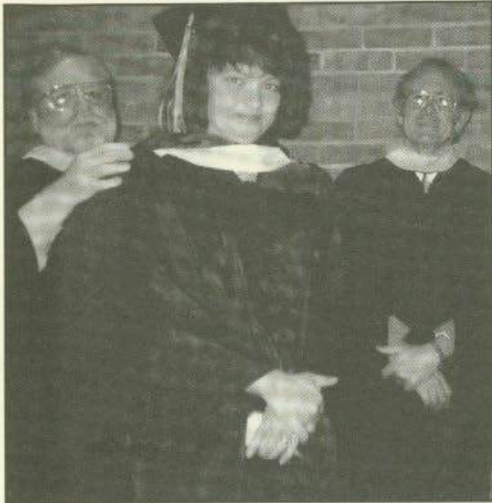


# REFLECTIONS

*A Newsletter for Graduates and Friends of Siena Heights College*

Summer 1996

## *A Season of Celebration*



Commencement at Siena Heights College is not a day--it's a whole season! It begins with the annual Honors Convocation and runs through Torch Night, Baccalaureate Mass, and Siena's Adrian, Benton Harbor and Battle Creek graduations. • Among the 38 Mother's Day, May 12, graduates at the Kellogg Center this year, was Bernice LaFleur (left), shown receiving her hood from faculty Bill Blackerby and Jerry Kruse. • Metro Detroit Program graduate Harold Hill (below, top right) participated in the Kente stole presentation in Sage Union on May 5. • Michael Maine and Charlene Ott (below, bottom right) were graduates and flagbearers at the Lake Michigan Center Commencement Ceremony held in the Mendel Center on Saturday, May 11. • Graduates (below, left) gave the Adrian ceremony a "thumbs up," on May 5. • For more Commencement coverage, see page 6.



## Alumni Board Implements New Operating Structure

Following a year of discussion and planning, the Alumni Association Board of Directors has established new membership and executive terms and a revised committee structure effective with the start of the 1996-97 year. As new members are recruited for service as directors, the Board will move toward a maximum operating size of 18 at-large alumni members, divided among three 6-member "classes" serving staggered three year terms, plus three officers. Increased diversity--by class and campus of graduation as well as by age, gender and ethnic background--will be a major board development goal over the next several years. The officers--president, vice president and immediate past president--will serve two-year terms in each office, with the vice president automatically succeeding the president, who succeeds the past president. Most board activity will be managed by three major standing committees, responsible for board development, events, and honors/awards.

For 1996-97, Melissa Durbin '90 continues as president with Mary Hellner Lash '88 as immediate past president. Jason Sanderson '92 will serve as vice president. Chairpersons of the standing committees will be Diane Moro Deveau '71, Tina DiGiorgio Forsythe '93 and Raquel Petersen Short '91.



*Alumni Board Members: (back row) Kathy Felan Jay '82, Raquel Petersen Short '91, Merry Jo Delano '91, Diane Moro Deveau '70. (middle) Jason Sanderson '92, Tina DiGiorgio Forsythe '93, Jim Forsythe '91, (front row) Lisa Livingston '91, Melissa Durbin '90, Mary Hellner Lash '88, Judy Lavelle '58. Missing: Donna Kisner Baker '84.*

## Goals Set for 1996-97

At their final 1995-96 meeting, held May 4 in Sage Union prior to the traditional Torch Night ceremony, the Alumni Association Board of Directors adopted seven goals for the coming year:

- to complete the revision of the Alumni Association Constitution and seek its approval and adoption;
- to increase participation in Alumni Weekend;
- to achieve 100 percent participation in financial support for the College among the members of the Alumni Board;
- to encourage increased participation in financial support for the College among alumni generally;
- to host, with the College, an event for Lenawee County alumni;
- to increase outreach to alumni by organizing *at least one* off-campus alumni activity; for example, in the Detroit area or western Michigan.

"This is an exciting time for graduates of Siena Heights to become involved with their alma mater," Board President Melissa Durbin '90 said. "We especially look forward to increased connection with alumni of Siena's off-campus centers."

## Mark Your Calendar for Alumni Weekend: October 25-26, 1996

The dates are set, plans are in the works, and it's time for YOU to begin thinking about Alumni Weekend '96. Everyone is invited to the celebration. Especially if you (or your best friends) graduated in a year ending in "1" or "6," you'll want to be in Adrian at the end of October for Alumni Weekend at Siena Heights. The weekend will include many new events as well as lots of tradition and fun.

Alumnae in the **Class of '46** will be honored for their 50th reunion, while the **Class of '71** will celebrate their 25th. Watch for more details in your mailbox, but plan now to return to the Heights for a memorable gathering of classmates and friends.

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## "If you could read my mail..."

As do most of you, I receive a lot more mail than I need. At a time management seminar years ago, I learned that the art of staying on top of the in-basket is to follow the four D's: **Do** it, **Delegate** it, **Delay** it, and **Dump** it. After dumping the true "junk" mail, I'm usually left with a humdrum stack of meeting notices, committee minutes, budget reports, announcements, invitations, problem situations and professional publications. But once in a while, there's a letter that makes my day. Thus I've added a fifth D--**Delight** in it! Allow me to share a few examples:

- Parents of one of our freshmen wrote just to say how pleased they were with the academic experiences of their daughter with several faculty and how she had matured during her first year.
- A letter from an alumnus retold his stories about the "giants" who had taught (and befriended) him, and the sweeping diversity of an education that "not only changed my life, it saved my life."
- A note from a graduate student, in response to our tuition increase, reassured me that the education he was receiving was "well worth the cost" and that he would not trade programs even for a lower-cost option.
- A thank-you arrived recently from a proud mother whose youngest of seven just graduated from Siena Heights--and who shared with me her delight that her daughter had just accepted a marriage proposal from another Siena graduate.

These unsolicited testimonials are all unique, but they carry similar messages of gratitude for the life-changing experience provided by Siena Heights College. They affirm, simply and personally, that the College is living out its mission. Letters like these make my day, and my whole year.

The proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," is also appropriate for Siena Heights. It takes the dedication and commitment of every member of our community to provide a high quality learning experience for our students. And it was gratifying to hear from students and parents at the Adrian, Benton Harbor and Battle Creek graduations, that Siena Heights truly has made a difference in our graduates' lives.

Amid the hugs and handshakes of those milestone celebrations, I heard again and again about the impact of excellent teachers and staff who cared deeply for the needs of each individual student. "Siena Heights has changed my sister's life," one Adrian campus graduation guest told me. At the Benton Harbor and Battle Creek ceremonies, where most students earned their degrees while raising children and managing homes and careers, each graduate served as commencement speaker and often described members of the Siena faculty and staff as friends--supporters who went out of their way to help students juggle commitments, balance schedules, and build self confidence.

Commencement inspires me, as I hope it does each graduate. Graduation activities, further illustrated in the pages to follow, are my antidote to the administrative demands of the presidency. Hearing the gratitude and excitement in the voices of our graduates and their families is a happy reminder of why we are in this business, the business of betterment, working to help people become more competent, purposeful and ethical.

Congratulations to all our graduates. Don't forget to write!



Richard B. Artman



## SIFE and Pae are Winners

The Siena Heights Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team placed first runner-up in regional competition this spring, competing against colleges and



Members of the SIFE Team were (l to r) junior Beth Elliott of Dearborn, senior Roosevelt Terrell of Detroit, freshman Chris Black of Toledo, Ohio, and sophomore Dan Morris of Wolverine Lake Village.

universities from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. An international program funded by business and industry, SIFE aims to educate students on the value of free enterprise. In their first full year of SIFE participation, the Siena Heights team was recognized for campus, community and SIFE activities that included a county-wide health survey conducted last spring. At the same event, Siena Heights team director Roger Pae, associate professor of business administration, was recognized by SIFE for a second year as one of America's outstanding educators and designated a Walton Fellow. The honor is sponsored by SIFE International and the Walton Foundation.

## English Prof Selected for Christian Literary Seminar

Dr. Daniel McVeigh, associate professor of English, is spending six weeks this summer as a participant in "Tradition and Literary Study," one of two seminars offered at Calvin College in the first year of Calvin's new Faculty Summer Seminars in Christian Scholarship program. McVeigh and seminar colleagues will address such questions as: How do we stand in relation to

everything that comes down to us from the past? What is the real meaning of 'tradition'? Does tradition imply 'canon,' and must a canon be restrictive and hierarchical? Such issues have "particular significance for Christians, who profess a 'historical' faith," seminar materials explain. McVeigh, a member of the faculty since 1985, coordinates Siena's English program.

## '96 Grad Receives National Research Excellence Award

Senior biology major Billy Houghteling of Greenville received the Frank Brooks Award for excellence in student research in the area of cellular and molecular biology at the Biennial National Convention of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, held May 30 to June 2 at Gannon University in Erie, PA. Billy won the top research award at the District Convention for the Northeastern Region of Beta Beta Beta in April, then went on to earn the national first-place award. Presenting his research on "Resistance of the *trp* 2-1 Mutant of *Arabidopsis thaliana* to Plant Pathogens," Billy competed first against college students from Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania; then against student biologists from across the country. "The national judges were unanimous in their decision about the excellence of Billy's work," biology chair Carl Kaster reported. Billy served as president this year of the campus chapter of Beta Beta Beta. A May 1996 graduate, he has received a teaching assistantship from Ball State University where he will pursue graduate study in biology this fall.

