happened and being able to go get that trophy and share it with these guys was fantastic.”

## ***ORANGE WOMEN'S SQUAD LOOKS FASTER, DEEPER***

Head Coach Kris Sanford says she had a problem at one point this fall. "We sent the freshmen down to the equipment room to get turn out gear and couldn't understand why they were coming back to us empty handed," she said. "Then we started to figure out we are carrying 15 more people right now than we usually do. It is a great problem to have!"

Sanford says it's the largest varsity roster the women have had in years - "3 eights of rowers plus 4 and 5 coxswains. That is a whole boat more than normal. Our freshmen are still rowing with 3 eights as well. "

She calls the fall racing results "respectable and better than in the last few years. We won the Head of the Genesee in the women's 8 for the first time since I have been here . We finished 8<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Chase, beating teams that we have not beaten in the last few years like Penn, Brown, Dartmouth, Northeastern and Cornell. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 finished in front of many of the same B boats. "

Rowing in fours at the Foot of the Charles, SU's A boat was fifth behind Brown, BU and a couple of Radcliffe boats. The Novice 8 was fifth.

The Orange Women have been road warriors the past two spring seasons, with just a single home race. They'll triple that this spring (*see schedule below.*)

Sanford says she is excited about the prospects heading into winter training. "Rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to achieve greatness this spring and to get back to the NCAA Championships!"

## **SU WOMEN'S ROWING CALENDAR 2009**

Saturday, January 24	SARA Annual Meeting	Syracuse
Saturday, March 28	Boston University (Kittell Cup)	<b>Boston</b>
Saturday, April 4	Cornell/Yale (Cayuga Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Saturday, April 11	Penn/Northeastern (Orange Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Saturday, April 18	Harvard/Dartmouth (O'Leary Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Sunday, April 26	Big East Championships	Camden, NJ
Sunday, May 17	Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ
Friday, May 29	NCAA Championship	TBD

## BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

### '50s

**Bill Hawkey '53** – reports more success at the 2008 Master's Nationals. Along with his rowing partner of 22 years, Klaas ten-Broeke raced a 2-, 4-, 4+, and an 8+ (with cox Joey). Gold in all four.

"I also stroked a mixed 4+ and a mixed 8, with my wife Penny rowing two seat (a gold and a silver)," Bill says. "Penny and I row 3-4 times a week and compete in the regional sprint and head races. No end in sight."



Hawkey and ten Broeke—still winning.

### '60s

**Charlie Mills '60** – (*sent this in the spring and your editor failed to include it*) "This past weekend I was asked to help officiate at the Georgetown - Temple crew races in DC. **Tony Johnson** and **Jim Edmonds** suggested we find the other local Alumni and have a mini reunion. Seven of us attended the races and then had brunch afterwards. In addition to Tony, Jim and me, we were able to reach **Chuck Levy '60**, **Doug Lehman '62**, **Frank Benson '62** and Tom Rouen '60. We had a ball reliving the past.

"It's amazing how gray and/or bald we all are not to mention the maladies several have experienced. Speaking of maladies, we invited Winky (**Jerry Winkelstein**) but he had another obligation...can you imagine passing up an opportunity to meet with OLD friends and fellow oarsmen to go to another function? I called him Sunday after our reunion and told him we missed him and to never stand us up again.

We talked about how we'd like to have a 50th with the rest of the Pan Am group but need to reach **Andy Geiger**, **Monte Brower** and **Lou Buhrmaster**. I have been corresponding with **Ed Montesi**, **Jim Kries** and **Nels Miller**. I have sent a couple of e-mails to **Bob Schoel** but not heard back. I'll give him a call. I'm hoping that the Orange Oar reaches Andy, Monte and Bob so we can start the reunion plans. If anyone knows how to reach any of them, please let me know. [cmills4687@aol.com](mailto:cmills4687@aol.com)

**Gary MacLachlan '67** – retired as fire chief in DeWitt, N.Y. after spearheading construction of a new firehouse. <http://www.dewittfire.org/>



Gary also got together for some golf this fall with **Bill Sanford '63**, **Paul Dudzick '67** and **John Nicholson '68**. It was the first time classmates MacLachlan and Dudzick had gotten together since they graduated. The round included a stop at the turn for lunch and beverages (left).

(L-R: **Dudzick**, **MacLachlan**, **Sanford**, **Nicholson**)

**Joe Peter '69** - reports that **Bill Purdy '79** won at the Head of the Charles, Men's Master's 4+, "1980 Crew" Joe's boat— Kent Mitchell Men's Master's 40+ 8+, Won as well. "That's my fifth Gold, and I have four 2nd place Charles medals," Joe points out proudly.

# BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

## '90s

**Molly (Tibbetts) Scannell '96** – included a picture of her daughter, Ava.



She and her husband Rich have # 2 on the way due beginning of February. They live in Arlington, MA.



