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Manhattan Rescue

New York City's historic Munson Diner has been moved from the corner of 11th Avenue and 49th Street, its Hell's Kitchen home, thanks to the intervention of Fra Jeremy Gorelick, *John Hopkins '01*, president of the Munson Diner Corporation. Its new upstate New York home is in the Catskill Mountains town of Liberty, the heart of the old Borscht Belt, which is revitalizing as a tourist destination. Fra Gorelick plans to reopen the diner as an eatery and local gathering place. The Munson Diner has a colorful history; it was a hangout for pop artist Andy Warhol and others, the location of a Seinfeld episode, and the site of many radio interviews and TV commercials. A priceless piece of Americana is thus saved from the wrecker's ball. Footnote: The Munson Diner was manufactured in 1946 in New Jersey by the Kullman Dining Car Company. The Kullmans, father and son, are fratres from our *Sigma Phi* chapter at Bucknell.