



GOOD JOB

Congratulations on another fine issue. Your magazine has to be among the best alumni publications in the United States. I have requested additional copies to share with our publications people here.

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I just finished sorting through the pile of mail not forwarded to my summer address. Most of it I discarded, and the rest I put in piles to look at later. In the process, the latest issue of *Syracuse University Magazine* fell open—and I fell in. I've just completed reading it cover to cover. Wonderful—the design, coverage, color, the writing (so to the point). It delighted me.

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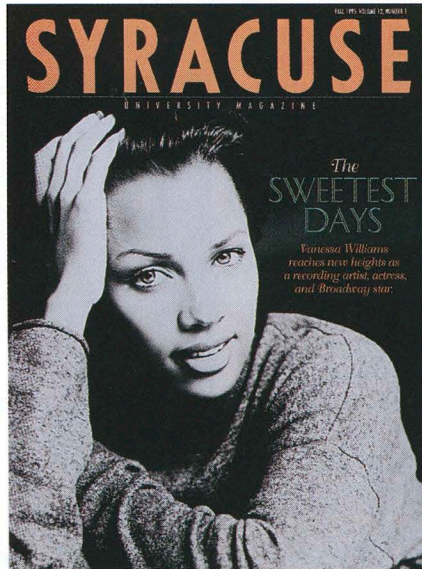
The Fall 1995 issue shows that *Syracuse University Magazine* is definitely heading in the right direction. For some time I have felt that the focus of the magazine left the impression that SU is a very large state institution with low admissions standards and easy academics, and where sports and partying are the major pre-occupations.

Everything in the magazine, directly or indirectly, should strive to correct this image. Of course, success on the playing fields is very important and I wouldn't want any changes, except more success. After all, it is one of the few activities that gets the name of the University in the press.

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FORD FANS

As deputy counselor for political affairs during the Ford administration, I was pleased to see John Robert Greene's *The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford* reviewed in the Fall 1995 issue. Having participated in and observed many of the events recounted, I consider Greene's book well researched, well written, and his



conclusions fair. I commend this book to anyone interested in an objective analysis of this oft-ignored period of American political history.

JOHN T. CALKINS '49
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I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the Fall 1995 issue of *Syracuse University Magazine*. Of particular interest to me was the article "The Accidental President," concerning the brief time Gerald Ford served as president of the United States. As a result of reading the article, I phoned the University Press of Kansas to purchase *The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford* by John Robert Greene. I commend your reviewer, Ronald G. Shaiko G'82, for his fine article about the book.

I have enjoyed many other articles in the alumni magazine and congratulate each person involved in producing it.

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PICTURE PERFECT

I just completed reading the Fall 1995 issue of *Syracuse University Magazine*—a great issue!

In particular I enjoyed the "Syracuse University Life" photo feature, which included a picture of four ROTC cadets "swarming" LTC James Anderson. The young man on the right is Brian Carl Bane, Class of '97. He is my

grandson and that of my wife (Virginia Carl Dodge '41), and the son of Gail Dodge Bane '65. You may sense a Syracuse University family here!

The photo essay was very interesting for those of us not able to visit the campus very often. It lets us see how our alma mater is developing while trying to remember how it was 50 years ago!

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The "Syracuse University Life" photo essay allowed me a patient stroll down memory lane and an opportunity to take notice of the extraordinary changes in student appearance since I departed SU some 18 years ago.

As I looked at the photos, especially the Wine Appreciation class, I noticed something was very different, but I couldn't put my finger on it. I agonized over the question as I studied the photo time and again. Then it dawned on me. The hats. Nearly every other male head was covered with a hat!

It occurred to me that back in 1977, a baseball hat hardly made a fashion statement. In fact, a head covered by a cap (do we even call them "caps" now?) usually meant "no time for a shower today." But now, apparently, hats are to male student dress what blue jeans were in my day—a staple, an institution, a must.

One must wonder what's next on the campus fashion horizon. Gloves worn inside out? Socks over shoes? The prospects abound!

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CORRECTION:

In the Fall 1995 article on SU's College of Law, the photos were identified incorrectly. The color photo is of a group of current law students. The black-and-white photo is of a group of law students from 1902.