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HOLDING BACK THE YEARS



There is something that seems to stop time, or at least slow it down, for people who row – something more than just perception. “You all look great,” Alan More '69 wrote in an email to the men from the Class of '70 who'd just gotten together for a 40th reunion in Syracuse. And the former CIA guy knows a little about looking good after all these years. There's a little less hair on some and what there is, is silver on others, but it's hard to look at the photo of these men above and not agree.

The reunion was just one of the highlights of the weekend that included the induction of SARA co-founder Dr. Bruce Chamberlain into the SU Rowing Hall of Fame, the dedication of the Class of '88 shell, the rebirth of the Navy Ball and the Syracuse Invitational with the men's and women's squads hosting what's become an annual race on the Seneca River. All those events have been covered at some length on the SARA blog <http://syracusealumnirowing.blogspot.com/> and Don Plath offers his thoughts on the weekend in his inimitable fashion in the accompanying article here.

There is a bond that connects all of us, from the good doctor and his contemporaries to the youngest freshmen on the women's and men's teams. When you think about that, perhaps this agelessness is not so surprising at all.

Class of '70 Reunion ('67 - '72 perspective) by Don Plath '68

Nov. 5, 6, 7, Right off the bat, just an outstanding Re-Union Weekend. Most of us living the sixties, twice. Billings in Orange Oar, thanks to John Nicholson, were more than surpassed. Long range planning as well as presence by President Tracy Smith and previous presidents, Tom Darling and Jason Premo made events and photographs possible.

Class of '70 was magnanimous inviting classes two years prior and after to join together.

Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, SARA co-
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Letter from the President



Holiday Greetings to the SARA Community~

As we finish up a great year, I look forward to the continuation of the fantastic momentum that we, as an organization, have established these last few years. One of our greatest successes this past year has been the outreach to our SARA alums and the re-engagement of many who we had not heard from for many years.

Perhaps one of the most memorable highlights from 2010 was the November Alumni Weekend where we inducted Dr. Bruce Chamberlain into the SARA Hall of Fame, welcomed back the Class of 1970, christened a boat named for the Class of 1988 (and welcomed several from this graduating class back to do the honors) and resurrected the famed Navy Ball. There are so many people to thank for the overwhelming success of this weekend and I'm afraid if I try to list them all individually I will inevitably miss someone, so let's just say that this was a massive group effort and people really stepped up to make all aspects of the weekend a total home run.

2010 continuing initiatives and other new efforts will be discussed at the upcoming SARA Annual Meeting scheduled for **Saturday, January 22** in the Archbold Gym on the Syracuse campus. Many minds make for great strides and all SARA members are welcome and encouraged to attend. A full agenda can be found on the SARA blog. If you are not able to attend but wish to send along a message or agenda item, I encourage you to contact me in advance at t.r.smith1@comcast.net.

2011 will be quite an adventure as SARA continues to plan hospitality events and outreach for the SU Rowing Community – all swirling around the energy and talent that is the SU Men's and Women's Rowing Teams. If you haven't been to a race for a while, I encourage you to dig out your SU wear and head down to check out the action. We'll be working hard to publicize the race schedules, provide on-air broadcasts and to coordinate meeting points for alums to reconnect before and during the races.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. See you at the races this coming spring!

Tracy

SU Women—"Coach, what can we do to get better today?"

There are considerably fewer than there were in the spring. "When you have a change of coach and a change of leadership you also have a change of methods a change in priorities, a change in your philosophy," new women's head coach Justin Moore told *The Orange Oar*. "And a few women, a very few at the very beginning came in and saw that and they didn't necessarily see a role for them, didn't necessarily want to buy into that new philosophy, so they withdrew themselves – said, "I'm done."

The ones who have stayed, he says, have bought into the program and Moore says they are progressing slowly but in the right direction as they move from fall racing into winter training.

