

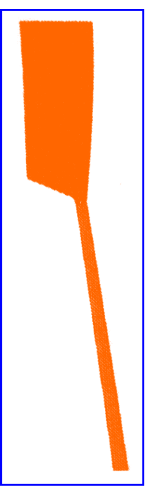
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## Split Seconds at the IRA— SU Crews Back in the Upper Tier



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# The Orange Oar

**The 2009 “Season of Belief” turned into the season of split seconds for the SU men** – as Maxwell Smart used to say “missed it by **this** much.” Still, in a season that started (San Diego Crew Classic) and ended (IRA at Sacramento) on the West Coast, the Orange proved there had been plenty of reason to believe, battling the top crews all the way and finishing in the top eight in the nation. It seems that everybody had gotten aboard Senior Captain Martin Etem’s bus, not backing down from anybody.

About those split seconds - the Varsity eight missed the grand final at the Eastern Sprints by two-tenths of a second. Ditto the freshman eight. The Jayvee had been edged by Yale in the petite final.

At the IRA, all the SU crews got back into the upper tier. The V8 was second to last year’s champions, Wisconsin by less than a length in the petite final. And an Orange crew finally got one “by this much,” as the Jayvee came through Stanford in its petite final and nipped the Cardinal at the wire by a bow ball.

*(See Men’s Season—Page 4)*

### **Orange Alums Regain Masters Title in Sacramento**

**There’s talk that it will be the last one and if it is, SU alums made sure they went out with a bang and a firm hold on the Masters Trophy at the IRA. Following two straight losses to Cornell, the Orange regained the title by rowing through the Big Red and making sure no other crew had a chance to catch up.**

“I knew we had the win with about 750 to go and not seeing anyone really closing in on us,” Stroke **Bob Price '88**, told *The Orange Oar*.  
*(See Alumni Eight—Page 8)*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Sports Fans!

I'm writing this just after tracking the Men's IRAs, so pardon me if my volume is up a bit. Wow! Anything you need to know about that group of guys can be summed up by what they did on the water Saturday. So much heart. And the women wrapped up almost a month ago now, but had a solid showing at EAWRCs, and placed EVERY boat among the Top 10 in the final EAWRC polls. Excellent work by the Coaches and athletes pushing our programs further in the right direction.

Fear not - While the racing season is over, SARA WILL NOT REST! The Executive Committee will continue our monthly calls, and the Board will be communicating throughout the off-season, discussing various topics and planning events and campaigns as we work to promote Syracuse Rowing. We'll certainly reach out to all of you whenever we have something to say or ask of you. In the meantime I'll always encourage you to contact me ([jmpremo@hotmail.com](mailto:jmpremo@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions, contributions, ideas, large inheritances, etc. I love hearing from alumni.

The main thing I wish to say with this letter is Thank You. Thank you to all the alumni who've shown so much enthusiasm and support for our programs and for SARA. Thank you to the many dedicated parents for showing up again and again, and shouldering a good deal of logistical support along the way. Thank you to our fine athletes for giving us all something to cheer about and feel so very proud of. And a big thank you to the Coaches for finding these great young men and women and playing such an important role in their development. I'm so very happy to be part of such a wonderful community!

Lets not be strangers now!  
Jason

## Women's Season

### Coach Sanford's assessment – Respectable, Not Satisfied

Head Coach Kris Sanford has the depth she's been looking for on her squad. But she's still looking for higher finishes. The Orange Women again fell short of an NCAA bid in 2009. "When I look back at the results from the year, I am not satisfied," Sanford said in an e-mail to alumnae and other team supporters. "Our goal remains to make it back to the NCAA championship and we were about 12 – 15 seconds out of reach of that this year."

SU wrapped up the season at the EAWRC sprints in Camden, New Jersey. "We finished a respectable seventh overall in the team points (the highest we have ever finished is sixth)," Sanford wrote.

"The V8 finished tenth overall in a great photo finish race, the 2V8 finished ninth and the V4 finished seventh."

The Varsity Eight had gone into the Sprints seeded eighth, but wound up trailing a Penn team it had beaten earlier along with Columbia and Rhode Island. "The varsity eight rowed a great petite final that was a dogfight for places 2 – 5," Sanford told the Orange Oar. "I was following the race on my bike and every time we lost sight of the course, the order had changed when we picked them back up.

"We definitely picked up speed the last few weeks of the season. We had a three week break between Big East and Sprints which is a lot of time. We chose to train in Saratoga to break the monotony of training. Unfortunately, other schools picked up speed as well and rowed faster that day."

