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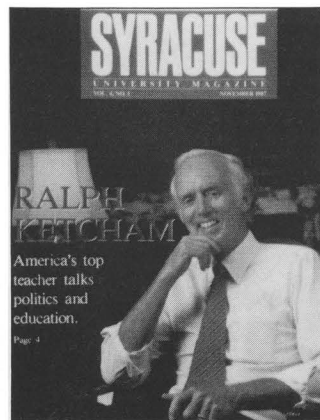
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"IN" BASKET Readers write

Model Citizen



The interview with Ralph Ketcham ["The Best," November 1987] was great! He describes perfectly my ideals and why I went to Maxwell for my MPA.

I forced my husband, who teaches history, to read the interview and have made copies for friends in government and politics. Ketcham is right. There is a responsibility that goes with citizenship that has been lost over the years.

T. C. Ferrito '82
Angola, New York

For the Good of Humanities

Reading the [August 1987] issue, I had the uncomfortable feeling that instruction in the humanities does not take place at Syracuse. Graduates like me, who benefited so much from such outstanding teachers as the late George P. Elliott, might search in vain for some sign that the magazine of their alma mater respected all kinds of endeavors at the University.

Lyn Camire Tisdale '80
Baltimore

The August issue was devoted to technology, but other recent editions have featured new professorships in philosophy, Jewish studies,

and the fine arts; new relationships between the liberal arts and professional training; the new University Writing Program; and a new dean of arts and sciences who is himself a philosophy scholar.

The College of Arts and Sciences' newsletter, Connections, is available from the dean's office. It is a good source of detailed information on the humanities and other liberal arts at Syracuse.

Sexists?

Also about our August 1987 issue, devoted to high-tech collaborative research . . .

Leafing through it, I had the vague feeling that it looked more like the alumni publications I used to get 30 years ago; then I examined your graphics and realized why. In your photos, I counted some 50 men and six women; in your illustrative art, 20 men and one woman.

Even though male graduates, speakers, and faculty members are clearly doing great things, I'm sure there are a few women connected with Syracuse who are doing things worth writing about.

Margaret Bloch Eisen '54
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania

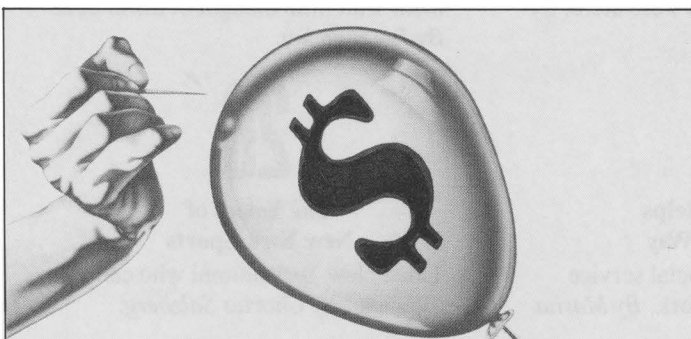
How about, in the *next* issue, being as lopsided in the *other* direction, e.g. 49 pages telling us about females to 1 on males?

Dorothy Woodworth '45
Palo Alto, California

The pictures and illustrations . . . lead me to question SU's commitment to quality education and to role models for its women students. . . . Come on Syracuse. You can do better than that!

Mary L. Hueur Roark '61
Plattsburgh, New York

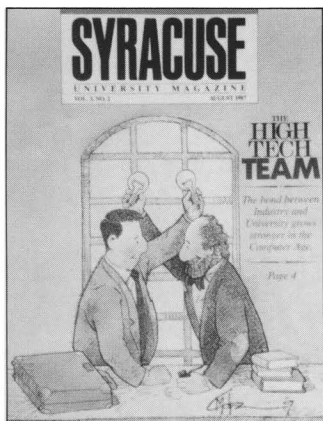
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ture the "spirit of industry-University collaboration." Two self-satisfied men holding the light of progress over each other's heads? Are not women part of the spirit? What about the many women who have worked hard to become decision-makers and not subordinates?

Ellen F. Foley '67
Norwell, Massachusetts

Women hold up half the sky. Open your eyes, find them, and please "close the sexual gap" quickly.

