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DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Bless the Syracuse Blue and Orange! As a kid growing up in the Bronx in the shadow of Yankee Stadium you can understand why I was a big sports fan. As kids did in those days, we had a sports and social club named the Spartans SAC.

In '39 or '40 the Syracuse football team came to Yankee Stadium to play NYU. The only name I remember is Bunky Morris, a drop-kick specialist. I didn't have the price of admission, nor were my folks about to give me the money. I put on my blue-and-orange Spartans jacket and walked over to Yankee Stadium about two hours before game time. Just as I arrived, the SU Marching Band (Fall 2000 issue) pulled up in a bus. As they entered through the right-field bullpen entrance, I offered to help the bass drummer carry his drum, and thankfully he accepted my offer. As we walked in I was given a suspicious look by the gatekeeper. I motioned with my thumb to my blue-and-orange jacket, which he accepted, and I was in! I helped the drummer to his seat, thanked him, and went looking for a place to watch the game.

I honestly don't remember the score of the game, but I think "we" won. I never dreamed that 10 to 11 years later, after graduating high school and soldiering in World War II, I'd attend and then graduate from the same Blue and Orange of SU.

MARVIN BAER '50
LAGOA, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

Editor's note: The SU football team defeated NYU at Yankee Stadium in 1940 and 1941, winning 47-13 in 1940, and 31-0 in 1941.

MEMORABLE YEARS

I recently received your Winter 2000-01 issue. I am deeply impressed with its format and creative writing. I particularly enjoyed the various photos of campus life.

I originally arrived in Syracuse December 7, 1943, as an aviation cadet of the U.S. Air Corps. I returned in September 1949 as a junior in business administration. I met my future wife at Syracuse University while taking a summer course. This year we will have been married 50 years. We have three children and seven grandchild-



dren. Our youngest daughter, Sally, also attended Syracuse.

SU has certainly done a lot for me and brought me good luck. My years there were memorable, exciting, and enjoyable.

ADRIAN C. LINCOLN JR. '50
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Oh, the memories of Dr. Mary Marshall! Hearing her name uttered with reverence from the time I was a freshman;

Sitting in her Shakespeare class, knowing I'd better be prepared, for she was in the habit of calling on anyone at any time;

Feeling flattered when she invited me to her office for a private chat and telling her I was going to be an English teacher;

Writing 21 pages on her final exam—a record high for my four years at SU;

Observing her stately presence at the Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony;

Listening to her speak at a Panhellenic luncheon and hearing her admonition that the "fund" of good health we were enjoying was finite. We must make the most of each day.

True, but the influence of a great teacher is infinite. Thank you, Dr. Marshall.

LOIS FINKELSTEIN HOFFMAN '63
NORTH BELLMORE, NEW YORK

I was surprised and saddened to see an obituary for Dr. Mary Hatch Marshall. She had been my beloved professor of

English when I was an undergraduate. She was so brilliant and inspirational that I ended up taking any and every course she offered, majoring in English and becoming a high school English teacher myself. I send my condolences to her family and to all of us who treasured her unforgettable, energetic, inspirational style of teaching.

DOTTIE BURMAN '55
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GREEKS OVERLOOKED

How does *Syracuse University Magazine* go about doing a wonderful piece on SU's 130-year history ("A Historical Look at The Hill," Winter 2000-01 issue) and not so much as have a single picture of anything having to do with the Greek system? SU's Greek life has been around for more than 125 years and to not give it any mention is truly reprehensible.

PETER CHYNOWETH '86
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COED QUARTERS

I thoroughly enjoy each issue of *Syracuse University Magazine*. I am inclined to correct what may be a factual error in the Winter 2000-01 issue. In the wonderful coverage of John Robert Greene's pictorial biography of SU, I believe the photograph of a coed residence hall dated 1969 is incorrect. My recollection is that in 1969 dorms were not yet coed. However, men were introduced that year to the Flint-Day complex, creating a quasi-coeducational complex with men in Flint Hall and women in Day. It was not until 1970 or 1971 that individual dorms had both male and female residents.

Congratulations on such a high quality, and interesting, publication.

JOHN BOOTHBY '73
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Editor's note: Coed residence halls were introduced to campus in the early '70s.

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