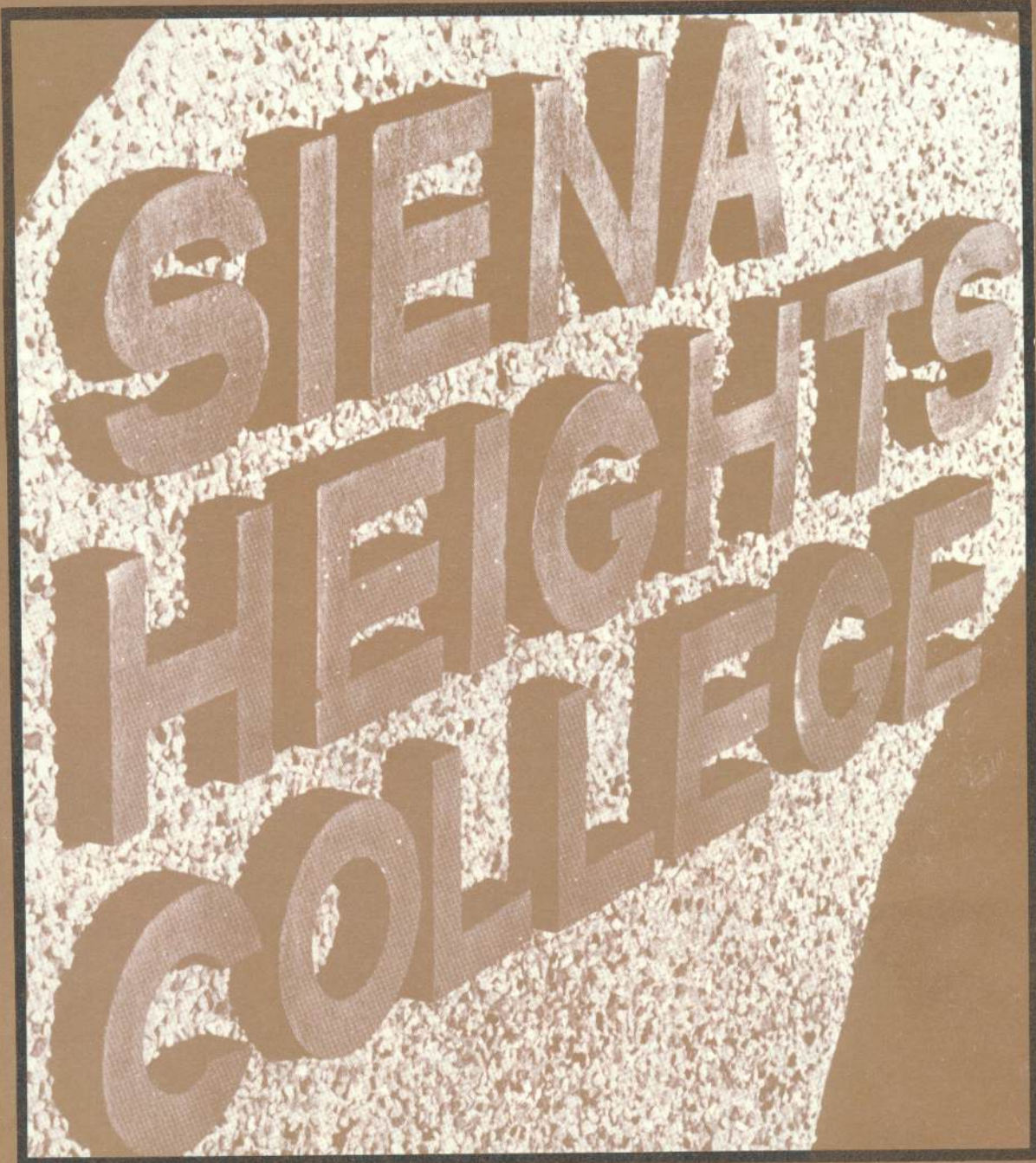


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60 YEARS

Siena Homecoming 1978

Alumni, parents and friends of the college joined the Siena community for Homecoming '78, which was highlighted by the dedication of the new 57,000 square-foot Siena Activities Center Oct. 27, 28 and 29.

The dedication began Saturday with a parade featuring the Lumen Christi High School Marching Band from Jackson, Mich.

Dr. Louis Vaccaro, Siena president, emceed the dedication ceremony which included remarks from Chester Devenow, chairman of the Siena Board of Trustees; Gerald Diehl, chairman of the physical facilities committee of the board; and Dr. Gorton Riethmiller, representing Governor William Milliken. The Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish, Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, offered the benediction.

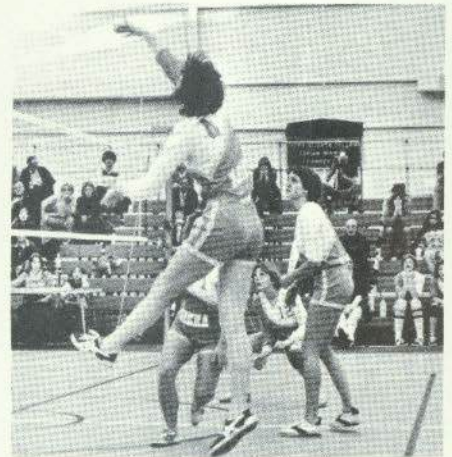
The ceremony culminated with the winner of the Siena Heights-Findlay College cross country meet breaking the dedication ribbon at the finish.

Following the dedication was the championship game of the invitational womens volleyball tournament, the first athletic event to be held in the center.

Other Homecoming activities included a buffet dinner with entertainment from the Siena Chorale, the theatre production of "Two by Two," two dances, various alumni social gatherings, a silent auction, student art exhibits and a clown show for the children.



New Alumni Association board members announced at Homecoming '78 are left to right, Judy Lavelle, recording secretary; Robert Stranges, 1st vice-president; Jane Korte Waldo, president; Douglas Miller, 2nd vice-president; Rosaleen Zimmer, treasurer; and Grace DeLisle, corresponding secretary.



Jim Ebben named Dean

After a search spanning several months, James Ebben has been appointed the Dean of the College. He replaces Dr. Thomas Maher who took a position as Director of the Center for Professional Development at Wichita State University. Ebben has been Director of Faculty Development at Siena since 1976, and has chaired the College Long-Range Planning Committee.

"I'm delighted that Jim has agreed to serve as Dean of the College," said Dr. Louis Vaccaro, president of the College. "This is an important time for the college, not only in terms of meeting the same problems faced by all private liberal arts colleges, but also in terms of growth and expansion that are taking place at Siena. Jim's solid academic background and prior administrative experience will aid us immeasurably as we proceed to meet the challenge of the 1980's."

"I'm very pleased with the decision," said Natalia Koselka, an attorney with Koselka and Koselka in Adrian and chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Siena Board of Trustees. "He's (Ebben) already done a fine job at Siena and I'm confident that

he'll continue to do a good job as Dean of the College."

Ebben served as Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Thomas More College in Kentucky for five years. He has been an instructor at Thomas More and St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. His background includes numerous other faculty and administrative assignments and he has been published in a number of professional journals.

Ebben earned his bachelors degree from Holy Cross in Wisconsin, his masters degree from Marquette University, and completed coursework for a doctorate in Philosophy at Duke University. He is currently completing a doctorate in higher education at Michigan State University.

"I'm proud to be associated with an institution having such a fine tradition of academic excellence," responded Ebben. "The Christian environment and high academic standards set by the faculty give Siena Heights College a uniqueness which I am committed to maintain."

Jim and his wife, Marilyn, reside in Adrian with their three children.



Palmer to head Athletics



Charles "Pat" Palmer has been named the new athletic director at Siena Heights, replacing Orby Moss who took a position as director of athletics at the University of the District of Columbia. Palmer will assume his duties in June. Fred Smith is currently the interim athletic director.

Palmer, 32, is presently assistant professor of education, media specialist, and head cross country and track coach at Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio. He received his bachelors degree in physical education and masters degree in health education from Florida International University.

"I feel very positive about Siena," said Palmer. "The athletic department is evolving and very challenging things have to be done now that Siena has a new athletic facility. I think I can strengthen the course instruction and would like to develop sports-related courses. There's real enthusiasm here that can be felt all the way from the president through the students. This is something you don't find on lots of

campuses, but Siena has it."

Palmer was named Coach of the Year in 1976 by the Florida Athletic Coaches Association while coaching cross country and track at Palmetto High School in Palmetto, Florida. He was also named the Outstanding Physical Education Undergraduate by the School of Education at Florida International University.

"I'm very happy to have Pat with us," said Sr. Mary Alice Murnen, O.P., coordinator of women's athletics and chairperson of the search committee for the athletic director. "I'm impressed with his decisiveness and integrity. He has great direction in mind for the whole athletic program at Siena."

"Pat has the intellect, experience, drive and commitment to do a great job for us," says Dr. Robert Cares, dean of student development. "He has a thorough understanding of academics and will work for integration of athletics and academics."

Palmer is married and he and his wife, Carlene, have two daughters.

Parents Advisory Council Formed; Plan Events

"The spirit of dialogue is friendship and, even more, is service. In perfecting ourselves as parents, educators, administrators, and committee members, we must make ourselves brothers. All this we must remember and strive to put into practice according to the example and commandment the Christ left to us."

