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STILL GOLDEN



'59 Pan Am Games Gold Medal Crew—Back on the Water 50 Years Later

(Liverpool, N.Y.) - It was as if they didn't know something just about everybody else involved with Syracuse University crew has known the past 50 years – how big their achievement is in the history of SU crew. "In some ways we took it for granted," six-man Nelson Miller said.

"We think we're just another group of guys that rowed and not too many think about it anymore but, hey, we think we're special in a way, but to ourselves," stroke Charlie Mills said.

"No. No, for us it's just another year and we enjoyed it," coxswain Jerry Winkelstein told *The Orange Oar*. "For me I had no concept that we were doing anything historical or special."

The concept seemed to come to them though, when the eight surviving members of the crew that won the Pan American games in 1959 came back to Syracuse this fall to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

They stood together on a chilly morning in front of the Ten Eyck Boathouse accepting plaques and tee-shirts and the applause of a crowd that (See *Pan Am Crew—Page 3*)

Tracy Takes Charge

There actually is no gavel to pass. So when Jason Premo hands the gavel to Tracy Smith some time on the morning of January 23, it will be symbolic rather than literal – kind of "no big deal."

It **will** be a big deal in that Smith will become the first woman president of the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association. It won't be a big deal in that it will be a seamless transition – one everybody has known was coming at least since she became First Vice-president in 2008 (See *Smith—Page 14*)

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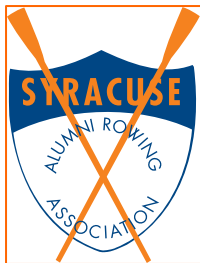
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow SARA members and friends:

As I was feverishly preparing for Thanksgiving, John Nicholson reminded me that I was to write my final Letter from the President. Given the timing, I was in full “what am I thankful for” mode.

As with all of you, my time at Syracuse and participating in rowing was just a slice in a (hopefully) long life. But more than a decade later – when most of what I learned in textbooks and classrooms has long since left my brain – the things I learned in rowing endure, and are the things I most attribute to my professional and personal successes. Rowing instilled in me a sense of purpose, of confidence, and drive. I learned here to WANT to excel, and how to apply that Want into Results. These are things one cannot forget. Rowing with my teammates at Syracuse provided me with many of the closest friends I have to this day – friends I will share a bond with for the rest of my life. And, of course, rowing gave me muscles, which perhaps were key in attracting my wife?

But seriously, I am so thankful for my four years on the squad. I carry this gratitude with me when I act on behalf of the rowing programs. While these last two years as President have been challenging at times, it was a joy to be able to give back to something that has meant so much to me.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me during this tenure, and thank you especially to everyone bound to my Team by the sentiments I've relayed above.

As for what's ahead – I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to help wherever needed. And Tracy Smith, who does more for us than anyone can realize, will take over as President and REALLY take this thing to the next level. I can't wait!

All my best,
Jason

Pan Am Crew (from Page One)

included the current men's team (the women were off racing in Poughkeepsie) and as many as 100 alums, family and friends, as they were inducted into the new Syracuse Rowing Hall of Fame.



(L-R) Edmonds, Schoel, Rouen, Montesi, Winkelstein, Miller, Kries, Mills

Winkelstein, Mills, captain and seven-man Jim Kries, Miller, Ed Montesi, Tom Rouen, Bob Schoel and Jim Edmonds were there. Commodore Lou Buhrmaster was honored along with backup coxswain Charlie Roberts who joined them at his teammates' insistence.

They remembered Mike Larsen who died in Idaho in 2001. "He was a great guy," said Chuck Levy '60, who filled in at four when they went out on the water before the ceremony. "...a great guy to row with and great guy to have as a friend."

And they remembered The Bear – Coach Loren Schoel. "My father would be very, very proud," two-man Bob Schoel told the crowd.

"He was a larger-than-life guy," Kries said.

"He was a father to all of us," Tom Rouen added.

SARA President Jason Premo handed out the hardware and congratulations. "It just seemed so appropriate and well-timed," Premo said.