Buying In

He points to a Monday after an early season whipping by the University of Buffalo on the river in Rochester. "I wondered if some of them were going to conclude that it wasn't worth the effort; that they were too far away from being good, or too far away from achieving for them to put forward that level of effort. And as tired as I felt after being beaten badly, and as sad as you get when you take a loss like that, the opposite was felt on Monday, when the women rolled off the bus and they walked in and they made laser-like eye contact with you and they said, "Coach, what can we do to get better today?"

They met UB three more times in the following weeks. "We were 47 seconds behind Buffalo (in that first race.) We later came back in the fall and turned that result around where every time we raced them we got closer to them, got past them or got farther away from them."

Battling to Make the Boat

The stern four from last spring's varsity eight are gone, but Moore says tough and dedicated rowers emerged this fall. Three freshmen - Rebecca Soja, Australian Miranda Williams and Maggie McCrudden are among them along with Carmen Failla and Tiffany Macon who are back from injuries and Emma Karpowicz and Macey Miller who have moved up. In fact the only first boater from last spring still in the top eight is senior Rachael Ogundiran. Allison Todd has taken over at cox.

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Moore— Keeping A Watchful Eye

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE—SPRING 2011

Sat, March 26	Boston U (Kittle Cup)	Boston
Sat, April 2	Yale/Cornell	Derby, Conn.
Sat, April 9	Northeastern/Penn (Orange Challenge Cup)	Boston
Sat, April 16	Radcliffe/Dartmouth/Louisville	Cambridge, MA
Sun, April 17	Radcliffe/Dartmouth/Louisville	Cambridge, MA
Sat, April 30	Big East Championship	Camden, NJ
Sun, May 15	Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ

Reischman: The Key is to Simplify

When you have six of your eight oarsmen and your coxswain back from your first varsity eight to make the IRA Grand Final in 20 years, there might be a small temptation to think you've got it made. Not hardly, says men's head coach Dave Reischman and he says his guys aren't thinking that way either.

"I think people are genuinely excited and the guys in my program are genuinely excited," he told *The Orange Oar*. "The key is to keep having success... to keep making those little improvements and I think the challenge as a coach is to simplify; to sort of shrink your athletes' world and to get them to focus on the essentials.



Fall racing

Training and racing mostly in fours this fall, the Orange men battled with the Eastern elite at the Head of the Charles, the Princeton Chase and the Foot of the Charles.

"I don't think my guys are too caught up in how we did this fall," Reischman said. "If you look at the fall results – if you look at the Princeton Chase there were six crews within seven seconds of each other and if Wisco had been there, if Yale had been there, if Brown had been there, there would have been nine crews within seven seconds."

So – back to the essentials. "I think in today's ESPN generation it is easy to sort of rest and it's easy to take things for granted and it's easy to the sort of get caught up in press and people telling you you're good. And the way you counteract that as the coach is you keep your guys focused on the simple; are you getting fitter today, are you getting better technically today and I think that's the challenge we face going forward.

One thing Reischman said he is impressed with is how close the A through D fours were in fall racing – just 43 seconds apart at the Foot of the Charles. "So what I got out of the fall is that relative to each other we have some young kids stepping up. I was pleasantly surprised that C and D boats in particular are able to be where they are and I think that speaks to everybody on the team doing their job and having the same level of commitment to this thing."

Winter Training

The squad came off the water after the Foot of the Charles and with the crew room tank down once again, spent a lot of time on the ergs. The men's team will travel with the women's team for both Winter Break training Florida and Spring Break training in South Carolina.

Tough Spring Schedule

The Orange men open the spring schedule with Princeton and Georgetown, something new after a couple of years for the V8 starting at the San Diego Classic. Then it's Cornell and Navy, BU and Columbia before the Eastern Sprints. "Early season results aren't going to matter so much," Reischman cautions. "It's going to matter the speed that we have coming in the spring that is going to determine our season and that's the whole focus."

At the end of the fall season the league looked a bit like a hare and hounds. “Harvard seems to be the one crew that has created a little bit of separation,” Reischman said. “Who is going to move out of that group of nine and challenge Harvard or come to the forefront of that group is dependent on who can take care of business between now and the middle of May.”