The Novice eight and third varsity four "B" boat were SU's top finishers at the Sprints. Both rowed their way into the grand finals where they wound up sixth.

Sanford had plenty of athletes to choose from as she slotted the lineups this season, with more than 50 on the roster. Most of them will be back, and although first boat cox Kate Todd and stroke Liz Henwood have graduated along with Jess Tacinelli, prospects for 2010 look good.

"I expect that the strength of our numbers will continue," Sanford said. "As all NCAA bids are based around the team (V8, IIV8, V4), it is of vital importance to have a large team."

2V Cox Lydia Wong returns and likely will compete with rising soph Allison Todd, among others to succeed Todd's big sister Kate in the V8. More than a couple of boatloads of sophs will fight for seats, among them the Carlson twins, Mary and Naomi who rowed 2V most of this season.

"The freshmen were great this year and are hungry to step up and fill in shoes from those we lost," Sanford said. And before we get too caught up in the Class of 2012, let's not forget the Class of 2010. "We will have a very strong senior class of around 14 athletes including two 'super seniors' (athletes in their 5<sup>th</sup> year)." Four of them, Sydney Axson, Susan Groff, Heidi Bulk and Katie Lynch were in the V8 this year, along with rising juniors Natalie Mastracci and Rachel Ogundiran.

In addition to strength in numbers, Sanford plans to have SU move up through, well, strength...and conditioning. "We sent everyone home with their summer workout packets," Sanford said. "Upon return, they will have to compete in a 6 mile run, a 6k erg test, some weight lifting tests and pass certain standards in order to get into a boat. Rowing can no longer be a nine month commitment if we want to compete against the best, so we are emphasizing summer workouts."

*(See Women's Season—Page 9)*

## ***Men's Season (from Page One)***

The Freshman eight fought Princeton to the finish but the Tigers got the oars in the water last, edging SU by half a second in the petite final. The Varsity four fought its way into the Grand Final and finished fifth.

All this happened in front of a good-sized and vocal crowd of Syracuse supporters - alums, parents, family and friends, some from nearby, many who had traveled cross-country to this first IRA on the West Coast. (See Joe Paduda's "View from the Shore.")

Washington swept the regatta, getting by Cal in the sprint to win the varsity eight grand final. But other than the Huskies' runaway in the freshman eights, parity was plain as day. SU Head Coach Dave Reischman offered this observation:

"If you have ever wondered how competitive the IRA is each year: Wisconsin (last year's national champion) returned six athletes from the previous year, Northeastern (4th place last year in the Grand) returned five or six, and Columbia (6th place in the Grand last year) returned five or six. All were in the petite final this year. You have to be "on" for the entire weekend."

With just two seniors in the boat, SU moved up from the third level in 2008 and beat both Columbia and Northeastern this year. Boston University, which SU had beaten head-to-head in the Conlan Cup, made the grand finals at the Sprints and IRA. And after losing the Goes Cup to Cornell, SU came back and beat the Big Red twice at the IRA. That's parity. And often that means split seconds.

Along with the loss to Cornell (and a win over Navy) in the Goes Cup Race, the SU Varsity Eight season included wins over BU and Columbia in Boston, and a sweep of Dartmouth at SU, the week after the Sprints.

"I thought all of our crews did some very good racing at the IRA," Reischman told *The Orange Oar*. "To finish 8, 7, 8, and 5 in the V8, JV8, F8, and Open 4+ events showed some depth that we haven't had during my tenure. With all of our boats dominated by underclassmen it should be an interesting next couple of years. All of our crews were particularly strong in the second 1000m which tells me we are starting to mature as athletes and understand the effort and efficiency needed down the race course."

While SU loses six-man and captain Etem and five-man Marko Trnavcevic, the rest of the V8 should return along with five of the Jayvee and a boatload of strong freshmen moving up to varsity. The 2010 season is a long way off, but from the summer of 2009, it looks like another season of belief...and proving it.

### **Orange Men at U23 Camp**

Two members of the Syracuse crew were selected to participate in the 2009 Under 23 U.S. National Team Selection Camp. Senior **Martin Etem** and sophomore **Mike Gennaro**, both members of the varsity eight, went to camp in Oklahoma City. This is Etem's second invitation to the camp, as he was invited to the 2008 selection camp. It's Gennaro's first invite. He stroked the freshman eight last year and transitioned to stroke of the varsity eight for this season. Etem and Gennaro are two of 32 collegiate rowers who represented 17 different universities in Oklahoma City. As we posted, they were still with the squad as it moved to training in Princeton, New Jersey, but final selections had not been made.

