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I hope summer means more leisurely pursuits for you. This month's Orange Oar is a nice celebration of the achievements of the rowing season gone by and a look ahead to fun summer and fall activities.

Working backwards, please mark your calendars for what proved to be THE event on the social calendar last year. The second annual Evening at Ten Eyck will take place Saturday, September 20 at the Boathouse. The feedback I heard could easily be divided into two categories: folks who had so much fun seeing old friends and racing down the inlet, and folks who were disappointed they missed it. Afternoon races, evening races under the lights, a sit-down dinner and the induction of our newest members of the Syracuse Rowing Hall of Fame.

One of our newest inductees is near and dear to my heart. Mark Lyvers '77 was my first coach at SU on the women's team that gained varsity status for the first time in 1978. There were no scholarship athletes—we were all walk-ons—and Mark was a young coach. It didn't matter. We were competitive, and the program was off and running. It's fitting that a shell will be named in Mark's honor. I look forward to seeing Mark and all of you on September 20.

We already have a shell named after Anna Goodale '05 (Goodale's Gold), and this spring she won another national honor, being inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame, along with her teammates from the gold-medal 2008 US Olympic eight. The number of times the inductees have made the grand finals collectively is impressive. You'll find that statistic in this issue.

Holly Johnston, a rising senior on the women's team, has written a nice story on what athletes from the men's and women's teams are up to this summer, including multiple people attending national camps. Combined with Justin Moore's comments on the women's spring racing season, it's clear that 2013-14 was a good year for SU.

This spring I was so impressed by the commitment of you alums and the parents of our athletes. As you'll see in the letter from Joe Kieffer, this year's SARA Men's Crew Endowment Campaign was the best ever for dollars contributed, number of contributors and number of class years contributing. The Endowment has grown to \$270,000 in the past three years and is expected to be at \$300,000 by the end of August. The Endowment is particularly important as we gauge our men's program against the competition. Coach Dave Reischman makes this comparison in the recap of the men's spring racing season.

It is fitting that Anneliese Seitz-Mund has written a first-person account of what it takes to set up and stock the tent at our spring races. Anneliese has created a well-oiled machine of volunteer cooks, shoppers, servers and donors. You'll have no idea how much food they serve or how much the effort takes off the coaches' plate—pun intended—until you read this story. In the spirit of starting a good meal, enjoy the Orange Oar and your summer.



Here's to pulling together.
Lynne Pascale, '81, G'11
SARA President

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Moore: Stepping back, one can see we've made progress

The Syracuse women's rowing team finished third at the ACC Championship, and unfortunately, the two teams that finished ahead of them, Virginia and Notre Dame, received bids to the NCAA Championship. In a post-season interview, head coach Justin Moore discussed those results, his impatience when it comes to winning and signs that Syracuse has improved.

Some alumni felt Syracuse had done enough to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA and were surprised when the selectors left the Orange at home. Moore conceded that the win-loss record was not quite what it needed to be. He cited the following mixed results head-to-head against the teams that made the NCAAs:

- Virginia – SU lost in the 1V, 2V and 4+.
- Notre Dame – SU lost in the 1V, won in the 2V and lost in the 4+.
- Indiana – SU lost in the 1V and 2V and won in the 4+
- Harvard – SU lost in 1V and 2V and won in the 4+
- Washington State – SU lost in the 1V and 2V and won in the 4+
- Wisconsin – SU traded wins in the 1V and 2V and lost in the 4+.

"I think it was really close, but we did not make an irrefutable argument," Moore said. "We were better than we have been. We were close. But we weren't undeniable."

So what can Syracuse do to, as Moore often says, get off the bubble? Moore was candid about how quickly he reacted to the disappointment of the NCAA selections and why.

"I am not a patient person, and it has been driving me crazy when people say, 'It's going to take some time to build the program,'" Moore said. "I want to win now—right now! Which is why we had a meeting about recruiting strategy and spent the day—you guessed it, emailing recruits all day.



"But, stepping back, one can see that we have made progress," said Moore. "We are winning some important battles. Four years ago we were working hard to beat BU and Northeastern, and we've beaten them two years in a row.

"Our first recruited class is about to enter their senior year, and we have three women in that class who were invited to national team development and training camps."