Freshman Team

New coach Shawn Bagnall has a couple of eights of frosh on hand and Reischman says he likes what he’s seen so far. “I think the challenge with this group and the challenge for Shawn is to get their fitness to a point that they can be a respectable freshman crew in our league. Technically I think they’re well on their way there. I think they started at a bit of deficit physically and I think the challenge is can we get them there in the six-seven months that we have to do that.”

Reischman says the new coach has waded right into it. “The biggest thing that that Shawn has impressed me with so far is just his work ethic towards the recruiting and his willingness to sort of take a ‘turn over every stone’ approach. We’ll see.”

NCAA – Coming But Not Right Away

Reischman says he still thinks going NCAA is the way for men’s crew but it’s not going to happen as soon as some people might have thought. “I think it’s one of those things that if it’s going to happen, it’s going to take more than just men’s rowing coaches getting excited about it. It’s going to take the backing of a lot of athletic administrators that have the time to call their colleagues and call in favors to get votes and stuff like that. It will take a real political push to get it to happen and I don’t know that there are people out there that have time and energy for that just yet.”

Healing Up

The coach continues to refuse to make any kind of a big deal of his bicycle accident in Belarus this summer. He’s been working hard at rehab after surgery and says he is getting better every day. “It’s not an issue,” is how he puts it. And he says he can’t wait to get back on the bike.

Five Questions for Mike Gennaro

Mike Gennaro '11 stroked the Orange Varsity Eight to a sixth place finish at the 2010 IRA, then went off for his second straight year to compete with the USA U23 team – this time in Belarus. He answered five questions by email for the Orange Oar at the end of the fall season.

Orange Oar: How has being part of national teams helped your growth and what can you pass on to your teammates from those experiences?

Mike Gennaro: I've learned a lot about myself and about the sport of rowing the past few summers having been on a couple of national teams. As far as rowing goes, I've learned that the ability to make changes is what separates good rowers from great rowers. I learn a lot from other coaches and rowers around the country in the summer and I do my best to bring that wisdom back to Syracuse.

OO: What do you see as your leadership role on the team and how do you try to carry it out?

MG: I don't think I am a leader on our squad this year as an individual. There isn't much that I can do on my own to lead this team other than setting an example with my actions. I go out every day and try to make the changes Dave wants me to make and hope that the other guys notice and do the same. The leadership involved with our team this year is a group effort. The synergy and brotherhood that we have found in the boathouse is something that is hard to explain. My freshman year, we had a boat with 4 guys from Philadelphia, and then a guy from Houston, Seattle, Virginia, Canada, and Florida. You couldn't put together a more random group of guys, but we bonded that year and looked to each other as if we were a family. This bond has lasted and grown over the past 4 years and that is where the leadership in the boathouse stems from. We have found that a lot of our success has come from the fact that we love each other, and we love this sport, and we love Coach Reischman, and we don't want to let each other down. And I think that this kind of synergy, in and of itself, is a rare form of leadership that everyone plays a role in. And all I can do to help be a leader in an environment like that is to have everyone else's back when times get tough, just like I KNOW they have mine.



Gennaro (center) with Dr. Bruce Chamberlain

OO: How does the team look to you as you come out of fall racing and head into winter training?

MG: The team this year thus far is strong. We have had some success the past few seasons that seems to come from building on what we've accomplished the year before. I had a talk with Coach earlier in the fall and he told me that in order to build off of last year's success, we are all going to need to step out of our "comfort zones." This fall, we found out that we have the potential to be fast, now it's on us to go into this winter and make it happen. It won't be fun and it'll probably be painful, but losing always hurts a lot more.

OO: What do you see as the keys to success for SU Crew in the spring?

MG: I don't think that there are any secrets to succeeding this year. I feel that some people think that there is some top-secret formula that we need to figure out in order to win, but that's not the case at all. It's actually really simple. Dave is one of the best coaches in the country and he knows what he is doing. We need to trust him, believe in him, and listen to him. When he tells us to make a change, we need to make it and keep it. Execution is going to be the difference between a medal at Sprints or another 7th/8th place finish.