Members of the 1956 IRA Freshman Champion Eight including Lance Osadchey, Jim Edmonds, Nelson Miller, Glen Vatter, Carl Fabend, Larry Wiener, Jim Kries and Dr. Bruce Baker also were recognized as part of the ceremony. Edmonds, Miller and Kries were in that Pan Am boat as seniors.



'56 Frosh IRA Champions

Significance

"I cut my teeth in rowing listening to stories about Loren Schoel and the '59 Pan Am crew," said SU Head Coach Dave Reischman, who got coaching from Nelson Miller in college. "To finally get to meet these guys and see them in action and to see the joy and the camaraderie that they still obviously have with being together, it means a lot to our program to have these guys around."

From a season that ended in gold there are regrets. "I do realize what we did and the unfortunate thing is I realize how close we came to winning the other two the big ones that we have here in this country which are the IRA and the Eastern Sprints which we came in second in both and both due to kind of bad luck," Tom Rouen said.

Getting the chance to represent the United States at the Pan Am Games was something of a chance at redemption. They won easily.

"Oh, golly," Jim Edmonds said. "It's nice to be out ahead of people for most of the race. That was great. I've been in a lot tighter races, but it was great fun."

"It's the only race I remember us ever having that year in which I didn't hear oarlocks and I heard bubbles under the shell which was always two great signs that everything was going well, so my memory is quite vivid of that," Winkelstein told *The Orange Oar*.

"My dad (Coach Loren Schoel) did not like to lose so his Pan Am experience meant the world to him," Bob Schoel said.

"This crew was the last college crew that won an international event I think that's fantastic and that's something that is just (See *Significance*—Page 4)

Significance (from Page 3)

Syracuse history and no other college can say that,” said long-time SU Coach Bill Sanford, who came in as a freshman oarsman in the fall of '59 and had the Pan Am Crew as “role models” before the term became popular.



Shouldering the shell—Kries, Montesi and a little help from their friends.



Bob Schoel— “My father would be very, very proud.”

Different people see significance different ways. The team members still see the bonds they forged as more significant than any winning example they set for Orange crews to follow. Then again, there’s no separating one from the other.

“I hope that it helped the crew program,” Nelson Miller said. “It certainly helped us...the individuals.”

“We’re all getting on,” Ed Montesi said. “I hear life expectancy - half of the kids born today are going to live to be over 100. I don’t know if they’ll ever experience what we have in our short lives. This is one of the greatest experiences I’ve ever had.”

An emotional captain Jim Kries summed it up, speaking for the ‘59 team to the current crew members at the end of the ceremony.

“It is a special bond and you all know about it and my guess is...having lived 71 years... my guess is that you’ll never ever, ever, ever experience it again.”

There was applause – sustained applause – and then it was over. Except that it wasn’t. Friends old and new kept shaking hands, exchanging hugs and telling stories. They laughed loudly, and more than occasionally shed a tear. There was a football game to go to up on the hill, but nobody wanted to leave.



Charlie Roberts (lower right) documents the 50th anniversary launch from the dock



SARA President Jason Premo shows off Charlie Mills shirt—a name on the back!!!

THE CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE—FROM THE HEART

“I guess I just want to share one thing. To all the people who row –

“These years will be years that you will treasure. You will never ever, ever in your lives experience the feelings for your fellows that you are experiencing right now.



“Never. You will never... It is a special bond and you all know about it and my guess is...having lived 71 years... my guess is that you’ll never ever, ever, ever experience it again.

“What you’re doing right now with your lives...I don’t want to be...just let me say this— when you’re in that boat...and those oars together, together dip into the water and the power goes on together and the release is together and that boat jumps like that... you’ll never in your lives experience anything like it...I don’t care what kind of loving you get or what kind of...you’ll never ever, ever, ever feel like that.

“So I applaud all of you I wish you the best.”

