



Access

FROM *the* DIRECTOR



In January Syracuse University welcomed its 12th Chancellor, Kent Syverud, who joined us from Washington University in St. Louis. We knew from the start that we had found a kindred spirit when, during his welcome event on campus last September, he held up the five-volume history of SU and announced that he had already read all five volumes.

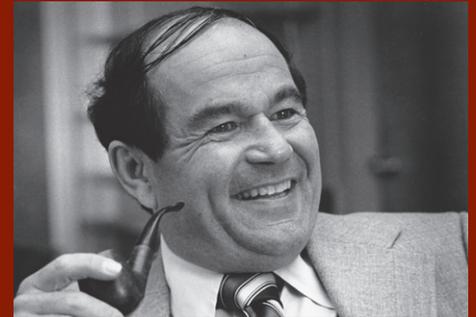
As with all areas of the University, Archives is here to help in any way we can. Lately we have been supporting News Services, Marketing and Communications, the Board of Trustees, SU Art Galleries, and Advancement as well as continuing our support to SU alumni, the media and the general public. But we are especially pleased to have been asked to support some of the information needs of the Office of the Chancellor since his arrival, including information about previous Chancellors, the Chancellor's residence, and the history of University bylaws.

The Chancellor's wife, Dr. Ruth Chen, visited our storage facility at the Hawkins Building for a quick visit and tour. She wrote, "It was eye opening to see all the boxes and material from the last two centuries arranged so orderly on the shelves. It is really reassuring to see them well organized and protected." Thank you for those words, Dr. Chen.

We look forward to future projects with Chancellor Syverud and Dr. Chen. We will be here when they need something else from our vast storehouse of University history. After all, it's what we do!

—Ed Galvin, *Director*

Burton Blatt Papers Finding Aid Gets a Facelift



Disability Rights Pioneer Burton Blatt (Archives Image 12-1145)

This past year, the Burton Blatt Papers finding aid on the Archives web site underwent a major overhaul. The finding aid and its accompanying online resources were replaced by one EAD (Encoded Archival Description) finding aid, which was launched in December and now can be found here: archives.syr.edu/collections/fac_staff/sua_blatt_b.htm The old web pages had separate sections for his biography, digitized materials, and other information. The new finding aid brings all this information together in one place and links to the digitized items where they appear in the papers themselves.

A professor, administrator and author, Burton Blatt (1927-1985) was a renowned figure in the field of special education who passionately advocated for the rights of people with cognitive disabilities. His 1966 work, *Christmas in Purgatory*, a photographic essay exposing inhumane conditions in state institutions, gained him national attention. In 1969, he became both a professor and the director of the Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation at SU's School of Education. Just two years later, he founded the Center on Human Policy (now the Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies), a Syracuse University research and advocacy organization that promoted causes for people with

Mystery Photo

How much do you really notice architectural elements as you walk around campus? Here are the fanlights and broken pediments over the doors of several buildings. Can you identify the buildings? Visit our web site, archives.syr.edu, to find out where they are and for more photographs and information.



100 Years Ago in *The Syracuse Daily Orange*

February 21, 1914

REVIVAL OF SPIRIT IN ANNUAL SNOW RUSH

**Sophomores Awarded Victory After 10 Minutes
Fierce Fighting. About 50 Members of Each Class Participate –
Announcement of Senior Council Brings Out Large Number –
Sophomore Foresters Cut Classes in a Body – 1916 Makes Good
Record in Underclass Contests**

The sophomore class were victorious over the freshmen yesterday morning in the most spirited snow rush that has been held in several years. About 50 members of each class gathered in front of Liberal Arts at 10 o'clock and for ten minutes struggled fiercely for supremacy in the deep snow between the walks leading down to University Avenue. A whistle blown at the end of the 10-minute period caused the hostilities to cease and it was then ascertained that the sophomores had succeeded in capturing more freshmen than vice versa. The Senior Council thereupon officially awarded 1916 the rush.

The greatly increased interest in this affair was due to the announcement made by the Senior Council recently that unless 20 members of each class were present no rush would be held. Until a few minutes before 10 very few freshmen and no sophomores were on the scene of the battle and it looked as though no rush would be held. The freshmen gradually increased their numbers and all of the sophomore



SU Snow Rush ca. 1912 (Archives Image 10-1178)

foresters cut classes, making it possible for the rush to be held. A sharp contrast to the contest of last year was remarked by the onlookers, for then only about ten sophomores and fifteen freshmen participated, the freshmen winning.

This is the last official rush for the 1916 men and during the past two years they have made a very good record.

