

# REFLECTIONS

*A Newsletter for Siena Heights College Alumni*

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## McNair Fund to Prepare Post-Grad Students

Siena Heights College students and faculty will form new academic partnerships through a new federal grant awarded to the College.

Siena Heights is one of only eight colleges and universities in the midwest to receive this funding which promotes post-graduate study among low-income and minority students.

The College will receive a McNair Scholars Grant for \$390,000 over three years to recruit and retain this under-represented student population for graduate education. The project identifies 20 students to collaborate with faculty in research and instruction to prepare them for post-graduate studies.



*Faculty mentor Peggy Treece Myles, Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of Education, McNair Scholar student Irene Garcia-Solis, Linda Easley (standing), Associate Professor of Anthropology and McNair Director and Idali Feliciano, Director of Academic Advising/4S Program and McNair Coordinator.*

The funding is issued through the Department of Education and is a

complimentary component to Upward Bound and Student Support  
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### **It's Not Too Early!**

**Lots of fun events are being planned for Alumni Weekend '93!**

**A great time to visit campus, see familiar faces and meet new friends!**

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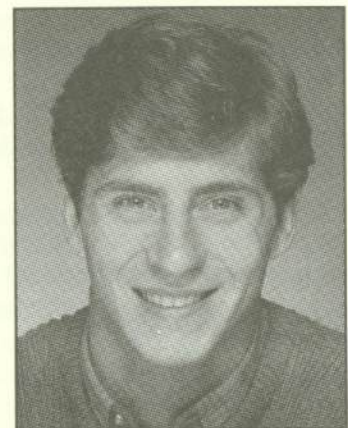
**Wall of Honor Celebration Planned!**

## **Grant Neale '87 Stars in New York**

'It's not what you know, it's who you know,' are not words to live by, so says Siena Heights Theater graduate Grant Neale, '87.

"It's what you do, how you do it and opening yourself up for all opportunities," Neale said in a recent interview from his Brooklyn, New York apartment. "Of course networking and meeting the right people are important."

Neale is on the verge of getting some solid breaks in the acting field. He is currently playing Lech Frabrinski in *Brother Truckers* at the Ridiculus Theatrical



**Grant Neale**

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## Dorothy Gonzales '78 Elected MSU Trustee

Determination has probably been the operative word throughout the life of Siena Heights College alum Dorothy Gonzales '78.

Elected to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees last November, Gonzales has made a career of advocacy for the under-represented populations, mainly Hispanics, throughout Michigan.

Gonzales is the Director of the Office of Multi-Cultural Services for the Michigan Department of Mental Health. She helps communities secure state funds to enhance the delivery of mental health services to minorities.

Gonzales came to Siena Heights College as a working single parent and remembers receiving much encouragement from instructors and administrators as she pur-

sued her degree. After five years, she graduated with honors, was named Outstanding Human Services Student and went to work hoping to give back to her community.

Raised in a former migrant family in Jasper, Gonzales got her first taste of activism as she watched her father become involved in issues important to Hispanics in Lenawee County. Jesse Gonzales, who is retired from Ford Motor Company in Saline, encouraged her during her campaign for MSU trustee.

Gonzales has spent her life making people aware of population diversities. One of her former jobs was working for the Michigan Speaker of the House as a consultant on human services and educational policy.



**Dorothy Gonzales**

She was appointed by former Gov. James Blanchard as an education advisor to his administration.

Currently she is working with 20 programs in as many communities, including Native American, Hispanic and Arabian. All have received state funds to deliver government mental health programs.

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## Siena Heights Has Successful Debut of New Battle Creek Center Program

Siena Heights College has launched a degree completion program at another community college in western Michigan, bringing the number of satellite programs to four.

Fifty-nine students are enrolled at Siena Heights College at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek. The program began in the fall and drew more numbers than expected.

"The program has been accepted extremely well," said Director Zadie Jackson. "We expect even more interest in the fall."

Siena Heights offers bachelor degrees in business administration, allied health, general studies and accounting at the Battle

Creek campus. The program draws most of its students from local business and industry which includes Kellogg and Post, Purina and Transamerica. Many students come from the health care industry and many are graduates of Kellogg Community College.

Jackson points out that Siena Heights fills a niche in Battle Creek, picking up where the now defunct Nazareth College left off.

Siena Heights now offers programs at Monroe County Community College, which graduated its first class last May, and Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. The College's first degree completion center has graduated 2,000 people and is in its 17th year in Southfield.

## New Format For Reflections Aimed at Keeping Readers in Closer Contact

Siena Heights College alumni and friends may notice that Reflections has taken on a slightly different appearance. The publication has adopted a newsletter rather than a magazine format, with a goal to be produced more times per year to keep readers better informed.

Throughout its history, Reflections has taken on different appearances. Beginning as a typewritten newsletter as a correspondence from the National Alumni Association, Reflections evolved to a self-cover magazine and is now returning to a newsletter format.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

## Siena Heights Graduates Get the Competitive Edge

Even in the sluggish economy of the early 90s, the placement rate of Siena Heights graduates is exceptional, according to Career Planning and Placement Director Gail Clark. The 1992 survey of Adrian Campus graduates shows that 94 percent of those responding were employed

or attending graduate or professional school. Figures for the last three years were equally impressive: 1991 showed 92 percent; 1990, 95 percent; and 1989, 95 percent.

"Our graduates are successful because of our strong liberal arts

education and career preparation," Clark said. "Additionally, our co-op/internship program provides our students with the edge needed for the competitive job market."

Recent Siena Heights graduates are working for impressive companies including Deloitte & Touche, Merillat Industries, the Country Club of Detroit and J. Walter Thompson.