OO: What do you want to accomplish in your final year rowing for Syracuse - for yourself and the squad?

MG: In my final year here, I just want to our squad to reach our potential. I used to spend a lot of time earlier in my career worrying about winning and losing. It's not that I don't care if I win or lose, because I do, I care a lot about that. But I like to think that I've matured a little since I've been at Syracuse and I've realized that there's much more to life than winning. If 6th place at IRAs is the best that we can do, than we better do it, because anything less would be failing to reach our potential. I'm not sure what our potential is, but we're going to find out and get there. I love the guys on the team, and I would do anything for them, and I know they feel the same about me. So at the end of the day, I just want to have fun going fast this year and try to make Dave proud.

And Mike added this:

If you don't mind, I'd like to take a second and talk about Coach Reischman and the guys on the team. I don't know where to begin, but I can't even explain how thankful I am to be at a program like Syracuse rowing under Dave. Absolutely all of my success at the international level needs to be credited to Coach. I wouldn't be able to row at the next level physically, mentally, or financially without Dave's help. The man broke both of his arms riding a bike in Belarus, flies home for surgery, finds himself nearly immobile, and hasn't missed a beat this fall. I don't think anyone realizes how difficult his job is when he has two working elbows, and how he does it while injured speaks volumes about the kind of person he is. My international success also needs to be credited to the guys on the team. The hardest part about getting on a plane to Belarus is that these guys aren't with me. But no matter where I am or who I'm racing, I know I'm not alone because they're always following along. And no matter how expensive I tell them a phone call halfway around the world is, I always have 10 missed calls after my races at the World Championships from these guys. We have a lot of great people in the boathouse this year, and we're going to do our best to reach our potential and make all of the Syracuse rowing alumni proud. And go Phillies!



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Women's Team (from page 3)

“The eight women that we have currently in those A and B fours – they’ve shown a great propensity to work,” Moore said. “If somebody is going to remove them, she’s going to have to do a great job because I don’t foresee any of these women going home and allowing their seats to be vulnerable. I can however see other women going home and doing a tremendous amount of work and moving themselves into that discussion.”

Working with the Men's Squad

Moore says he’s excited to be traveling with the Orange men this Winter Break to Florida and Spring Break to South Carolina. “I’m also excited that the men are going really fast right now and we are smart enough to use them as a comparative benchmark,” he said. “At the very end of the fall were even lucky enough to get our women’s eight out with the men’s coxed fours, which have a very similar time standard. We did some wonderful work together along the buoy line and that is absolutely fantastic for the women and I hope it’s equally good for the men.”



Alumnae Support Important

Contact from alumnae so far has been very supportive, Moore said. “Certainly none of these alums know me personally and those who have reached out have reached out because they care greatly about the program as a whole.”

He hopes for much more. “I think the more the women come back and connect to the team, the more the current undergraduates can see how meaningful their sport experience was in shaping them as the women that they now are, I think the more important the sport becomes to these undergraduate women.”

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

Men’s Coach Dave Reischman and new Women’s Coach Justin Moore plainly have hit it off. While their offices are at opposite ends of the crew room, plainly they are in the same page. Here’s what Moore had to say about his counterpoint – unprompted – in an interview with *The Orange Oar* about the fall season.

“We’re in a place right now where the men were a number of years ago, eight years ago and I rely a lot on Dave’s wisdom and experience. He’s been through that. He’s been through rebuilding a team at Syracuse. And he and I sit down and we have a lot of long talks about the process, what’s important, how you keep everyone on the path, how you respond to really difficult experiences.”

And here’s what Reischman said – again unprompted – about Moore and his team.

“I think Coach Moore and the women’s staff are doing an incredible job. As most of us are well aware it takes time and I think we got the right person in that position with the right energy – the right positive energy – and it’s just a matter of time. They’re doing the right things.”

