

# QuadAngles

Compiled from SU news reports

## Shining STARS

**T**he S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications turned 40 this year and the birthday party, held at Manhattan's ultra-chic Mandarin Oriental Hotel, was a paparazzo's delight. Organized by the Newhouse advisory board, the 40@40 Gala Scholarship Benefit Dinner on May 3 drew some 500 well-wishers, who recognized 40 alumni for their outstanding contributions to the communications industry. Sportscaster Bob Costas '74 emceed the event, which paid special tribute to five alumni: John Sykes '77, MTV network development president; Fred Dressler '63, Time Warner Cable's executive vice president for programming; FOX Sports president Ed Goren '66; Deb Henretta '84, president of Procter & Gamble's global baby and adult care division; and *60 Minutes* correspondent Steve Kroft '71.

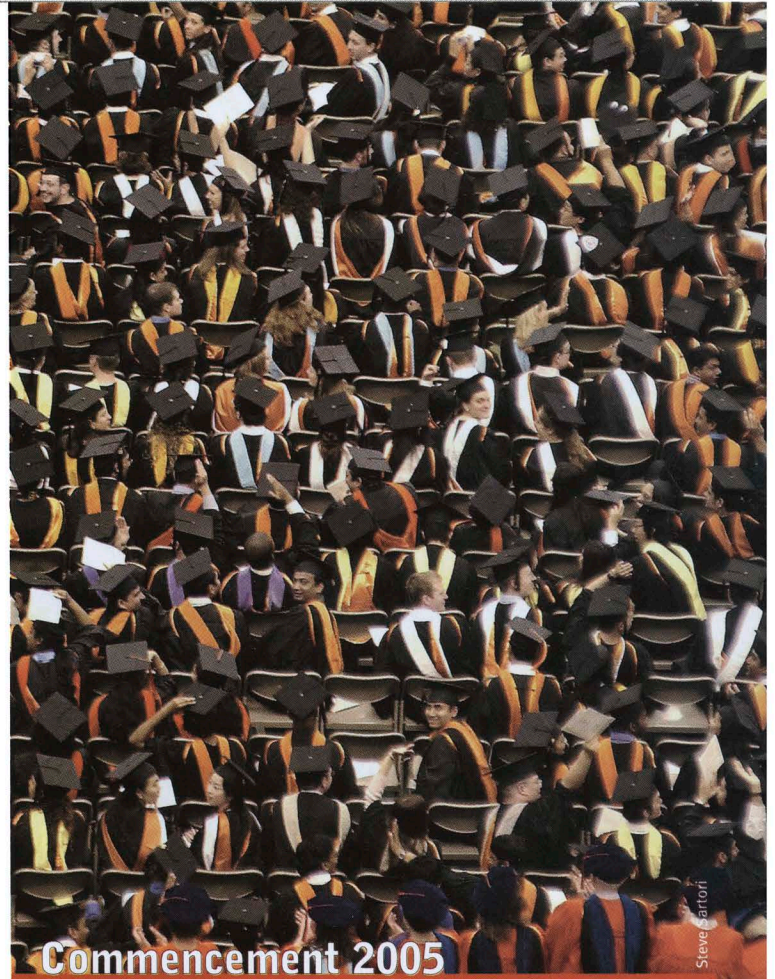
Advisory board members were urged to invite exemplary members of their respective industries. They did not disappoint. Heads turned in every direction as a parade of luminaries lit up the room, including former president Bill Clinton, actor Sean Penn, former football star Troy Aikman, and singer John Mellencamp, helping the gala bring in more than \$500,000 for scholarships. Newhouse Dean David Rubin was delighted. "What I liked best was the pride our alumni took in the event," he says. "They brought so many non-Newhouse people, who now know of the incredible tradition of the school and all our great graduates."

## Retention RECOGNITION

**S**yracuse University was one of a handful of universities profiled in a pair of recent reports from Education Trust, a leading independent education research group based in Washington, D.C. The reports focus on the best practices of higher education institutions with outstanding retention and graduation rates, particularly for minority and lower-income students.

In "One Step From the Finish Line," SU is cited as a "standout" institution that has increased its overall six-year graduation rate for six consecutive years (from 71.2 percent in 1998 to 81 percent in 2003, according to College Results Online). The article credits SU for a number of successful initiatives designed to improve retention and recognizes the University's emphasis on teaching and learning in the faculty tenure process. "The Syracuse model places great value on professors being accomplished researchers and teachers," says Vice Chancellor and Provost Deborah A. Freund. "People who come here recognize that those two roles aren't mutually exclusive."

Education Trust also cited School of Education Distinguished University Professor Vincent Tinto as a key researcher in the field of retention studies, and highlighted research done by SU's Center for Retention Studies and the Center for Support of Teaching and Learning.



## Commencement 2005

Members of the Class of 2005 enjoy themselves in the Carrier Dome at SU's 151st Commencement on May 15. The keynote address was given by Jane Goodall, who is known around the world for her pioneering research of chimpanzee behavior. She received an honorary doctoral degree along with P. Ole Fanger, an internationally renowned scholar on indoor environments, and Robert P. Moses, a civil rights activist and mathematics literacy expert. For more graduation photos, go to [photo.syr.edu/Events/151commencement2005/index.htm](http://photo.syr.edu/Events/151commencement2005/index.htm).