When Kathleen Walsh '92 decided on her English-major/theatre-minor at Siena Heights College, she knew that she would probably have to work double time to find a job that she liked and that was compatible with her studies.

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*Gail Clark,  
Director of  
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Hills, senior  
HRM major.*



### McNair

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Services programs already in place at the College. These are also funded through the federal government.

"We feel that this is the next logical step for the College," said

Linda Easley, Associate Professor of Anthropology and coordinator of the program.

The program will target under-represented student populations and prepare them for success in doctoral studies in mathematics, the sciences, humanities and human services. Students will work one-on-one with faculty mentors to help prepare them for their futures.

"We are establishing a relationship with these students that will make their post-graduate work successful," Easley said.

The McNair Scholars program is named after astronaut Ronald E. McNair who lost his life in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster in 1989. The program was designed to encourage more minorities to pursue post-graduate study and eventually encourage this

population to become college professors.

Siena Heights was awarded the grant based on its proven track record with students who are at risk both in high school and in college and its unique faculty-student research collaboration already in existence.

"We are capitalizing on the mentoring which already occurs at the College," Easley pointed out. "We have an excellent track record, and we will just expand upon it."

Siena Heights received federal funding in 1974 for the Upward Bound program which targets under-represented populations at the high school level. In 1979, the College received funding for the Student Support Services program which serves low-income, first generation college students.

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## Gift Director Takes New Post at Adrian Hospital

Sheila Dwyer Schwartz '84 has left Siena Heights College's Development Department to take a fundraising post at a local hospital.

Schwartz has been named Executive Director at the Bixby Community Health Foundation, the fundraising arm at Bixby Medical Center.

A 1984 graduate of Siena Heights, Schwartz began her career as Assistant Admissions Director at the College shortly after graduating. She has served as the Director of Gift Programs since 1987.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the field work associated with my job at the College. I have met wonderful, wonderful people who embody what the true meaning of the Siena Heights mission is all about," Schwartz said.

## Alumni Weekend Draws 400; Several Honored

More than 400 Siena Heights College alumni returned to Adrian last October to participate in many Alumni Weekend activities.

Four were honored during the annual alumni banquet for their contributions to society.

**Dr. Donita B. Sullivan '52** received the Alumni of the Year Award. She is a professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at the University of Michigan Medical Center where she has taught for 32 years.

**Beatrice Meyer '32**, of Cadillac, received the St. Dominic Award, given to recognize her commitment to Christian education, family, school and community.

**Phil Abele '79** of Livonia, received the Recent Alumnus Award which is given to recent graduates of the College. He is a graduate of the Southfield Center and works as an internal consultant for General Motors Engineering Division.

**Margaret Noe '75** received the Sister Ann Joachim Award. Noe, who is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Adrian, received the award honoring her outstanding civic and community involvement and leadership.

## News of Faculty and Staff

**Dr. Dominic P. Scibilia** has joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. He is also the Co-director of the Spirituality and Peacemaking Institute.

**Thomas Maxon** joined the staff as the new Director of Residence Life. Maxon came to Siena Heights from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas where he was Complex Director and International Student Advisor.

**James R. Brown** was named Human Resource Director last fall, a new position at the College. He handles the day-to-day personnel activities and is in charge of developing human resource programs and implementing hiring policies and new employee orientations.

**Saleem Peeradina**, Assistant Professor of English, published his second book of poems Group

Portrait last fall.

Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Director of Technical Theater **Doug Miller** traveled to Europe for the third time last November to work with the American Drama Group, a Munich-based theater troupe which presents English-language plays in Europe. Student Pam Ellis accompanied Miller and served as a production assistant for the company.

A paper written by **Dan McVeigh**, Associate Professor of English, was accepted for presentation at the South Central Conference on Christianity and Literature. The paper is titled "Spilled Narcissism: Bloom and the American Religion."

Associate Professor of Music **Magdalena Ezoe, OP**, received the Golden Apple Award at the 88th Alumnae Reunion of St. Joseph Academy. The award recognized her contributions to the musical education of the community through teaching, performing and composing music in the tradition of excellence in the arts.

## From the Gallery

A Gallery Commemoration to celebrate the memory of **Sr. Jeannine Klemm, OP**, was held last fall. She was the driving force behind the origination and development of the art studio. The gallery was renamed the Klemm Gallery.

An alumni exhibit was held in the Klemm Gallery in October with works displayed by Scott Brazeau '89, Anne Cousino '88, Donna M. Milbauer '89 and Michelle Stack '90.

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Americana: Fairground Art, an exciting array of folk art from the Secreto collection was on exhibit in the Klemm Gallery during November. The exhibit featured three categories of artifacts: carousel or merry-go-round art, sideshow banners and miniature circus carvings and original circus paintings.

More than 110 high school juniors participated in Art Day 1992. Each student presented artworks from their portfolios. High school seniors competed for scholarships.

### From the Theater

"Les Belle Soeurs" by Michel Tremblay and directed by Trudy McSorley, Assistant Professor of

Communication Arts, was performed in October. November's production, John Guare's "House of Blue Leaves" was directed by Doug Miller, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts and Director of Technical Theater.

### From the Music Department

The Madrigal Singers, directed by Associate Professor of Music Susan Matych-Hager, performed at the Detroit Masonic Temple for the second year. Alan Ballenberger was the audio-visual technician.

The Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Magdalena Ezoe, OP, Associate Professor of Music, performed its semi-annual concert in November.