*- 1959 Pan Am Crew Captain Jim Kries
addressing the crowd at the SU Boathouse.*



THE BEAR

Loren W. Schoel coached the Syracuse University Varsity Crew from 1955 through 1967. Not only was he the coach of the gold medal winning eight at the 1959 Pan American Games, his son Bob was the two-man in that shell. Here is some of what members of that crew had to say about him at the fall reunion.

A Bear on the Bridge

Bob Schoel

Orange Oar: Do you remember what this win (Pan Am Gold) meant to your dad?

Everything. Everything. My dad did not like to lose so his Pan Am experience meant the world to him. And I think having me there at the number two seat because I was in and out of that shell so many times finally they just had a meeting and said 'put him in and leave him there' so my dad was quite proud of me also. I was kind of the runt of the litter so to speak I was 6' 1" then and when we took out group picture for the Pan Am games I stood on a milk carton and it's kind of a joke ever since.

Jim Kries

He was a larger than life guy. I kind of was afraid of Coach Schoel and at then at the same time I was delighted to be in his company. Kind of a strange situation. When he called me aside to ask to me the first thing I wondered was 'what did I do wrong?' But he wanted to get some feedback into what was going on in the boat and who better to talk to than the coxswain or the seven-man? Well actually anybody could have talked to him.

I took a photograph of Coach Schoel underneath those two plaques I was standing on the left and he was standing on the right and when I looked at that I thought of the man and his cherry wood pipe...not his cigars but his cherry wood pipe. I probably could go on for hours and hours.



Pete Gregory '58 with Coach Loren Schoel

Tom Rouen

I can't talk too long without tearing up a bit He was a father image to all of us. We all loved him. We played games with him. We pulled tricks on him and he'd get even with us by taking us down to the tanks...that's going to the end of the lake.

He was a wonderful man and I had the fortune of staying with Schoels in my senior year when I was starting to be a graduate student and had a real nice experience with them as a family.

Nelson Miller

He was the world's largest marshmallow. I loved him dearly. Loren was probably more of a father to me than my real father.

He had some quirks. He was a little stubborn in a way and that didn't work out too well for him in the end but he was a wonderfully dedicated man. Extremely sensitive - was great explaining things and why and the nuances of rowing and he was wonderful. A giant of a man - The nickname "Bear" was well earned. He took a regular kind of a putting iron one time over there by the front door of the thing (Quonset hut) and drove a ball clear across the canal.

Crew was Loren's life and the people that were rowing for him were his members of his (extended) family.

OA: I kind of feel like he's here today.

There's no question.



Frosh Coach Bill Sanford with The Bear

“ROWING IS A DISEASE AND YOU’LL NEVER GET RID OF IT.”

- SU Head Coach Dave Reischman on what Nelson Miller told him after he'd been rowing at Gonzaga for about three weeks.



Mentor, Coach

REFLECTIONS—WHAT ELSE THEY SAID

Verbatim excerpts from Orange Oar Interviews with Members of the Pan Am Crew

What's it like to be back together with these guys this weekend?

Charlie Mills

"It's been wonderful – wonderful dinner last night. We had virtually everybody back we went around the table and each individually stood up introduced themselves and talked about what they remembered most about our rowing career and it brought a few tears to our eyes."

Jerry Winkelstein

"You have to wonder why eight people would come back after 50 years. It speaks volumes about our experience here."

Jim Kries

"I have to tell you that under normal circumstances I'm a pretty...not eloquent, but I have no problem coming up with words. Right now it's, it's very difficult. I'm honored. I'm just thrilled to be here. I can't really think. The thoughts that are running through my mind are myriad and if I continue talking I'll probably start crying. I'm just thrilled be here and thrilled to be back with my guys."

Ed Montesi

"It brings back old memories as when we were a lean and mean fighting machine.

You have in the back of your mind, wow –all these people have halls of fame—my son is in the hall of fame down at the Naval Academy soon after he graduated – here I am many years later, finally got inducted along with the team. It kind of completes my life. I can die happy now. I don't want to talk about that.