[Paul VI - Documents of Vatican II]

This reading set the tone for the January 27 meeting of the newly-formed Parents Advisory Council. The Council was established this past fall in recognition of the need for communication between parents and the Siena community. Alumni and Parent Relations Director, Kathleen Johnston-Betzoldt, organized the group of twenty-two parents from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and New Jersey. Responsibilities of the Council consist of promoting two-way communication between parents and the college; encouraging parental participation in various programs within the college; and assisting the college in attracting students and support for its programs. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz of Adrian are serving as chaircouple of the Advisory Council which meets with Dr. Vaccaro and members of the Siena administration and faculty to keep them informed and

Local NSA Chapter Formed

Siena Heights College has been hosting meetings concerning the formation of a local chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International) (NSA) during spring semester. The meetings are for all Lenawee County secretaries interested in joining the chapter.

Betty Cummings, CPS, President of the Michigan Division of the NSA, and other division officers have been conducting the meetings which are coordinated by Ann Kessler, General Studies Division Administrative Assistant at Siena, and Gloria Harris, Secretary to the Division Manager at Dura Corporation.

updated on problems and concerns of parents today. Also, they encourage support and counsel from other Siena parents.

Other members of the Parents Advisory Council include Mr. and Mrs. Neil Currens of Hillsdale, N.J.; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Galliani of Adrian, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. James Herta of Flint, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hughes of South Bend, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koha of Berea, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mason of Tecumseh, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Piotrowski of Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walenta of Petosky, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. William Weinlander of Blissfield, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rettig of Temperance, Mich.

The group is already deep in activity and planning events designed to involve parents in campus life. At the January meeting, parents were given a tour of the dormitories, dinner in the college dining hall, and attended a Siena basketball game in the new Activities Center. This spring, for the first time, the parents' group set aside two evenings of the Alumni Telethon for enlisting financial support from the Siena parents. Other upcoming events include parent-sponsored booths at the Renaissance Faire and a theater party to encourage parents' attendance at Siena's performing arts series. Any parents who wish to become involved may do so by calling the Office of College Relations (517)263-0731 ext. 228. The Parents' Advisory Council will welcome your views and suggestions.

Russian Trip Planned for Fall

Barb Wall, O.P., assistant professor of philosophy at Siena, is currently arranging a trip to Russia for Siena students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college. The trip is sponsored by General Tours in New York City.

The nine-day tour is scheduled for November 1979, and the participants will visit Leningrad, Moscow and Kalinin.

Alumni and friends must have a \$50 deposit in by April 30 in order to make reservations for the trip. Send deposits to Barb Wall, Philosophy Dept., Siena Heights College, 1247 Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221. Make checks out to Barbara Wall.

Community Leaders Named To College Council

Twenty-seven community leaders have been named to the newly-formed President's Community Advisory Council at Siena.

The purposes of the council are to function as a channel of communication between the college and surrounding communities, act as a sounding board on matters and issues facing the college, and provide linkages with the various publics served by the members' business, social and professional affiliations.

The council, which meets two or three times each semester, deals with specific needs, current programs aimed at serving Adrian and surrounding areas and the five-year plan, recently approved by the Siena faculty and Board of Trustees.

"We are delighted with the initial response of the 27 business and community leaders who have agreed to become members of this important advisory council," said Vaccaro. "Past experience has shown that such councils are indispensable to full and productive communications with the college's various constituencies. We are pleased with the quality of leadership making up this initial council."

Members of the council are: John Abraham, Abraham Realty; Mark Amsler, Amsler Insurance; Thomas Barto, Sedco Corporation; Donald Bates, Adrian State Bank; Dr. Robert Boley, First United Methodist Church; Dr. William Chase; Olga De La Cruz, Adrian High School; Constance Farver; Larry Francoeur, Citizens Gas Fuel Company; Jack Germond, Commercial Savings Bank; Charles Gross, Gross and Ludwig CPA; Carlo Heikkinen, Adrian Public Schools; Dave Hickman, Brazeway, Inc.; Charles Hikes, Krieghoff-Lenawee Company; Ronald Jacob; Doug Kapnick, Kapnick & Company, Inc.; Richard Keeley, Buckeye Products Corporation; Dr. Michael McAuliffe; Don Nelson, Roto Plastics Corporation; Robert Nystrom, Citizens Gas Fuel Company; Paula Shirk, Lenawee Vocational Technical Center; Virginia Turnwald, Crown Gift House; John Underwood, Underwood Chevrolet, Olds, Pontiac, Inc.; Prosser Watts Jr., Walker, Watts, Sheridan, Whitehouse & Costas; and Mary Weeber, Hathaway House;

Charlotte Howard, executive director of college relations, serves as the college liaison-coordinator of the council.

Enlightening Reports from Siena Board

The approval of three faculty promotions, the confirmation of three new board members, and several enlightening reports highlighted the Siena Heights Board of Trustees meetings this 1978-79 academic year.

The board unanimously confirmed the promotions of Sr. Eileen Rice, O.P., from instructor to assistant professor of education, Mary Griffin from instructor to assistant professor of education and child development, and Simone Press from assistant professor to associate professor of English.

Confirmed as members of the board were Dr. Horace King, Jane Korte Waldo, and Sr. Linda Bevilacqua, O.P.

King, professor of higher education and registrar at Michigan State University, received his bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees from MSU and has been an active consultant during his academic career at the university.

Jane, a 1953 Siena graduate, is the current president of the Siena Heights Alumni Association.

300 Seniors attend Careers Day

More than 300 high school seniors from over 50 high schools from Lenawee County, Ohio, Indiana and other Michigan locations attended the first annual College and Careers Day in November at Siena.

"The event was a definite success," said Norm Bukwaz, chairperson of the General Studies Division.

"We received positive feedback from many of the students, counselors, and parents in attendance," said Gail Clark, director of cooperative education and placement. "They were also inspired by John Savage's excellent speech."

Savage, CLU, of Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company in Toledo, was the keynote speaker discussing the advantages of going to college. He is the author of the book, *The Easy Sale*, and has made over 200 speeches during the last ten years.

Following the general assembly, each academic division gave speeches and made presentations for those students interested in that particular area of study.

Lunch-time entertainment was provided by the Siena Heights Pops Ensemble, while an international luncheon was prepared by Siena's Food Service students for the high school counselors present and the seniors interested in food service management.



J. Waldo



L. Bevilacqua



H. King

Linda earned her bachelors degree from Barry College in Miami, Florida, and her masters from Siena. For the past nine years, she has served as dean of students at Barry. She is now completing her doctorate at MSU.

The board unanimously adopted the cooperative statement between Siena and Adrian Colleges which was endorsed by more than 100 faculty and staff members of both colleges Jan. 29. The statement expresses an interest for the colleges to work together to achieve a stimulating and beneficial mix of competition and collaboration, and to discover better ways to utilize available resources of both campuses.

A record operating budget of nearly \$4 million was approved for the 1978-80 academic year. This is the 60th consecu-

tive year that the college has balanced its budget.

The board members heard reports from the physical facilities committee which focused on the possible expansion of the Siena library, the development committee on record levels of financial giving and the admissions committee reported that applications for enrollment are 35 percent ahead of last year.

Board Chairman Chester Devenow named the following people to the executive committee: Richard Ransom, Edward Fisher, Sr. Nadine Foley, O.P., Willard Reagan, Robert Sage, and Natalia Koselka. Devenow is presently chairman of that committee.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 12, preceding Siena's commencement ceremonies, May 13.



Endorsing the pledge of cooperation between Adrian College and Siena on behalf of more than 100 faculty and staff are Jim Ebben, academic dean at Siena, Dr. Donald Stanton, president of Adrian College, Dr. Louis Vaccaro, president of Siena, and Dr. George Somers, acting vice-president for academic affairs at Adrian.

Art Students Study in Italy



Siena students sightseeing in Paris are left to right, Gary Trogu, Jeanne Dailey, Eric Jensen, Lynn Gaylord and Tony Pallone.

Third Renaissance Faire Honors Day Planned For April



Chuck and Bonnie Milliken

The third annual Renaissance Faire-Honors Day weekend is scheduled for April 27, 28 and 29 at Siena Heights. Top graduates will be honored Friday, April 27 by the college and the various academic divisions. Siena faculty will wear academic robes to classes to set the tone for the afternoon Honors Convocation.

The festivities associated with Renaissance Faire will take place Saturday with a bigger, better-than-ever event being planned this year. The weekend will conclude Sunday with a special liturgical celebration.

Renaissance Faire commemorates the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, the college's patron. The Faire has three objectives: to raise money for the scholarship fund, to reunite present and former members of the Siena community, and to provide a lively atmosphere to be enjoyed by all.

For advance tickets and further information contact Chuck Milliken, Faire coordinator, (517) 263-0731 ext.253.

Twenty-six Siena Heights students have been studying in Italy since Jan. 25 with the 1979 Art Study Program sponsored by Studio Angelico. The program is worth 12 semester hours of study in art history, studio art and related studies. The program is also open to qualified students in other areas for independent study prearranged with the head of their departments.

The students are primarily studying in Florence and are staying at the Pension Allessandra. The trip also includes a five-day visit in Paris where the students will tour the Louvre, Sorbonne, Notre Dame, and Versailles. The students will have 10 days to travel as they wish before starting home on April 19.

Siena art instructors Jean Agnes Klemm, O.P., Mary Phillips, O.P., and parent Mrs. Edward Holowicki are accompanying the students on the trip. The trip was arranged and coordinated by Jeannine Klemm, O.P.

This is the fourth such study-travel program to Italy sponsored by Studio Angelico.

Siena hosts conference on small colleges

A small, national invitational conference on the prospects for vitality among faculty and staff in the small, private college was sponsored and hosted by Siena Heights March 21, 22 and 23. It was designed to deal with the future of small colleges as "learning environments."