The annual winter concert was held at Rosary Chapel and featured several of the College's choirs: The Gospel Choir directed by Millicent Marshall, the Ad Hoc Singers directed by Alan Ballenberger, the Women's Ensemble, the Men's Glee Club, the Youth Choir and the Madrigal Singers, directed by Susan Matych-Hager. Accompanists included Magdalena Ezoe, OP, Carol Topolski, Linda Pratt and Alan Ballenberger.

FREETIME, the student jazz and synthesizer ensemble, under the direction of Michael Lorenz, Assistant Professor of Music, presented a concert in November.

## Former Siena Heights Trustee John Savage Dies

John Savage, a giant among community leaders in Toledo, Ohio, and a former trustee at Siena Heights College, died February 8, after an extended illness.

Mr. Savage was deeply committed to God, his family, his business and his community. In great demand as a motivational speaker and sales trainer in the insurance and financial planning industry, Mr. Savage was known for always weaving his faith in God and his love for his wife, Kate, and his nine children into his presentations.

Mr. Savage was the son of an inner-city grocer and began his career in the family grocery business in Toledo. He often said that he only knew about two things: money and people. In



**John Savage**

1959 he and his brother Bob co-founded Savage and Associates, a financial services firm, now one of the largest in Northwest Ohio.

Joining the Siena Heights College Board of Trustees in 1985, he chaired the Development Committee for several years. As a member of the task force that created the \$12.2 million **Vision 2000** program,

now nearing completion, he understood that planning had to be converted to action. Several months before the program officially began, Mr. Savage made a move that characterized his commitment. As he sat at a planning meeting on campus, listening and brainstorming about the campaign, he wrote a pledge on the corner of his meeting agenda, tore it off and handed it to a development officer.

"When we decide to get started," he said, "nobody will want to be first. Take this, and when the time comes tell them, 'somebody is already in.'"

"We will greatly miss his optimism and focus," said Siena Heights President Sister Cathleen Real. "He was a good friend."

## SHC Pitching Standout Makes Strides in Minors

One can hardly fault Siena Heights College student Dennis Szczechowski (pronounced Sha-HOW-ski) for occasionally day-dreaming about Candlestick Park while he cooks a hamburger or waits on a customer at the College's Sage Union snack bar.

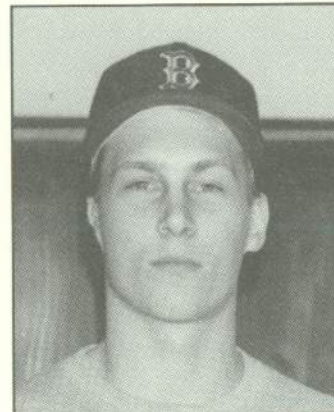
Szczechowski, twice an NAIA All-District baseball player (as a pitcher in 1991 and a shortstop in 1992), was a 42nd-round selection by the San Francisco Giants in last year's draft. The 23-year-old righthander from Wyandotte, Michigan, began his professional career last June in Everett, Washington, as a relief pitcher with the Giants' rookie A-league team. Four weeks into the season,

Szczechowski was moved up to the club's A-Team in Clinton, Iowa, where he started five games (1-0, 4.8 ERA) for the Clinton Giants.

Szczechowski's inaugural season ended abruptly during an August start in South Bend when he pulled a muscle in his ribcage and spent the remaining days of the season on the mend.

"I was really disappointed when I had to leave the game in the second inning that night because my family and some friends drove down from Michigan to see me pitch," Szczechowski recalled.

A biology major with aspirations in the medical field as an anesthe-



**Dennis Szczechowski**

siologist or nurse, Szczechowski returned to Siena Heights College last September as a full-time student and part-time employee at the snack bar. He worked 12-15 hours a week and practiced with the Saints' baseball team three to four days a week.

"I'll probably go back to Clinton to start the season," Szczechowski said, "but a lot depends on how I do in spring training...I'm not real sure how it all works yet, but I'd like to move up another level this year and play for the Giants' top A team in San Jose (California)."

Szczechowski had an excellent junior season on the mound for the Saints. He established himself as Siena's ace with an 8-3 record and a 2.00 earned run average, was named NAIA National Pitcher of the Week, and was an All-District pitcher.

Sixth-year coach Gordie Theisen is cautiously optimistic about Szczechowski's chances of advancing in the minor leagues.

"If he can stay healthy and consistently throw strikes, then he has a shot," said Theisen. "After all, the Giants would not have signed him if they didn't see something in him."

### 1992-93 SHC Fall/Winter Athletic Highlights

**Women's Soccer** - After a disappointing 1991-92 season where the Saints finished 2-13, the women's soccer team bounced back to capture the NAIA District 23 Championship and the school's first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) title. Senior forward **Deb Baierl** (Minneapolis, NM/Southwest H.S.) led the Saints in scoring and was selected honorable mention NAIA All-American and named to the Academic All-American squad.

**Women's Cross Country** - The Saints won the conference (WHAC) championship and finished 16th at the NAIA National Championships in Kenosha, WI. Leading the Saints was freshman **Heather Grigg** (Onsted), who finished 17th overall and became the school's first freshman, female All-American in any sport. Senior **Leslie Smolen** (Sterling Heights) and sophomore **Deb Chavis** (Monroe) were both named Academic All-Americans and both finished in the top 50 overall.

**Men's Cross Country** - The entire

men's team qualified for the NAIA National Championships for the first time in six years and finished 23rd overall. Junior runner **Tom Weiss** (East Lansing) won the NAIA District 23 individual championship and a spot on the NAIA All-American squad with a 21st-place finish at the national meet.