Amy Ludovici '15 secured a spot at the Craftsbury Elite Training Center, Kari Tomeny '16 did so for the US Rowing Sculling Pre-elite Camp and Georgia Hamilton '15 was chosen for the Canadian U23 Selection Camp. Chelsea Frawley '15, Emily Carey '17 and Ailish Tinney '17 competed at the Australian trials held in Princeton, NJ, with Carey winning a seat in the 4-. Three women in the incoming class of '18 have attended their countries' respective Junior National Team Camps, including



When Moore looks at other schools, he sees competition in the form of funding for scholarships and high expectations for coaches. "In the ACC alone there are nearly seven schools with 20 scholarships," Moore said. "Virginia, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Clemson, Louisville and Miami all do, and Duke has 16. The Pac 12, Big 10 and Big 12 are loaded as well.

"This creates a tremendous depth of opportunity for women in the country, which is fantastic for the women of this era, and unprecedented anywhere else in the world. We are bringing the best college aged rowers from around the world to America.

"The opportunity also creates tremendous competition," Moore said. "This past year we saw the Clemson head coach be dismissed because the 'expectation is that Clemson makes the NCAA field every year.' Some may call this a harsh message, but I believe that it is another indicator that women are being allowed to enter into competitive environments that had been previously unavailable to them, and hey, if you want to compete, you might lose, and if you lose, you might get fired. A harsh message, yes, but one that rings true in almost every hyper competitive environment in the world."

Carolina Ratcliffe, who was elected USRowing Junior Athlete of the Year for 2013.

One important issue for the Syracuse women is depth. Teams need more than a fast 1V and 2V to earn an NCAA bid. In its head-to-head results against teams that made the NCAAs (above), the 4+ was equally important.

"The fact that it takes a team of 23-25 athletes to be successful is, in my opinion, great," Moore said. "One of the primary goals of our sports is to create more athletic opportunity for women. That fact that athletes 17-20 on the team 'matter' is great for building that opportunity.

"I want to start to dominate in the lower boats. When depth of this sort is established, it functions as a rising tide and will increase the speed across our entire team. That is the plan and that is why we are recruiting today."

Reischman: Men find their rhythm...against stiff competition

The Syracuse men's rowing team achieved one of their principal goals between the Eastern Sprints and the IRA, and it left them wondering, what's next?

After the Sprints, head coach Dave Reischman said: "We have not performed up to our potential in very many races this year. We haven't had that race where you can get off the water and say, 'That was it. That was the aggressive rhythm we were looking for.'"

After the IRA, Reischman reported that his athletes did find their aggressive rhythm. "I thought our crews did their best racing of the spring season during the IRA," he said. "Both the varsity and 3V finished two spots above their seeds, and all three crews left everything they had out on the water."

Still, finishes of 16th (the 1V placed fourth in the third level final), 14th (the 2V was second in its third level final) and 11th (the 3V was fifth in the petite final) left a bitter aftertaste. "I can unequivocally state these results are below the standards we have set for our program," Reischman said.

Reischman thought long and hard before offering an opinion on why SU could improve its performance and still finish so far out of the medals. He was reluctant to denigrate his athletes or make excuses. In the end, he forged ahead and offered a blunt assessment.

"The simple truth of the matter is that we finished where our talent level dictated we should finish,"

Reischman said. "That is in no way meant to be disparaging to our athletes. They are good, hardworking men and women. Rather it is a direct statement about what we as a coaching staff need to address to move the program forward: recruiting, recruiting and recruiting."

Oarsmen like rising senior Aleksandr Staprans remain committed. "This summer I want to become a faster rower," Staprans said. "I need to become a faster rower." [See story on SU rowers' summer plans.]



Reischman admires them. At the same time, he says that help needs to come in the form of first-year rowers who can make a bigger impact.

The Athletics Department has taken first step in the process by funding five additional scholarships to be phased in over the next five years, bringing the total number of men's crew scholarships to 10. Syracuse still trails its top competitors by as many as seven scholarships.



“There are essentially three levels of programs in the country if you categorize them by combined athletic scholarship and financial aid resources,” Reischman said. “A-level schools can usually offer between 12 to 17 full scholarships. B-level schools can offer between 8 to 10 scholarships, and then there are the C-level schools.”

Becoming an A-level school would require increased alumni donations and careful monitoring of the university’s overall compliance with Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education.

“This past year there were new calculations made that said we had room to add five more men’s scholarships and [Director of Athletics] Dr. [Daryl] Gross graciously stepped up to fund those additional five,” Reischman said.

When comparing Syracuse with Washington, this year’s winner of the varsity eight, varsity four, freshman eight and the Ten Eyck Trophy for overall points at the IRA, one aspect of the Husky program stands out.

The web site for alumni, family and friends of Washington rowing, Huskycrew.com, states: “Husky Crew has a unique funding arrangement with the University. The athletic department has been generous and very supportive but you need to know that we alumni pay for all equipment, some travel, and all men’s scholarship costs. Many student-athletes at most of our principal competitors easily qualify for generous university financial aid. Ours don’t.”