### ***A COUPLE OF MOMENTS FROM AN IMPROVING SEASON FOR THE SYRACUSE WOMEN***



***Women's V8 Celebrates Orange Cup Win***



***Powerful Novice Eight on the Move at Home***

## The View from the Shore

*As Secretary of SARA, Joe Paduda (year) has written down a lot of observations over the past few years, so, since he was going out to the IRA it seemed only natural to ask him to write about what he saw at Lake Natoma.*

The world didn't end, rowing wasn't irretrievably damaged, the sun didn't come up in the west and the lions didn't lay down with the lambs (but they did get beaten pretty soundly by the Orange). Despite all the predictions of doom, the first West Coast version of the IRAs went off well. Quite well, actually...



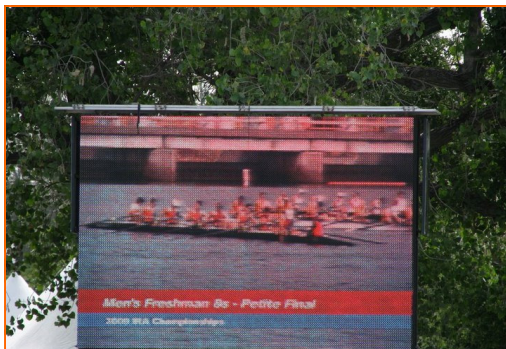
*Orange—Always in the Fight*



*Joe Paduda '80, Tom Evancie '78, Carol and Peter Kruse (parents of oarsman Pete)*

The 107<sup>th</sup> IRA started bright and early Thursday morning. Well, at least it was early. The weather was unseasonably cool and cloudy, with temps in the high fifties when the first crews waded out into Lake Natoma to launch their shells. The sun finally broke thru hours later, but by then most of the heats had gone by and the concessionaire was doing a brisk business selling IRA-logo sweatshirts. A far cry from the hundred-plus degree temps of the previous week.

The venue was, except for the parking, excellent. And unlike every other regatta I've ever been to, you could actually watch the whole race from start to finish. Cameras were set up above the course at five hundred meter marks, as well as the start and finish. A very solid production crew kept the video feeding to a Jumbotron at the 1750 meter mark, where it faced the finish line area. As the tents and main viewing area were between the Jumbotron and the finish, and lane one was no more than fifty feet off the beach, you couldn't ask for a better 'spectator experience.'



*SU Frosh on the Jumbotron*

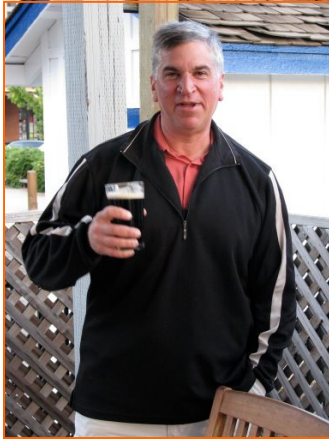


*Drew Harrison & Some of his Oarsmen*

With the exception of the freshman eights, there were no pre-ordained favorites in any of the heavy eight events: Boston U had recently beaten Sprints champion Brown in the Varsity eights, Cal, Stanford, and UWashington had traded wins throughout the dual and Pac Ten championships, and the JVs were anyone's guess. The open four is always a guessing game, with some of the

name crews loading up their fours with talent in what we used to call “pot hunting”.

The early favorites for the V8 were the West Coast crews, with only a few die-hard east coast EARC types speaking up for Harvard or Brown, and a voice here and there claiming Wisco would repeat. By now the results are out there; if you didn't catch the streaming video during the race (and for shame if you didn't...), it's probably out there on YouTube. Oh, the really loud guy on the video yelling “Go Orange!”; that's me.



***V8 stroke Mike Gennaro's dad, Bill toasts the Orange***

There were quite a few parents there for the Thursday heats and afternoon varsity reps, and alums started trickling in later that day. Tell the truth, Thursday wasn't terribly newsworthy, except for the Orange Varsity's parade into the A/B finals, which they achieved by defeating Oregon State (much to the delight of Coach Reischman). After rowing a 36-37 for the first thousand, the guys gradually took it down for the next thousand, crossing the finish at a very powerful 26. Notably, the announcers were remarking that SU at a 37 looked as controlled and powerful as most crews at a 34.

The only disappointing heat/rep race was the open four's heat, where it looked to your author like they packed it in early in the race. While the other crews shut down in their heats, that was strategic and based on an overall plan to expend as little energy as possible before the big race; the open four is about as wide-open an event as there is but the guys just didn't perform in their initial race. That changed – a lot – in their rep.