**Volleyball** - Junior setter **Leslie Ingram** (Clinton) was named to the NAIA Academic All-American team. Ingram is an accounting major with a 3.96 grade point average.

**Men's Basketball** - Finished with a 19-11 overall record and a share of the WHAC title. The team won the Maple City Classic tournament for the first time in four years. Junior forward **Brent Tucker** (Marshall) was named NAIA District 23 Player of the Year and is an honorable mention All-American. Senior guard **Ronald Hopkins** (Detroit/Cooley H.S.) and Tucker were also on the All-District team. The two joined senior center **Bryant Tipton** (Detroit/Cooley H.S.) on the All-Conference team.

New Focus on Annual Fund

# Siena Heights Reaches \$10 Million Milestone

The Siena Heights College *Vision 2000* program has reached a benchmark that is unparalleled in the history of the College's fund-raising campaigns: It has successfully raised \$10.3 million in gifts and pledges.

Vision 2000 is now at 85 percent of its \$12.2 million goal with the end of the campaign clearly in sight.

"This is a time when the leaders who contributed to the success of the Campaign redirect their efforts to the ongoing needs of the College - the annual fund," said National Program and *Vision*

2000 Steering Committee Chairman John P. Tierney.

"There is a certain amount of excitement that goes along with being involved in a program like *Vision 2000*," Tierney said. "We must realize that just because the 'special' campaign is ending, it doesn't mean that the College's need is ending. We need to keep the momentum going so that the College can operate normally."

Leaders must now focus their attention on both wrapping up their

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## *Building Nears Completion!*

Pictured is one view of the new instructional facility at Siena Heights College. The building is located next to Ledwidge Hall.

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# Vision 2000

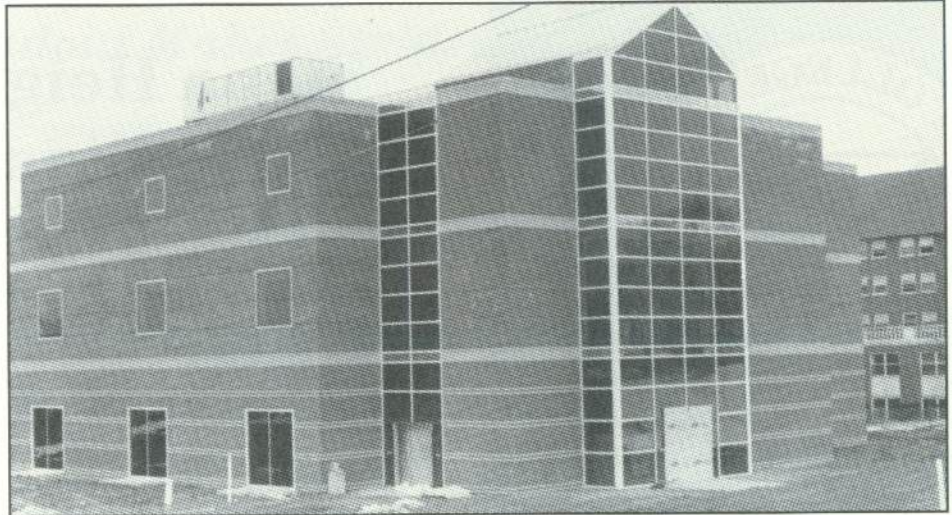
## Excitement Builds As New Facility Nears Completion

Enthusiasm among students, faculty and staff as well as the Adrian community is high as the new Siena Heights College instructional facility gets closer to completion.

Many different events are being planned to commemorate the opening of the building which is scheduled for this Fall.

"A commemorative ceremony is our opportunity to thank everyone who helped us build this wonderful facility," said President Cathleen Real.

The new 25,000-square foot instructional facility will house classrooms, a computer laboratory, seminar



**The new instructional facility.** rooms and a lecture hall. Some faculty offices will also be located in the building. Dedication activities will begin in the Fall, with a special activity planned for alumni who have worked toward the \$1 million Wall of Honor project. (**Related story on page 3**).

One major project initiated by alumni is the naming of a seminar room in memory of the late Sr. Ann Joachim, a former College attorney and a history and law instructor during the 1950s and 60s. An Adrian Dominican, Sr. Joachim was the first nun to argue before the United States Supreme Court.

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Alice Robie Resnick, '61 is leading this project and is planning a portrait

and a brief biography of Sr. Joachim for display in the classroom.

"Sr. Joachim had a profound effect on those who studied during her era," Resnick said. "There are many of us who feel this will be a fine tribute to a woman who truly embodies the essence of the Siena Heights College mission."

Alumni and friends should watch for announcements of dedication activities as fall approaches.

There are many ways to become involved in the **Vision 2000** campaign, and some naming possibilities connected to the new building still exist. The College's Development Office has more information to help you participate.

### About the Newsletter...

The **Vision 2000** newsletter is a publication of the **Vision 2000** Resource Development Campaign. It is mailed to more than 8,000 alumni and friends of the College. If you have questions about the **Vision 2000** program, please contact the Siena Heights College Development Office at (517) 265-5005.

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**Vision 2000** involvement and restarting the annual fund.

"One of the great benefits of the Campaign is building relationships with people who understand the special needs of the College and the annual needs," Tierney said.

The College identified many new friends during the **Vision 2000** program. Not only are there a greater number of donors, but there is also a heightened awareness of the needs of the College.

The Campaign also brought to light a much broader sense of tax-advantaged ways of making gifts which allowed people to reach personal gift levels they had thought were unattainable.

Efforts to secure the needed dollars to complete the program continue throughout the country with alumni and friends of Siena Heights stepping forward to complete their **Vision 2000** pledge. Those who wish to make their gift specifically to the **Vision 2000** program are encouraged to contact the Development Office at (517) 265-5005 or within Michigan 800-521-0009, Ext. 248 or 230.