We're all getting on. I hear life expectancy half of the kids born today are going to – live to be over 100 – I don't know if they'll ever experience what we have in our short lives. This is one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. I always look back and, like Jim (Kries) says, never go a day without thinking of our time as an oarsman at Syracuse University. I see all these young eager kids saying 'what are these old farts doing here?' But they're going to say the same thing when they get up to the position we're in now, so it's a good cycle to follow and I'm very happy to have been part of it."

Jim Edmonds

"Oh it's something I've been looking forward to for quite a while. It's very nice to get together and see them, to find out how they're doing. Great time."

Tom Rouen

"Oh it's wonderful to be back here at Onondaga Lake and seeing my team but I'm mostly impressed with the number of boys and girls that are out here – ladies and men rather that are rowing. I've never seen anything like it. When I started the rowing team at Liverpool in 1962 I had 100 boys out for the first day of training. And didn't realize I would have that many. It caught on. This is a water community and people who live around here love the water and several of the Liverpool kids have rowed for Syracuse."



Nelson Miller –

“It’s absolutely wonderful. In some ways it like it’s been forever and in other ways it was yesterday. I’m kind of amazed that most of them have gotten older.

“It’s a wonderful experience and the entire rowing experience; I’ve long recognized that it changed my life and where it was going and gave me a sense of direction not only with rowing but professionally.”

Bob Schoel

“Well you know for example Jim Kries. I hadn’t see him in 50 years and it was absolutely wonderful. It’s just been a great experience.

We’ve all got either bald or white (on top) but just business as usual. The guys have just been terrific.”

What do you think it would mean to your dad to see these guys together again?

“My dad they called the Bear. Of course I got the nickname the Cub. I think for the first time in a long time my dad would be in tears especially with all the accolades that he got last night from all the different crew members. So the dinner was wonderful. It’s just been a great experience. As you can see I’m wearing orange.”

What do you remember about the medal race?**Jerry Winkelstein**

“I remember we took an early lead and I relaxed immediately...but about an hour before the race as was my custom before any race I went into the bathroom and vomited. It was a much easier race because there were only four shells so it was easier to line up, the canal was perfect and I’d say coming off the start it was fairly clear we were going to win the race so I just enjoyed the experience. I steered straight I didn’t say as much as I normally would because I didn’t need to by then. They really didn’t need anybody telling them what to do. It was one of the easier races we ever had. It was a magical moment... It’s the only race I remember us ever having that year in which I didn’t hear oarlocks and I heard bubbles under the shell which was always two great signs that everything was going well, so my memory is quite vivid of that.”

Charlie Mills

“Just pulling away and getting so far ahead that we could coast. It was just a great feeling and the rowing course was just outstanding. People talk about the Calumet and Sagamore Canal as a sewage type canal but it was beautiful—a beautiful flat course all the way.”

Bob Schoel

“I think probably the first few strokes we took I thought the shell was going to sink but then all of a sudden things just clicked in and I remember this is what it’s really like...we’re all just so hyper and....start off slowly but then, all of a sudden we just caught on. We kind of won going away really.”

Jim Edmonds –

“Oh golly. It’s nice to be out ahead of people for most of the race. That was great...I’ve been in a lot tighter races, but it was great fun.

I remember that the award ceremony afterward they got everybody on the awards boat on the stand and the whole thing started to sink underwater. ‘Get the people off the dock!’ That’s one of my memories.”

Do you understand the significance of what you accomplished?

Charlie Mills

“I don’t think so. We as individuals are very proud of what we did and when we came back to school the next year we were introduced at a football game ...it was halftime and we went out on the field and so forth that was extremely exciting and we hold it in our hearts and our minds...that it was exciting but we think we’re just another group of guys that rowed and not too many think about it anymore but, hey, we think we’re special in a way but to ourselves.”

Jerry Winkelstein

OA: This crew has a very special place in SU Crew history. Do you personally appreciate that? Can you see that after this time?