**Ava Scannell Enjoys Corn**

(Left to Right above) Pat Daughton '99 and his wife Anne, Chris Kemezis '99, son Brayden and his wife Stephanie, Joe Bufano '99, Mike Cellucci '98 with son Chase and wife Dana, John Curtin '98, Tim Daughton '98 with son Liam and wife Kathryn, Skye Michiels '99 and wife Kristin.

**Dana (swimming) '98 and Michael Cellucci '98** - hosted the Philadelphia monthly Syracuse get together for the classes of '98 and '99.



Several members of the **classes of 98 and 99** went on a Canoe/Camping trip through the Delaware Water Gap. In picture: **Josh Kaplan '98, Pat Daughton '99, Skye Michiels '99, Scott Christian '99, Joe Bufano '99, Tim Daughton '98, and Doug Markel '98.**



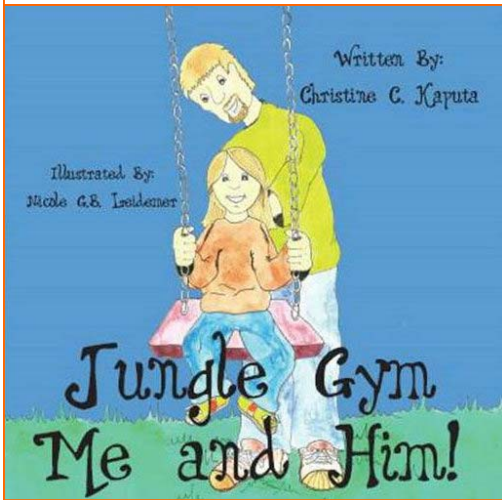
**Chris Kemezis '99**—and his wife Stephanie are the proud parents of a new son. Tyler William Kemezis was born November 17. Chris says Brayden is “very excited to be a big brother now.”

**Kathryn and Tim Daughton '98** enjoying sharing Syracuse colors with their one-year-old son Liam.



## BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

**P.J. Kaputa '99** and wife **Christine (Camilleri) '98** - traveled to Seoul, South Korea in October to adopt their 8-month old son John Jeong-min Kaputa.



Christine's second children's book "Jungle Gym – Me and Him!" was also published in 2008 and will be released to bookstores and Amazon.com in early December 2008. It is pure coincidence the Dad on the book cover bears a striking resemblance to classmate Tim Daughton '99.



**Kaputa and Son**

### '00s

**Chris Liwski '02** – was blogging from Beijing for the *Wall Street Journal* while rowing as a spare for the U.S. Olympic team. Liwski already has a law degree and may be on the way to becoming a media mogul as well as a world class oarsman. (See photo on Page 15)

**Christine Getzler Vaughan '02** – "We're in Israel now- I'm working at the Embassy in Tel Aviv as a Consular Officer- basically I issue visas all day and work with Americans who are living here. I love work, living out here is great (my office looks right onto the Mediterranean!) and we're really happy. Tel Aviv is a lot like Miami, but safe and clean! My parents are out here for 5 weeks- so we'll see all of Israel and go to Egypt for a week. I never thought I'd live somewhere like this, but it's been an awesome adventure."

"I've taken a break from rowing after being with Potomac BC while in training in Washington. I'm running again (!) and hoping to do my first marathon in January around the Sea of Galilee, but in the meantime we're running with a local hash club on the weekends and I'm cycling quite a bit, including to work every day."



**Garafalo—hard at work?**

**Nicole Garafalo '03** - evidently is enjoying life as evidenced in these photos sent by her husband, Bob, "Surfing Niki" was taken while she was in Australia "on a business trip supposedly."



## BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

**Chip Gibson '04 and Nick Alexander '04**—rowed with the Belmont Hill School's alumni 8 placing 7th in the Textile Regatta in Lowell, MA and not quite 7th in the Head of the Charles Club 8 race (pic included).



Look closely—Chip is the stroke, Nick the 4 seat.

### In Memoriam

**Rick Horn '90**—died on October 26, 2008 after forty great years on this earth. He came to Syracuse from New Jersey by way of the Kent School.

The highlight of Rick's rowing career was his Junior year in three seat of the Varsity eight that had a 4th place finish in Sprints and a 8th place finish at the IRA's . Rick also had a great run at Henley his sophomore year making it to the final of the fours race. Rick's senior year rowing season was cut short from Hodgkin's Lymphoma. This would be the first of four defeats of cancer for Rick, all while maintaining a successful career on Wall Street.

This past Labor day weekend, Rick suffered a massive heart attack, and after two months of more fighting, it was his time.



**Don Smith II** — The man who called himself **Don Smith the Elder** in correspondence with *The Orange Oar* died this summer. Don was the father of SARA board member and Olympic oarsman **Don Smith '90** who sent along the word.

