

# QuadAngles

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## Community INITIATIVE

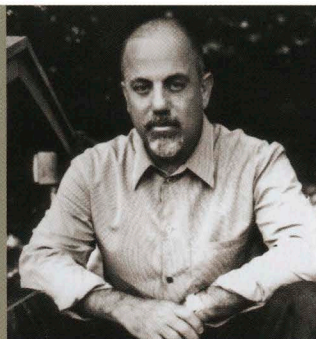
**A** jazz supper club. University classes on micro enterprises. A satellite branch of the Community Folk Art Center. Residents of Syracuse's South Side have expressed these and other ideas for rejuvenating their community, and SU is listening. Chancellor Nancy Cantor's Syracuse South Side Initiative, which grew out of her meetings with residents earlier this year, brings together the community's needs with staff and faculty members' plans for action. "The initiative is looking at how the University can be more responsive to the needs of its neighboring, but disenfranchised, community," says Linda Littlejohn '80, G'82, who was named associate vice president of Chancellor's initiatives in October.

Faculty and staff have worked on various community projects over the years, but this effort focuses on an area of several blocks, fanning out from the corner of South Salina and Colvin streets. "The residents are guiding what needs to be done," says Littlejohn, who is working with a coalition of South Side residents representing 18 resident-run neighborhood organizations. "They are courageous people who are committed to building a South Side community that once existed in their lifetime."

In a series of meetings with residents, Littlejohn collected and explored their ideas, which fell into three categories: educational, economic, and cultural. Faculty are submitting related concept papers, which will then be prioritized. The idea is for projects to align with faculty members' research, allowing for available grant funding. The Office of Principal Gifts and Chancellor's Initiatives is also seeking outside funding for the projects. Littlejohn is hopeful that SU can assist with the residents' focus on moving their community forward. "We believe SU's involvement will spur further investment in the South Side," she says.

## On KEY

**B**illy Joel has been creating hit records for decades—and now he's supporting a new generation of composers. The College of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) received a \$320,000 gift from the popular entertainer as part of his long-term commitment to music education.



The Billy Joel Fellowships in Composition will support four graduate students in composition, providing full tuition and a stipend. "The Billy Joel Fellowships are an incredible addition to the Setnor School of Music," says VPA Dean Carole Brzozowski '81. "Because of Mr. Joel's strong commitment to the arts and arts education, we will be able to give student composers even more opportunities to grow as artists and make an impact on the world."



Sweet Honey in the Rock, a Grammy Award-winning vocal group, performs in Goldstein Auditorium, Schine Student Center, on October 30. The vocal ensemble was presented by Pulse, a collaborative cultural program of the Division of Student Affairs and the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and was part of "Syracuse Symposium 2005: Borders."

## AirOrange ACCESS

**C**ampus visitors can now use their laptop computers, PDAs, and other wireless devices to check e-mail and surf the Internet free of charge, using the University's redesigned AirOrange wireless network. Previously, the wireless network was open only to members of the University community.

AirOrange "hotspots"—places where computer users can connect to the wireless network—are now located throughout the University's academic buildings, libraries, the Schine and Goldstein student centers, and in residence hall public areas.

## Green POWER

**T**he University's official color may be orange, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized SU for being green. Earlier this year, the University was named one of the EPA's top 25 Green Power Partners ([epa.gov/greenpower/](http://epa.gov/greenpower/)), recognizing the University's voluntary commitment to purchase at least 20 percent of its electricity from renewable energy sources. SU decided last spring to purchase renewable energy.

## Donor RECOGNITION

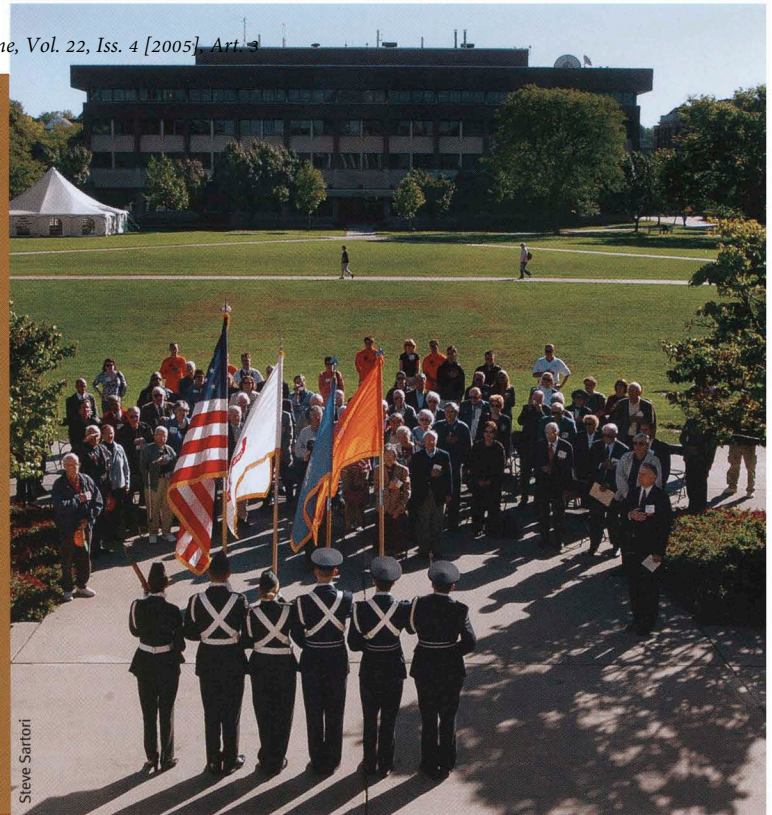
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## G.I. REUNION