“No. No, for us it’s just another year and we enjoyed it. For me I had no concept that we were doing anything historical or special. Over the years I’ve gained some appreciation for that but I didn’t even have it until I came back today. And then I realized how important it is to all of us because as I said before, you have to wonder why all the living members of that crew chose to come back and have the experience again. And it speaks volumes about what it meant to us I guess. I just didn’t realize that.

We all got busy with our lives and doing different things, making a living, raising families, going out and having careers, but this is a wonderful punctuation mark because it does remind me of everything that we did together. To me personally crew was the single most important experience in my time at Syracuse.”

Jim Kries

OA: Do you get the significance of what you did and what this crew means to SU Crew?

“Probably not. But I do often think about the fact that here were nine people who came together from totally different backgrounds, totally different ethnic groups, totally different cultural groups never would have known one another...but they came together because of rowing and they stayed together for four years and somehow or another that group coalesced into a gold medal winning crew. If you would have asked me why that ever happened I would have to say ‘I don’t know.’” Maybe the planets were aligned. Maybe Coach Schoel was intuitive enough to put these people together because I will tell you when those oars went in the water they went in together, the power came on together and they went out together and that feeling has never been duplicated in my life. And I’m soon to be 72.”

Tom Rouen

“Well I have my own personal thoughts about it. I do realize what we did and the unfortunate thing is I realize how close we came to winning the other two—the big ones that we have here in this country which are the IRA and the Eastern Sprints which we came in second in both and both due to kind of bad luck So you never know what the water is going to be like, like Lake Onondaga. All I know is that after 2,000 meters we were two-and-a-half lengths ahead of Wisconsin who came back and beat us in the last couple of miles because of their huge power. They had a big, big boat.”

Nelson Miller

OA: Do you understand the significance of what you guys did to the history of the crew program here at Syracuse?

“Yes and no. In some ways we took it for granted. When I was in high school I was going to the Olympics. I made that decision. I was so awkward I couldn’t walk. They painted lines on the basketball floor. I tripped over them. Whatever, My father always said I could do anything well as long as I could do it sitting down so that left bicycling and crew. The crew thing - we didn’t quite make the Olympic trials but the Pan American games was a wonderful experience in the end.

I hope that it helped the crew program. It certainly helped us...the individuals.”

Men and Women—Traveling Orange

The good news if you're an SU rowing fan and you want to see a race or two in your area, your chances are pretty good. The bad news for the teams is that there's only one chance to see the women at home in the spring of 2010 and the men will do all their competing away. (Women's schedule below, Men's on back page)

Kris Sanford's team will be training in Stuart, Florida over the holiday break and Miami for Spring Break before opening against BU at home. Then they'll race in nearby Ithaca, Philadelphia, Boston, Worcester, Camden, Seattle and, if they make the NCAA field, Sacramento.

Meanwhile it is Dave Reischman's squad's turn to be road warriors. Semester break training is in Bayou Segnette State Park near New Orleans. Gators beware of Orange bearing big sticks! For spring break they'll train in Columbia, SC.

The Orange men open again in San Diego, then race in Annapolis, Pelham, NY (just outside NYC), Seattle, Worcester, Hanover, NH and Camden (assuming an IRA berth.)

Both squads have accepted invitations from the University of Washington and Windermere Real Estate to compete in Seattle on May 1.

There will be plenty of opportunities to turn out and support the SU crews. Watch the SARA blog for updates on events. <http://syracusealumnirowing.blogspot.com>.

Both head coaches report solid performances in fall racing and practice so, weather and the training and academic gods willing, it will be an interesting and rewarding spring 2010.

SU WOMEN'S ROWING EVENTS—2010

Saturday 1/23	SARA Annual Meeting	Syracuse, NY
Saturday 3/27	Kittell Cup (Boston University)	Syracuse, NY
Sat-Sun 4/2-4/3	Cayuga Cup (Yale, Cornell, Michigan State, Gonzaga, Buffalo)	Ithaca, NY
Saturday 4/10	Orange Challenge Cup (Penn, Northeastern)	Philadelphia, PA
Sat-Sun 4/17-18	Charles River Challenge/O'Leary Cup (Dartmouth, Radcliffe)	Boston, MA
Saturday 4/25	Big East Championship	Worcester, MA
Saturday 5/1	Windermere Cup	Seattle, WA
Sunday 5/16	Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ
Fri 5/28	NCAA Championships	Sacramento, CA

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

1980s



Daniel Timothy Hanavan '80 - and Marie-Chantal Desgagne were married September 12, 2009 (also Dan's Birthday) on Martha's Vineyard. Tom Darling says it was a "Great time" and explains "the napkins on the head are some fraternity tradition."