The conference was one of the activities funded by a grant Siena received to support a variety of faculty development activities. Siena shared its faculty development experiments with the participants.

Dr. Jack Behrens, chairman of the department of theory and composition at the University of Western Ontario, and Dr. Louis Wildman, president of the Institution for Quality in Human Life in Portland, Oregon, presented papers.

Making presentations were Dr. Mildred Henry, president of New College of California in San Francisco, and Dr. David Osher and Dr. Stephen Berger, associate directors of human service and psychology at the New Hampshire College.

Dr. Thomas Maher and James Ebben coordinated the conference.

Faculty and Staff Notes

DR. ROBERT CARES, dean of student development, had a manuscript published in the volume 2, number 2, 1978 edition of *Research in Higher Education*. The manuscript is entitled, "Faculty Self Actualization: Factors Affecting Career Success."

WILLIAM ACHESON, Siena admissions representative, was a commencement speaker at the South Lyon High School mid-year graduation exercises in South Lyon, Michigan. He spoke on "Skill Analysis with Regards to the Future."

CHARLES KERN and **MARK DOMBROWSKI** of the Instructional Services Department, have co-authored an article entitled, "Cutting the Pie: Departmental Budgets in a Small Academic Library", which was published as the lead article in the Winter 1978 edition of *Michigan Librarian*.

DR. MIRIAM STIMSON, O.P., director of graduate studies, and **BARBARA WALL**, O.P., assistant professor of philosophy, traveled to Russia in November along with students and faculty of Keuka College. They visited Leningrad, Moscow, and Kalinin. Highlights of the trip included a circus in Leningrad and a Bolshoi Opera in the Halls of Congress at the Kremlin.

SR. BARB WALL, O.P., assistant professor of philosophy, recently had a chapter published in the book, *Philosophical Aspects of Thanatology*, printed by Arno Press in New York. The chapter, "The Doctrine of Death in the Philosophy of Gabriel Marcel," deals with a contemporary view of death.

SIMON PRESS, associate professor of English, read her poetry at the Guild House in Ann Arbor March 1. Her poems were also on exhibit at the Little Gallery on campus with the drawings of **BARBARA CERVENKA**, O.P., in late February. Barbara is a former art instructor at Siena.

SR. EILEEN RICE, O.P., assistant professor of education, was recently named president of the deans and directors of teacher education of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan member institutes. She has been an AICUM representative for three years.

JOE BERGMAN, assistant professor of art, had his prints entitled, *Inkworks*, on exhibit at Sill Hall Gallery on the Eastern Michigan University campus Oct. 23-Nov. 10.

DR. LOUIS VACCARO, Siena president, was recently elected to the "Save Orchestra Hall Inc." Board of Directors. The Detroit based organization is devoted to restoring Orchestra Hall. Vaccaro has also recently had articles published: "Who Audits the Trustees" was in *Liberal Education*, the official journal of the Association of American Colleges; "Know Thyself" is scheduled for publication in the March edition of *The Bulletin*, published by Delta Epsilon Sigma, a national academic honorary society; and his paper, "Institutional Research and Long Range Planning" will be featured during a panel session at the Association of International Research Conference in San Diego May 14-17.

KAREN GLASER, director of the Upward Bound program, was recently elected as regional treasurer of the Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel. The MAEOPP is a professional organization of educators involved in advocating equal educational opportunities for low income students in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Ms. Glaser was also awarded a scholarship to study at the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas.

DR. EUGENE CHAPMAN, assistant professor of biology, has co-authored a manuscript scheduled for publication in the July-August issue of *Mycologia*, a scientific publication devoted to the study of fungi. His manuscript is entitled, "Germination of Basidiospores and Oidia of *Coprinus Domesticus*," which is the study of the germination of a weed-like mushroom at various temperatures.

New Full-time Faculty at Siena for 1978-79

Siena continues to upgrade its quality of instruction and the following new faculty members for the 1978-79 academic year exemplify that quality:

Dr. Marilyn Leonard comes to the Management Division after teaching business communications and education at Bowling Green State University. She received the "Faculty of the Year" award last year at Bowling Green. She earned her B.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Toledo.

Tharyle Prather was hired as technical director-designer-teacher in the Communications Arts and Education Division. He comes to Siena from Rutgers University where he taught scenic design and designed over twenty productions. Prather received his B.S. in speech and theatre at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, and his M.F.A. from Rutgers in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Whitney Hames, who has taught part-time at Siena since 1976, is now a full-time lecturer in the Human Services Division. Hames received his B.A. from Albion College and M.S. from Michigan State University.

Patricia Huddleston has been hired as a full-time instructor in the Management Division at Siena. She received her B.S. from the University of Dayton. She is a member of the American Home Economics Association and Kappa Omicron Phi-Home Economics Honorary.

Dr. Joseph Yankech has been hired as an assistant professor of sociology, primarily with the External Degree Program in Southfield. He has been an instructor at Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley, and North Dakota State. He has been a visiting professor at several institutions in Peru. Yankech received his M.A. from the University of Delaware and his Ph.D. from MSU.

Hennie Reimer has been hired as a full-time assistant professor in the Art Division. She received her B.A. from Odense Cathedral Skole in Denmark and her M.F.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo.

Wayne Owens has been added as a full-time instructor in Philosophy, primarily with the External Degree Program. He is completing his Ph.D. from DePaul University in Chicago.

Cagers post winning seasons



Deidre Driver slips behind the defense for an easy bucket.



Cleo Hayes was a skilled ballhandler and scored 1249 points during his Siena career.



John Dillard slam-dunks two of his 1250 points; a career record at Siena.

by Larry Sands

Siena's womens basketball team wrapped up its finest season ever, capping the season with a win over Calvin College to finish the year at 27-2. The victory gave the women a third place finish in the S.M.A.I.A.W. State Tournament.

The Saints finished their regular season with a perfect 23-0 record, impressive for any team, but even greater for a squad that boasted just four sophomores on its 11-player roster. Using a strong nucleus of freshmen, Coach Sr. Mary Alice Murnen put together an almost unbeatable team.

The only losses that the women suffered were at the hands of State Champion Grand Valley State College and Calvin College, the latter being avenged in the final game of the season.

Coach Murnen, when asked to comment on the women's amazing success, said, "We set a goal of winning 80 percent of our games at the beginning of the season, but we never expected to turn our program around like this in only one year." Last year the Saints finished the season with a 10-9 record.

The new Activities Center and outstanding fan support were important ingredients in the success of the womens and mens teams this season. Coach Murnen noted that improved recruiting and convenient practices were two of the many ways the new building benefited the athletic program.

In past years, Siena teams played home games in Piotter Center, a small facility two miles from campus, leaving college fans small in number and usually quiet.

Coach Ben Braun's mens basketball team also posted its finest season ever. The Saints narrowly missed a bid to the N.A.I.A. Tournament, but still finished the year with a fine 23-7 record.

One memorable contest was the last game of the season, in which the men defeated Spring Arbor College 88-80. That contest marked the last game in the college careers of two of Siena's stalwart performers, John Dillard and Cleo Hayes. These co-captains finished their careers ranking one and two in lifetime scoring at Siena. Dillard finished with 1250 points and Hayes

tallied 1249.

Coach Braun called Dillard, "the finest shooter I've ever coached," and Hayes, "one of the best passers I've ever seen." On the year, Hayes led the N.A.I.A. players in the state in assists.

Throughout the season the men provided thrill after thrill as they won seven games in the last five seconds on the clock. The men edged Adrian College 67-66 after a miraculous rally that netted them four points in the last three seconds. Long range shots at the buzzer stole victories from Wayne State University, Alma College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

After the season, Coach Braun expressed disappointment at not being voted to play in the N.A.I.A. tournament, but noted that he was happy with the turnabout in the Saints' final record. Last year the men won only eight games.

All things considered, the men and women both posted excellent seasons, and with the talent that will return next season the future of basketball at Siena looks very bright.

China Connection

Dr. Louis Vaccaro, president of Siena, recently received word that Kirin University in Northern China is interested in establishing a faculty and student exchange program with the college. Professor Wang-kun, chairman of the foreign language department at Kirin, proposed the possibility of several exchange opportunities in a letter to Vaccaro.

Vaccaro met Wang-kun when he traveled to the People's Republic of China last summer.

Details are tentative at this time, but they include possibilities for graduate and undergraduate Chinese students to study at Siena and a program where Kirin and Siena faculty would have opportunities to exchange teaching duties for three to six months.

Students receive

\$1,273,000 in Aid

A total of \$1,273,000 in financial aid has been awarded to Siena students for the current academic year.

Of this amount, more than 290 students received in excess of \$127,000 in institutionally awarded scholarships.

Five students were awarded prestigious presidential scholarships. Selection of these recipients is based on ranking in their high school graduating class, overall high school grade point average and letters of reference from high school principals and counselors.

Siena also offers a special senior scholarship to all Lenawee County high schools to be used by students graduating first or second in their class.

Siena also provides financial aid through campus work study grants and college loans. Other means of aid available at Siena are basic educational opportunity grants, supplemental educational opportunity grants, law enforcement educational program grants as well as state scholarships and state freshmen differential grants.

"Even though Siena ranks among the lowest five percent in cost among private colleges in Michigan, we believe that many students would not be able to take advantage of our educational opportunities if it were not for the financial aid assistance that Siena can give," says a Siena official.

This fall Siena experienced a 27 percent enrollment increase over the previous year and now has the largest number of non-traditional aged students in its 60 year history.

