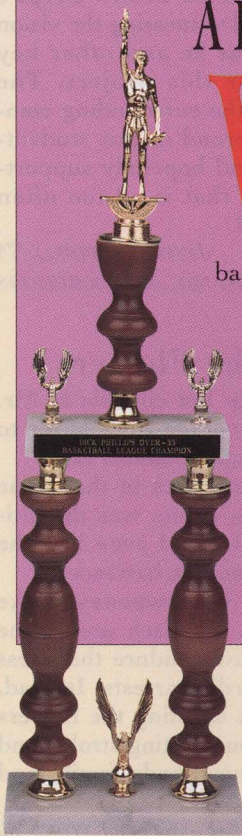


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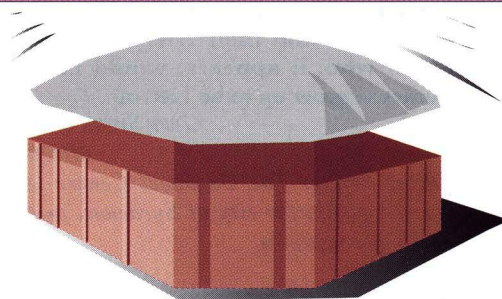
While Dick Phillips is best known as dean of Hendricks Chapel, some members of the campus community have always been more impressed with his ability to shoot a basketball. A lunchtime regular in pickup games at Flanagan Gymnasium and a perennial intramural participant, Phillips used his basketball prowess to help his team to the most recent Syracuse University Over 35 Basketball League championship. At the April 27 banquet celebrating the victory, Phillips announced his roundball retirement. "I've always said I'd play until 60, and as of April 19, that's what I am," said Phillips. "I decided it was time to stop exposing myself to the risk of injury. I've torn a knee ligament and broken my nose three times over the years."

Phillips will continue to have a place in the Over 35 League—as of last spring, each year's winning team will be awarded the Richard "Dick" Phillips Trophy.



"My goal in life was always to have a job, a family, and a home. I have all those, so now I can set more goals."

—Greg Walker, schoolteacher, 1991 graduate, and member of SU's 1987 freshman football class, which graduated 63 percent of its members, topping the national average for all Division I athletes by six percent.



New Lid for SU's Big Top?

It costs the average homeowner about \$5,000 to replace his or her roof. It could run the University more than \$10 million to do the same to the fiberglass-covered Carrier Dome.

The 6.5-acre, 220-ton Teflon-coated roof has served the Carrier Dome well for 14 years, but age and added stress from record snowfalls have prompted officials to

investigate replacement possibilities atop Central New York's most identifiable landmark.

"There's no danger of any imminent collapse of the roof, but we need to start planning for down the road," says senior vice president for facilities administration Harvey Kaiser. "It may be three to five years before this is completed."

GENERATION A

Novelist Kurt Vonnegut, whose 18 books include *Slaughterhouse Five* and *Cat's Cradle*, delivered SU's 140th commencement address on May 8 in the Carrier Dome and dubbed a graduating class of 5,186 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree recipients as Generation A.

"Well, the media do us all such tremendous favors when they call you Generation X, right? Two clicks from the very end of the alphabet," said Vonnegut. "I hereby declare you Generation A, as much at the beginning of a series of astonishing triumphs and failures as Adam and Eve were so long ago."

The College of Law celebrated its 98th commencement a week later with an address from Delaware senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., four-term Congressman, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and 1968 graduate of SU's College of Law. Biden appealed to the nation's need for public service.

"If you feel no sense of public obligation today," said Biden, "you face a need for personal re-examination far more urgent than the need to prepare for any bar examination."

Among this year's law graduates was Biden's son, Joseph R. (Beau) Biden.



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book published by Syracuse University Press may eventually appear in a movie theater near you. Film rights to *The Congressman Who Got Away With Murder*, written by Nat Brandt and released in 1991 by SU Press, were purchased by Francis Ford Coppola's production company, American Zoetrope, and Columbia Pictures.



Norman and Norris Mailer are writing the screenplay. The book concerns Congressman Daniel Sickles, who in 1859 shot

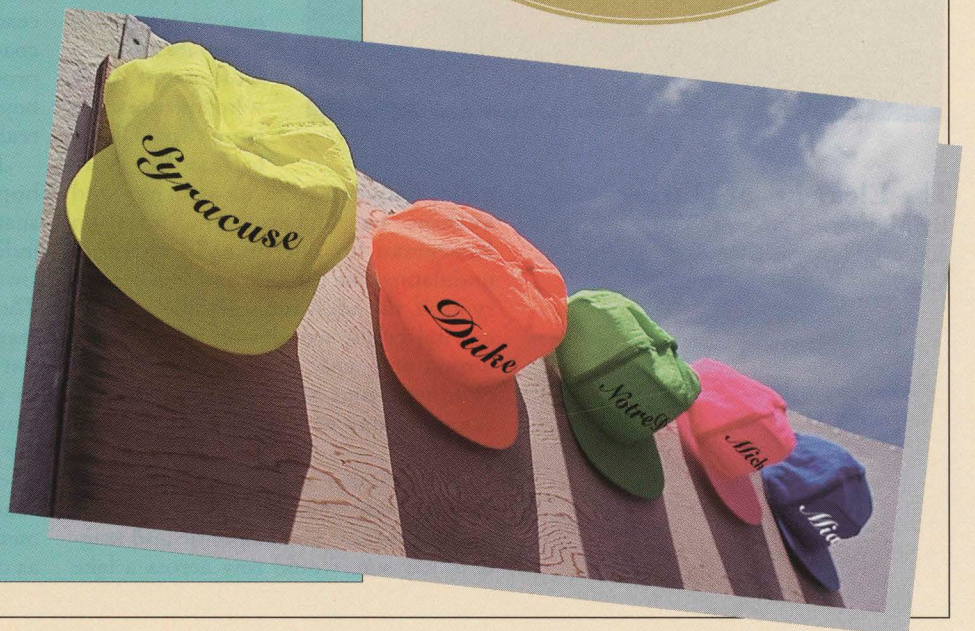
and killed Philip Barton Key, United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia and son of Francis Scott Key, in a rage over an affair Key had with Sickles's wife. Sickles was subsequently acquitted in court. His defense was based upon a plea of temporary insanity, the first successful use of that argument in American legal history. SU Press recently released a paperback version of the book.

BACHELOR OF DURABLE GOODS

As the number of college-bound students has dwindled in the nineties, consumers and college admissions offices have each become significantly more aggressive. Parents are shopping for the best school at the right price. In response, greater financial aid packages are being offered at colleges and universities nationwide.

David C. Smith, SU's dean of admissions and financial aid, addressed the subject in the March/April issue of *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*: "Colleges have entered the same level of marketplace now as durable goods, with the consumer asking, 'Am I getting what I'm paying for?' We used to hear about education as a

good investment; now we hear about higher education as just one more necessary expenditure; so people shop—and aggressively—for price comparisons among colleges of similar perceived quality."



Average Faculty Salaries 1993-94



	Full Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Harvard University	\$100,900	\$55,900	\$50,000
Duke University	\$85,400	\$58,400	\$45,900
Cornell University	\$78,700	\$56,200	\$48,200
Boston College	\$78,400	\$56,900	\$49,600
Syracuse University	\$64,800	\$47,500	\$39,400
University of Florida	\$61,300	\$43,000	\$39,900
Rochester Institute of Technology	\$56,800	\$47,600	\$41,700

Source: *The Chronicle of Higher Education*