## Biology Students are Active in Professional Science Circles

The biology department was well-represented at a variety of professional events this spring, bringing Siena Heights' name and reputation into the scientific spotlight. Six senior biology majors attended February's Michigan Mosquito Control Association

Conference in Lansing. In March, senior Joy Ollier of Morenci presented a paper on "Myoglobin as an Early Indicator of Acute Myocardial Infarction as Assayed by Fluorescent Enzyme Immunoassay" at the annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. Also in March, senior Tim Blackerby attended the Annual Seminar on Molecular Pathology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Siena's Xi Omega chapter of Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society was recognized for best attendance at the society's Northeastern Region District Convention in April, where senior Billy Houghteling presented a paper (see left) and senior Karen Kellogg of Toledo, Ohio, presented a research poster on "Efficiency of Ectoparasite Removal as it Relates to Bill Morphology in Birds." (Xi Omega will host next year's district convention at Siena Heights.) Billy Houghteling presented his research paper at Beta Beta Beta's national convention in May; 9 Siena students attended that event.

## Scibilia Selected for National Church-Related College Study

Dr. Dominic Scibilia, assistant professor of religious studies, is one of a dozen people selected from more than 140 applicants to participate in the year-long Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, funded by the Lilly Endowment and hosted by Rhodes College in Tennessee. Scibilia's selection recognized his "work in multidisciplinary and multicultural learning, especially through the practice of a liberatory, dialogic and democratic pedagogy," he said. In addition to three participant meetings in Memphis, a national conference and publication of a collection of topical essays, the consultation will promote discussions on each participant's campus of the church-related college in post-modernity. "The Siena community will consider what it means to be a Catholic college at the turn of the century," Scibilia said.

## Springtime at Siena: Senior Projects in Bloom

Dressed in a classic gray suit, the speaker welcomed the audience and thanked them for the opportunity to speak. Lights dimmed, a title slide appeared on the projection screen, and the woman's laser pointer directed audience attention to the topic of discussion.

She might have been a senior investment banker or a marketing vice president. In fact, she was just a student. Just? With a poise and professionalism equal to many young executives, Siena Heights senior Danielle Meyka began discussing the results of her research into the "predation risk in mating" for *Gerris remigis*, the common water strider.

Danielle's was one of ten senior chemistry and biology presentations that April day in Dominican Hall's Rueckert Auditorium -- and one of dozens of senior projects presented throughout the spring.

The widespread requirement that students complete senior projects in their academic majors is one of the distinctive features of a Siena Heights education.

Although each department handles the capstone experience its own way, a senior project typically is a significant piece of work that demonstrates a student's mastery of the tools and foundations of the major subject as well as his or her achievement in one particular area of the discipline.

Science majors like Danielle begin their senior work during the junior year, when they must develop a proposal for an experimental laboratory project. Field work or lab research may be conducted during the summer or fall. Library research also is required, and a detailed research paper must be completed. Finally, the student discusses the research in a formal 20-minute oral presentation, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A from the audience, which may include faculty, staff, students, and family members. Several days later, all seniors present poster sessions

summarizing their projects and results.

"The students do what amounts to a bachelor's thesis, sometimes approaching master's level quality," said Dr. Carl Kaster, science program coordinator and associate professor of biology. "This is important

preparation for either graduate school or a career in the sciences."

"Senior projects are not required at most schools," he added. "Siena Heights is unusual because here, *every* science major must complete this level of work to graduate. It's not feasible for larger schools to do that" because they can't devote the faculty time needed to mentor each student individually through such an extensive undertaking.

The sciences are not unique at Siena Heights.

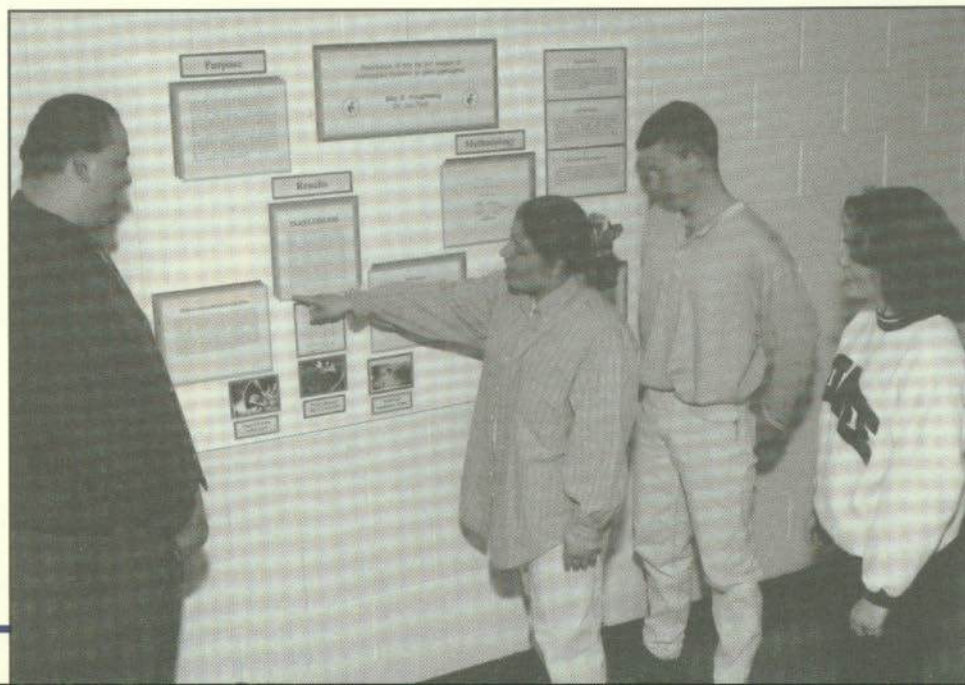
Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates have long been required to organize, advertise and install solo exhibits of their work in Studio Angelico's Klemm Gallery. They also must prepare an artist's statement, host a gallery reception--and go head-to-head with the art faculty in a senior critique. This year, the critiques were reorganized as public oral defenses. The seniors still answer probing questions from the faculty--questions delving into creative processes, sources of inspiration and career options as well as the quality and effectiveness of the artwork--but now the audience includes other students and guests as well as professors.

"We give them a lot of latitude" in organizing the shows, said Tom Venner, art department chair and head of the ceramics program. "We don't tell them what to include or how it should look. They've learned a lot in four years, and now they have to exercise their own artistic judgement."

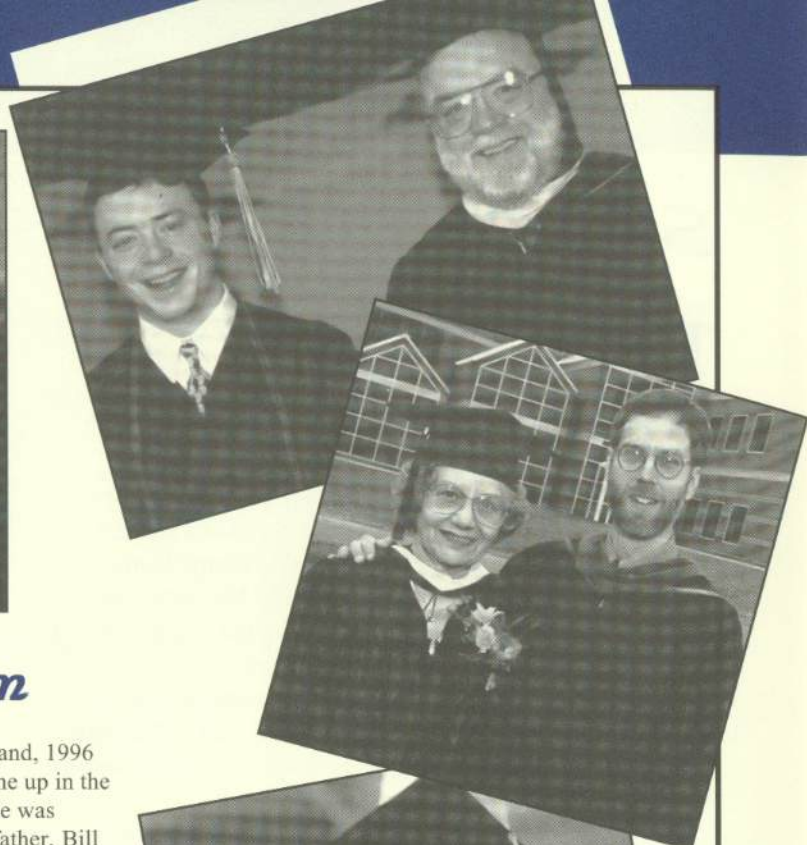
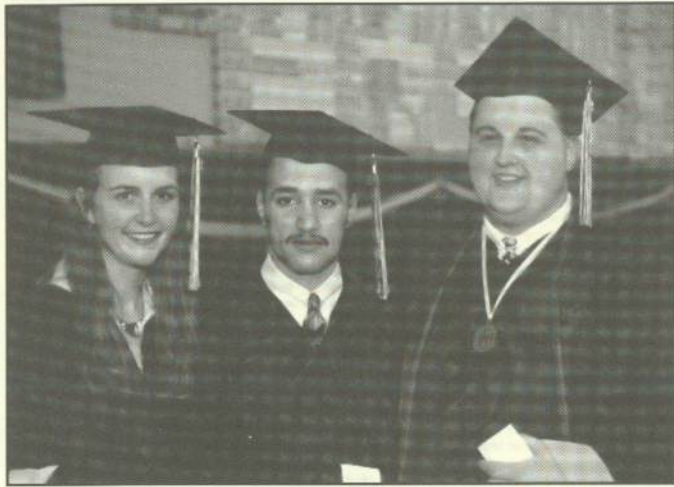
Senior Amy Trosino wrote and illustrated a children's book as part of her senior exhibition, which focused on children's illustration, storybooks and family history books. Darlene Kaminski's work included many doll-like figures, which she described as "material manifestations of my spiritual world, the world I want to create." Other shows highlighted sculpture, painting, metal work, photography, ceramics, and mixed media.