The chief engine for the growth of the program is the SARA Men’s Crew Endowment. The Endowment has grown to \$270,000 in the past three years and is expected to be at \$300,000

by the end of August. The Endowment is young and needs to grow its principal before it can yield significant assistance, including scholarship money. “We need to get to \$1 million to fund a scholarship,” Reischman said.

Alumni contributions were front and center during the annual Endowment Campaign [see related story]. However, alumni can give to the Endowment at any time (<https://www.cnycf.org/sara>).

If Washington’s success is the carrot dangling before Syracuse rowing alumni, then the list of schools that have rowed in the third level final at the IRA is the cautionary tale about the ever increasing level of competition in the sport.

“In the 12 years I have been at Syracuse only three schools in the country have not been in at least one third level final at the IRA—Washington, Cal, and Harvard,” Reischman said. “Everyone else has been in a third level final. I bet that fact surprises a lot of people.”





OH! THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!







FIRE UP THE GRILL

Have you left the SU hospitality tent with a belly full of delicious food? Anneliese Seitz-Mund, mother of Christian Mund '15, is one of the parents who "lay out the spread" and, as parents often do, a lot more.



Organizing the food tent is something I started when our son, Christian, was in high school. The food tent is really important to me because I want the rowers to know we love and support them, no matter how the race goes. I think of each one of them as my kid, because some of their parents can't be there, and I want them to know we are there for them every meter of the race. Sometimes I will search out a rower with a special message or a hug from a parent who can't be there. I want every rower to have the same food available, no matter what time they get off the water. Lastly, I want there to be food on the bus for the long ride home. More of that love, taking them home.

When I organize the food tent, I'll put together a suggested list of food items. Some people are willing to bring anything at all but others will want to bring a favorite food or a regional favorite. For the Conlan Cup, Doug and I cooked up eight pounds of bacon at home and, at the race, cooked up scrambled eggs for egg burritos. Parents brought bagels, muffins, fruit, and we had a coffee pot with fresh coffee all morning.

I organized food last year for Sprints and learned quickly, that it is a big draw for alums and parents. This year, I cooked up 25 pounds of pulled pork, using multiple crock pots the week before the race. Our kitchen smelled great! I also cooked up a pot of chili. The Rogers family [team captain Kyle, Gr.] brought 10 pounds of sausage, along with peppers and onions, for sausage and peppers. The Zajdels [Jason '14] brought a deli platter. We also had donations for burgers, hot dogs, bagels, etc. Doug and I brought our grill to cook and heat food up.



After his daily BJ's run, Doug Mund takes to the grill

At IRA's, the Zajdels and Delaneys [John '15] brought Philly pretzels. They were different shapes, and both were family favorites. The Zajdel's also brought Tasteycakes, another Philly favorite. Cristi Rowbotham [Daniel '17], living in Washington state, ordered food from Amazon and had it shipped to my house. Multiple parents gave me donations. For example, Martha O'Shaughnessy and Sandy Hunter [Patrick



O'Shaughnessy-Hunter '15] live in Canada, and Catherine Bierwith [Cameron '15] lives in California.

Doug and I used that money during our daily shopping trips to BJ's. We stay in a suites style hotel with a full-size refrigerator, so we stopped at BJ's each night to buy more food for the next day. Then we would wash utensils used during the day to be ready for the next. Randal Hockenberry [Joshua '17] liked to have coffee in the morning, so he volunteered to pick up a box of joe each day. The Abells [A.J. '16] have brought tomato pie to races. I'm not sure if it's a Philly or Jersey thing, but it's tasty.

Dee Dawson [Jonathan '17] and Randee Hilton [Madison Weitekamp '17], like to bring food and help stock the tent. Randee made a peanut and noodle salad that had always been a hit during high school. She also made a mean salsa. I don't want to overlook anyone, so if they're not mentioned here, it's my memory, not my gratitude!

ANNELIESE SEITZ-MUND



MARK OF THE OARSMEN II

COMING THIS FALL





With the regular season over for another year, the Syracuse men's and women's rowing teams have gradually dispersed across the country, and the world, for a much needed summer break. Amidst a slew of summer jobs, ambitious internships and fabulous vacations, the one constant that will remain is, of course, rowing.

For both teams, the first couple of weeks in June marked the end of the recuperation period and the start of summer training. While some athletes will follow the meticulously planned programs put together by Coach Moore and Coach Reischman, others have been accepted into elite camps and training centers that will give them the chance to race and refine their skills at a national level, all with the hope of making an U23 team for their respective country.

