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There's only one place to take in all the action at a SU football home game, these fans will tell you — from the top. From left to right, Brady Hines, Rick Mincar, Ken Hines and Fred Yannelli agree the top row, end zone, and zone, right behind the goal post are the choice seats.

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## 'Cheap' seats End zone purists like view

By BART POLLOCK  
"Best seats in the house," says  
Jarle Joss.  
"Definitely," Brady Hines agrees.  
"The best."  
There are a few purists in the  
bunch who go along with the con-  
ventional wisdom about reserved  
50-yard-line seats being the ideal  
vantage point for taking in a Syra-  
cuse University football game in the  
Carr. or Dome.  
But, with few exceptions, the  
guys up here are seasoned "end  
zone"ers.  
Joss, 13, of Rochester says he  
hasn't missed more than a couple  
SU home games since the dome  
opened three years ago. His parents  
have season tickets in the reserved  
section. But this football fan prefers  
the bird's eye view, up in the top  
row, right behind the goal post.

Wide view of field  
"You have a wide view of the field  
up here," says Joss. "We like to sit  
up here because we like to see the  
players moving toward us."  
Says Hines, "You get a much bet-  
ter view from here. Sitting down  
there, you can't see the whole  
field."  
There is definitely a minority  
opinion.  
The 30,128 fans who came to see  
the Orangemen square off against  
the Illini of the University of Illinois  
yesterday showed a distinct prefer-  
ence for sideline seats.  
All the more room for the end-  
zone kids, they say.

Can't really cheer  
"Down there, you can't really  
cheer," explains Anton Kowalski of  
Syracuse. (The zoners talk about  
"down there" with noticeable com-  
tempt.)  
"A lot of people down there pay a  
lot of money to get tickets down  
there, and they don't like to have  
kids coming down there and horsing  
around," added Kowalski, obvi-  
ously "down" on the reserved  
sections.  
Up in the zone, there's room to  
stretch out and move around. And,  
most importantly, room to cheer the  
way this gang of Orange-aiders  
think Syracuse football fans ought  
to cheer.  
But even these stalwarts had a  
hard time finding something to  
cheer about yesterday. Some of  
them admitted to predicting an SU  
loss, but none was prepared for the  
crushing 47-10 defeat.

Very poor display  
"A very poor display," said Hines,  
shaking his head. "I know they  
could do better. It's like they're giv-  
ing it away."  
The end-zone aficionado admitted  
there were several times through-  
out the game when "it was like you

## Could be as much as \$30 per thousand valuation City property tax hike looms

By NEIL DRISCOLL  
Following yesterday's announce-  
ment of the county's proposed 1983  
budget, Robert Sprague, city bud-  
get director, has confirmed city  
property owners are facing a pro-  
posed tax hike of more than \$30 per  
\$1,000 of assessed valuation.  
The budget director said the  
county's proposed increase of \$2.28  
per \$1,000 of full value assessment  
will translate into a county tax in-  
crease of at least \$10 per \$1,000 for  
city property owners, whose prop-  
erty are based on partial assessment  
and not full value assessment.  
The county's budget and

of \$95.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valua-  
tion. Added to the combined city  
levy was \$59.92 per \$1,000 of as-  
sessed value city residents paid in  
county property taxes.  
The budget director said the large  
tax increase is due to three prob-  
lems: no increase in state aid, reduc-  
tion of county sales tax and heating  
tax revenues and the fact that 50  
percent of the property in the city is  
exempt from taxes.  
Sprague said even  
made to help

will have to absorb the 8 percent  
growth in city expenses. The 42 per-  
cent has to make up the slack and it  
consists of the property tax, local  
fees, federal revenue sharing—  
"which is not going to increase"  
and water and sewer fees.  
Contracts coming up  
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## End zone

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a large tax increase  
Sprague said the  
city budget, submitted  
amounts to approxi-  
mation, up 8 percent  
budget of \$85.1 millio  
posed school district  
million is up 11.8 per  
year's budget of \$74.2 m  
\$159.4 million in  
Last year's combined ci-  
district budget totaled \$1  
tion and carried a combined tax levy

(From Metro page)  
didn't even notice they were on of-  
fense."  
Matt McFee, 10, of Liverpool, was  
equally disappointed by his team's  
performance. "It's bad," he said.  
But another thing that gripes  
McFee as much as the team's poor  
showing is the loss of SU's old "Sal-  
tine Warrior" mascot.  
"It's embarrassing just to have an  
orange for a mascot," he said, in  
grudging recognition of the war-  
rior's overstuffed heir-apparent.  
Minor complaints  
There are a few minor complaints  
about the accommodations in the  
upper deck. The boys will admit the  
end game at the far side of the field  
is tough to get an angle on, for in-  
stance, and the dome's pressure re-  
actor added.  
to 58 percent of the city's  
budget, Sprague said, and "if they  
aren't going up the other 42 percent

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tomatically above their heads are  
unanimously considered a nuisance.  
But ask a zoner and he'll tell you  
the pros far outweigh the cons in  
the end.  
"You can see the play develop-  
ing," says 13-year-old Rick Min-  
car.  
"Up here, you can see everybody  
you want to see," 9-year-old Marty  
Kirchoff remarks.  
"You feel like you're part of the  
backfield sometimes," adds  
Kowalski.  
All this, and a bargain price to  
boot, Joss points out. "If we had to  
sit down there, it'd be \$22 for the  
two of us. Here, it's just five bucks  
apiece."  
He will then  
to review the budget  
if it is adopted.  
"No matter how you look at it, it is  
gloom and doom," Sprague said in  
explaining additional state and fed-  
eral assistance is needed by the city  
to offset the heavy burden being  
placed on the property owners.

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