Enrollment up 27 percent

Siena Heights has a current overall student body of about 1400 for the 1978-79 academic year, an increase in enrollment of 27 percent. Of this figure, more than 40 percent of the students are in the non-traditional age bracket, making 27 the average student age at Siena.

The international student population has also increased this semester with 24 students from Brazil, Turkey, Greece, Panama, Canada, Nigeria, Jamaica, Trinidad, Mexico, Zambia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, and the Virgin Islands.

Much effort is put into helping non-traditional age students--40 percent of the classes are offered after 5 p.m. enabling the older and working students an opportunity to schedule their classes around their jobs.

Loma LaBarge, a non-traditional student, has been made peer advisor with the General Studies Division this year to help provide counseling for fellow non-traditional students.

"Siena has been actively recruiting and serving adult students for about 10 years now and, in my opinion, we are doing a better job with these students

than any other college or university in the State of Michigan," said Dr. Bob Gordon, director of academic advising. "There are many factors that contribute to this success, such as our wide variety of night classes, our personal, academic, and career counseling services, our College Level Examination Program (CLEP), our Cooperative Work Experience program, and our Prior Life Experience Learning program. But most important of all is the fact that Siena faculty and traditional age students make adult students feel welcome in the classroom and on the campus. It is the vital human ingredient that makes our efforts in serving adult students so successful."

"Eclipse" available

"Eclipse", Siena's literary magazine, is now available. To order send \$2.50 to the English Department at Siena Heights College, 1247 Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221. Make checks out to Eclipse.

Spring Sports Schedules

MENS BASEBALL

(all double headers - 1 p.m.)

March 31 - Jordan College (H)

April 3 - John Wesley (H)

5 - Shaw (H)

10 GAME SOUTHERN TRIP

[Atlanta] April 7-14

April 18 - Hillsdale

19 - Grand Rapids Baptist

21 - Adrian (H)

23 - Alma (H)

25 - Concordia

27 - U. of Detroit

28 - Jordan College

30 - Aquinas (H)

May 1 - Grand Rapids Bible (H)

5 - Spring Arbor (H)

MENS TENNIS

March 24 - Multi-team meet (H) 10 a.m.

31 - Multi-team meet (H) 10 a.m.

April 2 - Adrian (H) 3 p.m.

4 - Owens Tech (H) 3 p.m.

6 - Spring Arbor (H) 3 p.m.

17 - Owens Tech 3:30 p.m.

19 - Monroe C.C. (H) 4 p.m.

24 - Adrian 3 p.m.

26 - Kalamazoo 3 p.m.

28 - Monroe C.C. 10 a.m.

May 1 - Spring Arbor 3 p.m.

2 - Schoolcraft 3:30 p.m.

MENS GOLF

(all regular season contests begin at 1 p.m.)

April 11 - Washtenaw C.C.

12 - Lawrence Technical (H)

17 - Defiance (H)

19 - Concordia (H)

20 - Alma Invitational

21 - Tri-State Invitational

at Tri-State U.

25 - Lawrence Technical

26 - Tiffin

30 - Concordia

May 2 - Aquinas (H)

6 & 7 - N.A.I.A. District Tournament

WOMENS SPRING TENNIS

April 7 - Albion

9 - Owens Tech (H)

18 - Adrian

20 - Aquinas

21 - Grand Rapids Bible

26 - Kalamazoo J.V.

30 - Olivet

May 5 - Owens Tech

WOMENS SOFTBALL

April 6 - Olivet 3 p.m. (H)

10 - Albion 3 p.m.

21 - Spring Arbor 1 p.m. (H)

23 - Concordia 3 p.m.

26 - Hillsdale 3 p.m.

May 2 - Concordia 3 p.m. (H)

7 - Adrian 3 p.m.

Reflections on Siena

Barb Stockwell, admissions representative: "When considering colleges when I graduated from high school, I had heard of Siena through my mom, who is an alumna.

"Since then Siena has doubled in enrollment, new programs for career minded students have been added and a strong academic profile has been maintained. I am glad to be a part of a growing institution."

Mary Ann [Legos] Stockwell, class of 1952: "Even though 26 years have passed since graduation, there are many warm memories of helpful and dedicated teachers, fun-loving and hard-working classmates, and good times as well as difficult ones. But there was always a feeling of 'family'.

"I am grateful for the basic and thorough foundations I received in the music department. Sister Philomena, Sister Marie Paul and Sister Rose Eleanor were fantastic teachers. They demanded so much, so we gave much."

Jane Korte Waldo, president of the Siena Alumni Association: "Mary Jo, our sophomore daughter (who dreamed of Siena since she was a 6th grader), has returned from mid-term break. Every time she leaves I seem to return with her. Don't get me wrong...I treasure my Siena education of yesteryear, but there are gems of instructors over there who have the intellect, compassion and caring attitude of the traditional Siena instructor we knew.

"Sure the campus has changed and grown, the freedoms are numerous and boys enhance the campus. Imagine how I

felt upon our return from Europe to visit our daughter and discover boys were inhabitants of room 408, my-room long ago! Well, this former resident of Archangelus Hall suddenly realized that Siena was very much alive and 'with it'.

"Today, with life and vitality, a fresh vibrant youth destined to change the world (just as we were) share the same educational goals of Siena, the same commitments to fellow citizens (maybe with more inquisitiveness and a broader 'I care' attitude than I recall) and the same eagerness to learn as we did. Be assured, just as Siena met the needs of students in the past, she continues to meet the needs of today's society with the same progressiveness and Christian attitudes underlying its founding in 1919."

Barbara Wall, O.P., assistant professor of philosophy: "As a small private school, Siena has much possibility for growth as a vibrant academic and Christian community. Presently, I am excited with the enthusiasm on the part of the students, not only to study philosophy, but to see it as being meaningful in their everyday lives.

"In the last three years, the college has undergone change with regard to development of general education and implementation of the Mission Statement of the college. As a part of the faculty, I believe we have tried to ascertain the needs of our students in developing new curriculum, programs, policies and conscious awareness of career options for our students.

"The quality of the Siena experience is

enhanced by the diversity of the student population. The college must continue to explore the ways we can create an exciting, challenging learning environment for faculty, students and staff. I would like to see more students remain and graduate from Siena each year and maybe that will come in time because I personally think that Siena is a good place to be, to grow and to learn."

Sr. Evangeline Davis, former graduate, present assistant professor of Spanish:

"...Returning to Siena Heights College in 1948 as a member of the faculty, I was pleasantly surprised to see the greatly increased enrollment and new buildings. Sisters were in charge of the dormitory wings, but the students were much less supervised than in 'my day'. They could study in their own rooms instead of all in one common area. Students were much more involved in off-campus activities, not only in community projects, but also with Newman Clubs of other universities.

"In spite of increased enrollment, there was still a family spirit. Gradually some of the religious practices of 'my day' were beginning to be omitted; namely, prayer before classes, prayers before meals in the dining hall and recitation of the Office of the Sodalists of Mary. With the building of Benincasa in 1938, students no longer had to wash their own dishes. Kitchenettes in Archangelus made it possible for students to fix extra little meals...a luxury we didn't have in the 'good old days'. Whenever students complained about too much restriction or not enough activities, I couldn't help smiling. Oh! If only they knew how we lived in 1938! As a faculty



Jane Korte Waldo



Barbara Wall



Evangeline Davis

Height's 60th Year

member, I found the large numbers of Sisters staffing Siena to be a blessing of good example for our young women.

"Now I have returned to Siena (1970) to a totally different situation. Co-education has brought about drastic changes in curriculum and dorm living. We have a new breed of homo sapiens and a strange world in which we live. Looking back at our campus life in 1935-38, I guess we were living like nuns without realizing it. Because of the large number of commuters and the higher average age level of our student population, I find teaching at Siena Heights challenging and vitally interesting. I love the students and truly rejoice with them as I see how many of them can take so much responsibility and live successful lives."

Dr. Louis Vaccaro, president of Siena:

"As I reflect on the 60th anniversary of the founding of Siena Heights College, I am reminded of a statement I read early in my academic career. The statement, 'A college is an idea, persons and place...in that order,' has much to tell us about how we should order our lives and priorities here.

"We must never lose sight of our true reason for being, nor the idea that compelled the Dominicans to found this place.

"I try to keep the above statement in mind whenever I approach a task or decision as president."

Robert Sage, member of the Siena Heights Board of Trustees: "I enjoy being on the board at Siena."



Robert Sage

Donato F. Sarapo, M.D., member of Siena Board of Trustees: "Sister Petronilla, as farsighted president of Siena Heights College, decided to gather together a group of laymen as a Lay Advisory Board at the college. I was honored to be part of that original group. It was her hope that we would give her an honest and direct reflection of the community's image of Siena Heights and, as members of the local community, help support the college.

"Early in our deliberations, it was concluded that not only should Siena have a chance to communicate with the board, but it should communicate better with the community. Therefore, in mind and in actuality, the fence around Siena Heights was removed. Originally there was an iron picket fence and iron gates separating Siena from the outside world. The fence and gates were removed. There followed the beginning of openness between the college and the outside world.

"However, the strength of the basic Christian values that had been the stability of Siena in the past continued through the present and we hope into the future. Siena is now able to exist in a changing world.

"Siena is now facing new challenges and ready to embark upon a new era of attainment. Having built upon the strength and philosophies of the past, revitalized with the energies of the present, I envision that Siena will embark upon a program seeking increasing attainments in a quality of life and in the quality of education. This will demand of the faculty, the students, administration, and the board, a strength that will only come from



Donato Sarapo

the college's past heritage. It will be accomplished today and in the future by the energy that Siena can muster from all the eager, energetic and strong human beings that make up Siena Heights College."

