Letters to the Editor

More Memories of the College for Teachers

Andrew Takas’s letter in the Spring 2003 issue of UAlbany magazine reinforced many of my and my husband’s (Charles Capel, B.A.’47) fond memories of our years at the New York State College for Teachers. Using a magnifying glass, I’m almost certain I found myself and Shirley Ott, B.A.’43, in the Hawkey Library picture on Page 33. Thanks, Andy!

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Reading the letter from Andrew Takas about his memories took me back to my days at Albany State from 1948 to 1952. I spent many, many nights at the Publications Office while working on the State College News, and was named managing editor in my senior year. I was also a member of Myskania.

Mr. Takas put into words what most of us experienced and enjoyed during our years at State. Who can forget the Boulevard Cafeteria, a stove’s throw from campus? I remember one of our professors having an informal “class” there on philosophy. I still have the notes he handed out during those get-togethers.

During my freshman year, I lived at Western Hall on Western Avenue; my roommate was Pat Devitt (now Pat Kavanaugh) and many of the others at Western moved during our sophomore years into nearby Pierce Hall. Our wonderful house mother was Gladys Rand. During my junior and senior years, I lived at the Beta Zeta Sorority house on State Street.

My education was top-notch; the professors were all very dedicated. My undergraduate degree was in commerce, and I returned to earn my master’s degree in commerce, too. Thanks to my training at Albany State, I was able to have a long career in teaching business in high school and later at the business college level.

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Martin Edelman: A Mentor and a Friend

Professor Martin Edelman and Carol Hoffman, B.A. ’73

The photo of Martin Edelman (Page 48, Fall 2003) brought back many touching and pleasant memories. His picture appeared under the heading “Making A Difference.” That is exactly how I remember our relationship.

During my stay (1969-74) at the then-named Graduate School of Public Affairs, Professor Edelman was my advisor, teacher, mentor and, most of all, friend. It is a pleasure to see him recognized for his good works.

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