## Wall of Honor Project Continues with Great Base of Alumni Support

A major initiative by Siena Heights College alumni continues to rally support for the new instructional facility.

The Wall of Honor project is approaching the \$300,000 mark with new interest expressed every day.

"This is a project that has generated a great response among graduates, but there's always room for more interest," said Miriam Stimson, OP, honorary chair of the Wall of Honor campaign.

Alumni are pledging \$1,000 or more to be paid over three years to this project, and, in return, will have their names listed on a large plaque in the new classroom building.

The most comprehensive alumni fund-raising project in the history of the College, the Wall of Honor has a \$1 million goal. Alumni can be involved in a variety of ways. Interested alums should contact the Development Office at (517) 265-5005.

## Enthusiastic Response Makes Kresge Challenge a Reality

Enthusiasm and hard work on the part of many volunteer leaders at Siena Heights College made a major challenge from an international foundation an exciting reality.

This highly focused effort began in December 1991 when the College learned that the Kresge Foundation would contribute \$350,000 toward the fund for the new instructional facility. In turn, the College had to meet an ambitious fund-raising goal within nine months.

The Kresge Foundation challenged the College to raise an additional \$1.7 million by September of 1992 to receive the \$350,000 grant, a challenge that the College was able to meet.

One of the most exciting discoveries about this challenge was the fact that it generated interest from hundreds of friends and alums, some of whom had never contributed to the College before.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for donors to form a partnership

with a major international foundation and achieve this critical and worthwhile goal," said President Cathleen Real.

**Vision 2000** leaders dedicated themselves to reaching this goal

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with several trustees adding major new gifts to already significant investments in the campaign. One new gift of more than \$700,000 was secured as a result of the challenge.

The challenge has furthered the construction of the new instructional facility which is scheduled to open in Fall of 1993.

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*John P. Tierney*

## PROFILE OF LEADERSHIP

*The following is an interview with John P. Tierney, Vice Chair of the Siena Heights College Board of Trustees and National Program Chair of the **Vision 2000** Campaign.*

*Mr. Tierney is chairman of Chrysler Financial Corporation. He has overall responsibility for the direction of Chrysler Financial Corporation, the nation's fourth largest non-bank financial services company.*

*He has been a Siena Heights College trustee since 1979. Mr. Tierney, along with other leaders on the College board, has been instrumental in planning and executing the **Vision 2000** program which has raised more than \$10.3 million.*

*The **Vision 2000** newsletter asked Mr. Tierney about his philosophy on leadership and the conclusion of the **Vision 2000** program.*

**SHC:** When a program such as **Vision 2000** comes to a close, what becomes the next phase for leaders who have been involved in the process?

**Mr. Tierney:** This is a time when we reflect on what we have achieved and carefully consider the next step in the process. Once the leadership is developed and engaged, it is necessary to participate for some time to come. We are still responsible for strengthening existing relationships and building new relationships for the College.

**SHC:** Your personal involvement in the **Vision 2000** program must have had some points of excitement. What is the satisfaction in being a part of a program such as this?

**Mr. Tierney:** One of the most significant achievements of the **Vision 2000** program is having friends and alumni of the College who significantly increased their contributions of time and finances to Siena Heights during **Vision 2000**. It has also been encouraging to have our volunteers introduce the College to new friends who become just as excited about the College as we are.

**SHC:** You are involved in so many activities in Metropolitan Detroit. What are some of the reasons that

you have chosen to be involved with Siena Heights College?

**Mr. Tierney:** I was very involved with the College as chair of the Board Planning Committee. As we mapped out a strategic plan, we found that some of our goals were attainable only if we could raise additional money. I felt we had such a good case, that it was only logical to be involved.

**SHC:** As the plan evolved, what were some of the main points that made Siena Heights College stand out from other colleges?

**Mr. Tierney:** Siena Heights is graduating competent, ethical and educated people. Wherever they go in society, and no matter what they do, they are going to make a difference because they are competent and ethical. Siena Heights has a proven track record too. Ninety-five percent of its graduates find work in their area of interest. Seventy-one percent are the first in their family to complete college. Siena Heights is truly helping to raise the standard of living in many ways.