## Hall CALL

**S**yracuse University men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim '66, G'73 is headed for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, this fall. Boeheim, who eclipsed the 700-win plateau last season, will be inducted during the hall's Enshrinement Weekend, September 8-10. As an inductee, he joins his former SU teammate, NBA great Dave Bing '66, and Victor Hanson, an SU star in the '20s. "It's incredible," Boeheim says. "The national championship, you think there's nothing better, but this is it. I think this is something that goes beyond that, and I didn't think anything could possibly go beyond that."

Boeheim, who was named chair of the USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee in May, enters the 2005-06 season—his 30th as head coach—with a 703-241 record.



## Dean APPOINTED

**V**ice Chancellor and Provost Deborah A. Freund has appointed Diane Lyden Murphy '67, G'76, G'78, G'83 as dean of the College of Human Services and Health Professions. "Diane is one of the most impressive leaders I know," Freund says. "She is very creative and is an expert at harnessing the talents of people of multiple perspectives and differing life experiences for the benefit of students and scholarship."

Murphy succeeds Bruce W. Lagay, who will retire as dean at the end of July. She has been a member of SU's social work faculty since 1978 and served as director of the Women's Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences from 1989 to 2005. As a consultant to former Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw on women's issues, Murphy co-authored SU's policy on sexual harassment; initiated a gender pay equity study; spearheaded University-wide Affirmative Action training; established spousal partnership hiring initiatives; and helped to develop adoption benefits, domestic partner policies, and a family-friendly benefits program. "I am pleased to have this opportunity to work with unique, talented, and dedicated faculty, staff, and alumni who share the common goals of social justice and social responsibility for the betterment of society," says Murphy, who holds four SU degrees, including a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary social science. "It is an important time for the college and for our collective work as we engage ourselves and our students with critical social issues, both national and transnational."

## Bulking UP

**T**he Department of Athletics broke ground in May on a new football strength and conditioning training facility. An addition to the Iocolano-Petty Football Complex, the multimillion-dollar, 11,200-square-foot facility will feature a lower level for free weights and weight machines and a balcony area for aerobics equipment. "This facility is part of our SU Athletics Tomorrow plan, which is designed to put Syracuse Athletics on the forefront of student-athlete facilities for the nation," Director of Athletics Daryl Gross says.

Trustee and former Orange football star Donovan McNabb '99 was among those who took up a shovel at the ground-breaking ceremony. McNabb, who contributed a major gift to the project, sees the facility as a step forward for the football program and its future. "This is something we all need to be excited about," he says.

## News MAKERS

The Syracuse University Board of Trustees elected the following new members at its spring meeting: **John H. Chapple '75**, **Angel Collado-Schwarz G'74**, **Stuart Frankel '61**, and **Melanie Gray G'81**.

**Hakim Warrick '05** was selected in the NBA draft's first round (19th pick overall) by the Memphis Grizzlies. He capped off his collegiate basketball career as one of five players named to the Associated Press (AP) All-America Team. He was also the Big East Player of the Year and the MVP of the conference's tournament.

**Stephanie J. Waterman '83, G'05**, a doctoral graduate of the School of Education's Higher Education Program, was named a 2005-06 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow and will receive \$55,000 to support research during the fellowship period.

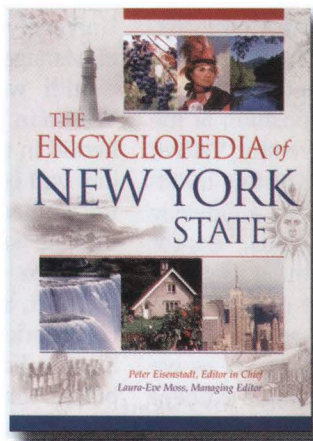
Men's lacrosse coach **John Desko '79** served as head coach of the 2006 U.S. men's national team that competed in the 2006 International Lacrosse Federation World Championship in London, Ontario, July 13-22.

**Courtney Queeney G'05** and **Immy Wallenfels G'05** of the College of Arts and Sciences creative writing program received honors in *The Atlantic Monthly's* annual student writing competition, which attracted nearly 2,000 entrants.

*Entrepreneur Magazine* recognized the Whitman School of Management's Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises Program as one of the best in the country for the second straight year.

## Empire FACTS

**N**ew York State is the birthplace of L. Frank Baum (the author of *The Wizard of Oz*), the home of one of America's first nudist colonies, and the place where cream cheese was invented. These fascinating facts, along with thousands of others, can be found in *The Encyclopedia of New York State*, which was published in May by Syracuse University Press. "This work is important in viewing New York State as a whole," says Peter Eisenstadt, the encyclopedia's editor-in-chief. "Too many New Yorkers only know about



Eisenstadt says. Every city, town, and village is represented in the book, along with such topics as politics, cultural traditions, education, and social reform

their little corner of the state and nothing about the rest of it."

The 2,000-page reference work contains more than 4,000 signed entries, covering a vast breadth of information that begins 1.2 billion years ago with the state's ancient geology and includes information from as recent as mid-2004,

movements. According to SU Press director Peter Webber, the collaborative efforts of the encyclopedia's 1,200 contributing authors make it the state's most comprehensive reference work in a century and a half.

The \$2.6 million project was launched in 1998, when New York State Senator John A. DeFrancisco '68 secured initial funding from the state Senate through special legislative grants. The project was also supported by individual, corporate, and foundation gifts, as well as \$640,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A free copy of the \$95 encyclopedia will be donated to each of the state's 1,085 public library districts so that it can be accessible to anyone. "This is a phenomenal project," DeFrancisco says.