Invited to the Canadian trials was Toronto native Georgia Hamilton, who was recently named to the 2014 Pocock all American Second Team. This is

an honor only 13 previous Syracuse women rowers have achieved.

Rising senior Chelsea Frawley and sophomores Emily Carey and Ailish Tinney competed at the Australian trials held in Princeton, NJ. While all three athletes showed promise throughout the trials both on the water and the erg, Carey was named to the Australian women's 4+ that is set to compete in Varese, Italy.

"I'm incredibly excited to be named to the Australian team for the champs in Italy!" said Carey. "It will be an amazing learning experience and I am proud to have the opportunity to represent Syracuse."

Indulging in a change of scenery and a change of pace from the hectic life of Syracuse is Amy Ludovici '15. Ludovici is currently attending the prestigious not-for-profit Craftsbury Outdoor Center in Vermont where she is following an intensive training regiment with a focus on small boats and sculling.

Recognized as one of the definitive training locations and experiences in the US, Ludovici not only gets to show her on-water skills but also takes part in the daily chores that keep this environmentally conscious center up and running. Splitting and stacking wood, gardening and spreading hay are all in a day's work for this rising senior, making this experience truly unique.

"It has taught me a lot. I never thought I would go to a rowing camp and come out knowing how to use an axe to split wood. I can also now stand up in a single which is a huge accomplishment for me!"

"This summer I want to become a faster rower, I need to become a faster rower..." - Aleksandr Staprans

For added inspiration, Ludovici and her training partners have had the opportunity to visit the original Concept 2 factory, talk with Olympic rowers and partake in guest-run cross fit training sessions. Ludovici and the rest of the center's calendar includes the U.S. Under-23 trials and elite nationals.

As per usual, Syracuse will remain a hub of activity as well. Having been chosen to host the women's pre-elite camp for the second year running, Onondaga Lake will be once again filled with small boats of rowers from across the country learning how to scull.

Heading up the camp as head coach this year is Jim Lister. Having completed his first year as assistant coach for the women's team, Lister says opportunities like this one are one reason he made the move to Syracuse.

"Having the chance to lead coach the U23 Pre-Elites fulfills one of my goals of coming to Syracuse," said Lister. "I wanted to work closely with Justin and gain from his experience from his time with U23 rowers and junior national team rowers."

This year transfer Kari Tomeny will be attending this camp to refine the sculling skills she has been tirelessly working on throughout her redshirt season since her move from Rhode Island. Tomeny, a Syracuse native, made the decision to come to Syracuse to pursue a higher level of training and competition than what Rhode Island was providing.

Having had to sit out for an entire year has tested her resolve and made her more determined than ever to start the 2014-15 season as one of the top athletes.

"I'm really excited to be accepted into the pre-elite camp this year" said Tomeny. "It's been hard having to sit out of races for the past nine months so I can't wait to be in the middle of seat racing, competing for my spot in a boat and then taking that to the starting line at Canadian Henley."

Also training out of Syracuse over the summer from the men's team are rising seniors Cameron Bierwith, Aleksandr Staprans and Patrick O'Shaughnessy-Hunter, along with junior Bryce Vanderberg. With Canadian Henley as the end goal, these four athletes are aiming to find some speed in pairs and doubles and hope to participate at multiple regattas within the area leading up to the big event. O'Shaughnessy-Hunter, a Canadian native, will be looking to defend his title in the 2013 U23 men's double.

Staprans, who transferred from Fordham last year, described the motivation he feels going into his summer of work on the water.

"There are always mixed feelings coming out of a season where you don't end in the place you want to. I've been forced into a place where I need to take a long moment and really reflect on how I want the fall and spring seasons of 2014-15 to turn out.

"This summer I want to become a faster rower, I need to become a faster rower and I hope that Henley will be an adequate test towards reaching that goal. The most important part in my case is definitely the fact that I will be rowing in two small boats, boats that force technique in a way that doesn't happen in an eight. There is no hiding in these two-person boats. You can either pull or let the crowd watch the other person carry you. I think that this summer will really make a difference in how our team shows up at the start of the year and I know I will make the best of it."

HOLLY JOHNSTON '15

CLEANING UP ITS ACT



Various entities are cleaning up
Onondaga Lake.



Director of Research for the Upstate Freshwater Institute in Syracuse. “The improvement is truly remarkable. Onondaga Lake is experiencing a renaissance that few thought possible.”