As spring comes to Siena Heights, the college calendar is filled with senior presentations of all kinds -- and the range of investigation and inspiration in the

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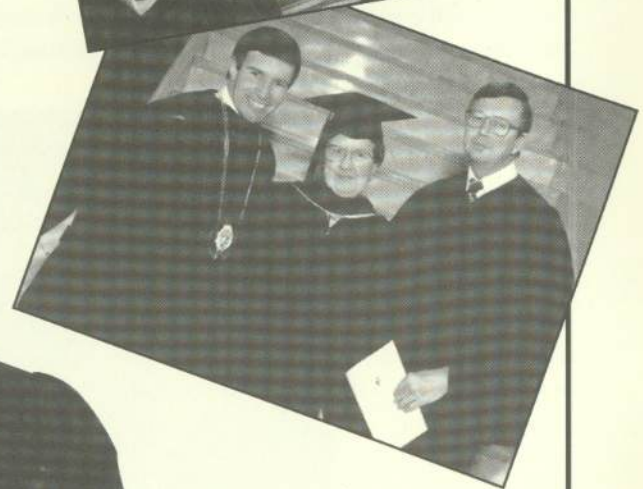
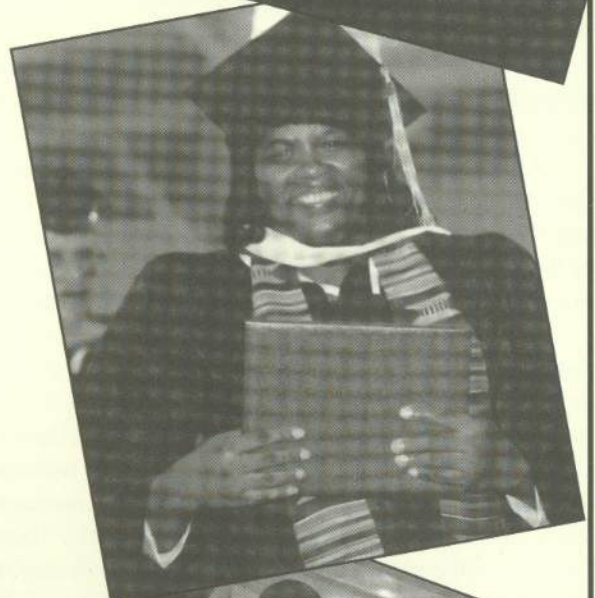


*Biology major Billy Houghteling discusses his senior research findings with other student scientists.*



## *A Commencement Album*

(Clockwise from top left) • We did it! (left to right) Shannon Holland, 1996 Outstanding Student Seyed Jalal Hosseini, and Billy Houghteling line up in the Fieldhouse as they wait to be seated for Commencement. • No one was prouder of Class of 1996 student speaker Tim Blackerby than his father, Bill Blackerby, chairperson of the Business and Management Division and assistant professor of management. • Lake Michigan Center graduate Pat Venner joined her son Tom Venner, chairperson of the Arts and Education Division and associate professor of art, at the Adrian campus Commencement. Pat also participated in the Benton Harbor ceremony a week later. • Metro Detroit Program graduate Joy Hunt was all smiles as she received her diploma in Adrian. • Receiving special honors at the May 5 Adrian graduation celebration were Dominican preacher and performer Sister Kathleen Harkins, OP, who was presented the Siena Medal, and Toledo campus minister Fr. James J. Bacik who was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; shown with President Artman. • Patty McGowan (right) and Maureen (Mo) Haws are friends, teammates, and sorority sisters -- and now they are Siena Heights College alumnae!



## Bells are Ringing in New Adrian Campus Phone System

Main campus made the long-awaited switch to a new telephone system in March. Phones rang with confusion briefly as everyone adjusted to new phone numbers, but the benefits of the new system quickly erased the slight inconveniences of the start-up. All faculty and staff now have voice mail, so callers can leave messages if the party they are calling does not answer. Students in the residence halls will have voice mail when they return this fall. The new system was funded by the sale of the former presidential residence. The general college number (517-263-0731) remains the same. You may use that number to reach anyone at Siena Heights; however, each individual and office also has a direct-dial number. When you call the general number, the Siena Heights operator will connect you to the requested person or office; but the operator also can provide you with a direct-dial number for that person or office. Here are the new telephone numbers for a few frequently called offices at Siena Heights (area code 517):

Admissions:	264-7180
Advancement:	264-7140
Alumni:	264-7140
Athletics:	264-7870
Communications:	264-7140
Dean of Students:	264-7600
Financial Aid:	264-7130
Graduate Studies:	264-7666
President:	264-7100
Registrar:	264-7120
Studio Angelico:	264-7860
Theatre Siena:	264-7840
Upward Bound:	264-7161

## Southfield Celebrates!

Metro Detroit Program faculty and staff celebrated the grand opening of the new Southfield facility at Evergreen and Northwestern on April 16. Pictured at the opening are (from left): Patricia McDonald, OP, Jack Bologna, Anthony Rana, Carl Mannino, and Associate Dean of the Metro Detroit Program Stephen Goddard.

## Benton Harbor Campus Graduates Its Largest Class

Siena Heights College at Lake Michigan College held its first-ever separate SHC commencement ceremony, and graduated the largest class since the program's founding in 1982. The 51 graduates--with an average age of 39--included moms, dads, one married couple and several grandparents, all of whom, according to program director Deb Carter, demonstrated "persistence, intense motivation and desire" in completing their bachelor's degrees. The commencement ceremony (which in previous years was combined with Lake Michigan College's graduation) was held Saturday evening, May 11, in the Mendel Center at LMC.

## Monroe Offers New Major

Siena Heights College at Monroe County Community College recently added the Bachelor of Arts in Human Services/Psychology to its degree completion offerings. Students at the Siena Heights Monroe site now may earn the B.A. in accounting, business administration, general studies, and psychology; and the Bachelor of Applied Science in a variety of occupational and technical majors including allied health fields and trade/industrial areas.

## Degree Completion Centers Set for Lansing, Kalamazoo

Siena Heights will debut new degree completion centers this fall in Lansing and Kalamazoo. The Lansing program will be housed on the campus of Lansing Community College (LCC).

Through Siena Heights College at LCC, students with some previous college study and/or appropriate professional experience will be able to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in a wide range of allied health, industrial and vocational fields. Siena's B.A.S. program will be especially convenient for graduates of LCC's many associate degree and occupational curricula.

The Kalamazoo program will serve associate and occupational graduates of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, as well as other working adult students. Siena Heights in Kalamazoo, offering the B.A. in business administration, general studies, and humanities as well as the B.A.S., will be housed at Hackett Catholic Central High School.

In addition to the Lansing and Kalamazoo sites, Siena Heights operates degree completion centers in Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Southfield and Monroe.



# Back tracking

## Clark takes the long path to success at Siena Heights

By Doug Goodnough, Hillsdale Daily News Sports Editor

NOTE: The following story is excerpted from an article that originally appeared in the Feb. 8, 1996, edition of the Hillsdale Daily News and is reprinted by permission.

**J**acki Clark is finally back on track--in more ways than one. Clark, one of the finest athletes Camden-Frontier High has ever produced--male or female--has



refocused her life and her running career as a member of the Siena Heights women's track and field team.

But it took much, much longer than Clark ever thought it would. Now, at almost 25 years old, the mother of a 2-year-old son and with a wealth of experience in the real world, she is redefining the role of a non-traditional college student.

And enjoying every minute of it.

"We knew she'd be OK, but I didn't think she'd run this good, this fast," Siena Heights track coach Tim Bauer '82 said of Clark. "The biggest thing for her is she works so hard. She is so tough mentally."

Bauer and assistant Mark Dooley recruited Clark out of high school, and were more than happy to take Clark on the squad this time around. "It was a nice surprise when she contacted us again," Bauer said. "I knew how good she could be and how tough she was." Bauer calls her an inspiration

to some of his younger athletes.

"They see her work and they ask how could she do this after being out so long," Bauer said. "She's even surprised me." Clark wants to be an example, as well. "Because I'm so much older, I feel they all respect me," Clark said.

"I feel like I'm on the 10-year plan," she said. "But I love it here. The whole atmosphere. There are people here my age, and some have kids the same age as Matthew." Clark is referring to her son, who she takes almost everywhere with her.

As a prep star at Camden-Frontier, Clark dominated almost everything she touched in athletics. She was a Class D state champion in track and was the only Hillsdale County athlete to ever win the MVP of the Hillsdale Area Best Track Meet three times. As a guard on the C-F basketball team, Clark led her team in almost every category.

In fact, she said, high school was way too easy. The 1989 graduate said she often trained alone for track because no one wanted to run with her. "The competition wasn't that great," Clark said of her high school experience. "Nobody would give me a race. You just get bored. I got tired of running."

Clark had several college offers, but landed at Hillsdale College, where she felt out of place from the start. Clark spent a couple of years at Hillsdale, but never competed. She took up competitive roller skating instead, soon becoming a national caliber racer. Clark made it to the world team tryouts before a stress fracture in her leg ended her career in August 1992.

After that, she focused on her job at Hillsdale Tool, where she worked as a console operator. Last spring, however, she discovered she still had the desire to

compete. She remembered the coaching staff at Siena Heights, and contacted Bauer to see if she could compete for the Saints. There is no age limit in the NAIA, meaning Clark could come back and compete with two years of competition left.

So she is eager to make up for lost time, and so far has done so in remarkable fashion. "I knew I could have been an all-American," Clark said. "I just want to find out how good I could be. Now I'm ready to do it for myself. That's why I'm here."