"My Father, Don Smith, passed away on Thursday night July 10<sup>th</sup> in Oakville, Ontario. He passed quickly from a massive heart attack. Don was with his wife Mary. Every attempt was made to save him, but it was his time." He was 69.

Don Smith was a scholarship basketball player at Canisius College and loved golfing, fishing and traveling. He was a strong supporter of SU Rowing and U.S Rowing.

*Photo Courtesy of The Buffalo News*

## IRA Move to West Coast for '09, Other Changes Bring Controversy

*The IRA moves west for a year to Sacramento in 2009. In an email to alumni and other SU Crew supporters, Coach Dave Reischman said the plan is to hold the IRA on the West Coast every four years. "In addition to the change of venue there will be several other major modifications to the regatta to make the regatta more "portable" and to allow it to function more like other national championship events and less like an end of the season regatta," he said.*

*"Of the other changes, the most notable among these is the elimination of most of the small boats and a new system of qualifications that means you have to have demonstrable speed to get an invite."*

*The word touched off a flurry of emails among alumni offering strong opinions as to whether the change is a good idea or not. "Most of the rowers and their families are excited about this move," said Ryan Knapp '08. "A chance to go to California is a big opportunity which most student athletes hold in high regard. This is a good move for the sport and will strengthen our program."*

*The majority of opinion was unfavorable. Former SARA President Rick Holland put it this way: "...it strikes me that these moves will:*

- 1) Reduce the opportunity for students to participate in a full season of rowing.*
- 2) Have negligible effect on increasing the visibility/popularity of the sport, and ...*
- 3) Drive up cost to travel to the vast majority of athletes to get to the regatta's destination du jour ... all in the name of allowing the IRA to operate more like national championship events for other sports.*

*The email traffic got so heavy that some alums begged for others to stop hitting "Reply All" and Coach Reischman called a halt to it, asking the discussion be taken to the SARA website's discussion forums. That seemed to put a stop to it but for anybody who'd like to bring it up again – here's a link: <http://saracrew.org/forum/index.php>*

*Some food for thought from Coach Reischman who tells The Orange Oar he is in favor of the changes:*

*"As well as the traditional format of the IRA has served the sport over the past three decades or so (since small boats were added) rowing is trying hard to adapt to an ever-changing collegiate environment. It's important that rowing does not relearn the lesson of the dinosaur – if you don't adapt to a changing environment you become extinct."*

## **SPIFFING UP THE S.U. BOATHOUSE**

**They say it's all about facilities (whoever "they" are) and while discussion brews about a new boathouse for SU's women and men's teams, the current building has been given a bit of a spiffing up this fall. Onondaga County came through with an exterior paint job**



Coaches Grinding Away

**The men's coaches took a grinder to the shop floors and repainted them this summer.**

**And the men's locker room got new carpet and lockers thanks to funds raised by team parents of the classes of 2006-2011.**



Thanks, Moms and Dads!



## ALUMNI WEEKEND BRINGS OUT ORANGE ARMADA



'78 (far lane) and '06 alumni boats "Battle" down the Channel

There were so many Syracuse alumni crews on the water Saturday morning that it was hard to keep count. A dozen seems about right, including among others the usual suspects from the classes of 1998 and 1999, the very successful class of 2006, and more than a boatload of alumnae. SARA VP and Olympian Tracy Rude Smith and SARA board member Lynne Pascale were in the eight that included Emme Aronson, who was honored as a Letterwinner of Distinction for her success in the worlds of fashion and television as well as her contributions to SU.



Alumnae Eight Rows as Tracy (6) offers Emme (5) advice.

Emme told *The Orange Oar* that rowing at SU changed her life drastically. "I learned a very important lesson in business while rowing – that you have to work as a team. You can't work alone. "Being in a boat with eight people and being in a rhythm and being together and looking out for one another it really taught me a lot of things about going into business."

"I'm so happy to be an ambassador...on health and feeling good and accepting yourself and making the best of what you have mentally, physically and spiritually, hopefully," she said. "So I'm very, very happy to be here."



Martha Mogish Rowe presents Emme with Award as ESPN's Mike Tirico calls play-by-play



## Olympics (from Page One)

Gold Medal,” Chamberlain said in an e-mail. “Makes me want to cry!”



Carolyn, Chrissy, Tori—Red, White, Blue and Orange

Here’s how she described the race: “Right before the race started, we were so nervous. But we had faith. We were worried about the Romanians but the USA broke them! They started out strong and just kept getting stronger down the race course. It was amazing to watch them row so pretty, so fast and so damn strong! Wow, WE WENT CRAZY! I don’t even think words can describe the feeling of watching one of your best friends cross that finish line for gold. I’ve attached some great pictures capturing the moment. And the Romanians ended up 3rd...which Anna said was a big surprise. The Netherlands beat them out for the silver.” That team included SU alum **Helen Tanger ‘01.**

The Orange women spent the rest of the day as “Anna’s groupies” and found out what it’s like to be part of a champion’s group at the Olympics. “Do you know what it means to be best friends with an Olympic Gold Medalist? It means that it takes you at least two hours or more to walk about ten feet. EVERY-ONE wanted pictures with Anna. She’s very media friendly. We also had a reporter from Sports Illustrated following us around which was pretty cool.”