One more thing they have in common – both Reischman and Moore won Coach of the Year honors at the Joy of Sculling Conference in Saratoga, December 10.

MARK II IS COMING—AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

Gathering of SU Men's Crew and Women's Rowing stories has begun for SARA's sequel to Mark of the Oarsmen and there is much work to be done. Mark II continues the story of Syracuse rowing and will cover the period from the early 1960s, just after the Syracuse eight won the Pan Am Games, and continue until today.

A collaborative effort of the Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association, Mark II will be written by John Nicholson and Joe Paduda and published in 2012, with the final draft completed in 2011.

While John and Joe are nominally responsible for seeing Mark II through to publication, this won't be possible without the contributions and efforts of many. There's a lot of history to be recounted, history that in many cases is stored nowhere but in the memories of those who were there.

We'll be interviewing members of the team, coaches, staff, and others involved in the program over the last 50 years, looking for contemporary articles and news stories, and digging through coaches' records. But there's no way the two of us will be able to capture all the stories, the whats, whens, hows, and whos. So, a major part of this effort will be a wiki.

For those unfamiliar with the term, a useful way to think of a 'wiki' is an open-source document that anyone can contribute to. We've be setting up folders on the web at <https://saramark2.basecamphq.com> where contributors can, well, contribute by writing down their memories, thoughts, opinions, and observations. There will be different folders for different years, and the documents within those folders will be continuously updated. The system (basecamp) keeps a record of all the changes including the authors of those changes. That way we'll be able to know who to talk with if something needs clarification.

You can also upload digital photos onto the site – make sure to include a description – who's in the picture, date, and what was happening at the time of the photo (e.g. Goes Cup, Henley trip).

To get started, email Joe for an invite. jpaduda@healthstrategyassoc.com The site is very easy to use; Joe will send a url that will give those who want it a quick tour. Then, get on the site, check out the timeline document (provides dates for significant events in SU rowing history since 1960), and poke around a bit. Let us know your thoughts and give feedback.

Then dig up those old photos and articles and dig into your memories for what it was like when you were pulling an oar or barking commands for the Orange. The story of Syracuse Crew and Rowing is your story and we don't want to tell it without you.

Reunion (from Page One)



founder, continues to provide a guiding hand when christening the Eight in recognition of Class of '88. Son John and daughters Linda Miller and Laura Dodge with her husband Jimmy, again made Boston trip to be with him for this special occasion.

Certainly, Men's Varsity with new eight has another strong motivation during winter practices.

Oarsmen and wives made treks, some staying with local alums, others in hotel with group rate.

After the 8:00 am christening, by Joe Kieffer, SARA treasurer and '88 classmates, Bob Price, Richard McNamara, Eric Heitmann, and Gordon Bain of the "Class of '88" rowing shell for the Men's Varsity followed by Doctor Chamberlain's induction into the SARA Hall Of Fame... conversations, stories and photos abounded. Quite a homecoming. Sun stayed solid, lasting through S.U. Invitational Head Races. Fours, started in Seneca River at second straight away, finish was just past Boathouse.

As this 3 mile Head race and spring 2,000 m races (coming from opposite directions) finish just past Boathouse, viewing is on top of the action. Especially when compared to anonymity of the Onondaga Lake, old 2,000 m course.

Block seating was arranged in Dome for the SU vs. Louisville football game. In fact, a public address announcement paid special tribute to assembled rowing alums and Class of '70 Re-union Weekend. Ooooh rah.

That evening, the Navy Ball was again held. A great time all around. Customized home movie, special tribute to Class of '70 who also provided skits on Coach Bill Sanford. Pay backs are tough, eh! Music and dancing reached through the decades. Tracy, as in SARA President Smith, shucked off presidential persona including shoes, got down and boogied with the best of them. Who knew?

