



PHONE HOME

I appreciate seeing such a significant portion of the Spring 1997 issue of *Syracuse University Magazine* dedicated to science and technology. However, I am disturbed by a technical inaccuracy in the article "Cosmic Calling." Speaking of the benefits we reap from technology, the article says, "Remember, the cellular phone conversation you just had was courtesy of a satellite." With few exceptions, cellular phone conversations are not carried by satellites. Cellular phone calls are relayed to the telephone network by towers ranging from 80 to 150 feet in height, spaced one to six miles apart. There are enough benefits of technology to count without having to rely on technical inaccuracies.

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MARCHING ON

I was delighted to read "The Way It Was" in the Spring 1997 edition of *Syracuse University Magazine* written by a former member of the SU Marching Band. The 1972 graduate revealed that she was "a clarinetist of modest ability." I, too, fit into that category, but I graduated in 1960. When I attempted to join the band upon entering SU in 1956, I was told that the organization consisted of 100 marching men. I wasn't even allowed to audition; instead I was politely told to get lost.

It's nice to know that some progress has been made, but believe me, SU and the rest of the world still have a long way to go.

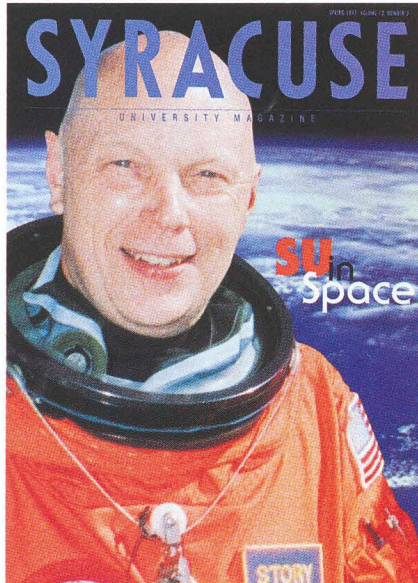
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Now I can feel old—I recognize someone in "The Way It Was." Elaine Standish Owens' article in the Spring 1997 issue brought back many fond memories for me, but I don't remember the halftime show in the photograph. Do you know the date the picture was taken?

Thanks for the memories!

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Editor's Note: The photo was provided by the SU Band Office, which was unable to identify the date beyond its being from the 1970s.



CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Professor Hare's answer to "Was Jesus Christ black?" ("Ask the Experts," Spring 1997) was incorrect in at least one area. Hare declares that Jesus was a "political activist." No, Christ resisted the call of the Jewish revolutionaries, known as zealots, who wanted a military/political leader to cast off the yoke of Roman rule. "My kingdom is not of this world," Jesus said. He enjoined his followers to "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." He told them to submit to secular authority, and did so himself, even to the point of death.

Jesus led a spiritual life that goes on even today. His racial identity is the least important question we could ask about him.

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SUITED UP

I was pleased to receive my Spring 1997 issue, as the cover photo of Story Musgrave included one of my company's products—his orange-colored space suit.

"Cosmic Calling," the cover feature, was most interesting. Keep up the good work of continued enlightenment regarding SU's broad spectrum of interests and offerings.

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OTTO OBSERVATION

Regarding your article "Mascot Memories" (Spring 1997): I grew up in the Syracuse area, and I attended basketball games in Manley Field House and football games in the old stadium. I also went to SU as an undergrad and grad student. During the years I attended SU I talked to people about the mascot and found they felt as I did—that the Saltine Warrior should be the mascot.

Most people realize the Chancellor and others do not want to upset Native Americans and go back to the warrior. So we are stuck with a mascot depicting a fruit that makes us look ridiculous in the national eye. It embarrasses me to see the SU "Orangemen" play during national sporting events. We should go back to the Saltine Warrior—a symbol that has more to do with Syracuse history than an orange!

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STAFF FAN

I am responding to your article "Faculty Fan Club" (Spring 1997). As part of this piece I think it would have been nice to add staff members.

I was privileged to work with Dean Russell Hamilton in the School of Management. When I first met Dean Hamilton in 1979 he was the director of MBA placement. Even though I was an undergraduate, he still helped me prepare my first resume. When my wife graduated in 1981, he also assisted her.

The other person I continue to remember at Syracuse is Robert McClure in the Maxwell School. I found his class on presidential politics stimulating, exciting—and demanding. It may be because of his concern for public policy that today I work in public policy, though my degree is from the School of Management.

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