Clark is taking the same approach to her education. An admitted underachiever in high school and in her early college days, Clark is currently carrying a 3.0 grade-point average in business education at Siena, with a target graduation date of May 1998.

"I was able to slide by (at Camden-Frontier)," Clark said. "My dad pushed me athletically, but I took the attitude that 'I'm passing, but I'm a great athlete.' My message is that it's so important now that kids go to school. The athletics doesn't matter, it's the education. It's so important to get it, because you can't do anything without it.

"I realized it way too late. I've done this the hard way. People don't have to do it this way." That's what Clark preaches when she returns to her old stomping grounds. And she would like nothing better than to put it into practice as a coach and teacher after graduation.

"I have this burning desire in me to coach and teach," she said. "I want to make a difference. I just can't wait to get out and do it."

# Athletics Comes Out On Top -- Again!

## SHC Athletic Program Wins 2nd Consecutive WHAC Trophy

After years of steady growth and success by individual sports and athletes, the entire Siena Heights College athletic program came of age last year by winning the 1994/95 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) All-Sports Trophy.

The All-Sports Competition, won the previous two years by Tri-State University, is awarded annually to the most successful conference school, based upon each school's finish in every sport.

The Saints became back-to-back All-Sports champions this year, winning seven conference titles and placing second in three other sports. In addition to claiming its second straight league all-sports title, the SHC athletic program was ranked among the top 20 NAIA schools in the Sears Director's Cup standings (based on the program's participation and results at national championship events).

Under the direction of athletic director and men's basketball coach Fred Smith, athletics at Siena Heights College has become one of the premier small-college programs in the Midwest. The following is a sport-by-sport summary (including individual accomplishments and awards) from the Saints' successful 1995/96 campaign:

### Men's Cross Country

(WHAC Champions) -- Coach Tim Bauer's team, ranked as high as #5 nationally in the NAIA during the season, swept the top five places at the league meet and ran away with their second straight WHAC title. The Saints had five All-WHAC runners, led by league MVP Matt Geha. Geha placed 15th at the NAIA National Championships and earned All-America honors for the second straight season. As a team, the Saints placed eighth at nationals, the highest finish ever by a Siena Heights cross country team.

### Women's Cross Country

(WHAC Runner-Up) -- The Saints narrowly missed winning their fourth straight league title, finishing second to Spring Arbor College. Tina Richards and Paula Kangas were on the All-WHAC Team and qualified for the NAIA National Championships. Bridget Nesbit and Annie Stawasz also qualified for the national meet.

### Golf

(3rd in WHAC) -- Coach Randy Faust's team, led by freshman phenom Zak Morris, finished third in the league and fifth in the Great Lakes region. Morris, who led the league in scoring for most of the season, finished third overall (77.8 stroke average) and was on the All-League first team.

### Women's Soccer

(12-8-1, 7-0-1 WHAC/1st place) -- After starting the season with an 0-5 record, the Saints won 12 out of their last 16 games enroute to their third league championship in four years. For the third consecutive season, the team advanced to the Great Lakes regional semi-finals and lost to the eventual regional winner. SHC leading scorer Natalia Hernandez and senior captain Ayana Nash were named honorable mention NAIA All-Americans.

### Men's Soccer

(5-12-1, 3-6-1 WHAC/5th place) -- First-year coach Aldo Zid's club improved steadily throughout a rebuilding season. The Saints' shining moment was a 1-0 victory over nationally-ranked Tri-State University in their last home game in front of an enthusiastic Alumni Weekend crowd. The Saints were the only league team to defeat Tri-State and senior midfielder Tad Goldmeyer was named to the All-WHAC team for the second straight season.

### Volleyball

(15-27, 2-8 WHAC/5th place) -- First-year coach Karen O'Brien's team rebounded from a 2-14 start to win more matches than any Saints' volleyball team in the last eight seasons. Sophomore setter Krista Purvis and freshman hitter Elizabeth Siwek were named to the WHAC All-Conference Team.

### Women's Basketball

(20-23, 2-8 WHAC/5th place) -- The Saints won their SHC Tip-Off Tournament for the first time in six years under second-year coach Susie Wickham. The team also won the Team Academic Award for the second consecutive year with a 3.35 combined team grade point average. Senior forward Sheila Landerschier became the first SHC women's basketball player to be named to an NAIA All-America team (honorable mention). Landerschier, a two-time All-WHAC player, virtually rewrote the Saints' statistical record book (see inset) on her way to becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

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### Sheila Landerschier's Career Numbers



*NAIA All-America player Sheila Landerschier and Coach Susie Wickham.*

**Points:** 1,693 (SHC all-time scoring leader)  
 • **Steals:** 330 (SHC all-time leader/NAIA national record) • **Rebounds:** 824 (Ranks #3 all-time among SHC players) • **Assists:** 311 (Ranks #3 all-time among SHC players)  
 • **Blocked Shots:** 111 (Ranks #2 all-time among SHC players)

**Other honors:** SHC record for most points in a season (549) • Only SHC women's basketball player to be named to an All-America team (1995/96) • Two-time NAIA All-District player • Two-time WHAC All-Conference player • WHAC All-Defensive Team selection in 1995/96 • Twice named WHAC Conference Player-of-the-Week

## Sports (from page 9)

### Men's Basketball

(21-10, 7-3 WHAC/2nd place/Tournament Champions) -- Coach Fred Smith engineered his tenth 20-win season in 11 years and the Saints--who finished second in the regular season league standings--won the WHAC tournament title with an exciting 80-78 win over top-seeded Cornerstone College. The win sent the Saints to their second NAIA National Championship tournament in the last three seasons. Roger Williams, Ryan Sanford, and Anthony Staffney were all first-team All-WHAC selections and Williams earned honorable mention NAIA All-America honors.

### Women's Indoor Track & Field

(WHAC Champions) -- Coach Tim Bauer's team won the league title and placed eighth overall at the NAIA National Championships. Sprinter Roxanne Watson, the league's co-MVP with teammate Tina Richard, won five events at the league meet. Watson was an All-American in two events at the national championships: the 600 meters (national runner-up) and in the two-mile relay with Richards, Jacki Clark and Paula Kangas. The two-mile relay team also finished second at the national championships.

### Men's Indoor Track & Field

(WHAC Champions) -- The Saints ran away with their second straight league

championship, led by sophomore Jeff Marsh, who won three events and was named league MVP. Marsh placed sixth and earned All-America honors in the pentathlon.

### Softball

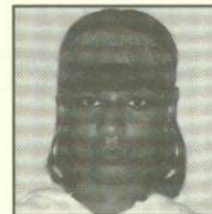
(35-12, 17-3 WHAC/1st place/Tournament Champions) -- First-year coach Shelly Lizyness' team began the season ranked #13 in the NAIA national poll. The Saints edged out Concordia College for their fourth straight regular-season title and went on to win the WHAC tournament title with three shutout victories. The Saints had five players on the All-WHAC first team--Shannon Bezeau, Robyn Humes, Becky Martinez, Darlene Lizyness and Kerri Webb. Martinez and Heather Eldredge were named to the NAIA Great Lakes Region All-Tournament Team.

### Baseball

(28-35, 15-5 WHAC/2nd place) -- The Saints finished second in the regular season and were runner-up at the league tournament. Coach Gordie Theisen's team defeated the University of Michigan for the first time in the school's history, splitting a doubleheader with the Wolverines. The Saints had five players on the All-WHAC team--Joe DiMarco, Glen Scheerer, Josh Reeber, Jason Holton, and Jason Martines.

### Men's Outdoor Track & Field

(WHAC Champions) -- Coach Tim Bauer's team completed a sweep of all three running



*Matt Geha and Roxanne Watson were among the runners representing Siena Heights at the NAIA National Championships in Marietta, GA.*

sports by winning the league outdoor track and field title. Jeff Marsh won three events at the WHAC meet and earned All-America honors in the 110 meter hurdles with a third-place finish at the NAIA Championships in Marietta, GA. Josh Wonders was an All-American for the Saints in the 800 meters (placing fifth with a school-record time of 1:50.80).

### Women's Outdoor Track & Field

(WHAC Champions) -- Roxanne Watson placed first in four events and was named league MVP in leading the Saints to the WHAC title. Watson went on to finish sixth in the nation in the 600 meters and earn All-America honors.

The Saints' running teams had five league titles and a second place, accounting for 27 of SHC's league-leading 59 points in the All-Sports Competition.

## Senior Projects (from page 5)

projects can be mind-boggling.

Child development majors presented the results of studies on such topics as "aggressive behavior in day care," "the effects of sibling rivalry on self-esteem," "the correlation between father-infant interaction and the quality of their later relationships," and "parent/child attachment in corporate vs. non-corporate day care."

For his senior project in theatre, Jason Walton directed "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)" which brought loud applause from the Siena Heights audience.

In addition to Danielle's water strider research, this year's senior

projects in science included studies of acrylic resins, wildflowers, resistance to plant pathogens, early indicators of heart attack, and spatial learning in snakes, among many other topics.



History and social science majors reported on such wide-ranging subjects as Gulf War syndrome, teen homosexuality, the education of Thomas Jefferson, 20th century serial killers, and television's effects on politics.

On the threshold of graduation, Siena Heights students offer an inspiring demonstration of what a college education is all about: exploring the world of knowledge, discovering an area of great interest, making it an area of greater understanding.

*To heighten viewers' sense of entering an imagined fantasy world, Darlene Kaminski created an ancient-looking archway through which gallery goers passed to view her senior B.F.A. show.*

# Campaigning for Siena Heights *without a campaign!*

In this season of intense political campaigning, Siena Heights has introduced a refreshing new idea: the UNcampaign. Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees endorsed a new fund raising approach that enables the College to solicit support for major projects and capital needs without embarking on a traditional "capital campaign."