Class of '70 row, Sunday 8:30 a.m. arrived and found everyone fit and ready. Temps in low 30's, heartbeats shot up when carrying boat to water. Seemed like a regular lineup with Bill Wilson at stroke, and alter ego Duane Hickling at 7. Could have been a practice 41 years ago with Rich Kortright's voice taking firm command with 10's and 20's. At times, boat did exhibit a pretty nice kick and run. Be it known, great to crank again, yet most not ashamed to reach dock. Perhaps a reason why mostly young men fight the wars.

After Alumni row, everyone lingered, conversing, all sensing what a special moment, this weekend, and rowing means. Bill Sanford again provided continuity and reflections (even though mobile phone wake up did not adjust to EDT).

As time goes on, we come to appreciate, value more, these special friendships during those times. Doesn't take long at all to pick up right where left off.



Author Don Plath '68, Alan More '69

Here are story abbreviations bandied about:

- Black 'weenies', sections of inner tubes filled with sand carried on shoulders running up and down Archbold seats ~ 24"
- Shoveling deep snow during spring camp to reach docks. Waffleies, two sweat shirts with towel stuffed into neck, numb / frozen hands. What was polypropylene? Files to roughen wooden handles for better grip with which to rip skin off.
- Slippery mold on old, multi-paint layered shower floors
- Wind sprints on road to Mt. Olympus, designated 'rabbits' to stay ahead of driven Bill and Duane
- Eating dried toast from three foot stacks, during IRA camp at State Fair Grounds dining facility (provided as good for the digestive tract...)

- Commandeering and drag racing transit buses there after

dinner, going counter-clock-wise on horse track and encountering harness horses working out in clock wise direction

- IRA camp, rowing 'around the world', i.e. Onondaga Lake, early evening humidity and heat at 96 degrees. Completely wasted. Then, heaven with two tubs of ice cold water melons waiting at Boathouse, thanks to Coach Bill and Santo Pisani, cook.
- During IRA camp, funnel-a-tor launching water balloons from 2nd floor window at motor boats driving on inlet, until park police came.
- Alumni IRA dinner night: local alums would sit at camp dinner tables, listen, tell stories, talks by Coaches, sing rowing songs together.
- Coach's Great Dane, Cinnamon at full gallop from park carrying handles in teeth of a full picnic basket. Owner in hot pursuit, saying what is your dog doing stealing our picnic basket. ? Coach saying, what are you doing feeding my dog chicken bones?

Student takeover of Administration Building after Kent State shooting. Chief of Syr. Police, Sardino speaking and keeping peace with students. What a time. Was it Chancellor Tolley, or Chancellor Eggers, then?

Reunion returnee commentaries. (apologies where appropriate...)

- Drs. Bruces, as in Baker and Chamberlain: two venerable, oaring gentlemen. How fortunate that they still choose to be here. Once Onondaga juice gets into the veins, it is hard to remove. SU Rowing is very fortunate for that. Great guys with whom to have conversation(s).
- Paul Buff: been away too long. Dad would come to every IRA and annual SARA mtg. at Onondaga YC when IRA's in Syracuse. Harvard Master's in Landscape Architecture. Says ample gut provides better center of gravity to ski all over NH and VT. Note: keep e-mails pristine to business address, compliance reviews, you know.
- George Chapman: traded oar for sticks. Do not give this man strokes on golf course. Besides successful consulting firm, this is how their children went to prominent schools.
- Paul Dudzick: after Stony Brook AD career, had good sense to return to Syracuse area. Rows in Masters Eight. Not so good sense to always beat Sanford in golf. A community pillar.
- Jeff Harriman: the smartest oarsman to ever row. Sails a screaming Melges MC Scows summers near Kansas City, then ski instructor at Beaver Creek next to Vail: both off I-70. Youngest looking of all of us, even six grandchildren. Must be Diane, the child bride. You fox.