The JV entries were a little light, so they only had heats reps and finals. They finished second in their rep on Friday, so it was off to the petite final. The frosh had to go thru the reps as well, and missed the grands by one spot.

The Varsity semi was loaded. Seeded eleventh, we were the lowest seed in our semi, which included Northeastern, Columbia, Pac Ten silver medalist Stanford, eventual champion Washington and Eastern Sprints champion Brown. The guys rowed a bit of a different race strategy, looking to stay in contact with the leaders through the first thousand and then it all out. We were seven seats down on fourth at the midway point, rowed thru Columbia but just did not have the horsepower to earn a spot in the grand nals. By the way, Wisco didn't get into the grands either, despite returning six members of last year's IRA championship crew.

The open four was a different crew on Friday, rowing a very gutsy race all the way down the course, never giving in and rowing thru Cornell in the last twenty strokes to earn a spot in the grand final. The crew, comprised of two sophomores and two freshman in the rowing seats, learned a lot about themselves in six and a half minutes. (Cornell crabbed just meters from the finish, accounting for the five second differential)



***Celebrity Four With***

Saturday dawned with the three eights in the petites and the open four in the grand. Due to the guys' strong performance in the semis (or for the JV, the rep), all SU crews were in the favored lanes (one and two).



***Orange in Front***

The JV petites were sweet revenge for the sprints – where all true SU Crew aficionados will recall we lost three races by a combined half a second. (Say it, “One thousa...”) Yep, that was the difference – combined – for all three races. But the JV had had enough of that, and pulling out an oft-practiced but heretofore-unused ‘emergency sprint’, jumped the rating up to 43 for about a dozen strokes, walked two seats on Stanford (Pac Ten bronze medalist) in the last hundred meters, and won the petites by four-one thousandths of a second. In distance, less than a bow ball. This was a do-or-die strategy. If the cox (Jamie Hubbell) didn't get it timed exactly perfectly right, the crew would spontaneously explode before reaching the finish line. But Jamie did, and the crew didn't, and the long-delayed announcement of the result had the hundred-plus Orange fans hollering at maximum volume. The guys looked really happy coming off the water, as well they should.

In the frosh final, the result was almost as close, with the Orange coming out on the short end despite a big move in the last five hundred. They were well out on the rest of the field, but a half-second (One thous...) down to Stanford. There's some serious talent in that boat, and Coach Weiss felt they rowed as well as they had all year.

After the first 500, the V8 final was a three way duel with Wisco and Cornell. In the last 500 the Orange sprinted thru Cornell (our split was almost four seconds faster) but couldn't catch Wisco.

A couple interesting (at least to me) takeaways; we've been bedeviled by Northeastern (fourth in 2008 IRA) for years, and both NU and Columbia (sixth in grands last year) retained most of their guys from last year's entries. The Varsity beat Columbia and NU twice, and by not-inconsiderable margins, on consecutive days. They also finished less than a length down to a Wisco crew that included six guys who won the whole thing last year.



*Vic Ciullo '66 and Tom Denver '66.  
Bow pair catching up at the IRA*

The open four finished fifth, not really in contention for a top spot but in the race, and racing hard the entire way. These guys have something to build on for next year, and with the latent talent in that boat, they could be pushing for slots in the top boats next year.

Washington's frosh is blindingly fast. They won by a lot, easily, as they have all year. They just blew the field apart. With three internationals in the crew, it's no surprise that some UDub fans were saying they could be faster than their varsity. Don't start thinking dynasty just yet; remember Wisco...

The alumni eight event was a blow out as well – but this time the Orange did the blowing out. Rowing a 35 for most of the course, the old guys were thru Cornell by 800 gone and Joey Peter couldn't see any of the other eights until they had turned around after the finish. The alums won by ten-plus seconds, and looked darn good doing it. Congratulations to Joey, Bob Price, Bill Purdy, Tom Darling, Drew Harrison, Steve Rogers, Bill Bater, Ted Kakas, and Jim Edmonds. Well rowed!

The venue was excellent, viewing terrific, alumni support great (MacVittie, Johansen, E-VON-cie, Jay Rhodes, a number of older alums from the area, and of course the studs in the Alumni Eight), and the concierge services provided by Sheila Evancie were top notch.

Sheila organized a wine tasting, group dinner in Old Sacramento, the tent and tickets. She and Tom really made a good weekend a very memorable one. Parents and alumni mixed to a greater degree than I've ever seen, adding a lot to the entire experience.

Looking forward to Camden in 2010; who's going to set up the wine tour of greater Camden?