"We've been moving toward the 'concurrent fund' program model for two years," Mike Ferin, vice president for advancement, explained. Simply stated, the new approach amounts to seeking funds, concurrently and continuously, for annual operations, special projects and endowment. "Everyone will be asked to support annual operations through the Siena Heights Fund," Ferin said. "Carefully selected prospects will be asked to consider an additional gift or gifts supporting projects that fall outside the annual budget, such as capital improvements or endowed scholarships."

The concurrent fund approach allows the College to work individually with potential donors to find the best match between an individual's interests and specific needs at Siena Heights. "This model provides donors with a menu of possibilities, rather than the pre-set list of exact goals and needs typical in a capital campaign," Ferin explained. "This approach gives the College and its supporters much more flexibility. It also bypasses the significant promotional and consulting costs associated with traditional campaigns."

Here is a summary of funding areas and recent gifts:

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## The Siena Heights Fund

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Annual gifts are the foundation of each year's operating budget, providing direct support for faculty and students. New in 1996-97, donors can designate their Siena Heights Fund gift for scholarships and help underwrite the financial assistance Siena provides students beyond federal and state aid. For many students, additional institutional aid makes the difference between attending Siena Heights or choosing a public university or community college. **Recent developments:** The 1995-96 Siena Heights Fund drive concluded with several direct mail appeals and a June phonathon. As of July 1, the College began working on annual giving for 1996-97.

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## Physical Plant and Equipment

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Gifts in this area enable Siena to address major capital needs. For example, roofs of all campus buildings need repairs totaling almost \$1.9 million. Renovation of the Fieldhouse alone could cost nearly \$650,000. Completing necessary handicapped accessibility renovations requires a gift or gifts

amounting to \$380,000. **Recent developments:** Under the leadership and generosity of trustee Warren Reuther, more than \$500,000 was committed to plant improvements in 1995-96. Most recently, through Reuther's efforts, the College has moved ahead with landscaping around Dominican Hall and renovation of the main floor of Ledwidge Hall.

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## Information Technology

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Siena Heights must improve its instructional services by increasing access to technological learning, at an estimated cost of \$1 million. **Recent developments:** Over \$260,000 has been committed thus far from the National Science Foundation, the Merillat Foundation, the Adrian Dominican Congregation and the Stubnitz Foundation. These funds have enabled the College to install the Internet and to purchase hardware and software for the departments of education, art, music, theatre and communications. Further gifts are needed to support the purchase of hardware and software for remaining academic departments, to complete the College's information management system, and to provide necessary training for faculty and staff.

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## Restricted Program Funds

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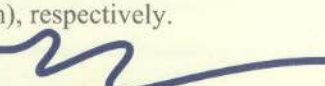
Project needs include special programming to improve the campus learning environment in such areas as student leadership, individual academic program development, and climate for diversity. **Recent developments:** Amidst legislative and public angst over federal budgets, both Upward Bound and the Ronald E. McNair Scholars program have been refunded for the immediate future.

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## Endowment

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By increasing the endowment fund generally, the College will ensure greater fiscal stability for the future. Restricted funds within the endowment would allow the College to plan for periodic upgrades in educational technology and annual plant maintenance and improvement. Endowed professorships and scholarships will strengthen the quality of academic life. **Recent developments:** In the past 18 months, more than \$800,000 in new money has been committed to the endowment. The Sage Foundation funded the College's first endowed professorship. Both the Herrick and Sage Foundations have made restricted endowment gifts to fund scholarships, in the names of Sister Cathleen Real (for non-traditional women students) and Margaret Sage Mudgett (for graduates of Lumen Christi High School in Jackson), respectively.



# Class Notes

## 1930s

**Anna Bakeman Tompert '38** of Port Huron got a special Christmas present last December when the Port Huron Museum featured her children's books in its annual holiday exhibition. "A Carol for Christmas...and Other Stories by Ann Tompert" included recreations of scenes from several of her books including *A Carol for Christmas*. The life-size scenes were complemented by some of the books' original illustrations. Manuscripts, sketches and other archival material helped explain the creative work of the author. Chairs scattered throughout the exhibit encouraged parents to pick up copies of Ann's books and read to their children. A former teacher, Ann sold her first story to *Jack and Jill* magazine in 1963. Her books, which include more than 24 titles for children, have been published in English, Japanese, French and Spanish. Her newest book is *The Empty Black Bag*, about a goat who over-collects.

## 1940s

**Sister Maris Stella Beaufait, OP, '45** has been living in Warren for almost two years. She moved to Warren from Utica.

**Connie Berube Binsfeld '45, Lt.** Governor of the State of Michigan since 1990, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Northern Michigan University at NMU's April 27 commencement in Marquette. She is the only woman to have held leadership positions in Michigan's House, Senate and Executive Office. Well known as an advocate for children and families, she was appointed by Governor Engler last summer as chair of the Children's Commission that is studying the safety and well-being of children; the commission will issue its final report and recommendations in July.

**CLASS OF '46**  
50th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

## 1950s

**Eileen Ryan '50** is retired and living in Warwick, Rhode Island. Her mother, Nellie Ryan, died in February.

**CLASS OF '51**  
45th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**CLASS OF '56**  
40th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Mary Morton '56** of Adrian teamed up with Siena Heights art professor Tom Venner for a two-person art exhibition this spring in the atrium of Siena's Dominican Hall. Titled "Siena Inspired," the exhibit featured Mary's reverse acrylic paintings on glass and Prof. Venner's clay sculpture. Mary is an active member of the Toledo Women's Art League, the Toledo Artists' Club and the Bedford Artists' Club. She has worked with various local artists including Pete Beckman, John Cook and Walter Chapman. Mary works with oils, water colors and acrylics, but her "real love is working with acrylics on glass," a reverse painting technique in which the artist first puts in the detail and later adds the background. The exhibit ran from March 31 through April 14. Mary's son, **Carl Morton '71** of New York and Japan, was a guest speaker at the artists' reception held for Mary and Tom on April 13. Mary earned her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and taught school for many years in Adrian.



Shown at a reception honoring artists Mary Morton '56 and Tom Venner are (from left): SHC trustees Cynthia Kehrer Opelt '70, Jim Motschall and Donato Sarapo; President Artman; trustee Byron Stickles '80 (M.A. '83); Venner, Morton, and Mary's son Carl '71.

## 1960s

**Maureen Fay, OP, '60**, president of the University of Detroit Mercy, was featured this spring in a lengthy *Detroit Free Press* story about UD-Mercy's The Theatre Company, described by theater writer Lawrence Devine as "the town's only prominent theater backed by a Dominican nun who can raise both money and hopes." Occasioned by The Theatre Company's move to a newly renovated performance space, the article quotes Sister Maureen--who raised the funds needed to renovate an under-used hall for the troupe--saying, "I don't want the only public face this university has to be athletics. What's the return on helping out the theater? Talk about educating! Esthetics, philosophy, theology...they're all in there. ... Faith is important there. Theater, I feel, exposes us to the right questions to ask." Noting that theatre executives rarely talk about faith or theology, the article concludes that

"Sister Maureen is no ordinary Off-Broadway exec." Sister Maureen, who describes herself as a lifelong theatre buff, was head of Mercy College until 1990, when she was named president of the combined Mercy and University of Detroit when the two schools merged.

**CLASS OF '61**  
35th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Lorraine Mordenski, OP, '64** recently was elected Chapter Prioress by her Adrian Dominican sisters. In the position, she will be in a leadership role as a liaison between the sisters in the Southeast Adrian Chapter and the members of the General Council in Adrian. Her six-year term begins July 1. She currently is ministering as director of guidance at Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights, and also as a member of the pastoral care department at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

**CLASS OF '66**  
30th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Patricia McDonald, OP, '67** was in the media spotlight this spring as assistant dean of student and academic support services at Siena Heights' Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield. Sister Pat, who could be seen smiling from the pages of the *Birmingham Eccentric*, also teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in Southfield.

**Sharon Weber, OP, '69** began work June 1 as Siena Heights' new academic dean.

## Then and Now: Carl Morton '71

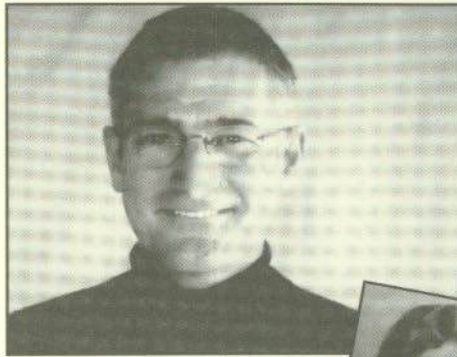
### Fashion Exec Emphasizes Need for Liberal Arts Learning

Coming to Siena Heights as a freshman in the mid-1960s, Carl Morton entered an environment that was both “frightening and exciting.” One of the first men to enroll as a full-time undergraduate, he found himself surrounded by women, studying exclusively with girls, in classes taught exclusively by Adrian Dominican nuns. “There was a certain intensity and other-worldliness” to the experience, he admits.

Listening to Carl recall his college days, however, he sounds like any alumnus, remembering teachers who became mentors, friends who introduced him to new ideas and cultures, classes in which he excelled or faltered. One wouldn't know, hearing him reminisce, that he had been a ground-breaker, a pioneering male on a newly coeducational campus.

Talking about his career since then, he is equally low key. Little in his soft-spoken manner suggests the glitz and celebrity of the fashion world; but Siena Heights seems to have prepared him well for success in the industry. Today, Carl Morton, the first male to graduate with a degree in business administration from Siena Heights College, is head of Matsuda USA, an international fashion design firm headquartered on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Specializing in men's and women's retail clothing and eyewear, Matsuda also provides costuming for films and television, and wardrobes for such clients as Barbra Streisand and Whoopi Goldberg, Tim Robbins, Robin Williams and Cher.