## Marriages

Tammie Lynn Klingensmith '87  
to Michael Alan Rosenberg, Aug. 31, 1991  
Pamela Heidenrich '91  
to William MacBeth, Sept. 38, 1991  
Deborah Bailey to Brian Dettling '91, June 22, 1991  
Karen McFadden '91 to Lynn Hard, June 13, 1991  
Ann Weber '85 to Michael Quinn '85, May 18, 1991  
Melanie Skindzier to Keith Gleiss '86, Sept. 23, 1991  
Samuel Johnson '91 to Trina Lavon Longs, Aug. 3, 1991  
Susan Convery '88 to Dan Kelsey, Aug. 10, 1991  
Shanie Williams '91 to Steven McComb, June 6, 1992  
Barbara Hencsie '89 to Carl Morganti, Nov. 1992  
George Kanyuh '84 to Lisa Wilcenski, Sept. 19, 1992  
Brian Booms '88 to Carolyn Brewer, June 1992  
Kathleen Guilbault, '89  
to Joseph Decker '89, Aug. 15, 1992  
Michele Lourim '87 to Vince Lightinger, Oct. 17, 1992  
James Goering '90 to Linda Scheuer, Nov. 7, 1992  
Marlene Russette '89 to John Schaldenbrand, May 1992  
Gregory Haist, '92 to Kristi Headrick, Sept. 1992  
Kellie Bentley '91 to Christopher Reid, Oct. 10, 1992  
Steven Agens '90 to Lori Layman, May 9, 1992  
Thomas McCarty '90 to Marcia Kelly, Sept. 1992  
Ann Mollitor '90 to Jamale Abraham, June 20, 1992  
Briggell Bovee '90 to Rex Vernier, April 25, 1992  
Nick Langenderfer '91 to Jill Bates, March 7, 1992  
Rebecca Save '91 to Timothy Hague, May 2, 1992  
John Frownfelder '79 to Stacie Morrison, June 2, 1992  
Heather Windle '90 to Darrell Hohlbein, June 20, 1992  
Kyle Griffith '92 to Amy Norton, Aug. 8, 1992  
Richard Hilderley '89 to Lisa Garrett, Aug. 15, 1992  
Karen Beckman '80 to Raymond Shaffer, May 16, 1992  
Claire Melli '84 to Gregory Urban, Oct. 24, 1992  
Christine Swartz '86 to Michael Kaucher, June 29, 1992  
Kurt Fleischhut '86 to Jody Fidler, Aug. 15, 1992  
Paula Miller '87 to Kurtis Wishart, Sept. 26, 1992  
James Goering '90 to Linda Scheurer, Nov. 7, 1992

## Adrian Dominican Deaths

The Siena Heights community offers sympathy to the families of the following Adrian Dominicans:

Sr. Mary Patrick Ward '65	Sr. Jean Marie Sheridan
Sr. Ruth James Donohue	Sr. Ann Damien Skender
Sr. Rose Craigie '42	Sr. Alban Bergen
Sr. Mary Francis Marie Foley '36	
Sr. Agnes Marie Hvizdos '41	
Sr. Marie Reparta Schmits '53	
Sr. Ellen Vincent McClain '38	
Sr. Mary Vincentia Cleary '39	
Sr. Ann James LaTourelle '43	
Sr. Columbiere Racicot '40	
Sr. Catherine Siena Fisher '40	
Sr. Esther Pauline LaVoy '38	
Sr. Mary Harrietta Dermody '45	
Sr. Joan Bachand '42	
Sr. Philomena Murray '26	
Sr. Mary Ellenita Boyle	

## New Saints

Mary (Condon) '82 and Les Seiler had their first child, Tyler George, April 21, 1991  
Lori (O'Neill) '82 and Stephen Videto, had their second child, Justin Stephen, February 5, 1991  
Kendra (Kielpinski) '85 and Steven Shields, had their first child, Sarah Christine, December 26, 1990  
Karmen and David Casey '91 had their first child, Karmen David, June 7, 1991  
Connie (Green) '76 and Neil Kentner adopted Justin, age 8, and Hannah, age 7, in January 1991  
Arthur Erbskorn '83 and Jo Erbskorn had a son, Nicholas, January 24, 1992  
Carrie Cartwright '90 had a son, Gavin, in 1992  
Christine (Bolyard) '84 and Donald Hamilton had a son, James, on January 27, 1992  
Alysia Goetz-Masters '91 had a daughter, Alexis, in February 1992  
Beth (Erickson) '84 and Donald Glasser had a daughter, Ann Catherine, on April 3, 1992  
Sue Maher '74 and Nick Muck had a son, Neal, on December 16, 1992  
Tanya Maki Whitley '84 and Paul had a son, Gunnar, on March 19, 1992  
Lori (Skocelas) '83 and Jeffrey Wagoner had a son, Justin, on May 29, 1992  
Sheila Dwyer '84 and Charles Schwartz '86 had their first child, Michelle, in June, 1992.

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## Deaths

The Siena Heights community extends sympathy to the families of the following:

Rita June Healy Kaufman '45, April 1991  
Elizabeth (Collins) King '43  
Grace M. Faulhaber '77, Oct. 31, 1991  
Florence Shippy '55, Aug. 11, 1992  
Herbert Beck '64, Sept. 9, 1992  
Evelyn Martin Tindall '71, July 1, 1992  
Mary Maegerlein '33  
Mary Catherine McDace Sonsmith '65, Sept. 8, 1992  
Rosemarie Schwab Courtney '35, March 13, 1992  
Margaret Miyako Nakamura Kim '52, Sept. 10, 1992  
John Cappella '90, Sept. 23, 1992  
Patricia Kelly Wagner '47  
Marian Hurlbut Stafford '66, Feb. 4, 1993  
Donald Carter '76, Aug. 23, 1992  
Geraldine Dayfield '51, Nov. 19, 1992

# Class Notes

## 1940's

**Mary Meegan, OP, '46**, is the Vicar for Religious in the Joliet Diocese in Illinois.

**Therese Craig, OP, '48** has retired from the University of Alberta as Professor Emeritus and is currently living in Michigan.

## 1950's

**Theres Ann Schoenherr, OP, '50** has received the 1992 Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching in the State of Michigan. She was personally recognized, along with other awardees, as a guest of President Bush in Washington.

**Barbara Oess Dumouchelle '51** recently retired from the State Board of Education and was appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Board of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan as a public member.

## 1960's

**Michaelene Pasternacki Farmer '61** was given the Leadership Award in San Diego by the CALS Expo '92.

**Mary Catherine Nolan, OP, '62** is completing a doctorate in Theology in Dayton.

**Cyndia Potts Reed '67** is Professor of English and History at Tampa College in Clearwater, FL.

**Eileen Rice, OP, '68** was the recipient of the 1993 Amelia Earhart Award presented by Zonta in Adrian.

**Judith Miller Finn '69** has been working as a preschool teacher and would love to hear from other alums. Write her at 157 N. Delaplaine, Riverside, IL 60546.