*SU Alums Show the Field How It's Done*



*Life on the Water—No Oars Required*

## ***Masters (from Page One)***

“In the last 500...good length, no hurry and in full control,” Coxswain **Joe Peter '69**, added.

SU boasted former Olympians **Bill Purdy '81** and **Tom Darling '83** in the five and seven seats. **Drew Harrison '68**, who pulls a mean oar and has coached successfully at every level, was sandwiched between them at six. “My focus was mainly on one aggressive long stroke at a time until we crossed the line,” he said.



***Syracuse Alumni—Alone in Front***

**Bill Bater '79**, was at four. “It was a great race and the lineup was stellar, but you know you are getting old when you start racing with the coach (Harrison) you had at SU!” he laughed.

**Steve Rogers '69** – at three, came down from Corvallis, Oregon for his first stint in the SU alumni eight on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his last IRA race. “It isn't often that I get to row in a boat that feels that together right from the first hard 10 during our Friday practice,” he said.

The bow pair have been solid for SU it seems as long as there's been an alumni race – **Ted Kakas '64** at two and **Jim Edmonds '59** in bow. Kakas signs off all his correspondence with “Row Hard!” and he said the Orange alums did that and more. “I must say that it is really a pleasure rowing with the alumni crew because all are of a like mind and have the same goal of each doing what it takes to win on a regular basis.”

The victorious alums were in harmony on one more point – a bit of perspective before anybody gets carried away over their win. Harrison said it well –

“It's nice that we alums get to take it seriously for 2000m, but please keep most of the attention on what the SU crew did. I hope that some of those guys noticed that rowers can keep trying to excel long beyond graduation, but for now most of the attention should go to their efforts.”

And Tom Darling, the three-time Olympian added this:

“This alumni race is about supporting the undergraduates. We hope by being there we can show the team and other alums that competition is good. We support the undergraduates' hard work and effort by taking part and supporting their races as well. I am sure they probably think we are crazy and 80 percent of the undergraduates can't wait to graduate and to hang up their oars. I mean who in his right mind keeps rowing? Just ask Bill Bater (Class of 79, four-seat) who after the alumni race exclaimed that it took him 30 years to win an IRA gold medal. Like I said ...it's never over until it's over.”



***Orange Alumni Roll to Victory***



***Ted Kakas '64 Leads the Way to Shore***



## Women's Season (from Page 3)

### Class of 2013

Assistant Coach Alicea Kochis is bringing in a class of athletes this fall and while there is some experience, potential seems to be the key word. "We made a concerted effort to build the height and athleticism of our program," Kochis told *The Orange Oar*. "To do that we took some risks and recruited athletes who may not have an extensive rowing resume. Though it may take a bit longer to develop them, I think in the long run it is going to an outstanding class for our program."

There are ten recruited athletes coming in, among them:

Laura Adams - a lifelong water polo player from Southern California. "She is tough, competitive and her body type (6'1", 160) screams perfect for our sport though she has never picked up an oar."

Gina Biascochea - is 6'2" and has been involved with the junior national team system. "She is still developing as an athlete and is eager to continue improving to excel at the collegiate level."

Natalie Irvine - from Scotland and has the most rowing experience; she won the Scottish Championships in several events and medaled at the United Kingdom National Championship. She has been named to the 2009 Scottish National Team.

Macey Miller - a three sport athlete from New Jersey who has had a lot of success on the water and on the erg despite not specializing in the sport.

Kochis describes Irvine and Miller as the "two anchors of this class. Both seem to be natural leaders and Kris and I are excited to see what they do here!"

### Facilities and Equipment

The coaches know success takes more than hard work. "We identified a few areas this past year that we worked on including updating our facilities and equipment in order to attract better recruits as well as giving our current athletes the equipment they feel they need to succeed," Sanford said.

The women's locker room is being upgraded this summer thanks to contributions from SU backers (see list of donors, page 11) and now Sanford is looking to upgrade the fleet of shells.

The top crews are rowing in equipment that is one-three years old, but "our lower end boats and training boats are in need of replacement.

"Recruits notice this stuff when they walk into a boathouse and the condition and age of our boats is an important selling point," Sanford said. "Current athletes should have the opportunity to row in top notch equipment."

### Honors for Orange Women

Junior **Natalie Mastracci** was named to the Under 23 Canadian 8 team which will represent Canada at the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Brandenburg, Germany, from July 17 to 20.

Junior **Katie Lynch** was invited to the U.S. U23 Lightweight Women's Sculling Camp but was unable to attend because of a rib injury.