The party responsible for much of the pollution, Solvay Process Company, became Allied-Signal, which later merged with Honeywell. Honeywell entered into an agreement to remediate the lake under the supervision of the DEC, the New York State Department of Health (DOH), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Honeywell’s initiatives have included installing an underground barrier wall, which intercepts contaminated groundwater from former factory sites for treatment, dredging and removal of material from the bottom of the lake and, in some areas, the addition of a new bottom cap.

What does the clean-up mean to local residents? Tammy Pengaro told National Public Radio: “My kids have caught a lot of bass, perch, sunfish, [and] bluegill. I was surprised to see that there’s even those different fish here in Onondaga Lake.”

“The jokes [in the past] were that if you caught a fish here you’d glow,” said longtime resident Al Dahler. “Onondaga Lake is an environmental comeback in progress, and gradually we’re learning to reconnect to this beautiful jewel.”




There was a time in Syracuse rowing history when the notion of throwing coxswains into the water after a victory was met with laughter. (Crews still tossed their diminutive teammates in the drink, but coxswains often got out as quickly as they could.)

According to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), while the 19th-Century Onondaga Lake was a popular tourist attraction, with beaches, resorts and amusement parks, over time, industrial development and a growing population led to increases in sewage and industrial discharges that took their toll on water quality. Swimming was banned by 1940 and fishing in 1970. The lake, including the lake bottom and sub-sites around the lake and along tributaries, was designated a federal Superfund site in 1994.

Now, after seven years of remediation and a decade of improvements to the local wastewater treatment infrastructure, Onondaga County reports that the ecosystem is thriving with improved water quality in the lake and its tributaries, including diverse and abundant fish populations.

“Implementation of state-of-the-art wastewater treatment by Onondaga County and Honeywell’s ongoing lake clean-up have gone a long way to enhance water quality in Onondaga Lake,” said Steven Effler, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer and

GOODALE TO THE HALL OF FAME!



In a May 31 ceremony in Princeton, NJ, Anna Goodale '05 was inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame, along with her boatmates from the gold-medal-winning US Olympic eight from the 2008 Beijing Games.

Kent Mitchell, chair of the NRF Hall of Fame Selection Committee, said: "The Class of 2014 embodies the achievement in performance, dedication, persistence and contribution to rowing necessary to earn this recognition. In 96 appearances over multiple years in Olympic Games and World Championship competition, these men and women have won 71 medals, 64 of them gold, and rowed their way into the grand finals 94% of the time. Hall of Fame induction standards are demanding, each of these honorees has met those standards by 'open water.'"





BACK TO BUSINESS

SU alums Mike Gennaro '11 and Natalie Mastracci '13 added to their medal collection at June's World Rowing Cup II in Lake Aiguebelette, France.



After an injury in the US men's eight, Gennaro stepped in and helped row the American eight to gold over Great Britain and Belarus. He won the bronze in the straight four, finishing behind Great Britain and Australia.

Mastracci rowed the seven seat of the Canadian women's eight, which won the silver. The US won, and Great Britain took the bronze. Mastracci also raced in the Canadian women's pair with Susanne Grainger. After reaching the podium in World Cup I, they finished out of the medals.

This year Gennaro finished fourth in the pair at the National Selection Regatta 2. His 2013 hardware haul included bronze in the straight four at the World Rowing Championship, gold in that event at the World Rowing Cup III, silver in the eight at the World Rowing Cup I and gold in the straight four at the USRowing National Championship.

Mastracci delivered that bronze medal performance in the pair with Grainger at the World Rowing Cup I in Australia in March. She had a stellar 2013 racing campaign in which she won silver in the women's four and bronze in the women's eight at the World Rowing Championship. That came after she won gold and bronze, respectively, in the same events at the World Rowing Cup III last July.

RECORD BREAKING

2014 SARA Men's Crew Endowment Campaign

On behalf of Syracuse Alumni Rowing Association and SU coaching staff, we would like to **THANK ALL** that contributed to the 2014 SARA Men's Crew Endowment campaign. Your financial support ensures the long term health and competitiveness of Syracuse men's rowing. As of June 30, the SARA Endowment has grown to over **\$270,000**. As this grows over time, the Endowment will provide an annual cash flow to the rowing program to fund a range of needs including coaching positions, equipment, away regattas, and facilities. We have targeted a goal of \$1 million in the next few years. Your continued support will allow us to achieve this goal.