It was Siena Heights that first led Carl to New York: He fell in love with the city while visiting Manhattan with classmates on Thanksgiving break.



After graduating in 1971, he returned to The Big Apple and went directly to work, first for Saks Fifth Avenue, then as fashion director for Hanae Mori. He was named president of Matsuda USA in 1982.

During a recent visit to campus, Carl described his career as a combination of art and business. “Most people think of art primarily in terms of paintings on canvas,” he said, “but there are so many different forms and degrees of art. Art is constantly around us.” And, he added, “it is an integral part of a person's education.”

Communication skills are another critical element of education, Carl said. Asked what he would tell today's students, he responded, “You need to learn to communicate--not just to read, repeat and memorize. First, you must be able to communicate with yourself, know what you're about. Second, you must be able to communicate with others on many levels: orally, in writing, with the computer, through the arts. Communication is essential to any endeavor.”

In today's global society, students also need the ability to communicate internationally and understand other cultures, said Carl, who travels frequently to Europe and Japan.

Language is the “gateway to culture,” he added; learning other languages helps Americans understand how other people think and feel.

Carl practices what he preaches. Since graduating from Siena, he has studied Japanese, French, Spanish and computer science, as well as scuba diving and yoga. This summer, he is taking a refresher course in French. Come fall, he will enroll in creative writing.

Looking back to his college days, Carl remembers vividly what he learned from the late Sister Ann Joachim, “an incredible teacher with tremendous energy and zeal.” The class was Business Law but the lesson was universal: “She taught from the books, but she applied everything in her own life, seeking out causes that were important to her, trying to better the community.” She taught students to apply what they learned, “so you could go forward and achieve in life, whatever ends you had in mind.”

Whatever goals he had in mind, Carl Morton has achieved a great deal in the 25 years since he left Siena Heights. Most recently, his firm was among a select group of designers chosen to participate in the first of what is expected to be a biennial international festival of art in fashion, scheduled in Florence, Italy. Matsuda USA will participate in the category called “Vision of the Future,” and will showcase creative non-gender influences in fashion design.

Carl has traveled a long way from Adrian, but perhaps it was Siena Heights that first taught him to take on challenges that are both “frightening and exciting.”



## 1970s

**Diane Moro Deveau '70** recently was elected chairperson of the Board Development Committee of the Siena Heights College Alumni Association Board of Directors. In the position, Diane will coordinate the Board's efforts to identify and recruit alumni volunteers.

**Barb Fleming Froh '70** lives in Austell, Georgia, and works for Australian Body Works in Atlanta. "It's a very exciting time to be living in Atlanta," she writes. "The health club I work for will be providing the club in the Olympic Village. Come and celebrate our dream and give me a call, fellow alumni and classmates!"

### CLASS OF '71

25th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Carl Morton '71** several years ago founded a week-long effort to raise public awareness of the plight of homeless animals in New York City and generate support for the New York Humane Society. In April, he co-hosted the third annual "Shop and Adopt" with TV talk-

show host Ricki Lake. The kick-off event for "Shop and Adopt III" was a reception in the 5th Avenue boutique of Matsuda, the fashion design firm which Carl heads. This was not your average cocktail party: Guests were invited to bring their pets--from kittens to Great Danes--and many did. The Humane Society brought additional dogs and cats available for adoption. "I don't think enough people go to animal shelters," Carl told reporters at the event. "They forget about all the strays that could be adopted. So the idea was to bring them here." Carl's cat, an adopted stray named Manga, appeared prominently on a billboard at the party. (See related story, p.13.)

**Irene Smith Sarkisian '72** recently received the Social Studies Educator of the Year award from the Michigan Council for Social Studies. A parochial school teacher for more than two decades, she has spent the past five years at St. Dunstan School in Garden City, Mich., where she teaches math and a junior high confirmation class in addition to social studies. According to a story in the *Garden City Observer*, Irene "loves the idea of traveling around the world and getting to know different

cultures and people. Teaching social studies, including geography, then is a natural career choice." The St. Dunstan principal applauded Irene's success working with the school's ethnically diverse student population, noting, "She helps the children not be prejudiced against each other... We respect each culture and the students know that." Irene and her husband, John, live in Canton Township.

**Penny Clark Eshleman '75** is teaching computers at Riverview High School and administering the computer network for the Riverview Schools. She and her husband, **John Eshleman '75**, live in Novi.

Condolences to Adrian attorney **Margaret Scholz Noe '75**, whose father, Charles Scholz, died last fall in Illinois.

### CLASS OF '76

20th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Donald Parrott '76 (MA '77)** wrote recently remembering his years here as an adult student. "Since my college life was cut short in 1942 by entering the service for three years and being married in 1946, it was personally satisfying to gain my late life degrees" at Siena. Retired since 1985 after a 43-year career with Goodyear, Don notes that he earned both degrees while working full-time, "thanks to the flexible program at Siena Heights and to great instructors such as the late Sister Eileen Rice." Don and his wife, Betty, live in Jackson, where he has been active in recent years as a county commissioner.

**Annita Galnares '77 (MA '87)** received the 1996 Michigan Outstanding Hispanic Parent of the Year Award from the Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund at an April awards banquet held in East Lansing.

**Lynnette Ledwidge '77** lives in Royal Oak.

**Annette Marquis '77** is co-owner of Triad Consulting, a computer consulting business in Flint. She recently published a textbook titled *The Learning Guide to Word for Windows 95*, available from Sybex Books.

**Gary Merillat '77** received the Doctor of Ministry degree last summer from Christian Bible College in North Carolina. His dissertation was a personal evaluation

## Career Services at Siena Heights: Not just for students, but also for YOU!

As director of career services, Gail Clark '76 (MA '78) begins working with freshmen during orientation, before they even start classes. It's the beginning of a long and productive relationship that may include career counseling, internships, summer jobs, grad school searches, and full-time career placements.

And it doesn't end at graduation. The Office of Career Services welcomes Siena Heights alumni, too.

With four computerized databases and an extensive resource library, Clark can generate data on any occupation or job title, including detailed salary and labor market profiles, nationally or by state or county. "This is helpful in salary

negotiations as well as career changes and job searches," she explained.

Telephone counseling is free; in-depth advising and computer research in the office is available for a small fee. The office also maintains career credentials (see p. 19) and offers a computerized job referral service that generates weekly job listings for those in the job market.

"This is a great benefit for our alumni," Clark said. "Placement firms charge huge fees for these same services."

Alumni also can assist Career Services as guest speakers, internship sponsors, and "job shadow" hosts.

To learn how Career Services might work with and/or for you, call Gail Clark at (517) 264-7614.

and commentary on the Biblical book of Romans. He and his wife, Mary, live in Mission, Texas, where he is junior/senior high school principal at Valley Christian School, a private K-12 institution of 400 students. The Merillats, who have four children including two still at home, also serve as houseparents for five boys through the school's parent organization, the Rio Grande Children's Home.

**David Wesley '77** received an M.A. in writing from University of San Francisco last summer and has returned to writing short stories. David works for Pacific Bell and lives with his wife, Kathleen, in Pleasant Hill, California.

**Maryanne Brown Wherley '77** reports from Velva, North Dakota, that she and her husband Harlan are enjoying their first child, daughter Sarah Lynn, born in January.

In Nescopeck, Pennsylvania, **Ray Yorks '79** (Southfield) and his wife, Mary Jo Rapa, are enjoying daughter Jacee Marie, born in October. Ray works in Berwick, Pa., for Ray Yorks and Son, Inc.

## 1980s

### CLASS OF '81

15th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Amy Noland Cooke '81** is living in Yokohama, Japan, where she and her husband, Ian, are teachers at the St. Maur International School. Amy and Ian, a native of Liverpool, England, were married last summer.

**Betty Hickey Morgan '81** writes from Raleigh, North Carolina, that son Nathan, the latest addition to the family, is almost a year and a half old. Betty and her husband, Paul, also have a daughter, toddler Emily.

**Margaret Lawler Michael '82 (MA '85)** and her husband, Tim, both accepted positions at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., last August. They are building a new home near the city and welcomed their second son, Kellen Scott, in February.

**Karen Blaha Kalis '82** is a home engineer in Plano, Texas, where she reports she is busy and happy as the wife

of Christopher and mother of Ian (6), Eric (4), Allison (3) and Owen (1).

**Doug Small '82** works for the Palm Springs (California) Convention and Visitors Bureau where he has been promoted to director of convention sales, responsible for nine sales managers and solicitation of accounts in the United Kingdom, Germany and the Far East. Doug and his wife, Kim, live in Cathedral City.

**Lynne Kramer Verikios '82** works for Tiffany & Company on 5th Avenue in New York City. She and her husband, Takis, welcomed their first child, son Anastasios, to their Astoria home just in time for New Year's.

**Sharon Kotula Brinker '83** lives with her husband, William, in Bowling Green, Ohio, where she works at Curtis 1000.

**Michele Morrell Seaman '83** writes she is "still working as a probation officer and have enjoyed the last 10 1/2 years." She works for the Tuscola County Probate Court in Caro, Mich., and lives in Sandusky with her husband, David. "Our oldest child, Lucy, turned six in March and our youngest, Hannah, was a year old in January. Would love to hear from fellow classmates."

**Timothy Pecsénye '85** joined the Troy-based Internet Corporation in September 1995 as manager of compensation and benefits. He lives south of the (Michigan) border in Toledo.

**Terry Vernier '85** is a Toledo, Ohio, resident working for Family Health Plan as manager of market research and product development.