Last year they were victorious in the flour and salt rushes and after losing the football rush tied the game, 0 to 0. Last fall was the first time in years that a freshmen class failed to win a decisive victory in the flour rush. At the time it was declared a draw, the winner of the salt rush on the following day to be awarded the flour rush also.

The football rush and game were disastrous for the sophomores, as the first year men carried off the honors in both. The victory yesterday, however, was a fitting climax to the list of underclass clashes.

Exhibitions and Displays

Visit the Archives online exhibition pages at archives.syr.edu/exhibits/

Crouse-Hinds Hall
Until Summer 2014
Wish You Were Here: Vintage Postcards from the SU Archives

Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center
Until Summer 2014
Rowing at Syracuse University

Lubin House (New York City)
Until Summer 2014
Canines on Campus

Exhibition Highlight: *A virtual, interactive timeline of Pan Am 103 events*

A comprehensive timeline of events relating to the bombing of Pan Am 103 has been compiled by the Pan Am 103 Archives. The timeline provides condensed captions summarizing the events that span the last 25 years. Most events also have a relevant image, document or video attached; these are all part of the Archives' collections and provide additional information for those who would like to explore an event in detail. Also included in the timeline are lists of related collections contained in the Archives so that researchers may better understand how our materials may be used for scholarship. The timeline will continue to be updated as new events in the Pan Am 103 saga unfold.



The timeline may be found online at archives.syr.edu/panam/timeline.html

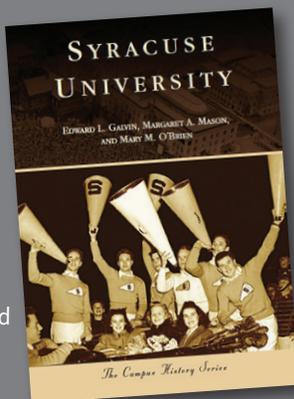
Recent **Additions**

Since the previous newsletter Archives has received many new additions to its collections including:

- Class of 1957 beanie of Fred Sliter, donated by his wife Judy Sliter
- *History of the Stained Glass Windows in Huntington Hall*, by Joyce Kiskadden, 2013
- Pan Am 103 materials from Ian Hessenberg, who taught several of the SU victims in London
- Addition to the papers of Franklin E. Morris, Music
- Blueprints and drawings for Camp Sagamore in the Adirondacks, formerly owned by SU
- Photograph collection from SU Publications Office
- Decal of the Saltine Warrior from John A. Couri '63
- Photographs and other materials relating to Pan Am 103 victims Eric and Jason Coker from Michael Toole '90
- Minutes of the University Senate
- Joel Bostick Architectural Plans
- Records of Center for Career Services, formerly Syracuse University Internship Program (SUIP)
- Materials from Assembly on University Governance

History of SU

Syracuse University, a pictorial book about the history of SU, can be purchased at the Syracuse University Bookstore, independent and online retailers, as well as through Arcadia Publishing. Written by three Archives staff - Ed Galvin, Meg Mason, and Mary O'Brien - the book has over 200 images of Syracuse University, spanning over 140 years of University history, starting in 1870. A portion of the profits from sales of the book will be used to support the work of the SU Archives.



New Digs for ARM Staff at Hawkins

Since 2001 ARM staff and student workers at our off-campus storage facility in the Hawkins Building have worked on a daily basis in what can only be described as a hallway. This hallway, which runs alongside our Archives and Records Management stacks, is a busy traffic route for the building: it is not only the direct path for Library staff to access one of their storage areas, but it is also a route for other Hawkins staff to get from one side of the building to the other. As an “added attraction,” our environmental control unit is in the same space, noisily running 24/7. We all knew that it was far from ideal and we needed to find a more conducive office environment for ARM staff.

Then in 2012 we heard that Bulk Distribution was consolidating their operation to the other side of Hawkins and that their former room, which abuts ours, would be vacant. We put in a bid for the space and were pleased when we got it.

So began the renovation: the floors were cleaned, the walls were painted, and new phone and data lines were put in place. A new connecting door was cut through the wall between the original Archives space and this room, allowing access between the two. Finally, new cubicles were installed, and in January staff made the short trek from Room 135 to their new home in Room 140. Kathy Pieri says “Larry Mead and I are enjoying our new space and really appreciate all the time and effort that Ed and all those involved have put into this project.”

Room 140 offers Larry and Kathy their first opportunity in well over 10 years to have their own personal spaces. We have been able to set up a break room as well and even have a small space for the temporary storage of some Archives materials.

It has been a long time coming but so far it seems well worth the wait.



The way we were...