Sr. Eileen Rice, O.P., assistant professor of education: "I've been associated with Siena Heights College for 13 of the past 17 years, beginning as a college freshman in 1962 and continuing until the present as a member of the faculty. Over these years there have, of course, been many external changes in the college.

"In 1962 Siena was fairly similar in daily routine to the convent that I entered a year later: we had Mass at 6:30 a.m. each weekday (and marched in academic dress for the major feast days!), wore uniforms, had a formal study period each weekday evening, and lived in a fairly structured environment. Additionally, as a student body, we were exclusively female, 18-22 years old, predominately Roman Catholic, almost completely residential and pursuing degrees along the time-honored liberal arts route with at least 75 percent also seeking teacher certification.

"In 1979 Siena doesn't bear much resemblance to a convent; the 40 percent male student population precludes that! Other changes in the student body include a shift from one which was predominately residential to one where 70 percent of the students are from Lenawee County, a dramatic increase in the number of part-time students, and a much wider variety of age levels. The degrees pursued by the students range from those in the traditional liberal arts to a wide variety of



Petronilla Francoeur

60th Year (continued)

professional programs with only about 10 percent of the students applying for teacher certification.

"However, through all of these external changes, the essence of Siena has remained a small institution with a personal approach to students: faculty are easily accessible and classes are small enough to prevent student anonymity (in fact, I suspect occasionally that students would prefer to be anonymous!). There is a high level of care and concern at all levels, between faculty and students, students and students, faculty and faculty. The members of the college community genuinely like one another as persons (it would be interesting to measure the level of laughter on campus!) and respect one another as persons who are seriously interested in the teaching/learning process. These are things that haven't changed at Siena.

"Siena Heights College, like all institutions of higher education, is basically a collection of people and ideas. The individual people have changed, but the Siena people have not. The specific ideas discussed in and out of classes at Siena may have changed, but concern for ideas and the quality of ideas has remained consistent at Siena. Thus, though the existential Siena Heights has changed in many ways, the essential Siena has not."

Larry Sands, resident student, and editor in-chief of the student newspaper

Spectra: "Since coming to Siena four years ago, I've seen a variety of changes take place. Through all these improvements, the college has maintained its excellent standards and its never ending quest to be as good as it can be.

"As a student, Siena has allowed me to experience new ideas and methods of learning. As an individual, Siena has allowed me to grow, to start to get to know myself, and to be a part of the variety of students that makes Siena unique.



Larry Sands

"Siena has its problems; you're fooling yourself if you think it is perfect, but it's the people here that make Siena what it is: a great place to go to college."

John Fetzer, commuter student: "In my four years at Siena, there has been a vast change in social activities and faculty. As a whole, Siena Heights is a very acceptable school. It has improved academically as well as socially and I believe it will continue to do so in the future. Of course, there are many aspects of the college that could be improved."

Don Carter, 75-year-old graduate student: "I've loved Siena Heights since I've been here. It fits the needs of the community and its students.

"I've seen it change from an all girls school to a co-educational institution. All the people here are marvelous in their own fields. Siena has been one of the best parts of my life."

Ken Schwartz, president of the Parents Advisory Council: "As a life long resident of the Adrian area, I perhaps have a more personal awareness of the outstanding contributions Siena has made to her students and the community in her 60 year illustrious history.

"I now have a son and daughter enrolled at Siena and am confident they will experience the challenges, Christian atmosphere and educational environment they seek in pursuit of their career goals and personal development.

"I am proud to serve as chairman of the Parents Advisory Council. We recognize Dr. Vaccaro as an outstanding educator, administrator and gentleman. We are confident that, under his guidance, Siena Heights will truly be among the very finest private colleges in the midwest. The Parents Advisory Council is dedicated to offer its full support to accomplish that end."



Ken Schwartz

Sister M. Petronilla Francoeur, Siena president, 1965-70:

"...As I look at the 1979 college from afar, and as I read and hear about current aims, goals and projections fulfilled, a real sense of encouragement and achievements arrest my reflections to the last ten years. From this panoramic vantage point I recall those alarming and foreboding years of 1965-1970 -- members of every local community, city and state were attending meetings and national conventions. The leaders of higher education nervously spelled doom or extremely lean chances of survival. The dirge was chanted across the nation. It seemed to me that the colleges and universities were expected to be the "cure-all" for the ills and difficulties of mankind: the federal government sought our services; financial aid was solicited (but it was given to some and not to others); salaries and tuitions were mounting; students were crying for greater freedoms; parents and high school graduates demanded admission; private schools were denied loans and grants given to the public sector; enrollments were decreasing; community colleges were emerging; educational machinery zoomed in as the cure to all ills; and modern technology workshops were hailed as the only preparations for college instructors.

"Joyfully I reflect on the buildings erected, remodeled and maintained; on co-education with added faculty, courses, housing, recreational facilities and co-curricular adjustments; growth in the academic divisions and programs of the college; and challenges extended by the citizens and professional people of Lenawee County and City of Adrian; the support of many friends for new buildings, maintenance, salaries, increased staffing; facilities for counseling; lay persons; new programs, public relations staff, publications, admissions staff, increased enrollment; residences on and off campus with a resident director, supervisors and assistants; the new recreational center with the personnel and direction that such a facility imposes.

"I know that I have not cited all the works and achievements of Siena Heights College since 1970. I have lightly scratched the surface, but the ones I've cited are the most relevant to the projections made by the college constituencies in the years 1965-70.

"I thank you, Lord, for sustaining the life of Siena Heights College these 60 years. May she continue to grow gracefully, to spread her fragrance everywhere, and may she serve posterity until the end of time."

New Ministry Team Chosen

Fr. James N. Pfeffer, Sr. Marie Carol Hurley, O.P., and Fr. Jon T. Taylor were named this fall to complete the newly-formed Campus Ministry Team at Siena. The trio replaces Siena chaplain of nine years, Fr. John M. Keefer, who left to become a member of a Dominican "task force" on assignment in Appalachia.

The ministry team, in addition to liturgy, will be involved in personal counseling. The team's major functions will be to determine which issues are most pressing and how they can best use their many talents.

Since 1975, Fr. Taylor has been working in independent development and implementation of troubled employee programs, as well as designing and implementing substance abuse programs.

Sr. Marie Carol comes to Siena after working as a member of a Diocesan Evangelism team in Wheeling/Charleston, West Virginia. She had been the chairperson of the Department of Speech and Drama at Barry College in Miami, Florida from 1954-74.

Fr. Pfeffer has been working as a pastoral minister at The Center for Studies in Language and Culture in Davao City, Philippines.

"The idea of a ministry team is powerful," said Robert Cares, Dean of Student Development. "Their combined resources provide a lot of talent, and together they have the ability to relate to many people across the campus."

Intern Sr. Doris Fournier, has been assigned to the team, Sr. Trudy McSorley, O.P., will assist in an administrative capacity, and graduate assistant Laurie Small will also help out.

Siena joins in World Fast

Siena Heights joined with 1100 other colleges and universities across the United States in the Fast for a World Harvest Nov. 15-16. The fast is an annual event sponsored by OXFAM-America.

About 160 students and faculty participated in the fast at Siena and collected contributions reaching more than \$200. A pot-luck vegetarian dinner was served in Sage Union following the fast with 100 people taking part.

The event at Siena was coordinated by Barb Wall, O.P., assistant professor of philosophy.

Climate improved at Siena

The results of a recent study concerning the organizational climate and development at Siena revealed a marked improvement from 1977 to 1978 in peer group communications and the working climate of the college. Eighty full-time faculty and professional staff people at Siena participated in the survey.

In 1976, Siena was awarded a grant through the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education over a three-year period. The grant was established for faculty and organizational development. As part of the grant, seminars have been conducted so that faculty and staff would have a better understanding of how the college works.

"The survey helped us understand the changes taking place on campus and gave us insight into areas that need improvement," said Jim Ebben, academic dean and director of professional development at Siena. "Overall, the survey showed that the college is above average when compared to other organizations of its kind."

The survey showed significant positive changes from 1977 to 1978. Top administration has undergone change, but departmental heads have remained relatively the same. The improvements in working climate have been dramatic for a one-year period of time.

"It was a good year in the sense of staying within the budget, and enrollment was up this year," said Ebben. "We are now moving away from a period when dramatic changes were being made in the curriculum at the college. The curriculum has now stabilized."



Right here on this stage

A musical revue, "Without a Song," was the senior project of Siena theatre and music major Brenda Young in late March and early April. The talented entertainer-musician sang, danced, choreographed, and co-directed the musical presentation, which was one of six theatre productions presented at Siena during the year.

An Unseasonal Message

If you missed our Christmas greetings this year, it's not that we forgot you. You're always in our hearts and minds. It was decided that the money for Christmas cards be put into our scholarship fund this year to enable more deserving and needy students complete college educations. Belated greetings,



President Louis C. Vaccaro and the faculty and staff of Siena Heights College.

Take a moment

to consider the following ways to assist Siena Heights College in its endeavor to meet the needs of its students now and in the future. Hopefully, one will appeal to you.

- Gift of cash
- Gift of securities
- Gift of real estate
- Gift of life insurance
- Bequest in will
- Memorial gift
- Year-end gift
- Giving for Income
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Gifts in Kind

These means of helping Siena have federal and state tax benefits. We will welcome the opportunity to give you details. Please address your inquiry to the Office of the President, Siena Heights College, 1247 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221.