As World War II came to a conclusion, Syracuse University reached out to thousands of returning veterans, ensuring they took advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights and received an education. This fall, the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) welcomed 70 alumni from the classes of 1940-54 to campus for a War Years Reunion, celebrating the contributions they and others of their generation made to the college, the University, and society. "The full acceptance of returning G.I.s and others during and after the war is a moment of which we as an institution are tremendously proud," says Eric F. Spina, Douglas D. Danforth Dean of ECS.

Among the weekend's activities were tours of campus; a banquet featuring a video presentation; a memorial service with a flyover by Syracuse's 174th Fighter Wing; and an archives presentation on the effect of the "G.I. Bulge" on campus and on the greater society. Trustee William "Bill" Smith '50, who studied at ECS under the G.I. Bill, says during that time ECS educated many leaders of the past few decades. "The G.I. Bill was a defining time in the United States," Smith says.



Steve Santori

## News MAKERS

- ▶ English professor **Mary Gaitskill** was a finalist in the National Book Awards' fiction category for her novel, *Veronica* (Pantheon).
- ▶ Field hockey coach **Kathleen Parker** recorded her 300th victory when the Orange defeated Massachusetts, 2-0, at Coyne Field on September 30. Parker completed her 28th season as head coach this fall.
- ▶ Chemistry professor **Joseph Chaiken** has patented a device that aims to make painful fingerstick testing of glucose levels a thing of the past for diabetics. To address the problems of invasive blood glucose testing, Chaiken has developed the LighTouch, which accurately monitors glucose levels without a single drop of blood. The novel procedure uses a laser to measure spectroscopic signals in blood while the blood is still in the capillaries.
- ▶ Earth sciences professor **Donald I. Siegel** received the O.E. Meinzer Award from the hydrogeology division of the Geological Society of America this fall in Salt Lake City for research that has significantly advanced the science of hydrogeology.
- ▶ Professors **Beverly Allen** and **Ann Grodzins Gold** have each been named William P. Tolley Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Cathryn R. Newton. Allen is a professor of French, Italian, and comparative literature in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics. Gold is a professor of religion and anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Maxwell School and director of Maxwell's South Asia Center in the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs.
- ▶ School of Education Dean **Douglas Biklen G'73** has a new film making the rounds on the festival circuit. The documentary, *My Classic Life as an Artist: A Portrait of Larry Bissonnette*, is the first film both produced and directed by Biklen, who shares those credits with doctoral student **Zach Rossetti**. The film was awarded best short documentary at the 16th annual Vermont International Film Festival, and has been screened at the Vail Film Festival (Colorado), the Sprout Film Festival (New York), and the 5th International Short Film Festival, "The Way We Live," in Munich, Germany.

## HillTV CONTROVERSY

After being disbanded by Chancellor Nancy Cantor in October for broadcasting offensive material that violated campus policies, SU's student-run TV organization has the opportunity to return to the air. Following a hearing about the shutdown, a University Judicial panel of three tenured faculty members suspended HillTV's operations and its recognition as a student organization through February 1—provided it meets several measures laid down by the panel. The panel cited the organization for violation of the *Code of Student Conduct*, the University's nondiscrimination policy, and its own internal policies.

HillTV came under fire for *Over the Hill*, a satirical news show that many on campus decried as offensive, sexist, and racist. Others didn't condone the show, but objected to HillTV's shutdown, viewing it as censorship. The campus-wide controversy erupted in the fall after *The Daily Orange* published an article detailing the show's content.

Following two forums about the controversy at which students and others spoke about social barriers on campus, Chancellor Cantor created two task forces: one on student-run television, and the second to focus on building a new campus culture of inclusion.

For more information on the issue, go to [www.syr.edu/respect/index.html](http://www.syr.edu/respect/index.html).