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PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

My wife and I both enjoy receiving *Syracuse University Magazine*. In the Fall 1997 issue we noted an article about the renovation of Crouse Auditorium titled "Have A Seat" (Commitment to Learning). During my time at SU, I took applied organ and was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha musical fraternity. Crouse was an important home for me. Its last renovation took place while I was a student. There was some controversy about the renovation at the time, especially having to do with the effect on acoustics. I never felt fully comfortable with the job the way it was done and would like to support the effort to restore the auditorium to its original appearance.

Could you please let me know whom to contact about making a contribution?

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Those interested in contributing to this or any other Commitment to Learning campaign project may contact Sid Micek, vice president for development and director of the campaign, 820 Comstock Avenue, Room 100, Syracuse, NY 15244-5040; phone 315-445-2865.

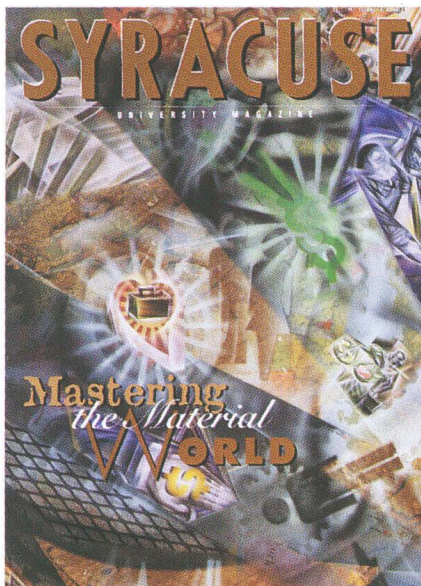
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

In the Summer 1997 issue there was an interesting article about students who work for Telefund ("The Ring of Success," Commitment to Learning). Contrary to what was stated in the article, this was not the first time there was an organized drive by students to contribute to the University.

In 1950 there was a decision to build a field house in the Skytop area. My roommate, Herbert Rosenberg '51 (deceased), was active in student government. He came up with a program called the Field House Foundation. This program was in effect for several years. I have no idea how much money was raised through this unique fund-raising program by the students. I do know that no credit was given to the program when Manley Field House was finally built.

I enjoy reading *Syracuse University Magazine*. Keep up the good work.

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GREEK GRIPE

As a recent alumnus, I couldn't help but respond to your article "Greek Life" (Summer 1997). You incorrectly listed the first national sorority as Kappa Alpha Theta (founded 1870). Pi Beta Phi was founded three years earlier, in 1867. All National Pan Hellenic records list Pi Phi as the first women's fraternity.

In addition, I felt you misrepresented the relationship between the University and the Greek system. When I was chapter president of my sorority, I witnessed an unbearable amount of tension between these two groups.

The Greek chapters at Syracuse were founded as social organizations. Students join these groups for the social benefits, as they have done for years. It is wonderful that the University and the Office of Greek Life have been so active in fostering other positive aspects of the system, such as service and scholarship, but there have also been unnecessary and extreme restrictions placed on social activity in recent years.

I encourage Greek alumni to contact their chapters at SU to offer support and encouragement. The Greeks must regain some autonomy or risk losing a system that has offered friendship, support, and a home away from home for thousands of students.

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SPORTS INFORMATION

I enjoy the magazine, but in the last year or two you've dropped a feature of major interest to me and to thousands of other alumni—the upcoming schedules of Syracuse's major sports: football, basketball, and lacrosse.

Although I graduated almost 50 years ago, I've never lost interest in the teams and I see them when they're in my area and on TV whenever a game is telecast.

Schedules don't take up much room, but if you can't find space for them, perhaps another way could be found of informing the thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, that constitute the national audience of Syracuse University alums.

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Athletics schedules appear in Syracuse University Magazine whenever space is available, such as in the Fall 1997 issue, which carried the 1997-98 SU men's basketball schedule, and the Summer 1997 Orange Peel, which included the men's football schedule.

FACULTY FAN

I don't have an e-mail address, but if you will accept an old-fashioned letter, I would like to contribute one more item to "Faculty Fan Club" (*Orange Peel*, Spring 1997).

In fall of 1990, like so many other Americans, I found myself in midlife returning to school. During my four years at SU, I came in contact with two professors whom I would like to recognize for their patience and help, Judith Weissman and Patricia Moody.

I will always appreciate the efforts of these two dedicated professionals on my behalf and I want the SU community—and them—to know.

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