American Studies: flexibility in study

by **Spencer Bennett**
Associate Professor of History and Religion

According to a recent article in *Changing Times*, enrollments in American colleges and universities are declining and hundreds of these institutions will be closing their doors within the next ten years. Competition for students among four year liberal arts colleges will increase in an economy where funds for new academic programs will become more limited.

Flexibility within major academic programs is one solution to declining enrollments. The key is a multi-disciplinary approach which will allow existing courses in various academic disciplines to serve the greatest number of students. For example, the Humanities Division at Siena is creating a humanities major which will share a curriculum through a group of required courses also serving majors in the existent English-Communications major. In addition, Siena faculty are working on a required college core of 9-12 credit hours for all students.

American Studies is a new program at Siena which emphasizes flexibility. Here is a curriculum that belongs to three divisions: Art, Human Services, and Humanities. Although the program

has a director appointed by the academic dean, courses are drawn from the three divisions and it is administered by a four-person committee with a representative from each division, plus the director.

One of the advantages of American Studies in a small college is that it offers the more adventuresome student an agenda which is interdisciplinary and requires input from the student in planning the degree. Since it draws from a variety of departments, it holds a promise of cohesion in teaching and planning beyond departmental lines.

While it was first designed for those going into the teaching profession, American Studies has become a major well suited for those going into government, museum, anthropology and library work. Even in business, the degree is favored by companies like Bell Telephone that are recruiting beginning personnel from the ranks of liberal arts majors.

American Studies students have the opportunity to do cooperative internships with the Lenawee County Museum and are required to do an independent study which brings their undergraduate work in the curriculum into proper perspective.

Siena faculty also bring a special dimension to American Studies as well. For example Professor James

McDonald is offering a course this semester in "The Lyrics of Folk, Blues and Rock" and Fr. David VanHorn offers a special section in his American Art course on barns as architecture in American culture. By fall 1979, the curriculum will have its own introductory course which will include the *America* films narrated by Alistair Cooke and *The Ascent Of Man* film series in which Jacob Bronowski explores implications of American Science and Technology.

The program at Siena will be unique in its attempt to focus on one of Lenawee County's natural resources, the Mexican-American culture. By utilizing the rich heritage of the Chicano population, students will have the opportunity to acquire and use bilingual skills in local oral history projects. Plans are also being made so that students can spend a semester off-campus at the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas to offer them a multi-cultural experience.

Interdisciplinary programs like American Studies offer undergraduate humanities students the background and flexibility to cope with complex problems of the modern world while preparing them with the necessary skills and experiences demanded by the job market.

Faculty Development at Siena

by **Jim Ebben, Dean of the College and Director of Professional Development**

In July 1976, Siena Heights College set up an Office of Professional Development to integrate institutional, instructional and personal development. The primary goal of the office is to improve the quality of teaching and learning, not only at Siena, but also to have impact on other institutions of higher education.

Many of the activities sponsored by the Office of Professional Development are carried out on the Siena Heights campus, including workshops for part-time faculty, seminars in organizational development, conferences on values education and general education, and forums on current topics such as women in the church and nutrition. Several activities sponsored by the office involve Siena faculty in conferences and visits to other institutions. They not only connect Siena with colleagues elsewhere, but they provide the stimulation that such contact entails.

The Office of Professional Development, in general, reduced the problem of planning for an intellectually vital and fiscally viable environment for small colleges. The major issue in this planning is that resources and dynamics (opportunities and activities) must be present in a small college setting in order to attract and maintain the kind of faculty necessary to provide excellent educational programs challenging both students and faculty alike.

During the first two years of operation, approximately 75 percent of the full and part-time faculty had been involved in some of the activities. It's too early to predict what the lasting results of the activities will be, but Siena has attracted some national attention for some of the efforts. From an organizational point of view, we have some data to show that the climate has greatly improved as a place where faculty and staff can grow personally and professionally.

Siena receives

\$30,000 Gift

Siena recently received a \$30,000 gift from Charles and Margaret E. Rueckert of Lighthouse Point, Florida. The gift will be used to endow the Margaret E. Rueckert Scholarship.

"We hope it (the gift) will be used to help those young people who otherwise would be unable to attend Siena Heights," said the Rueckerts in presenting the gift to the college.

The Rueckert's daughters attended Rosarian Academy in Palm Beach, Florida, which is operated by the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

In noting that the interest from the Margaret E. Rueckert Scholarship will be available each year Vaccaro said, "We are indeed fortunate to have friends such as the Rueckerts who are willing to cooperate with us in providing quality education for our young people."

Blind mother earns college degree

By Roberta DeBoer
Daily Telegram Staff Writer

It's admirable, though not so unusual anymore, for a divorced woman with two children to juggle family responsibilities in addition to attending school.

Of course, it's a different story when the woman is blind.

Rena Smith has been living in Adrian since September 1976. Originally from Detroit, she moved here to continue her education.

She has been blind for six years. While visiting friends in Adrian in 1973, she was shot. Blindness was the physical result — depression was the emotional result.

"I'd say that I was seriously depressed for about three years. I'm just now starting to really get a good grip on myself. I'll tell you, I cried an awful lot," says the 29-year-old woman.

After she lost her sight, she says, "I sat around the house, allowing my mother to treat me like an invalid. I was living on pity."

A friend who once came to visit brought her a gift of a white cane.

"I threw it across the room. I was furious. But after a while, I knew I'd have to learn to cope."

Rena went to the Michigan Rehabilitation Center for the blind in Kalamazoo, and after a period of months became physically self-sufficient.

"But the adjustments I learned there (Kalamazoo) were only physical. Psychologically, I was still in bad shape," she recalls. "Let's put it this way; I still cried a lot."

Coming to Adrian to finish her education at Siena Heights College was Rena's first solid move toward emotional self-therapy.

It took an understanding friend who repeatedly encouraged her to return to school, the persistency finally won her over.

Rena came to Siena Heights for the fall term of 1976. She's just been graduated with a degree in human services.

Though confronting the challenge of returning to school was one of the most important steps she took, she still finds herself subject to discouraging moments — but with much less frequency than before.

"Part of being blind is not only accepting the physical limitations, but also the certainty of periodic depression. I know it's unreasonable for me to expect never to get 'down' about the whole thing. I still ask 'Why me?', but I'm learning to anticipate that question.



photo by Wayne Kodey, Telegram photographer

Understanding that it's natural for me to ask myself that once in awhile makes it easier to face the question itself," she explains.

Rena would like to work in administrative services and counseling. Her main interest is mental health, and though she's excited about working in that field, she already misses school.

"Siena Heights was wonderful for me. It's a caring sort of campus, and the people were terrific. Oh sure, there are still those people who point to buildings on campus when I ask for directions, but that doesn't even bother me. The important things — personal concern, good rapport — have always been there," says the two-time honor roll student.

She is registered for three graduate classes at Siena Heights ("That's the maximum number you can take," she says proudly) and is also busy trying to find employment related to her field. She's encountered some problems.

"When I apply for jobs, people don't look at my credentials. They look at my white cane and whisper, 'What can she do?'; as if I were deaf as well as blind. It's discouraging," she admits.

Rena has had to make adjustments for her blindness in raising her children, Taniko, 6, and Ra-Shad, 4. She had

taught them, she says, "to be really independent as well as to help me. When my clothes aren't sorted, for example, I need someone to tell me I'm wearing one green and one blue sock."

"They're good kids," she smiled, although she thinks they feel somewhat strained by her handicap.

"Sometimes, they'll just sigh and say, 'Mom I sure wish you could see this; it's really neat.' Well, I wish I could see it too, but that's life."

Her children have been enormously helpful to her, both in the practical and emotional sense.

"I told them that all three of us earned that degree (from Siena Heights). When commencement exercises in May come around they're going to accept the degree for me."

Though Rena is experiencing a little anxiety now that she's moving away from the comfortable and familiar routine of school, she feels she's branching out and becoming increasingly capable both physically and emotionally.

"My friends say to me, 'Rena, you're really stuck on yourself, aren't you?'"

A slow, big grin, and then — "Yeah, I guess I'm pretty proud of myself."

Class Notes

1926

Bernice Raquepaw Smith, whose new address is 2471 Ashwood Drive, Flint, MI 48504, would enjoy hearing from her classmates.

1931

Genevera Guest Kelly of Newport News, Virginia, writes, "I visited Sister M. Jerome this past July, along with my brother Dr. George Guest and his wife from Algonac, Michigan. Wonderful changes!"

1935

Rosemarie Schwab Courtney and husband, John, make their home at 478 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Mary Brocchetti Pavan retired from the Detroit Board of Education after teaching 37 years, 27 of these years in Detroit. She and her husband, Giacoma, live at 7356 Warwick, Detroit, MI 48228.

1940

Winifred Adamcheck Stone teaches in the Jackson Public Schools; husband, Ethon, is a pediatrician in Jackson.

1942

Janie LeFere, daughter of the late **Betty O'Meara LeFere** '42 of Jackson, Michigan, was crowned Rose Queen of the annual Rose Festival in Jackson. Janie is a 1978 graduate of Lumen Christi High School.

1944

Dorris Borradaile Wright, 2907 Via San Jacinto, San Clemente, CA 92672, is the Manager and Budget Chairperson of the Las Buenas Amigas Auxiliary.

1945

Emilia Ralko Doolan and husband, George, are living at 16510 Macarthur, Redford MI 48240. Emilia is a teacher with the South Redford School System.

Congratulations to

Marycatherine McCarty who received the Outstanding Alumni of 1978 Award at the annual luncheon held during the homecoming festivities. Marycatherine is employed by the Flint Board of Education and lives at 9452 Brookway Court, Goodrich, MI 48438.