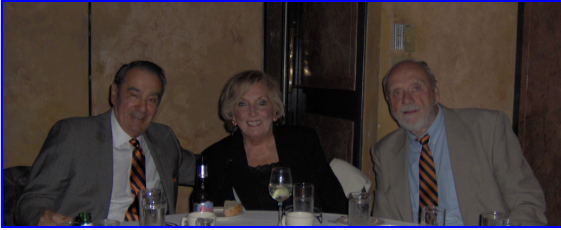
Sophomore **Rachael Ogundiran** was invited to train at the U.S. Women's National Pre-Elite Camp in Bloomington, Indiana this summer.

Senior **Sarah Stapp**, Junior **Ildiko Toth** and Sophomores **Julie Ruskin** and **Catherine Wilcox** were named National Scholar-Athletes by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA). To qualify student-athletes must have a 3.5 cumulative grade-point-average or higher, be in their second, third or fourth year of eligibility and have participated in 75 percent of the team's races.

## CELEBRATING RICK'S LIFE

It was the kind of get-together his friends and family said Rick Horn would have liked. That's a good thing, since it was all about him. And you'd have been very hard-pressed to say he wasn't there at Pascale's in downtown Syracuse on Saturday night and at the SU Boathouse on Sunday morning as his beloved Orange swept the Big Green of Dartmouth and then SARA presented his parents with an oar and a plaque to say how much he means to Syracuse Crew.

"Rick may not be with us physically...but Rick lives on with these guys each and every day," his former coach Larry Laszlo told a crowd of more than 100 team members, family and alums. "His spirit is woven into the fabric that is Syracuse Rowing."



*Fred and Mary Horn with Coach Bill Sanford*

We know the story – how Rick fought cancer as an undergrad and member of the crew, how he kept fighting for nearly 20 years after his graduation and how we finally lost him last Fall. The dinner on Friday night brought teammates, schoolmates who never rowed and friends from New York City, where he'd gone to work. They told stories of how he'd brought them together. His parents, Fred and Mary were there to share the laughter and the tears, along with his coaches, Bill Sanford and Laszlo. Mary brought a shopping bag of Rick's ties and passed them out. He was a snappy dresser, she said. He liked ties. We'll wear them as a tribute.

"We're here to celebrate Rick Horn's life, today," Coach Bill Sanford said Saturday morning, after the Packard Cup had been duly awarded to SU and Mary and Fred Horn were called to the front. The oar they gave to them is a throwback – the kind of oar Rick pulled, painted as SU oars were in those days, when he was part of a powerhouse crew that included Jeff Pesot, Scott Baltazar, Chris Ludden, Colin Goodale and Pat Young, among others who were there.

"Rick loved rowing," his father told the crowd. "Probably the highlight of his career was Henley in 1988."



*Friends and Family—A Small Sampling*



*Jeff Pesot - "I loved him dearly."*

Jeff Pesot said Rick Horn was the kind of guy you can always count on. "Look around yourselves," he told the current team. "You do have a friend like Rick in your group already and you just don't know it. He's more than likely the guy that you gravitate to." He choked up a bit, and added this; "I loved him dearly. I can't find anybody who ever had a bad thing to say about Rick Horn."

## THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS TO WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM UPGRADES

*In the spring of the 2008 season the women's rowing program initiated a campaign to update the locker room at the Ten Eyck Boathouse. Construction has begun on the space and is anticipated to conclude this summer. More than \$25,000 was raised to support this project. Syracuse University Athletics and SARA thank the following alumni, parents, parents of alumnae and friends who contributed to this effort.*

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Kathryn D. Modolo '01  
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Capt. Bonnie A. Nault '78  
Shannon A. Oberheu '95  
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Martha M. Rowe '82  
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Katie A. Schneider '07  
Tracy Rude Smith '91  
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*At the 2008 IRA, a dedicated group of dedicated parents initiated a plan to support a project to update the men's locker room in the Ten Eyck Boathouse. Thanks to their generous donations totaling more than \$20,000 the project was completed in the fall of 2008. The Syracuse Athletic Department and SARA recognize the following parents for their generosity:*

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## BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

### 1950s

**Nelson Miller '59** -- a member of the '59 Pan Am Crew is downsizing. New address: 6533 Seaview Ave. NW, #104A, Seattle, WA 98117.