Patricia Manuel '73
Eureka, California

The story of technological research conducted by SU and industry is an important one that deserved to be told. We believe we told it well.

It is a sad fact, however, that computer science and engineering are fields still dominated by men, owing to social biases of decades past. Our story reflected that; we made no effort to artificially infuse the story with a female presence that our research failed to uncover. We hope that women rise to greater influence in technological fields and that a sequel to the story, written five years in the future, would demonstrate better balance.

In the meantime, this magazine, while attempting to accurately reflect the subjects it covers, also hopes to reflect the institution that produces it. To those readers who found the gender imbalance of the August issue offensive, we apologize. Syracuse, one of the first universities to admit large numbers of women into meaningful programs, remains progressive and vigorous in its liberalization of gender roles. This magazine, taken as a whole, reflects that.

NOW Men

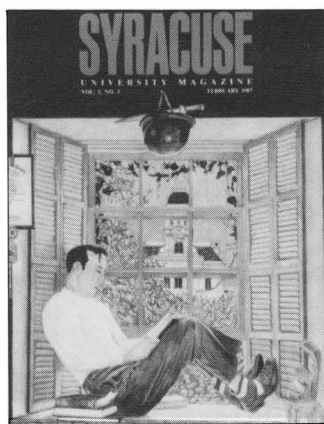
About our August 1987 story on Robert Seidenberg, National Organization of Women (NOW) chapter president in Syracuse . . .

The statement, "And so he became the first male member of NOW," is probably not accurate. . . . By October 1966, at [NOW's] founding convention, there were more than 300 charter members, many of them male. Just who was the first male to join is thus, in 1988, hard to determine. . . .

Interestingly, when I went to my first NOW meeting in the spring of 1976 (having joined in August 1974), the first person to greet me was the then-co-president of the South Hills [Pennsylvania] chapter, Greg Dillensnyder. Thus, male NOW chapter presidents are not a new phenomenon. Three members of the National Board elected at the founding convention were male, and other men served subsequently. . . .

Gerald D. Blum
Pittsburgh

Blum is treasurer of the Pennsylvania division of NOW. Since writing, he has done further research: Records neither confirm nor disprove our statement.



Veteran Friends

About our article, "Once the War Was Over," February 1987 . . .

It wasn't just the University that stretched itself to accommodate the returning veterans. A lot of us unmarried veterans lived in private rooming houses near the campus.

I had lived in Jennie Whalen's

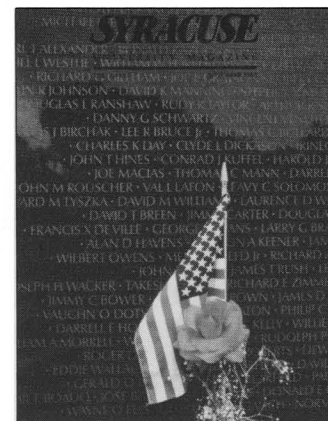
house at 607 University Avenue when I first went to Syracuse, and when I returned after the war she took me back in, along with a lot of other men who had lived with her before they went into the service. Once upon a time she'd had a dozen or so roomers in big, airy bedrooms on the first and second floors; from 1945 through 1949 she had nearly 30.

It wasn't easy. Nearly a dozen of us slept in the unheated attic and studied in small, ill-lighted rooms right off the attic. The rooms downstairs were more comfortable, but just as crowded. And there were only two bathrooms. Still, we were warm and dry. . . .

Ma, as everybody called her, was both wise and cheerful, and she bore with us. She was no sentimentalist. She treated us like men and expected us to treat her like the lady she was. But she always called us her boys.

. . . For me—and probably for a couple hundred other alumni—Ma Whalen and her big house were as important a part of postwar University life as Crouse College, the Colgate game, and prefabs.

Bill Branche '49
New York City



And Vietnam Vets

You might be interested in knowing that the November 1985 issue of *Syracuse University Magazine*, whose theme was "To Heal a Nation," wound up as a primary resource in a unit my wife put together for her sixth graders on the topic of Veterans Day. She set aside several of the articles and was particularly attracted to the coverage of the Vietnam war memorial, with its excellent pictures.

John A. Davis '64
Pullman, Washington

SU Crossword

The solution to Stan Kurzban's SU crossword, printed on page 48 of this issue . . .

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