- Chuck Harris: aka, 'Chuck the Truck', as in a rowing engine. Had best looking / performing Shelby Cobra Mustang. Lifetime banking gehru. Son working on Ph.D. at SU. Obviously, takes after wife, Barb.
 - John Hession: Saturday evening doing philanthropic function with another rower, for a year, Had Fuller. By time arrived at Navy Ball, reunioners had departed. Caught up on Sunday am before and after alumni row. Call his company for deal on Volvo construction equipment.
 - Duane Hickling: still a multi-sport man skiing, and internet video games with Buff. Saving hospitals from themselves. Mellowing on surface like wine, but determined as ever.
 - Rich Kortright: after eight year stint at firm's post in London, now hour 45 min commute from Rhinebeck to City. Building architectural home. Everyone is invited to stay at same time and 'break it in'. Honest. Did manage to meet with Howard Hughes recluse, an island exile unto himself, Frank Doble and wonderful wife, Cheryl.
 - Gary McKinney: one powerful, graceful athlete. Parents, Dad a dentist, so proud of him at races. Gary, hang tough with cancer treatments there in San Francisco.
 - Alan More: Best body somatotype ever for rowing, stroked at times, then intermittent back issues. These instances provided more time at Maxwell where you kept crew acum up. Thanks. Recently retired from CIA, now professing at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. Girls at Kappa and Theta still asking for your address.
 - John Nicholson: editor - communicator extraordinare. Sees what is possible and then connects the dots. However, connives like Mark Twain for Orange Oar articles. Cross swords at own peril.
 - Nils Peterson: enjoys positive side of life, mild mannered reporter with great reach. Reason for Ph.D.? Tell others to pound salt.
 - Joey Peter: gad, what more can, cannot be said. Still trying to bring this man out of shell, literally. Found in coxie seats domestically and internationally. Only one ever rumored to 'pay' his wife, Jan to come to regattas. No lie. She has good sense to no longer be dragged all over.
 - Don Plath: To put something back into system, helped Clayton Chapman and then set up IRA courses in Syracuse. (Maureen thrilled to use vacation time like this). During off-shoot of rowing in a good Four for ten years, established Masters rowing at IRA's. You can thank me later guys.
 - Charlie Roberts: glad to see some coxies don't fade away. Way too much time on hands after selling successful international business. Wears strange hats, though.
 - Bill Sanford: who?
- Bill Wilson: gentleman of Long Island. Stroke, and other half of dynamic duo with Duane. Upon learning of reunion, hammered on erg in garage for months. Appeared to be fittest of all. Became apparent during alumni row when rest of boat was sucking wind, except for Dudzick.

That's the story, and sticking to it. Sorry if forgotten someone or something. Sometimers creeping in.



Class of '70—Orange Men of Class

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

1950s

Andy Tedesco, '53 – sends this from Scottsdale, AZ – “Rowed in the first Syracuse IRA Regatta. Not proud of the result but I was there. Rowed with 7 other crew mates at our 50th in '03. (Bill) Hawkey, (Ed) Shephard and I are going to be there for the next one, we hope. Save us seats. No oarsmen in the family. All about soccer and LAX. Merry Christmas

Tom Lotz, '57 – a Veteran USRowing Referee will retire at the end of this calendar year. He has been a referee for over 20 years, and has officiated at IRA's on Onondaga Lake, Cooper River and Lake Natoma. A resident of Houston, he has also refereed at the major regatta in the southeast and Texas.



He is the 2010 recipient of the Jack Franklin award, given by USRowing annually to a referee for lifetime contributions to the sport. He was awarded the SU Varsity Club Letterwinner of Distinction award in 2002, and is a founding member of the Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston. Tom hopes to continue to support the referee program by serving as a Clinician, Ombudsman and trainer/evaluator at regattas.

With the expansion of rowing and regattas across the country, Tom reminds us “there is a great need to newer and younger referees. If interested in more information, potential candidates should review the process at www.usrowing.org, Referees section.”

1970s

George Chapman, '73 - “I really enjoyed seeing the “class” of the Class of 1970 get well deserved recognition at the Navy Ball on November 7. It was great catching up after 40 (yikes!) years. All seven of the guys returning for the reunion looked great, are successful and seemed truly happy. Rowing must be a good thing. Amazingly, after not seeing these guys for 40 (yikes!) years, don't I run into Bill Wilson just one week later at the NYS high school cross country championship in Pawling NY. Good thing we just reunited the week before or we may have walked right by each other. I was watching my niece run and Bill was coaching a team from Long Island. Kudos to Tracy Smith and her committee for revitalizing the Ball and giving these guys a chance to reunite and be recognized.