### 1960s



**Jim Edmonds '60** – another '59 Pan Am team member and bow man in the IRA Masters' champion boat got a nice write-up in Potomac Boat Club newsletter – Click here to have a look: <http://www.potomacstar.com/2009/04/20/our-first-pbc-profile-guess-who/#more-1858>

*Edmonds in a rare moment just watching, at the IRA.*

### 1970s

**Bill Bater '79** – “I am proud to announce that my son, Will, will be attending SU in the Fall and will be rowing as well. My daughter will be a junior in HS and wants to attend FIT in New York City. I don't get it my kids are True Californians and yet want to go east for school, go figure. As for me I have taken a break from coaching after 10 years and I am enjoying cycling and surfing now that I have more free time. Ah, to live in CA! I'm finishing up my 15 year at Wells Fargo Bank, survived a third merger and still get to work at home, what more could a guy ask for!”

**Dan Hanavan '79** – was appointed interim chief of the Tisbury Police Department on Martha's Vineyard.

### 1980s

**Skip Sibley '80** - Skip's daughter Amanda is rowing for Jen Sanford at U-Conn. She recently completed her freshman year rowing seven seat in the Novice 8. They capped off a great year with a third place finish at the Dad Vails... that's her getting her medal.

**Jeff Schafer '82** - Missed out on this year's Masters' championship, recovering from heart surgery. “I wore my Syracuse freshman racing shirt into the hospital for the surgery,” he tells *The Orange Oar*.



*Amanda Gets her Medal*



**Commander Jack Newby '82** and **Chip Chase '83** work for the U.S. Coast Guard at USCG Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Jack is a pilot and Program Manager in the Office of Aeronautical Engineering. He is returning to a flying status at Air Station Cape Cod, MA where he'll fly the HH-60 helicopter. Chip is a civilian working policy in the Office of Reserve Affairs. He is also in the Navy Reserve and Commanding Officer, Navy Reserve Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland 105.

*Jack and Chip in the Danger Zone*

## BACKSLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

**Joe Kieffer '88** - is with Capgemini leading their solutions practice for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) - Americas. On a personal note, Joe was recently elected Vice President of Fairmount Rowing Association. Joe's oldest daughter Lawren competed her freshman year at Brown, where she was a part of the freshman eight that captured a silver medal at Eastern Sprints. This summer Lawren has been invited to the US Rowing - National Team Freshman Camp and will be rowing for Vesper.

Joe's son Harrison, a sophomore at St. Joseph Prep, stroked the novice eight for the Prep this past spring and is rowing the summer at Fairmount. Finally, Joe's youngest Gwynedd will be attending Mount St. Joseph Academy next year and is in the Bachelor Boat club's "Lead to Row" program.



**1990s**

**Carolyn Stephanik Roesch '95** - and her husband Jason welcomed a son on September 19, 2008. Gavin Charles Roesch weighed 9 lbs 12 oz and 23 1/2 inches long. (a future rower in Mom's eyes).

Madison (at 3 1/2) is thrilled to be a big sister and mommy's helper. Gavin got to enjoy the beach early this year with his sister Madison.

*Gavin—likes the beach.*

**2000s**

**Jillian Kott Carlson '02** - married Kris Carlson in a ceremony outside Washington, D.C. Kris rowed at Trinity. Jillian's teammates and coaches were on hand.

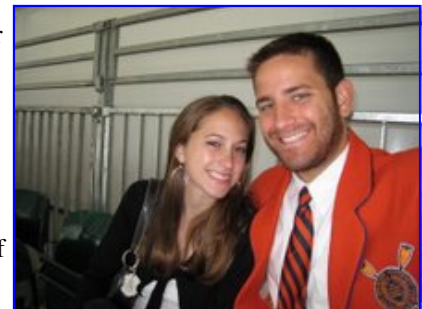


*Jillian and Dad, Bob Kott*



*Jordan Brophy-Hilton '02, Alicea Kochis Strodel '02 and assistant SU coach, Coach Kris Sanford, Jillian, former coach Craig Milburn, Rachael Kirchoff Posey '02*

**Jon Flynn '07** - is engaged to Michelle Martella. The two have been together since junior year of high school, and have been inseparable since. Alongside his main focus of web administrator for saracrew.org, Jon's other place of employment is with Lockheed Martin, and for the past two years has served as a Senior Software Engineer on the Advance Technology and Oceanic Procedure (ATOP) program. Michelle has recently gotten her degree in Education with a certification in Special Education, and is currently looking for employment in her field. The wedding will take place in the spring/summer of 2011.