### CLASS OF '86

10th Reunion: Oct. 25 - 27, 1996

**Pat Mundy Helton, MA '87** is a marketing associate with Don Helton Realtors/Better Homes & Gardens in Hillsdale. She received her real estate license in 1990 and has won several national real estate awards. Pat and Don have four children and a grandson.

**Robert Keefer '87** (Southfield) is a supervisor in technical writing-electrical engineering for Brasch Tech Data in Dearborn. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Keego Harbor.

### Buying, Selling, Building? What a Way to Support Siena!

Thinking about a move? Looking for a new way to assist Siena Heights College? **Steven Best '82**, broker and owner of Century 21 Boardwalk Realty, Inc., in Toledo, thinks he can help friends of the college do both at once. It's a simple plan: Buy, sell or build a home with Steve and he will donate five percent of his realtor's commission to Siena Heights as a gift in your name. An experienced realtor and developer licensed in both Michigan and Ohio, Best's Boardwalk Realty serves the Toledo/northwest Ohio area and Monroe County in Michigan. The company was named a Century 21 Centurion Office in 1994, a sales performance honor earned by only two percent of Century 21 franchises worldwide. A member of the Toledo Board of Realtors Million Dollar Club, Best also is a licensed builder with Canterbury Development Company.

To learn more, contact Steve at Century 21 Boardwalk Realty, 5162 Monroe Street (Suite 103) in Toledo, (419) 882-2121.

**Robin Wagner '87** recently joined the administration at Washtenaw Community College as a financial systems analyst. She lives in Livonia.

**Anita Ricks Bates '88** is pursuing a master's degree (her second) in art at Wayne State University while teaching and working as an artist in the Detroit area. In her spare time, she is an events coordinator for Saks Fifth Avenue.

**Jacqueline Battalora '88** moved recently from Dallas, Texas, to the Windy City of Chicago, Illinois.

**Melissa Jacobs '88** purchased a new home in Toledo, Ohio, and recently adopted two dogs, Jasmine and Zeenie. She has been promoted to hardlines manager for Meijer, Inc., in Maumee.

**Denise Keeley '88** of Adrian exhibited her sculpture in November at Flatlanders Art Gallery in Blissfield. A mother of eight children by age 36, well before she began her art studies at Siena Heights, Denise's early work in the exhibit included a number of madonna-like figures in alabaster and soapstone, most of

## High Notes

### Letter Perfect: C. Renee Bauer Jarmolowicz '74

Cora Renee Jarmolowicz doesn't consider herself just a calligrapher. She is, instead, a letter artist. "A calligrapher is often thought of only in connection with an envelope," she told the Port Huron *Times Herald* in February. "A letter artist is a better description. The different ways to use letters in art are expanding so much...the opportunities seem endless." She demonstrated some of the creative ways she uses her ABCs and XYZs in "The Living Letter," an annual exhibition sponsored by the Michigan Association of Calligraphers. One of 26 artists included in the juried show, Renee produced four of the 57 works selected for display--and won the show's top prize for "Rites of Passage," a Native American-influenced piece which featured a quote on a collage-type background of mixed media. In another piece, she sandblasted her letter art onto glass. The owner of Hummingbird's Quill Calligraphy & Design Studio in Deckerville, Renee also teaches part-time at a community college. Much of her letter art is in private and corporate collections in the "thumb" area of Michigan. She and her husband, John, live in Deckerville with their two children, Monica (16) and Luke (9).

### Coaching and Caring: Pat Irwin '86

Patrick Irwin remembers being one of the slowest runners on the Saints' track team, "but Coach Fred Smith never gave up on me!" As a result of that experience, the 1986 alumnus learned never to give up on other kids, either. Today, he works full time as a hospital labor negotiator, but spends almost as much "free" time coaching cross country at his other alma mater, Detroit's Most Holy Redeemer High School, located in a neighborhood plagued by gangs and drugs. "When I went to college at Siena Heights, I told myself I'll come back and make a difference," Pat remembers. "I just want to make the world a better place." And he has. This spring, Pat received national attention for his work with Detroit youth when he was named one of only three runners-up in the nation in *USA Weekend's* Most Caring Coach contest. "I've never had a father, but if I had one I'd want him to be like Pat Irwin," one of his runners told *The Detroit News* in a follow-up to the *USA Weekend* story. "He's a good coach, but he's much more than that," another student said. "He's like a big brother. He tries to get kids out of gangs, off the street and into school council." Pat calls his runners daily to make sure they do their homework, stay out of trouble, and stay on the right track. He helps his athletes visit college campuses (including Siena Heights), pushes them to enroll, and stays in touch with them beyond high school. "We're not really about running," Pat says. "We're about pulling ourselves up."

### Working on the Artrain Railroad: Kristen Bradley '95

Sculpture has put Kristen Bradley on the fast track. Train track, that is. As staff artist on Michigan's Artrain, she helped open a new national exhibition in the renovated passenger train this spring in Washington, D.C.; then chugged off to Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and points south. And when the Artrain returns to Michigan later this summer, she'll be on board. Founded in 1971 by the Michigan Council for the Arts, Artrain brings the arts to people who might otherwise never see them, whether in remote parts of the Upper Peninsula or downtown Detroit. Now a non-profit corporation based in Ann Arbor, the "museum in motion" also tours outside Michigan. Artrain's current exhibit, "Art in Celebration," is a collection of original artworks commissioned by the Smithsonian Institution to commemorate national events such as the end of the Persian Gulf War. Part of Kristen's job as Artrain staff artist is to show children the process of making art. At a table in the fourth and final of the museum's Pullman cars, she gave young visitors in Washington D.C. hunks of clay and helped encourage their creative exploration. Abstractions, fantasies, stick figures and sophisticated faces emerged. Working on the railroad. It's not as far from Studio Angelico as you might think!

them faceless "because I felt like a faceless woman for so many years." Other pieces revealed a powerful feminist philosophy. In addition to the stone sculpture, the Flatlanders exhibit also included works in wood, clay and found objects. "My work is intended to reflect the human condition and the role of women in today's society," she told *The Daily Telegram*. "The struggle is not to catch a glimpse of their faces, but to understand their souls."

**Susan Convery Kelsey '88** lives in Toledo, Ohio, and works in accounting for the Friendly's Ice Cream Corporation. She and her husband, Daniel, have a son, Nicholas, who celebrated his first birthday in May.

**Carol Lackey, MA '88** is an associate broker with Don Helton Realtors/Better Homes & Gardens in Hillsdale. Before earning her real estate license in 1991, she worked in banking, human services and counseling.

**Debbie Dickson Roberts '88** began this past school year teaching third grade in Adrian; but changed gears in November when she was named principal of the Waldron Elementary School near Hillsdale. Debbie brought eight years' experience teaching in the Adrian public schools to the new post.

**Ruth Turpin '89** is director of Hillsdale's Building Blocks Day Care Center, which she started three years ago. She and her husband, Kevin, have two sons.

## 1990s

**Tamara Brown '90** is teaching in Dearborn.

**Melissa Durbin '90** of Berkey, Ohio, is teaching humanities at Jackson Community College in Adrian, and humanities and art history at the University of Toledo, in addition to serving as gallery coordinator for Flatlanders Art Gallery in Blissfield and president of the Siena Heights Alumni Association.

**Linda Woolwine '90** (Southfield) of Farmington Hills, regional director for AAA Michigan, was named the 1995

Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Western Wayne County for outstanding contributions in the area of business and industry. She began her career at Triple A in 1973 as a claims file clerk, later becoming a branch administrative manager. Since 1993, she has been one of three regional directors of AAA.

**CLASS OF '91**

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**David John Bonino '91** works for Cell-One and recently moved from Clawson to Ferndale.

**Thomas Feathers '91** (Southfield) has been appointed director of engineering at DCT Component Systems of Clinton Township, a supplier of metal stampings and sub-assemblies to the automobile industry. He is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

**Craig Lapanowski '91** is in his fourth year teaching at Detroit's Winterhalter Middle School. He also has put in three years coaching wrestling at S. Lathrup. Craig and his wife Judy live in Redford with their eight-year-old daughter and year-old son.

**Raquel Petersen Short '91** recently was elected chairperson of the Honors & Awards Committee of the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors. Raquel works for Health Management Associates in Lansing, and lives in Jackson with her husband, Kevin, who works for Libbey Owens Ford.

**Michael Tabar '91** (Southfield) is a technologist at MRI Clinic in Rochester Hills, pursuing his master's degree at Central Michigan University.

**Andrew '91 and Susan Marie Mosko Kozal '93** will celebrate their second wedding anniversary in August. Sue works at an art gallery in Ann Arbor and Andy works as a police officer at the University of Michigan. They live in Saline.

**Sylvia McGee '92** is an assistance payments worker at the Monroe County Department of Social Services. She lives in Adrian.

**Katherine Prush Leibengood '92** is technical theatre director at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. She lives in Granger with her husband, Jim, a

packaging engineer for Bayer, Inc. Katherine and Jim were married in October.

**Ann Gorney '92** teaches freshman math and science at Charlevoix High School. This summer, she will begin a master's in education.

**Jason Sanderson '92** recently was elected vice president of the Siena Heights College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Jason lives in Temperance and teaches art at Bedford High School.

**Elizabeth Redman Thomson '92** (Southfield) is working as executive director for the Public Health Department at St. Joseph's Mercy-Macomb. She lives in Sterling Heights with her husband, Bruce.