1980s

Skip Sibley '80 – Commenting on the fall gathering – “Great to see all the youthful support. The entire weekend was really a special gathering.” Skip passed along a link of UConn's HOC performance. Right, UConn. His daughter Amanda stroked the "B" boat from the starboard side. <http://www.uconnhuskies.com/sports/w-rowing/spec-rel/102410aac.html>



Scott Baltazar '89 – reports “Everything going well with all.” He sent along this picture of a bunch of the guys - at the SU - Rutgers game in November (**Pat Young '90**, Tammy Young '90 volleyball, **Jeff Pesot '90**, Baltazar, Dirk Stribrny '90).

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Scott also provided a photo of future SU oarsmen Ryan Young, Parker Baltazar, small Rutgers oarsman (Scott's description), Kyle Young).

Jay Rhodes '89— out in the Bay Area says “Home ownership means very little to report. But (like your faithful Orange Oar editor) “I soaked up every possible moment of the Giants run through August, September, October and November.”



1990s



Caroline (Carlson) Delgross '98 and husband David Delgross recently welcomed their first child. Baby girl, Ella Rose, was born on November 12th at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC.

2000s

Helen Lippits-Tanger '01 – “just wanted to let everybody know that I got married on September 11th 2010 to Dirk Lippits. People first reacted to the date with wonder, but it's a good day for us because it's the day we started dating, back in 2002. I am also starting my new job in January, as a resident in Pediatrics at the VU Medical Center in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Justin Stangel '07 – writes “I am currently training and working full time in Oklahoma City. I am training with a group of about 20 rowers at the OKC High Performance Center with **Martin Etem '09** and we are looking forward to moving into our new boathouse in the near future. I am also working as a prep/line cook at the Skirvin Hilton in downtown OKC. It is an exciting job that brings a new challenge every day and is flexible enough to allow me to train and race.



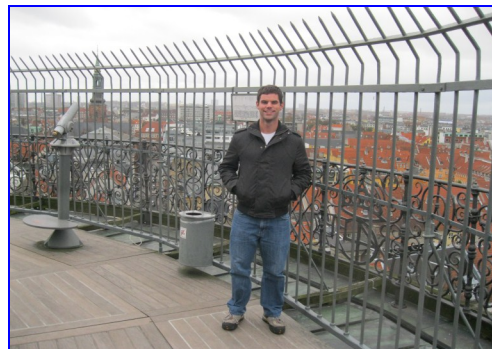
“Thank you also to everyone from the SARA community that donated to help fund my rowing at the World Championships last month in New Zealand, it was quite the experience. The first two photos are from NZ and the third is looking at where we train and downtown in the background.”

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Stangel—Man at Work (Middle Photo Courtesy row2k.com)

Pete Kruse '10 – “I am spending a year in London through the Mountbatten Internship Programme (www.mountbatten.org). I am working full-time for UBS and take graduate classes on nights and weekends. Living abroad has been great as it has given me valuable work experience while learning a lot about British and European cultures. Additionally this has allowed me to travel around Europe on my weekends and holidays; so far I have visited Copenhagen, Florence, and Rome with trips to Amsterdam and Paris planned between now and the end of 2010.



Strangely enough, Pete says he has no pictures from London but send these from Rome and Copenhagen

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MEN'S SCHEDULE—SPRING 2011

Sat, April 2	Princeton/Georgetown	Princeton, NJ
Sat, April 16	Cornell/Navy (Goes Cup)	Ithaca, NY
Sat, April 23	Boston U/Columbia (Conlan Cup)	Syracuse
Sun, May 15	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
Sun, May 22	Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	Syracuse
Thu, June 2	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ
Fri, June 3	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ
Sat, June 4	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