*Michelle, Jon at Henley in 2007*

## Class of 2007— Special Connection

*Two Years after they graduated the members of Coach Dave Reischman's first big recruiting class keep showing up together. They were back cheering on their former teammates this spring at the Goes Cup Races. These dozen men in the Class of 2007 expected to win and they did. **The Orange Oar** asked one of them, Newhouse graduate Tim Mambort, now living and working in New York City, for some thoughts on what bound them together and still does.*



J.P. Geise, Chad Taylor, Tim Mambort, Mike Beck, Joel Harrison, Bartosz Szczyrba, David Barone, Justin Stangel, Jimmy Bader, Andrew Ross, Matt Morrow, John Flynn

Although I put a lot into my four years of rowing and gave up a great deal, I have come to realize that all the sacrifices were well worth it. Now that I have been away from Syracuse for two years I have a different perspective on the experience and I really value the important things in life. The most important aspect in my life right now is the people I have been fortunate enough to meet in my short 24 years.

I know for a simple fact the rowing class of '07 will always have a special place in my life. We have all been through so much together, good and bad, and I can't think of anything that would change how we are as an entire group.

I know as time goes on life throws more and more obstacles at us, and it becomes harder and harder to keep in touch with people. Getting together on a regular basis becomes more of a challenge once people start settling down with their careers, girlfriends, wives, children and countless other items. I truly believe that this group of guys will stick together and put in the extra effort it takes to remain lifelong friends.

We were an unusual group from the beginning since many of us met before we even got to campus as wide-eyed freshmen. Five of us were fortunate enough to be in Boston over the summer trying out for the Jr. National Team and I still remember meeting the other 'Cuse bound rowers at local ice cream store. We seemed to hit it off right away and I knew from the onset I had made the right decision in my school choice.

All of us came from different rowing backgrounds, but we all had the ultimate goal of wanting to make Syracuse rowing better and really leave a stamp on the entire program. You could tell from the very beginning that we were there to work hard and had the will to make a difference.

When you spend as much time as rowing entails, it becomes crucial that you enjoy the time with your teammates. Luckily for us, this was never an issue. We enjoyed each other's company both at practice and outside of practice. I struggle

recalling a memory from Syracuse that does not involve at least one other rower by my side. Whether it be eating in the dining hall or going to the Dome together, we were always together as the “crew guys.” The point I am trying to stress is we always looked out for each other and were always there for one another. That’s just the way it was from the beginning.

We all had our challenges with rowing or other experiences at college, but we always had each other’s back. I realized this to some extent while I was there, but I didn’t fully realize it until I had graduated. I will never have a similar experience than what I had on the rowing team. We were surrounded by a group of young men who respected each other and worked with together as one unit. This was evident by the sweat and pain we left out on the racecourse. There was a passionate sense of pride and camaraderie.

No one I know outside the rowing world has a similar experience than what we have right now. We have a group of guys who still love to hang out, catch up on life, travel together, live together, visit one another and enjoy our all-time favorite activity: visit the boathouse for an Orange race and pretend we are still in college for a weekend.

I was fortunate enough to be part of the class of '07 and know my overall college experience would not have been the same without the awesome group of guys I shared it with so I thank each one of them for that. I believe we were able to leave a solid foundation for the next generation of Orange rowers to follow. I only hope future classes can have as rewarding of an experience (on and off the water) as we did, because I truly believe some of our best years together are yet to come.

-Tim Mambort '07

## **GOLD MEDAL WINNING PAN AM CREW TO CELEBRATE 50TH**

Fifty years after their gold medal performance at the Pan Am Games, SU’s 1959 varsity crew is coming back to celebrate this fall on Homecoming Weekend (October 2-4). Stroke Charlie Mills has been organizing things and says all the surviving members of the crew plan to attend. They’ll spend some time at the boathouse and maybe even get back into a shell, which at least for bowman Jim Edmonds will be nothing unusual. He’s never stopped and just won another gold with the SU Masters’ Eight at the IRA.

These are the men who made it happen for SU and the USA:

Cox - Jerry Winkelstein '61  
 Stroke - Charlie Mills '60  
 7 - Jim Kries '59  
 6 - Nelson Miller '59  
 5 - Ed Montesi '59  
 4 - Mike Larsen '60 (deceased)  
 3 - Tom Rouen '60  
 2 - Bob Schoel '59  
 Bow - Jim Edmonds '60  
 Spare - Monte Brower '59  
 Spare - Andy Geiger '61  
 Manager - Lou Buhrmaster '61

Rooms are being held at the Comfort Suites in Liverpool and plans are being made now for a full weekend of events, including recognition by SARA. Watch [www.saracrew.org](http://www.saracrew.org) for updates and or contact Charlie Mills at [Cmills4687@aol.com](mailto:Cmills4687@aol.com)

The weekend includes the Letterwinners of Distinction Dinner which will honor the 1959 National Champion football team and a football game against the University of South Florida on Saturday. For a full listing of Homecoming Week events at SU, click here: <http://homecoming.syr.edu/Weekataglance.aspx>

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