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Syracuse can use all the 'fresh eyes' it can get: Your letters

S.U. Students Visit the Brennan Motor Co. Building

Masters students from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University take a look at the former Brennan Motor Co. complex at Townsend and Water streets. It's an old historic building that's falling down a bit. Columnist Sean Kirst asks the question: What do cities do with old buildings that are no longer being used ?

Your Letters By Your Letters

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To The Editor;

Wonderful **article by Sean Kirst** about the Brennan Motor Co. building and the "fresh eyes" provided by students from S.U. I can suggest some other places where the students might suggest something other than all or nothing. How about the Hotel Syracuse, the Mizpah complex or the empty Carnegie Library?

A large number of citizens living in Syracuse and CNY, for whatever reasons, appear to be uninterested in our heritage. Untouched, unexplored and unrestored are the words that come to mind when talking about sites like the Brennan Motor Co. building.

We, as a community, need to start thinking along the lines of the SU students in the story. Developing "fresh eyes" might be as easy and simple as enlisting the support of the Onondaga Historical Association in displaying their vast inventory of local history. I have written in the past that given the empty storefronts in Syracuse, pictures and/or copies of historical items etc. in the museum could be put on display in these storefront windows. This would generate an interest in our rich heritage and lead to looking at historical sites with "fresh eyes". An additional benefit would be a more pleasant walk among the city streets for visitors and citizens.

I love this city and believe it can be more attractive than any mall.

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