The way we are...

Building Our History: The Carriage House

In 1914 Mrs. Russell Sage donated \$30,000 to construct three barns as part of the University Farm on what is now South Campus. The barns were designed and built by the James Manufacturing Company of Wisconsin. The Carriage House is the only original barn still extant. In 1977, the first floor was converted to a bookstore and the Office of Residence Life moved into the second floor. In 1991 the building became headquarters of what is now FIXit, the University's Housing and Food Service Maintenance. The building still boasts the original 100-year-old Jamesway metal cupolas. The Archives maintains a listing of SU buildings, past and present, on our website at archives.syr.edu/buildings/. We regularly update and expand the information we have online.



Carriage House

Working in the Archives: An Undergraduate Student's Perspective

Meghan Durling is a SU senior majoring in history who has been working in the Archives since she was a first-year student. Like other students who work for us over several years, Meghan has done all kinds of tasks. She has picked up and delivered materials all over campus, boxed and foldered archival collections, and sorted and filed portraits of alumni, faculty and staff. She has helped us set up displays and has even sat at the Archives table at Orange Central and chatted with alumni about being in the Color Guard. Meghan has done mundane tasks, too, such as stuffing our holiday cards into envelopes. Here Meghan herself shares more about her experience at the Archives.

Being a history major, I thought that working in an archives would be the perfect work study job for me, and I was right. Over the course of the four years I have worked in the Syracuse University Archives, I have had the opportunity to work with many different aspects of the history of Syracuse University and have assisted in many of the day-to-day tasks of preserving that history for generations of Orangemen and women to enjoy. I have worked at least 10 hours a week every semester since my freshman year and even spent this past summer working there full-time. Whether I'm scanning images or documents for online exhibits, from the Pan Am 103 Archives, or for the Archives' book that was written for Arcadia Publishing, or assisting with the processing of different collections, I have been able to see SU history in a way that most students here never get to experience.

One of the many things I do in the Archives is research for reference requests. There have been many different queries over the years, but some of my favorites are genealogy requests, in which people are looking for their parents, grandparents, great grandparents or other relatives who might be alumni. Among the many resources I use to search for these people, I first start in the Syracuse University



Archives student employee Meghan Durling

directories that we have here in the Archives. The directories hold lists of almost every SU student going back to 1906. I can also go and look for them in the *Onondagans*, where there might be a picture of them or even a list of the activities that they had done in their time here.

I enjoy looking through the old *Onondagans* and directories. Being a student myself, it is interesting to see how much Syracuse University has changed throughout the years, and how the students have changed as well. The directories have information about where the students used to live, what majors used to be popular, and so on. However, it is also interesting to see what has not changed within the University. For example, students both then and now were and are very involved in many different kinds of campus activities, whether it be Greek life, athletics, or music. Syracuse University students have always been very active in the campus community.

Farewell Susan!

We are sorry to have to say farewell to processing archivist Susan Hughes. Susan left the Syracuse University Archives in February to take the position of Archive Manager at CXTec in North Syracuse. Susan joined us in 2010 to help us deal with a large backlog of unprocessed records at our Hawkins storage facility. She also worked on small exhibitions of Archives materials and took on the project of completing the research and writing of our web pages for all current University buildings. She was working on our former or "lost" buildings when she left. Her work can be found at archives.syr.edu/buildings/

We wish her all the best and want her to know that she will always be part of the Archives extended family.



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disabilities. The School of Education named Blatt dean in 1976, and he immediately initiated significant reforms, including a reorganization of the school.

Blatt died suddenly at the age of 57 in 1985. His work lives on, though, especially through the Burton Blatt Institute, an organization that advances the empowered participation of people with disabilities within our shared global society.

Totalling 121 boxes, or 75 linear feet, the Burton Blatt Papers date between 1948 and 2006, though most of the materials are from the 1950s through the mid-1980s. The collection contains writings, correspondence, audio and video recordings, research notes, photographs and other materials related to Blatt's influential work in special education and advocacy for people with disabilities.

Most of the Blatt Papers were donated by Ethel Blatt, his wife, with an additional donation from Louis Heifetz, an SU colleague of Blatt's. In 2006, the papers were processed by two graduate students—an extensive project made possible through generous funding from the Burton Blatt Institute. Significantly, hundreds of materials from the collection, including writings, photographs, and audiovisual materials, were digitized, making many of Blatt's works widely accessible for the first time. Finally, last year, Sean Molinaro G'13 did an impressive job in taking on the massive task of putting the EAD finding aid together.