Anna and her “groupies” - Gold for Goodale



Chamberlain, Amling and Taylor had a bit of their own fame earlier as they traveled around Beijing. “At the end of the night, Tori, Carolyn and I decided to wear our American Flags as capes and take a picture in front of the Bird’s Nest (National Stadium). Little did we know that this would make us celebrities! We probably had about 30-40 groups of people come up to us and ask to take pictures. So this is what it’s like to be famous! My face hurt from smiling so much.”

All in all it was quite a trip. And quite a finish.

## Men's Crews Show Strength— Orange Four Tops Crimson at Foot of the Charles

**It's not every day that a Syracuse crew knocks off Harvard but don't expect Coach Dave Reischman to make a big deal of it.** "The first rule of fall racing is that you need to be careful that you don't make too much of the results," Reischman said in his Foot of the Charles Report. "It is a long way to the IRA and other crews, much like us, do different things with their lineups."

The Orange A-four finished first among 41 crews in the event November 22. SU's B-four was ninth following a crowd of Harvard and Brown boats. The race, on a day the coach described as "very cold," with a "strong head wind for the first mile and three-quarters," capped what looks like a strong fall season for the men's squad. That A-four, by the way, has three sophomores and a senior rowing and a soph coxing.

"Obviously I was pleased that the 'A' boat won, but I was equally pleased with the efforts of the 'B', 'C', and 'D' boats," Reischman said. "At our last race, our 4<sup>th</sup> boat was 70 seconds off of our A boat and at this race it was about 40 seconds. I still think that our C boat needs to be closer to our B boat but we are moving in the right direction. There is obviously a lot of similar talent in the C and D line ups and we will have to sort that out moving forward."



'78 Stroke Art Sibley explains to '09 Captain Martin Etem how it's done as '78 seven-man Bill Reid listens in during Alumni Weekend at the SU Boathouse

Coach Dave Weiss' freshman eight finished fifth, a result Reischman said Weiss and his crew were disappointed with. "There is some good talent in this group and a broad range of rowing experience," Reischman said what the frosh need is "patience and consistency."

When the Orange Oar asked Reischman whether the A-boat looks like the stern four and the B-boat the bow four in a varsity eight, he cautioned against jumping to conclusions. "There's a lot of seat racing to be done between now and spring," he said.

"As excited as we are to get the win it is somewhat sobering to notice that both Harvard and Brown have three fours that were all within eight to nine seconds of us—a not so subtle reminder of the depth of those two programs and the speed they will have in the spring," Reischman said, summing things up. The trick of course is for the Orange crews to move toward that kind of speed too in the winter training ahead.

## *One More from the Olympics*

It's not all work and no tourism for Olympic rowers as evidenced by this photo take on The Great Wall of China. SU alums **Chris Liwski '02** and **Anna Goodale '05** posed with fellow Olympians Susan Francia and coxswain Marcus McElhenney.



Francia, McElhenney, **Goodale. Liwski.** Orange on the Great Wall.

## *We're Out Here! And We're Checking Our E-mail, Coach. When Is the Bus?*

Men's coach Dave Reischman found out how many alums are just waiting for news of the crew when he accidentally sent a message meant for the team email list to the alumni list. The message was about a change in the bus schedule for practice. Before he could correct it, Reischman's in box was flooded with messages from alums. A **small** sampling:

Coach, I'll find my own way to practice.....thanks.

**Andy Washburn '71**

Good luck with the upcoming fall season.

Coach

As the stroke of the Frosh 4-with at the 1974 IRAs, I'll practice if you have a hot coed cox like Ted Nash's! Murray Lukoff wasn't much of a looker.

Good luck this season!

**David Beck**

**Environmental Engineering '77**

Amen to that comment about Murray.

Good luck all,

**John Hilfinger '77**

Coach Reischman said he was pleased to see how many alert alums are out there.

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## MEN'S CREW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2009

Saturday, January 24	SARA Annual Meeting	<b>Syracuse</b>
Sat-Sun April 4-5	San Diego Classic	San Diego
Saturday April 18	Navy, Cornell (Goes Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Saturday April 25	BU, Columbia (Conlan Cup)	Boston
Sunday May 10	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
Sunday, May 17	Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Thursday June 4	IRA Regatta	Sacramento, CA
Friday June 5	IRA Regatta	Sacramento, CA
Saturday June 6	IRA Regatta	Sacramento, CA