Genevieve Kritzman O'Neill and husband, John, reside at 3725 MacNichol Trail, West Bloomfield, MI 48033.

1947

Eileen Meely Heinrichs and husband, Donovan, make their home at 416 Johnson Street, Stoughton, WI 53589. Eileen is with the Madison Public Schools in Stoughton.

Agnes Shebay Ricard lives at 1056 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, with her husband, Gerald.

Helen Mika Springer and husband, John, reside at 28460 Simmons Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551. John works in sales for Viking Fire Protection Company.

1948

Rosemary Dorr, 3900 Berkshire Road, Detroit, MI 48224, is the Experience Editor for the Detroit News.

Joanne Wack Gans' address is RR 3, Box 155, Syracuse, IN 46567. Her husband, Ray, is President of the Commodore Corporation.

Anita Hengesbach McClure, 2718 Montego Drive, Lansing, MI 48912, is the Executive Secretary for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan (AICUM).

Maria Parente Sablack and husband, Paul, live on Glenwood Drive in Manistique, MI 49854. Maria is an assistant cashier at the State Savings Bank.

1949

Marjory Thompson Iott lives at 13970 Aten Road, Deerfield, MI 49238, with her husband, Robert. They are the proud parents of 14 children (ages 10-26), seven girls and seven boys. Three of their children are married, and they have three grandchildren. Marjory has served as Secretary of the local school board for four years. She is involved in Scripture Sharing groups and would like to know if other alumni are involved with similar groups in liturgy planning, young adults, whatever!

1950

Kathleen McLoughlin Sherzer and husband, John, reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their son, Allen, was married this fall and is attending Bowling Green State University. Daughter Ann entered the Franciscan Order and is teaching at St. Coletta in Jefferson, Wisconsin; daughter Mary has just been hired as a conservation officer for the State of Michigan.

Joanne Civello Tutera and husband, Vito, are both teachers in the Saginaw Township Community Schools. They live at 2552 Yosemite, Saginaw, MI 48603.

1952

Sara J. Baxter writes that she is employed by the Consolidated Rail Corporation. Her address is 54 East Girard Boulevard, Kenmore, NY 14217.

Carole Sporer Stroh is an instructor with the Lake Forest Adult Education School. Carole and husband, Alfred, reside at 330 Ravine Forest Drive, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

Virginia Bell Turnwald's son, Michael, was married to Pamela Stegath in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on August 19, 1978. Virginia and husband, Charles, own Crown Gift House in Adrian.

1953

Joan Chopp Scheuermann and husband, Robert, live at 4 Hanover, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069. Joan is an instructor in the Birmingham Public School System.

Denise Murphy Sexton has had her first book published - **READING TRAINING FOR THE VOLUNTEER TUTOR**. Denise writes, "The nicest thing about my latest project is that it will help many, many, children that I personally would not be able to reach. Without the ability to read, and to read well, a student doesn't have much of a chance in the current educational game." Denise and husband, Franklin, and their two sons live at 301 Ridge Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Dineen Reagan Stack and husband, Paul, make their home at 1503 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052. Paul is the Executive Vice President of the Rath Corporation. The Stacks have three children - two married daughters and a son who is a chemical engineering senior at Purdue University.

1956

Bettylu Schneider Kessler is Assistant Professor at El Camino College. Bettylu and husband, Louis, live at 28511 Hazelridge, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

1957

Evelyn Lemirande LeFevre and husband, Joseph, are busy traveling around the country in their motor home. When not on an adventure, they reside at 117 Burt Street, Tecumseh, MI 49286. Evelyn who recently retired from teaching writes, "Keep up the standards at Siena!"

Elizabeth Dillenburg Stroschein and husband, Dallas, make their home at 608 East Walton, Spokane, WA 99207.

Madelyn Kennedy Thorton recently retired after teaching for 33 years in the Addison Community Schools. Madelyn and husband, James, a semi-retired farmer, have full-time jobs as foster home parents. They have ten children living with them in Addison, Michigan, four of their own, four foster children, and two grandchildren.

1958

Mary Krill Sawan is providing some stiff competition for Erma Bombeck with her humorous writings about family life. Dr. Priscilla Piche sent us one of Mary's articles which had appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal in December of 1977.

1959

Rochelle Bellegarde Weaver lives in Midland, Michigan, with her husband, Bill, a chemist with Dow Chemical, and their three children. Rochelle writes that they "keep fit" by playing tennis; she also tutors part time.

Class of 1959

****Hope you make it to Reunion 1979 - for your twentieth anniversary.****

1960

Susan Franks Stieber and husband, Edward, reside at 27509 Bentley, Livonia, MI 48154. Edward is a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

Siena Alum named Chairperson



Margi Flanagan '44

If you're within the 10 county Milwaukee Archdiocese, there's a good chance you'll be hearing a lot about **Margi [Gleason] Flanagan** between March 4-April 15. The 1944 Siena graduate has been named by Archbishop Rembert Weakland as general chairperson of the 1979 Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

A dedicated volunteer, Margi has been involved in several local and national church groups. She is a member of the Board of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Benedict Justice Center, Horizon House Inc., Villa Clement, and Project Equality of Wisconsin.

She was the 1977 recipient of the B'nai B'rith Human Rights Award.

"I've used many platform opportunities to stress the importance of Siena's academic, philosophical and spiritual formation emphasis as an important impetus to my

involvement in civil and human rights efforts in the past two decades," said Margi in a recent letter to the Siena Alumni Office. "The weekly interracial seminar meetings at Siena in 1942-43 were a significant preparation for a lot of discussion I've done since. The nation, despite dark miles yet to go, has moved much closer to its goals because of the values and efforts of religious institutions like Siena and communities like the Adrian Dominicans. I hold both Siena and the women who built it close to my heart."

As the 1979 Catholic Stewardship Appeal's chairperson, Margi hopes to exceed last year's record breaking total of \$3,752,132.

Margi and her husband of 32 years, Joe, live at 4837 North Ardmore Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wis. They are the parents of four sons; Tom, Den, Terry and Jeff. They are members of the Holy Family Parish.



Sandy Fisher '70



Karen Hoffman '76

Class Notes

1961

Marlene DeLisle Govang is a substitute teacher in the Parma School System. She and her husband, James, make their home at 2649 East Sprague, Seven Hills, OH 44131.

Marge Kaye Grates lives at 2140 Arlington, Richmond, MI 48062. She is looking forward to attending Homecoming '79, which will be the Sixtieth Anniversary for Siena.

Maryann Sutor returned for the Siena reunion last year. She is currently studying for her masters in Urban Planning at Montclair State College in New Jersey. Maryann and her husband, John, and their three children live in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

1964

Sarah Wright Clary's address is P.O. Box 1021, Toccoa, GA 30577.

Marcele Kane Doyle and her husband, James, live at 506 Morrison Drive, Omaha, NE 68154, with their five children. James is Vice President for Student Personnel at Creighton University.

1965

Dorothy Elve Tombaugh and husband, Roy, reside at 971 Richmond Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124. Dorothy works for the Euclid Board of Education as Co-Director/Teacher of the Chautauqua Shortcourse for College Teachers, a special National Science Foundation program for the physically handicapped students in the science classroom and laboratory.

1966

Kathie McCormack Holthaus is living at 633 Somerset Drive, Janesville, WI 53545, with her dentist husband, Dick.

1967

Things are going well for **Janette Gedert** in Sunny Arizona. She is Program Schedule Coordinator for Motorola, Inc., Government Electronics Division.

Kathy Gedert is finding her position as Chairman of the Home Economics Department and Senior Class Adviser at Bishop Borgess High has its benefits. Kathy will be traveling with the senior class to Montreal in January and Hawaii in June! Bon Voyage, Kathy!

Judy Raines McArar is teaching English in the Sand Creek School again after an absence of five years. Judy's address is 6877 Essex Drive, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

Mary Ann Matrey Smith and her husband, Dennis, have just built a new home at 9460 Horsey Road, Defiance, Oh 43512. She writes that they are very busy but, "a house feels glorious after living in a 12x60 mobile home for nine years." Mary Ann is teaching first grade; Dennis is an Industrial Arts Instructor. They have a five-year-old daughter.



The Robert - Marjory Iott Family '49

Class Notes

1968

Jill Chambers and her husband, Don, and son John live in Owosso, Michigan, where she is serving as President of the American Association of University Women. Jill is teaching in the Owosso Public Schools.

When **Cynthia Rose Glaza** attended the Siena Reunion last year, she told us that she and her husband, Gerry, had bought a new home in Canton Township, Michigan. They are awaiting the birth of their second child. Son Matthew is three years old.

Congratulations to **Rita Payette Mahalak** and her husband, Don, on the birth of their second child, Jeffrey, on October 7, 1978. The family, which also consists of son Jonathan, two years old, lives in Wyandotte, Michigan.

T. C. Luke Roekle is the women's golf champion at Tecumseh Country Club. She finds her half-time teaching position is great when raising a family. Daughter Meghan is four years old.

Judy Thelan's new address is 1179 Palmer Lane, Apt. B, East Lansing, MI 48823.

1969

Ruth A. Fahringer has recently been promoted to Specialist 4th Class with the United States Armed Forces. Ruth writes, "I have just recently been reassigned to duty at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. I entered the Army in June '78. I'm looking forward to seeing the next issue of REFLECTIONS with news of the '78 Homecoming. I find it enjoyable reading and informative." Ruth would like to hear from classmates. Her address is 293-44-3340, 382d PSC, Ft. Devens, MA 01433.