STAFF Outreach

- **Ed Galvin** was one of the speakers at SU's Remembrance Scholar Convocation, and he and Cara Howe attended the 25th Pan Am 103 Memorial Cairn Service at Arlington National Cemetery.
- **Meg Mason** joined the SU Managers Roundtable, whose mission is to share knowledge of University resources and to interact with managers from other units.
- **Cara Howe** spoke to the SU Collections Management class (MUS 607).
- **Cara Howe** and **Meg Mason** attended digital archives workshops given by the Society of American Archivists: Digital Curation and Preserving Digital Archives.
- **Ed Galvin** spoke about WWII and the GI Bill to the Syracuse Chapter of the English-Speaking Union.

UPDATE: *The Pan Am Flight 103 Story Archives Collection*

In our last edition of *Access* we announced a new project for the Pan Am 103 Archives called *Telling the Stories: The Pan Am Flight 103 Story Archives Project*. *Telling the Stories* was so successful that it has become The Pan Am Flight 103 Story Archives Collection, and we will continue the work of gathering narratives from those who have personal knowledge of Pan Am Flight 103 for the foreseeable future. These stories may include memories of the 270 people who lost their lives in the bombing, the days immediately following the disaster, the effect the bombing had on individuals, local communities and nations, and how Pan Am 103 has shaped the world we live in today.

The collection includes traditional oral histories captured on video. These videos are available in their entirety in the Archives on campus but will never be published in full. Only a short one or two minute clip is being provided on the Archives' website so researchers may preview the content of



Cara Howe interviews John Boyd in Dumfries, Scotland

the interview. We currently have over 40 oral histories in our collection.

As we are currently unable to collect oral histories remotely, the Archives has decided to expand the collection to include written narratives so that those who would like to participate, but are unable to come to Syracuse, may still submit their stories. To find out how to submit a written narrative please visit archives.syr.edu/panam/story_archives/.

To schedule an oral history session or to ask questions please contact Assistant Archivist Cara Howe at pa103archives@syr.edu or 315-443-0632.

New Victims Web Pages for the Pan Am 103 Archives

Since Cara Howe began in her role as Assistant Pan Am 103 Archivist at Syracuse University in 2011, we have received 97 donations of materials, ranging in size from one photograph to over 20 cartons of materials. We are very pleased with the response we have received, especially since beginning our materials drive this past fall, Cara has also been working continuously on adding these new items to our collection and updating our website to reflect the changes that are constantly being made. The website is finally completely updated and accurately reflects the materials we hold. These new additions have resulted in 115 victims being represented on our website. For some, this means an extensive collection donated by friends and family, while for others it means being mentioned only in another collection. We have done our best to make it clear where information on each of these 115 victims may be found. Each victim's page now either has a printable PDF available that lists their collection and/or related materials or they have a formal EAD finding aid, indicating that the

collection has been processed.

While we are very proud of the changes we've made and pleased with the amount of materials we have received over the last three years, we still strive to have all 270 victims represented in our holdings. If you, or someone you know, has materials to donate please contact Cara Howe at pa103archives@syr.edu or 315-443-0632.



Photos added to the Thomas Joseph Ammerman Family Papers provide a look at the devastation in and around Lockerbie in the days immediately following the crash. (Archives Image 13-0630)

Archives Accepts New Donations

The SU Archives averages about 200 new accessions annually. Many of these are of scholarly interest or document the inner workings of SU's departments, schools, and colleges. We provide a list of some of these in each newsletter, but some are more interesting and warrant a few words. As always we thank the donors who keep the Archives fresh and the past alive.

Scrapbook and Beanie

Janet Schmitt McKenna '63 has generously donated two items to the SU Archives in the past several months. During Orange Central this past October, she stopped by the Archives table to donate a beanie her husband found in a shop and bought for her. In January Janet mailed us a scrapbook she kept when she was a student at SU. It spans from 1962 to 1963, while she was completing her senior year. Janet kept all kinds of things in her scrapbook. It includes many photographs of friends, her sorority and events she attended. There are letters, birthday cards, dried flowers, some school work, ticket stubs and other sports memorabilia. She also kept University documents about her enrollment, housing, and class schedule as well as student handbooks and brochures. Janet's scrapbook is a true smorgasbord of the SU student experience!



The Promethean

In January Mark Lipton '67 donated a first issue of *The Promethean* to the SU Archives. Dated May 3, 1965, the paper is in great condition. The Archives has issues of *The Promethean*, a student campus newspaper that served as an independent alternative to *The Daily Orange*. Our issues date between 1965 and 1970, but we discovered we didn't already have the first issue. So we are very grateful to Mark for his copy!