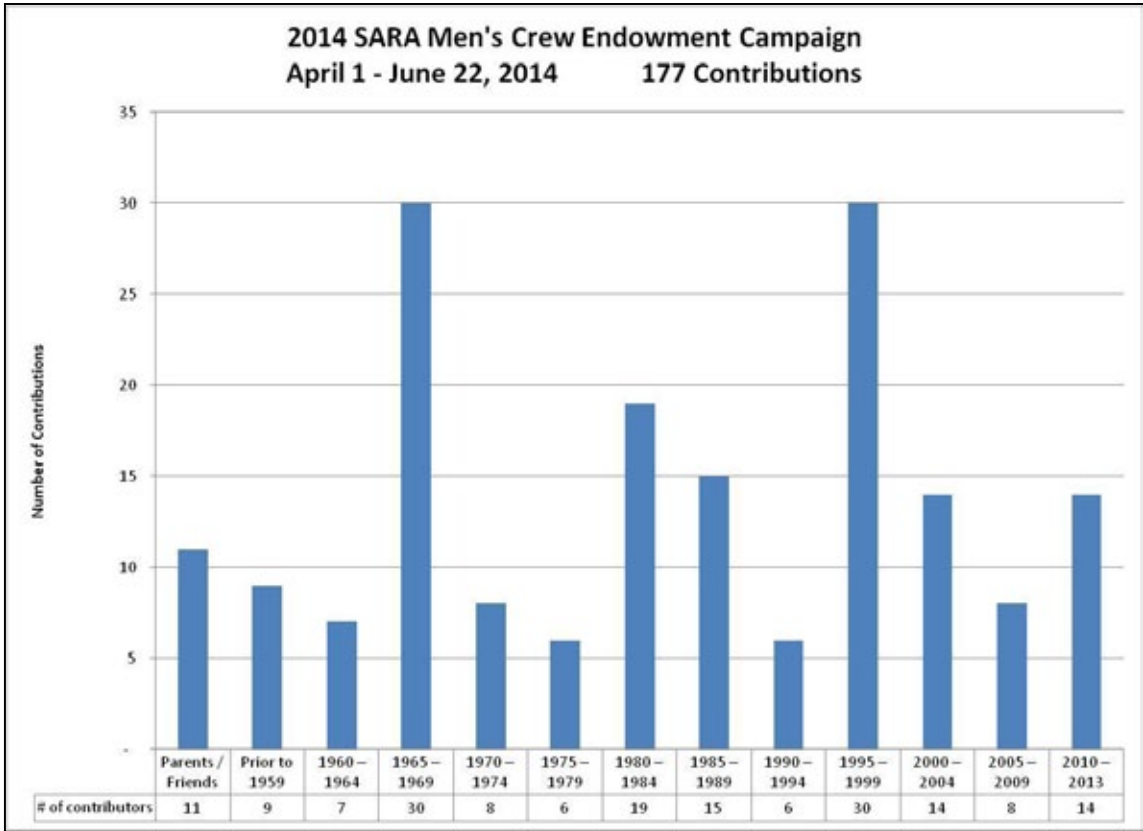
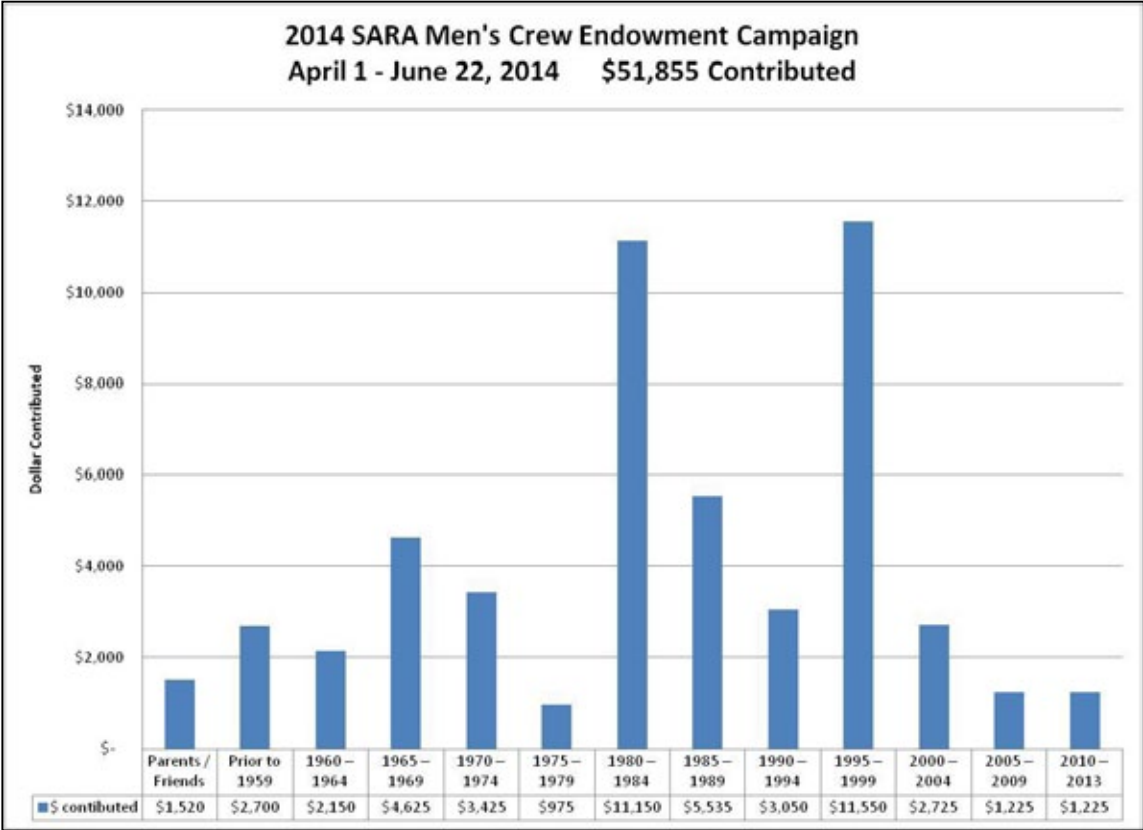
The 2014 SARA Endowment Campaign generated over **\$51,000** over a 2,000 hour or 83 day period. The **average donation just over \$300**, with several large leadership gifts received. We received over 35 contributions of \$500 or more and 14 contributions of \$1,000 or more. **177 alumni and friends** of Syracuse rowing contributed to the Endowment during this period. More impressively **47 class years** participated. We have exceeded last year's totals in dollars contributed, number of contributors and class years given – **all categories are campaign records**. Since its inception in 2010, **over 315 have contributed** to the SARA Endowment, **185 people have contributed more than once** and **68 people have contributed \$1,000 or more**. The cost of the campaign was funded by private donations or the SARA operating fund and is not from the SARA endowment.