## 1970's

**Mary Margaret Fornicola, OP, '70** is the new principal of Dickinson Area Catholic Schools in Iron Mountain, MI.

**Harold Marsh '70** was one of a select number of educators recognized by the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics for his years of service to mathematics education.

**Michelle (Durfee) Krochmal '72** has been working since April 1990 as Director of Development with responsibility for fundraising, alumni relations, and public relations at Peace College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**David Ballenberger '72** Executive Director of Camp Oakland Youth Programs Inc., was presented with the Hugh Whipple Award for administrative excellence in a child care agency. The award was presented in October by Michigan Association of Children's Alliances.

**Kathryn Forner '73** teaches elementary school in Dallas, Texas.

**Gayle VanHavel '76** was voted president of the Morenci Kiwanis Club. She is the first woman to hold this office.

**David Rausch '77** began teaching computer science and multicultural education at the Adrian Training School in November 1992. He completed a special education endorsement at Eastern Michigan University.

**Rebecca Hartley Lawrence '77** heads a pilot program in Lenawee County, Michigan, which focuses on guidance and counseling for elementary school children.

**Michael Freeman '78** is the Coordinator of Therapeutic Activities at the Fulton County Hospital Stress Center. He received his master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Bowling Green State University in August 1992.

**Connie Swander '78** received the Floyd R. Bell, Jr. Memorial "Civilian of the Year" Award for 1992 from the Michigan State Police. She specializes as a serology/trace evidence expert.

**Paul Lyzun '78** works for Professional Development Group of Boston as a computer training consultant.

**Linda Innes Lyzun '78** creates fabric design through her own business, Linda Lyzun - Fabrications.

**Mary Frances Maher, OP, '78** works in the clinical lab, specializing in toxicology at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Zainesville, Ohio.

**Rachel Deline Tobar '79** and her husband Carlos are co-owners of Good Impressions Graphics, a custom printing and design shop in Adrian. They have four children Pablo, Anneke, Benjamin and Lydia Ruth.

**1980's**

**Nathan Walworth '81** accepted a call to teach mathematics and science at Evergreen Lutheran High School near Seattle. He also coaches track and is working toward an additional teaching endorsement.

**Michele Morrell Seaman '83** is employed as a juvenile probation officer at Tuscola County Probate Court in Caro, MI. She is married and has a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter. Michele would like to hear from other classmates. Contact her at 208 Lexington St., Sandusky, MI 48471.

**Wally Heimerdinger '83** completed his master's in guidance and counseling in June at Eastern Michigan University.

**Kathy Felan Jay '84**, current president of the Siena Heights College Alumni Board, was honored in October '92 with the Community Involvement Award. The award was presented by the United States Air Force during the Hispanic Heritage Month Program Achievement Awards Luncheon at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Kathy has promoted the success and well-

being of Hispanics within the community by supporting educational programs and scholarships. She has volunteered to teach a four-week business seminar course to students at the Summer Migrant Program in Battle Creek and supports a scholarship for minority students at Siena Heights. Kathy currently works for Headquarters Cataloging and Standardization Center as a Logistics Data Manager.

**Cheryl Griem '84** was promoted to Senior Manager at Ernst and Young in Toledo, Ohio, in October of '92.

**Chris Tucker '84** currently works in sales, service and marketing for the Saturn Corporation and opened an "Inches-Away Weight Loss Center" franchise in Nashville.

**Kenneth Jackson '84**, Executive Vice-President of TLC Community Credit Union, has received his CCUE designation. The designation is the highest recognition in the credit union field.

**Cynthia Burroughs '84** was awarded a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Ohio in June of 1992.

**Mark Lektzian '84** is the Assistant Vice-President in the Commercial Loan Department of MFC First National Bank in Escanaba, Michigan.

**R. Michael Anderson '84** was appointed treasurer for the committee to elect Paul Hill as 57th District Michigan State Representative.

**Garin Horner '85** displayed his photography as part of an exhibition at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in October.

**Captain Kenneth Kops '85**, an airborne-infantry officer, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

**Trish Donley '85** is currently working as a registered nurse and is planning to become a certified childbirth educator and consultant.

**William Armstrong '86** has written an article "The Bung Town Canal" which focuses on how the demand for shipping affected the development of the Twin Cities. It appeared in the January-February issue of Michigan History Magazine.

**Karen Opipari '86** is a board certified cytogenetic technologist at Detroit Medical Center and is engaged to be married in October of '93.

**Sachiko (Sato) Pickler '87** serves as the Japanese liaison in the Walled Lake, MI school district for the ESL (English as a second language program).

**Nikki Graves Shakoor '87** was promoted to Manager of Community Relations in the External Affairs division at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

**Grant Neale '87** wants to hear from former classmates. Write him at 1102 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215.

**Mark Skelcy '87** accepted an elementary teaching position in

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September 1992 at White Elementary School, the second largest elementary school in Detroit.

**Linda Casenhiser '88** was given the 1992 Secretary of the Year Award by the Oakland Chapter of Professional Secretaries International.

**Susan Zazo '88** was named 1992 Secretary of the Year by the Macomb Chapter of Professional Secretaries International.

**Daniel Buba '88** is a second year law student in Chicago at Kent College of Law.

**Linda Arnett '89** has been appointed by the United Bank and Trust as Office Manager in the bank's newly acquired Morenci office.