Richard Lewis, '84- "I took this picture early last summer. John Gilbert '85 & Jeff Meiselman '84 fishing the Eastern Shore of Virginia Summer of 2009.

Cami (Engler) Remy '89— and her husband Chris welcomed a healthy baby girl, Jillian Elizabeth (right) on June 2nd 2009. Jillian joins her brothers Nick (5) and CJ (3), all possible future SU rowers!



1990s



Chris Ludden '91 -" This summer I sold my single (sad, but necessary), bought a pop-up camper, packed up myself, the kids and my girlfriend Tricia and drove about 9000 miles across the country and back. We swam in the Atlantic and the Pacific and visited a dozen National Parks and some friends that had moved out to San Jose, CA. It was an amazing experience, and I'm already planning the route for the next cross-country trip! I've attached a photo of the five of us straddling the continental divide in Colorado.



Molly C. (Tibbetts) Scannell '96—" I came in 6th in the club single at the head of the Charles in October. I also had my second daughter in February of this year, Clara Joyce Scannell.

2000s



Andy Berster '02—"Nov 7 2009, I completed Ironman Florida in a time of 12:39:29. Which consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, and 26.2 mile run. I had a great time and look forward to doing my next one.

Two weeks later on Nov 20 & 21 I competed on a 6 person relay team running across the State of Florida. We completed the 203 mile run in 31 hours and 40 min. "

BACKSPASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

Tyler Page, '06 and Erica Mahon '08 - were married . There were many former SU rowers in the wedding party and in attendance. (pictures promised for next Orange Oar)

Martin Etem '09— was in the 2 seat of the Men's 4x that took 5th in the C-Final at the U23 Championships in the Czech Republic this summer. Junior Mike Gennaro took a silver medal as bow man in the Men's 4-.

A proud Coach Dave Reischman contributed this patriotic photo of Etem (left) And Gennaro.



IN MEMORIAM

Richard "Dick" Horstmann '57—died on Sunday, July 5, 2009 in West Boylston, Massachusetts.



Dick loved his family and fire engines and railroad trains and broadcasting and politics and crew. That's probably a short list. To put it simply he loved life and even after a crippling stroke he fought on for years, coming with his family and friends to root on the Orange at the Eastern Sprints. He was a coxswain and manager for the crew and heavily involved for years with SARA and as a rowing referee.

He worked as a radio newsman and disc jockey in Syracuse, then with Bill Walsh when he was mayor and later congressman. Dick founded SPAAMFAA (The Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America), a national organization that appreciates and preserves antique fire apparatus. He had a similar passion for railroads. He rode, photographed and simply enjoyed every train he could find. Ultimately Dick purchased a private railway car and organized a wide variety of excursion trips around the U.S. and Canada.



Dick Horstmann was clever and funny and, yes, occasionally sarcastic in a way you couldn't help but laugh with. He was a positive force for Syracuse rowing and for the community at large. He was 74.

(portions taken from his obituary in the Syracuse Post-Standard)

Edward Corrigan '51- died Nov. 2, 2009 in New Hampshire. He grew up in Chappaqua, N.Y., where he graduated from Horace Greeley High School. He graduated from Syracuse University, where he majored in physical education. He played football and was a member of the crew team.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, receiving several medals, including a Purple Heart. After over five years in the Marines, he resigned and moved to Meredith, N.H. In September 1953, he married June Kyle, of White Plains, N.Y.