Mae Weikel Illeck teaches in the Tecumseh Public Schools. Husband, Stephan, is retired, and the couple lives at 126 Maple, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

Janice Pate is now Janice Rabinowitz and resides at 15111 Kenton, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Bernadette Kramer Thompson and husband, John, moved to Sylvania in January of this year. They are expecting their second child in the spring. Daughter Julie is three years old.

1970

Sue Grieve Christian teaches in Lancaster City Schools and spends her spare time playing golf and writing. Sue has had three stories published in HIGHLIGHTS.

Janice Osborne Cousino and husband, Brian, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Rachel, on March 17, 1978. The Cousinos reside at 310 Colonial Drive, Monroe, MI 48161.

Sandy S. Fisher, after counseling Spanish-speaking people at Catholic Social Services in Adrian, is now a medical social work consultant with the Saginaw County Department of Social Services. Her Spanish fluency, acquired at Siena, enables her to exchange ideas with and regarding people of Hispanic origin.

Margaret M. Joyce Johnson and her husband are both studying law in Missoula, Montana. They have moved four times in the last year but plan to live at 407 S. Sixth East, Missoula, MT 59801, for at least three years.

Laura Wright Mastej (sister of Sarah Wright Clary '64) is living at 46 Avenue Close, London NW8, England, with her husband, J. Michael.

Gail Schneider Negrinelli and husband, Richard, are expecting their second baby in March. Their daughter, Bridget Ann, is three years old.

1971

Alice Reisdorf Else and husband, John, became parents of a baby girl, Katie, this past year.

1972

Sherry Richardson Feller now lives in sunny California with her husband, Kim, and their two children - Daniel, five, and Erica, eighteen months. Sherry's address is 85 Berrendo Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035.

Rose Glennon has an interesting job with the Toledo Museum of Art as Supervisor of Gallery Tours. Rose lives at 3315 Valleston Parkway, Toledo, OH 43607.

Jo Ann Metzger Hoersten and husband, Ken, have just moved to Fremont, Michigan, from Ohio. They built their first home this summer on one and one-half acres and are enjoying their work and activities. Jo Ann works as a dental assistant and Ken is a research chemist with Gerber Baby Foods.

Zulema Lopez Miller may be contacted at 1805 Caragoza Street, Loredo, TX 78040.

1974

Paulette Davis, 13323 Avenue O, Chicago, IL 60033, holds a Master of Arts degree in Ceramics and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Jewelry and Metalwork from Northern Illinois University. In 1978 she presented a lecture and workshop on techniques in metals at Judson College in Elgin, Illinois. An exhibition of her ceramics and metalwork was held concurrently with the workshop. She will have her metalworks exhibited in the 1979 Illinois Craftsman Show. Currently, she is exhibiting her work in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

Judy Hill writes from Kalamazoo that she is a Montessori Directress at Montessori Children's Center and "absolutely loves the work!"

Jayne Ingall Steffel, who holds a Master of Education degree, has been hired as administrator and teacher of the Edon Community Preschool in Edon, Ohio. Jayne and her husband, Jim, and their daughter, Jody, live at 307 West Arthur Drive, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

1975

Kay Anderson sent us a newsy letter from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she teaches seventh and eighth grade science to Spanish and Laguna-Acoma Indian students. Her classroom is a menagerie of desert dwellers - an 18" bull snake, an ant farm, a bird, a tarantula, and a few black widow spiders! Kay loves the desert, the mesas, the mountains, and the prairies. She says even her parents have difficulty getting her to come East for a few days at Christmas!

Lisa Binkowski, who holds B.S.W. and M.A. degrees, is the Assistant Director of Student Activities and also coaches women's athletics at Owens Tech in Oregon, Michigan.

Kathryn Jean Carlier may be reached at Box 130, Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Celeste Gorsky is working as a rehabilitation counselor for the handicapped at Woodlane Industries in Bowling Green, Ohio. In addition to this full time job, she is a guidance counselor and job placement officer for the handicapped. Fine work, Celeste!

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department has a good representation of '75 Siena graduates. **Mike Walters** and **Harold Kern** are detectives for the County; Detective **Frank Pesta** is with the newly formed Pittsfield Police Department; and **Jim Douglas** is working for the Saline Police Department.

1976

Karen Browne Hoffman lives at 214 Congress Street, McKeesport, PA 19064, and works as a bilingual secretary for a company that is Paris-owned and deals in coal, gas, and mineral exploration. She writes, "A typical day consists of sending a Telex to Paris or Pau; speaking with people in the French offices or simply taking dictation in French and typing correspondence." Karen is elated that her language studies at Siena enable her to "understand what is going on when all the Frenchmen get together!" Bon chance, Karen!!

Layman Hunter was elected to the Detroit School Board, District 5. He and his parents celebrated the victory at Homecoming Weekend '78.

Mary J. O'Toole is living at 254 South Third, Harbor Beach, MI 48441.

1977

Lilanhun Dejene received his B.A. in Social Science and his M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from Siena, then went to Ohio University where he earned another M.A. in International Affairs (African Studies). He and his wife, Cherie, live in Athens, Ohio.

Linda Petersen is serving as a VISTA volunteer with the Action program. Linda can be reached at 935 16th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122.

Claudia Snyder is in her second year of teaching in a bilingual kindergarten in south Texas. Her school educates many aliens from Mexico and migrants who are Spanish-dominant. Claudia loves the job and writes, "Teaching in two languages is a challenge and joy, especially when a Spanish-dominant child comes up to you and asks a question in English; or a child, who hasn't said a word in either language since the beginning of school, finally bursts into speech." Teaching jobs are abundant in Texas, Claudia says, particularly if you have a Spanish minor.

Class Notes

1978

Danita Binkowski is a media assistant doing layout and design for Widenshein-Stranberg Associates, Inc., Toledo, Ohio. Dani and her fiancée, George, are planning a wedding this coming July.

Robert Garrity is enrolled in a doctoral program in Neuro-biology at the University of Toledo.

Thom Gross is working towards his doctorate in Biology at the University of Toledo.

Sister Ruth Heyn, SSJ, has been appointed Campus Minister for the 1978-79 school year at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Donald Parrott and wife, Betty, live at 900 Bittersweet, Jackson, MI 48917. He works for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as Manager of Traffic Control. Don writes, "Thanks to the good people at Siena Heights for the opportunities and inspiration they provide. Sister Eileen Rice is a particularly fine example of those needed to perpetuate this excellent facility!"

Ann Reifferscheid stopped by the office when she was visiting friends on campus. She's working in the Catalog Department at the J.C. Penney Company and taking master's degree classes at the University of Michigan. Ann also teaches catechism to fourth graders in Huntington Woods, Michigan.



Claudia Snyder '77

Karen Bahs and **Michael Zook** were married on July 2, 1978. Their address is P.O. Box 27, Cadmus, MI 49231.

Brian Sapsford is another Siena graduate who is a detective with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office. He and his wife, Debbie, have an addition to their family. Their first child, Brian Matthew Sapsford II, was born on August 22, 1978.

In Memory Of

1927

Helen Wolanski Urban, Cranford, New Jersey; April 7, 1978.

1931

Naomi Grime Jackson, Ashtabula, Ohio; February, 1979

1939

Nina Benedetto Punaro, Macon, Georgia

1944

Rose Mary Daugherty Hundermer, Cincinnati, Ohio

1950

Myrtle Novesky, Adrian, Michigan; Fall, 1978.

1957

Adalene L. Berk, Blissfield, Michigan; January, 1978.

1960

Angela J. Wolf, Fremont, Ohio; August, 1978.

1976

Arlee Dansfield, Milan, Michigan; Fall, 1978.

1977

Yolanda Torres Madison, Adrian, Michigan; January, 1978.

Searching

PROJECT SEARCH to update the alumni files is still underway. If you know of anyone who attended Siena and is not receiving mailings like *Reflections*, please send his/her current address to the Alumni Office.

Social Activities

Hosted by Siena Alums

What do places like Tecumseh, Jackson, and Hudson, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; Miami Shores, Florida; New York City and Chicago all have in common? Each has been, or will be, the setting for alumni social activities this year. **Claire Dana**, '52; **Sr. Betty Dolan**, '42; **Mary Kay Wasniak**, '73; **Helen Sharkey Donovan**, '28; **Jane Waldo**, '53 and **Angie Rodriguez Smith**, '57 have hosted a variety of events from theatre parties to pre-basketball

game social gatherings. The turn-outs have been good and the enthusiasm unmistakable. Other alumni sponsored activities included a Valentine's Day Dance in Arch Lounge for alumni and students; a Caribbean cruise in January and the annual telethon in March.

Persons interested in hosting an alumni event in their area should contact the Alumni Office, (517) 263-0731 ext. 248.



Academic Dean **Jim Ebben** chats with **Sr. Regina Marie Lalond, O.P.**, veteran teacher at Siena for 31 years, and **Sr. Evangeline Davis**, assistant professor of Spanish. Sister Regina taught French, German, and Spanish 1922-24, 1930-35, 1936-39, 1951-71, and worked in the Development Office 1971-73. Sr. Evangeline was her student. Sr. Regina now lives at St. Lawrence Convent, 7026 Greeley, Utica, Mi. 48089.



Over \$17,000 was pledged during the annual Alumni-Parent Telethon with more than 3,000 alumni, parents, faculty and staff being contacted during the seven night event in March. **Kathleen Johnston-Betzoldt**, director of alumni-parent relations, was pleased with the results made possible by volunteers like [in photo] **Sr. Dorothy Burns**, Toledo, and **Sr. Betty Dolan**, Jackson.

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