**Julie Cox Yeager '92** reports that, after receiving her associate's degree in fine art from Siena, she spent three years at Bowling Green State University working on her bachelor's degree in recreation programming. She and her husband, Alex, were married in September and now are living in Novi, where Julie is working as a camp director for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

**Tina DiGiorgio Forsythe '93** has been elected chairperson of the Events Committee of the Siena Heights College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Tina teaches fifth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School in Mt. Clemens. Her husband, **Jim '91**, works at Ford's Chesterfield Trim Plant. Tina and Jim live in Clinton Township.

**Samuel Diller '93** completed orientation in January for a service assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee. MCC is the service, development and relief agency of North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. Sam, who



was living most recently in Cruz Bay, St. John, has begun a two-year MCC assignment in Miami, Fla., where he is working as a community organizer with Little Haiti Housing Association.

**Amy Harlukowicz '93** is working as a serologist at the Hamilton County (Ohio) Coroner's Lab in Cincinnati. She is at work on her master's thesis, finishing her master's degree in forensic science at Michigan State.

**Harold Hoffman '93** (Southfield) of Clarkston has been named manager of management information systems at The Budd Company corporate offices in Troy. Harold joined The Budd Company, a leading automotive supplier, in 1975 as a data processing analyst; and has served as corporate manager, systems development since 1986.

**Lisa Lauber '93** writes from Kalamazoo that she expects to receive her master's degree in organizational communication from Western Michigan University in December.

**Deborah Regal '93** is "excited about my new job as teacher and program coordinator for the middle school program for the Center for Personalized and Occupational Education (COPE) in Ypsilanti. I teach youth in grades 6 and 7 who have been expelled from Washtenaw County schools due to weapons law violations." She and her husband, Randolph, reside in Tecumseh.

**Douglas DeLand '94** (Monroe) is an assistant chief flight instructor at the Davis College Flight Center in Lambertville.

**Mary Pickelman '94** (Southfield) has been named administrative shift coordinator at Saginaw General Hospital. A registered nurse, Mary previously was employed with the Saginaw General North Outpatient Surgery Department as staff nurse and laser safety officer.



At the Adrian campus Commencement ceremony, Alumni Board President **Melissa Durbin '90** welcomed all graduates to the Alumni Association and congratulated them on their achievements. She was especially proud of her younger brother, **Tom Durbin '96**, who received a B.A. in English.

**Amanda Sell '94** is a teacher for the Flint Community Schools.

**Lisa Smith '94** of Adrian is an audit assistant in the internal audit department of United Bank & Trust in Tecumseh, where she has worked since 1987. She recently was named employee of the quarter for United's first quarter of 1996.

**Julie Bussing '95** was named assistant vice president of The Blissfield State Bank this spring. She began her career with BSB in 1982 and has held many positions including bookkeeper, administrative assistant, loan officer and CRA officer. She also currently is enrolled in the Purdue University School of Agricultural Lending.

**Sara Chapman '95** and **Glen Taylor '95**, both of whom participated in last summer's Fe y Accion (Faith and Action) trip to Mexico, are heading south again, this time to stay for a year as volunteers at the Neustros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) orphanage in Miacatlan. Both Glen and Sara were profoundly affected by their interactions last summer with street children in downtown Cuernavaca, while studying with the Siena Heights group at the Cuernavaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development. During the past year, Glen taught English and speech at Onsted High School and creative drama for Siena's Child Drama Program. At the orphanage in Miacatlan, a rural town about an hour south of Cuernavaca, Glen will teach English and serve as houseparent for a group of boys. Sara, who worked in Adrian this year as an independent artist and home health aide, will be a houseparent for developmentally disabled children at the orphanage, and expects to involve the children in art therapy.

**Shawn Hawley '95** works for Johnson Controls, Inc., in Ann Arbor.

**Keila Iffland '95** is a K-12 counselor for the Britton-Macon Area School. She is living in Jackson.

**Sean Jorgensen '95** expects to complete his master's degree in theology at University of Notre Dame in December.

**Joe Wrozek '95** is living in Madison Heights and working for E.D.S. in Troy.

## MARRIAGES

Rick Hilderley '89 and Amy Brooks, Oct. 6, 1995  
Raquel Marie Petersen '91 and Kevin Short, July 7, 1995  
Julie Cox '92 and Alex Yeager, Sept. 23, 1995  
Katherine Prush '92 and James Leibengood, October 1995  
Susan Marie Mosko '93 and Andrew Kozal '91, August 1994  
Jessica Leigh Rockwell '93 and Joseph Paul McCrumb, July 15, 1995  
Tonya Marie Roelant '95 and Jaret William Bogedain, Jan. 12, 1996

## BIRTHS

Harlan and Maryanne Brown Wherley '77, a daughter, Sarah Lynn, Jan. 27, 1996  
Ray '79 and Mary Jo Rapa Yorks, a daughter, Jacee Marie, Oct. 10, 1995  
Paul and Betty Hickey Morgan '81, a son, Nathan James, Feb. 11, 1995  
Tim and Margaret Lawler Michael '82 (MA '85), a son, Kellen Scott, Feb. 20, 1996  
Panagiotis and Lynne Kramer Verikios '82, a son, Anastasios Panagiotis, Dec. 29, 1995  
David and Michele Morrell Seaman '83, a daughter, Hannah, Jan. 31, 1995  
Kim and Donna Kisner Baker '84, a son, Jacob Dale, Jan. 20, 1996  
Daniel and Susan Convery Kelsey '88, a son, Nicholas Joseph, May 17, 1995

## ADRIAN DOMINICAN DEATHS

Mary Thecla Kullak, OP (Nov. 13, 1995)  
Francis Assisium Proulx, OP, '36 (March 19, 1996)  
Seraphim Chauvin, OP, '38 (March 13, 1996)  
Phyllis Nutting, OP, '38 (formerly Sr. Bertrand Marie) (March 17, 1996)  
Rose Joan Gehringer, OP, '39 (Dec. 9, 1995)  
Marie Daniel Lundy, OP, '41 (Nov. 17, 1995)  
Helen Margaret McGinley, OP, '41 (Feb. 12, 1996)  
Mary Schreer, OP, '41 (formerly Sr. Mary Boniface) (Feb. 7, 1996)  
Marie Eileen Clawson, OP, '42 (April 8, 1996)  
Jean Loretta Nolan, OP, '42 (Dec. 26, 1995)  
Anne O'Connor, OP, '42 (formerly Sr. John Joseph) (April 22, 1996)  
Bertha Marie O'Reilly, OP, '42 (May 4, 1996)  
Eileen McDonald, OP, '44 (formerly Sr. Mary Leon) (Nov. 26, 1995)  
Helen Ann Novak, OP, '44 (Dec. 3, 1995)  
Delena Matthews, OP, '46 (formerly Sr. John Louis) (Nov. 5, 1995)  
Marion Wittstock, OP, '46 (formerly Sr. Denis Anne) (Feb. 7, 1996)  
Jean Ellen Johnston, OP, '52 (formerly Sr. Eileen Therese) (Feb. 14, 1996)

## DEATHS

Katherine Kearns Brogan '37 (Oct. 24, 1995)  
Agnes Binsfeld Crombe '45 (Jan. 9, 1996)  
Marian Hackett Mattson '47 (Jan. 9, 1996)  
Adeline Godfrey Dilley, MA '57 (Feb. 16, 1996)  
Marian Louise Woodward '57 (Nov. 21, 1995)  
Rex L. Riley, Sr., MA '64 (Nov. 15, 1995)  
Ann E. Briggs, MA '75 (March 3, 1996)  
Ray R. Gonzalez '78  
Brian M. Sapsford '78 (Dec. 31, 1995)  
Loretta E. Kroetsch '80 (May 7, 1996)

In May, Siena Heights received the sad news that longtime friend and supporter of the College Peter Weatherwax of Jackson passed away.

## Corrections

The following items were incorrectly reported in the 1994/95 Donor Report and should have appeared as follows:

*In Memory of Sr. Ann Joachim*  
Betty H. Worthington

*President's Cabinet*  
Harold and  
Elizabeth VanDoren Hoag '60

*Anniversary Club*  
Steven '76 and  
Karen Krempa Smallets '78





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## 2nd Kente Presentation Weaves A New Commencement Tradition

For the second year in a row, African-American alumni and the Alumni Association Board of Directors joined forces to provide Kente stoles--long, brightly colored scarves woven in the traditional African manner--to African-American graduates at the Adrian campus commencement ceremony.

Alumni Board member Raquel Petersen Short '91 initiated the presentation of Kente stoles last year, as a means of encouraging African-American undergraduates to persist in their education and complete their Siena Heights degrees. The colorful scarves are "a symbol of pride, courage, strength and accomplishment despite all obstacles," she explained.

In its first year, the program provided stoles only to Adrian campus graduates. This year, the Alumni Board expanded the program to include Monroe and Metropolitan Detroit Program graduates who participate in the Adrian commencement celebration.

At this year's Kente presentation ceremony, held in Sage Union prior to graduation, trustee Frank Johnson placed the stoles on the academic robes of 21 seniors, as Short recognized each graduate by name.

"We're especially grateful to the seven alumni sponsors who helped underwrite this recognition program," Short said. This year's sponsors were: Glen Butler '82 of Marietta, Ga.; Charles Fort '74 of New Haven, Conn.; Jemile Green of Detroit; Lawrence Miller '84 of Detroit; Bobby Moore '95 of Detroit; Larry Richardson '76 of Adrian; and Debra Parish Spann '89 of Bloomfield Hills.

"Now that we've established a tradition, we look forward to involving even more alumni--and the other off-campus centers-- in the future," Short said.



*Family and friends shared the pride as African-American graduates received Kente stoles as part of Commencement in Adrian. Above, trustee Frank Johnson congratulates Adrian campus graduate Tanya Dickerson of Monroe. Left, Metro Detroit Program graduate Michael McClain of Detroit awaits his stole with excitement.*