He worked for Winston Titus Construction for several years. In 1961, he went in to business for himself. After building the Post Offices in Bristol, and Milo, Maine, he decided that masonry is what he loved the best. One of his projects that he loved was the stone barbecue pit in Hesky Park, in Meredith. He worked well into his 70s.

(portions taken from his obituary in the New Hampshire Union Leader)

Smith—the Next SARA President (from Page One)

and that many of us suspected from the time SARA reached out to alumnae and she came aboard as one of the first female directors.

Tracy Smith is the real deal. She has Olympic credentials as a rower. She is as loyal an alum as there is to SU's program. She is a proven leader, based on the events she has brought about, the communication she has fostered and the respect she has from the coaches and alums of both the women's and men's programs.

Premo has joked that he just "waits for instructions from Tracy." That's not actually true, but they have worked in tandem these past two years and she has spurred a lot of us along the way. Look for that to increase.

Look for more involvement on the part of alumnae. Look for an even more active SARA in terms of making good things happen for our teams.

And – while she's not likely to make a big deal about it – if you want to witness history, show up at the annual meeting January 23, when Tracy Smith will quietly make it.

-John Nicholson '68
Orange Oar Editor



Premo, Treasurer Joe Kieffer, Smith

The "Doc" and the Champions



The Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association was just six years old in 1959 and one of its co-founders, Dr. Bruce Chamberlain has been in practice barely five years. But he formed a lifelong connection with the team and when the team members met for a private dinner the night before their induction into the Syracuse Rowing Hall of Fame, Chamberlain was included.

"I treated them all like my sons," Chamberlain (front, center above) told *The Orange Oar*.

Chamberlain said Coach Loren Schoel made him the official photographer for the crew and he posted himself in the bow of the launch, shooting film for *The Bear* to review and review and review again. "Luckily in my position in the bow, I was out of the way of his megaphone."

Until the reunion he had not seen some of them for 50 years. Dr. Jerry Winkelstein and Charlie Mills picked him up, brought him to the dinner and brought him back home afterward.

Now almost 90, he counts the time with the '59 crew among the highlights of his life and was thrilled to be part of the gathering. "I had a tremendous time," Chamberlain said. "We sure did get along great."

More News, More Often

It sounds like an old radio jingle but it's also the story of SARA's latest effort to keep everybody up to date on what's going on with the women's and men's teams as well as alums and anything else Syracuse rowing-related.

Tracy Smith has set up a Blogger page – find it here – <http://syracusealumnirowing.blogspot.com>.

While the Orange Oar will continue with its usual four or five issues each year, it will be more feature-oriented, with in depth articles. You'll find regular updates on the Blogger page much more often, with several alums as well as the coaches contributing directly with notes, articles, pictures and more.

HELP WANTED—BECOME A ROWING REFEREE

As our sport grows all over the country, the need for more USRowing licensed referees (both male and female) continues to increase. Regattas involving high schools, college club crews and masters rowers are held nearly every weekend. These regattas may be either sprint or head races-and deserve adequate trained officials in the interest of safety and fairness.

Becoming a licensed referee provides a great opportunity to give back to our sport. For more information on qualifying as an official, see www.usrowing.org/referees. If you are interested, please email your name and address to Tom Lotz (SU '57), tmlotz@swbell.net, former chair of the USRowing Referee Committee. He will pass your contact info to a referee clinician in your area.

You will find your experiences as a rowing referee to be rewarding and challenging.



Scenes from a Homecoming—the crowd, the crew, the Dome.

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MEN'S CREW EVENTS —2010

Saturday 1/23	SARA Annual Meeting	Syracuse, NY
Sat-Sun 3/27-28	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego, CA
Sat 4/17	Goes Trophy (Navy, Cornell)	Annapolis, MD
Sat 4/24	Conlan Cup (Columbia, BU)	Pelham, NY
Sat 5/1	Opening Day Regatta	Seattle, WA
Sun 5/16	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
Sun 5/23	Packard Cup (Dartmouth)	Hanover, NH
Th-F-Sat 6/3-6/5	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