This year's competition was particular fierce in dollars contributed and number of contributors. We had a photo finish between **1965-1969 and 1995-1999**. The younger class were on the drive at the line and won **\$11,500 to \$11,150**. Congratulations to both class grouping and great job to class captain's **Paul Dudzick '67 and Jason Premo'98** and their teams that made it happen. Participants from the winning class years are receiving a SU racing shirt!

Joe Kieffer '88
SARA President

Dave Reischman
SU Men's Head Coach

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your contribution to the Men's Crew Endowment. The Men's Endowment was established over in the Summer 2010 and has grown to over \$270,000 with over 315 alumni and friends contributing. Thank you again for all of support of Syracuse Men's Rowing and keeping them fast.

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THE KRIS SANFORD EQUIPMENT FUND



Your pledge will not only serve to honor Kris Sanford's contributions to the Syracuse Women's Rowing Team, it will serve to enhance the experience of the generation of women to come!

- **In February 2013 the S.U. women's team christened the first Kris Sanford Milburn shell.**
- **The Classes of 2002, 2011, 2012 and 2013 have donated shells.**
- **Three recently purchased four-oared shells honor S.U. Olympians.**

Who's next? Donations big and small help the team pursue its goal: a perennial competitor at the NCAA Championships.

For more information, contact Head Coach Justin Moore, jmoore06@syr.edu or **315-443-2336**.

BACKSPLASH

NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI



Class of '97 Mini-Reunion

When Kelley Smith Feranec '97 talks about her former teammates, she gets fired up.

When crew women (from right to left) Monica Lipscomb Smith '97, Shelly Puri '97, Kelley Smith Feranec '97, Marcia Furlonge '97, and Keisha Shirely '97, reunited recently to simply “catch-up”, they re-discovered what made each woman a true power-house, both as athletes and as individuals.

Monica, brilliant scientist and mom of two, graduated from SUNY ESF in 1997 and currently works with a national geospatial-intelligence agency in the area of food and water security.

Shelly Puri '97 is the amazing head of marketing communications for revolution foods, a fresh food company dedicated to providing children from K-12 access to healthy, affordable and all-natural meals. They also work with schools to provide nutrition education and have launched a line of healthy retail products that are available across the country. Learn more about Revolution Foods at <http://revolutionfoods.com/>

When not designing websites for the New York State Museum, Kelley shares her passion for fitness and health with others through spinning and fitness instruction. In addition to being the proudest inner-city tee-ball coach in the universe, her true passion lies with trying to keep up with three little super heroes of her own.