**Gregory Pardington '89** has earned his master's degree in Theological Studies from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

**Rebecca Tuttle '89** received her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan on May 2, 1992.

## 1990's

**Tod Marshall '90** earned his MFA from Eastern Washington in creative writing. He is teaching two classes at the University of Kansas and working on his Ph.D. His dissertation will be written on the Polish poet Czeslanmilosz, whom he interviewed in 1991.

**Deborah (Selke) Delamielleure '90** is the charge nurse for Henry Ford Medical Center at the Ann Arbor Satellite Office. She is also attending Central Michigan graduate school in health service administration.

**Linda Woolwine '90** was named regional manager at AAA Michigan.

**Julie Tortora '90** coaches softball at Onsted High School.

**Paula Dana '91**, a Maryknoll Lay Missionary, has been assigned missionary work in Musoma, Tanzania.

**Jennifer Collins '91** graduated with honors with a master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan on December 13, 1992.

**Jeffrey Webster '91** has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. He will be assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in North Carolina.

**Adelia (McClendon) Cooley '91** completed courses for a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University in 1992.

**Brenda Hubbell '91** plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall of '93 to earn a M.S. in Physical Therapy.

**Annette Heagen '91** works as a sonographer and teacher at Providence Hospital and is planning on attending graduate school at Central Michigan University and working toward an M.S. in Healthcare Administration.

**Joyce Nichols '91** works as a case manager with people who are homeless in Jacksonville, FL.

**Collette Leclair '91** has accepted a position at General Motors in Warren, MI.

**Kathleen Smith Zanella '91** serves as a manager/operator of Silver Tanning and Silver Touche Hair Dressing Salons.

**Lisa Livingston '91** attends Wayne State University and is working toward a master's degree in Art Therapy.

**Colette Long '91** is currently pursuing a master's degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University. She also runs in marathons and last April competed in Toledo's Glass City Marathon with a time that qualified her for the Boston Marathon.

**Elizabeth Benington '91** is store manager for Lane Bryant at the Dayton Mall and will be married in September of 1993.

**Kevin Spitzform '91** is an Energy Services Engineer for the Indiana-Michigan Power Company.

**Regina Demroske '92** is serving an apprenticeship for a potter in Whitehall, MI.

**Jerold Jones '92** was featured in the alumni publication of the Bangor (Maine) Theological Seminary. Jerry cited the extremely positive impact Siena Heights had on him and how his education at the College prepared him for a career in the ministry.

**Kyle Griffith '92** teaches history, psychology and economics at Morenci High School. He is also coaching football and track.

**Michael Faulhaber '92** is currently participating in the graduate program at the University of South Florida School of Architecture in Tampa.

## Gonzales

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Gonzales, whose two children are currently working their ways through college, hopes to bring fairness, quality and openness to the MSU board.

Gonzales formerly worked in the Student Support Services Program at Michigan State, counseling low-income, first generation college students, a job which she thinks launched her career and will help her with her service to the University as a trustee.

As one of three women trustees, she feels she can bring a different perspective to the board.

"It is time for a change and to bring down the barriers. Education must become more affordable - it is a right, not a privilege," she said.

## Placement

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"A person can use an English degree in any job, but I feel lucky to be able to use it in the arts field," Walsh commented.

Walsh, currently a scheduler with the Department of Cultural Affairs for the City of Chicago, utilized the Siena Heights Career Planning and Placement Center to help her prepare for the job search.

The Career Planning and Placement Center is not just for current students, Clark stated. Alumni are welcome to utilize this important service, and they do.

Although the Center is a small operation, students and alumni find many resources at their fingertips: a computerized job referral service, a credential service which sends out letters of recommendation to potential employers and national employer directories. Those visiting the Center can learn how to update their resumes and cover letters, receive career counseling, and sign up for job fairs. Materials on graduate schools are also available.

Clark welcomes contact from alumni who wish to utilize the office. She can be reached at 517/263-0731 or in Michigan, 800-521-0009.

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## Grant Neale

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Company, which produces plays based on the absurd.

*Brother Truckers* is based loosely on the novel, "They Drive By Night." All of the company's works are played with "a very unique style," Neale says, with men and women switching roles. *Brother Truckers* has been successful, and the company has been invited to play in London, England, this summer, an opportunity Neale looks forward to.

In the meantime, Neale is preparing for a role in *Linda*, the company's next production scheduled for April. He is also auditioning for commercials - he recently got his third call back for a Norelco spot. He has also been contacted by agents looking for talent for Chelsea native and "Arachnophobia" star Jeff Daniels' theater interests.

Neale, who is a New Baltimore, Michigan, native, left Siena Heights in 1987 for summer stock theater at Brownledge Camp in Vermont where he performed in nine shows and taught acting. He then moved to New York City and studied at the James Price Acting Studio where his talent developed through the Misner Technique. He also studied dance.

Besides acting, Neale has made his living as a carpenter, a skill he learned as part of the theater program at Siena Heights College. He currently builds large displays in the textile industry.

"Siena Heights offers such a well-rounded experience for theater majors," Neale said. "It's rare that an actor will hit the big time before using some of the other skills learned in the college theater experience."

Neale remembers many of the productions he worked on during college, especially *Pure as the Driven Snow*, which was staged in the Lab Theatre.

"The Lab is closer to the experience you have when you get out into the acting field. More stages are set up where actors are among the audience."

Although he is feeling good about the direction of his career, Neale knows there will be a lot of hard work ahead. He has the typical stories to tell about the beginning years in the city where he and another Siena Heights graduate David Boling lived in "Hell's Kitchen" in Manhattan.

"It was a one-room studio with the bathtub next to the stove," he said, noting it will be something to remember as he continues up the ladder in the world of acting.