Marcia BS '97, MS '99 is part computer genius, part super-athlete who works as an SAP consultant by day and runs marathons by, well, during the day also. Her infectious smile and personality undoubtedly make the world a better place.

Wanting something more from the education system in her native country of Jamaica, super-mom Keisha worked together with her brother and sister to open the Nature School, a small

cooperative learning environment that, through teacher led investigations and self-directed study and play, aims to enrich the lives of underserved children in her community. In addition to the school, Keisha and her family also operate a Community Kitchen, providing healthy vegetarian meals and snacks for students with produce grown on the organic farm on the property. Students learn the “whole knowledge” of food, from how it’s grown and prepared through to how it affects the body.

This non-profit organization is just beginning to grow and needs your support. For more information, visit: <http://www.gofundme.com/af0310>

KELLEY SMITH FERANEC '97

JACK
NEWBY '82

Jack Newby '82, one of the members of the '78 IRA Championship boat, reports: “Sheri and I are moving again and our new e-mail address is: jsnewby11@gmail.com. We’re not exactly sure where we’re going to end up so feel free to invite us for a visit. We might just be cruising through the area.”



Photo (left to right): Coach Dave Reischman, Coach Bill Sanford and Chancellor Kent Syverud

SYVERUD TELLS SANFORD HOW IMPRESSED HE WAS

Bill Sanford '63, freshman coach from 1963-1967 and head coach from 1968-2002, reports: "I was invited to have coffee with the new Chancellor Kent Syverud. A half-hour turned into almost two hours. One of the subjects was The Mark of the Oarsman. SARA President Lynne Pascale had given him a copy at the Conlan Cup he attended last April. (He's the only chancellor to visit the boathouse since Mel Eggers when we had the celebration of the completion of the renovation of the boathouse project in 1988.) He's the only chancellor to see a race, probably ever. The chancellor is looking forward to reading the updated version (1960 to present) as soon as it comes out. I feel it can be a great recruiting

tool for parents and recruits if it shows the history and the great experiences rowers can have if they choose to attend Syracuse.

Chancellor Syverud told a story of how, on a rainy day, he was driving close to campus when he saw a student walking toward campus. He stopped and picked up the lad. He turned out to be a rower for SU. They had a great chat, and the chancellor was really taken by the outstanding character of the young man, his ability to communicate and express himself and the positive attitude he had about SU as a whole. All good stuff and certainly a good thing to have our team as a "model citizen" for the campus in the chancellor's eyes.



Photo: Alan with his wife Diane and Department Chairman Ken Thompson.

ALAN MORE '69

Reports that George Mason University recently honored Alan More, '69 of McLean, VA, with the 2014 Teaching Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty, the first

time adjuncts have been recognized. He has been teaching intelligence studies at Mason since retiring from a 32-year career in the US intelligence and national security communities in 2005. He has been tapped to teach a course on Anglo-American intelligence at Oxford University in England next summer, where he hopes to get in some rowing with our friends across the pond!

GLENN HEYER '00

Glenn Heyer, '00 of Baldwinsville, NY, who shared his new job in the April issue, reports: "We celebrated the birth of our second child, Finley Lorraine Heyer on 03/02/2014, 7.2lbs, 19.5" (*Below*). Her big brother Henry was very excited."





SARA Needs Your Involvement

SARA is exploring the ability to broadcast 2015 spring home races with a drone. If you have experience controlling / driving a drone and are interested in being involved in this effort - please contact Joe Kieffer '88 - at 267-228-1341 / jkieffer@email.com



IN MEMORIAM

JOHN MARTIN HILFINGER '77

John Martin Hilfinger, 58, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

“We have lost a very special member of our family,” said Bob Portmess '78. “He is the grandson of Martin Hilfinger, this year’s inductee into the Hall of Fame and 1913 IRA champion. Melinda Portmess was a relative of John’s and was key in the growth of women’s rowing at SU.”

“The Hilfinger name on both the men’s and women’s side is synonymous with greatness over the years of SU rowing,” said Bill Sanford '63, freshman coach from 1963-1967 and head coach from 1968-2002. “Had John not had disc problems in his lower back, he would have carried on the tradition.

Born in Beverly Hills, MI, to George and Kathleen Hilfinger, John received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the State University of New York at Syracuse in 1977 and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Michigan in 1984.

John spent 20 years with the pharmaceutical research firm Therapeutic System Research Laboratories (TSRL) Inc. He served as the crew coach for Huron High School in the early 2000s and was fond of family time at Tully Lake in New York, as well as multiple hobbies.

John is survived by his wife, Diane, four children and two siblings.

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