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A Newsletter for Graduates and Friends of Siena Heights University

Spring 1999

Rising above the rest: 1999 Alumni Award Winners



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Giving Ways:

Choose different methods to make a difference for Siena Heights

Outright gift:

Endows scholarship for at-risk students

Inspired by the work that Patrick Irwin '86 is doing to redirect the lives of inner-city teens, Betty Cummings '82 of Ann Arbor has endowed a scholarship in Pat's name to aid at-risk students at Siena Heights. She established the Patrick Irwin Scholarship Fund to help needy students who may not have been high achievers in high school, but who have shown the ability to try hard and the desire to better themselves.

Because Betty endowed the fund with an outright gift, the first scholarships will be awarded this fall. Because she designated her gift for the endowment, which generates income annually, the scholarship will support students for years to come.

"One of Siena's greatest attributes has been its ability to reach out to lower-income students and provide an opportunity for them to improve their lot in life," says Pat Irwin, who credits Siena Heights and the Adrian Dominicans with turning his own life around. "What we are doing takes teamwork," says Betty, who earned her degree as a non-traditional student in Adrian. "I contribute what I can. Pat contributes in his way." Others can contribute, too, directing additional gifts to the Irwin Fund.

Insurance Gift:

Looks ahead to future scholarships

David G. Stevens '81 of Livonia found a convenient way to make a major gift to Siena Heights: He transferred ownership of a \$350,000 insurance policy to the University. Eventually, proceeds of the policy will establish an endowed scholarship.

David has been able to make a truly significant gift without increasing his own financial burden. Since he is no longer making premium payments to the insurance company, he can redirect those funds as gifts to Siena; then the University, as the new policy owner, pays the premiums. Siena benefits in the future from a major gift; David benefits immediately from increased tax benefits with no additional outlay. "David's experience demonstrates the win/win giving that is possible with long-term planned gifts," said Vice President for Advancement Don Taylor. "We are very grateful."

A long-time employee of the Ford Motor Company, David has been a loyal supporter of Siena Heights since earning his Bachelor of Applied Science degree at the Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield. His enthusiasm for Siena, coupled with an interest in history, made him want to support education. Thus, the scholarship he creates in the future will assist students enrolled in Siena's teacher education program.

Charitable Gift Annuity:

Offers two-way benefits

An alumna of the class of '39 has maintained strong ties with Siena Heights since her student days at what was then St. Joseph College. This donor has now found a generous way to express her affection for her alma mater. Through a \$100,000 stock transfer to Siena Heights, she has established a charitable gift annuity which will provide regular income to cover her own financial needs while guaranteeing a major gift for Siena Heights in the future.

"We are so pleased that this alumna has chosen to honor Siena in this way," Taylor said. "Charitable gift annuities are another example of the win/win benefits of a planned gift." With a charitable annuity, donors are able to pay greatly reduced capital gains tax on appreciated stocks or other assets while making a significant gift. Most important, the annuity generates regular income for the remainder of the donor's lifetime. ■

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Involvement in the World Around Us

Long time readers of *Reflections* may remember that the name of this publication honors the Adrian Dominican charism of contemplation enriched by involvement. The Dominicans believe that study and prayer (contemplation) should be accompanied by sharing the fruits of those efforts (reflections) through our involvement in the world around us. The involvement of so many Siena Heights people in causes greater than themselves is an embodiment of that Dominican spirit. I am continually proud and impressed by the generous way our students, faculty, parents, alumni and trustees share their time, their talents — their reflections.

Examples of such sharing abound: Lee Benish '72 and his wife, Kathy, opened their lovely home for a Chicago alumni event in December. Ruth LaFontaine '72 and Phil Schmitt '74 took time from busy schedules to visit with me while I was in

Washington, D.C., for the annual meeting of the National Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. Charles Fort '74 drove several hours to share an evening with our student athletes during the NAIA track and field championships in Nebraska. Cindy Doyle '72 shares generously in her work on behalf of abused and neglected children for which she recently received national recognition.



Herb and Connie Farver take time to meet with Rick and Joan in Arizona.

Our Alumni Award recipients—Jean Agnes Klemm, OP '44, Mary Duggan Cassabon '48 and Tarianne DeYonker, OP '70—amply demonstrate the generosity of spirit that characterizes the lives of so many Siena Heights graduates. The Class Notes section of *Reflections* overflows with similar stories of involvement and accomplishment.

There are other examples, too: faculty members Pat and Carliene Palmer co-chairing the Lenawee County Relay for Life; Jennifer Bine '00 coordinating a third annual alternative spring break service trip; parents Sherald and Marian Haynes graciously agreeing to serve on our Campaign Steering Committee; and trustees Warren Reuther, Bob Price, Allan Brittain, Connie Farver '83 and Joe Fitzsimmons, who have stepped forward to lead the Campaign Steering Committee.

These are but a few of the thousands of examples of involvement by our constituents as they live out the Adrian Dominican influence as positive forces in the world.

I often describe our work at Siena Heights as the business of betterment: bettering the lives of individuals so they can better their families, communities and society. We are grateful to all of you who serve, contributing to the betterment of others in your unique ways.

Rick Artman

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Grant will strengthen development & alumni programs

A major grant from the Teagle Foundation will strengthen the Siena Heights advancement effort by focusing attention on alumni programs and services, especially in relation to graduates of our off-campus centers. The \$400,000, three-year grant is the largest single, first-time award ever given to a college or university by the Foundation.

The grant already has allowed Siena to hire two new staff members: Lynne Redman Hill, director of alumni relations, and Faith Bashore-Hochrein '98, prospect researcher. Three more positions—assistant alumni director, planned giving officer and secretary—will be added next year.

Siena Heights developed its grant request around its unique programming for non-traditional students. Over the past 25 years, Siena Heights has built a reputation as a pioneer in non-traditional education, serving the needs of working adults both on the Adrian campus and at off-campus degree-completion centers across Michigan (in metropolitan Detroit, Monroe, Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Jackson). The University is well-known for convenient locations, flexible scheduling, evening and weekend classes, and for awarding academic credit for appropriate vocational training and life experiences.

Students at the off-campus centers accounted for 46% of total enrollment in 1998-99. Non-traditional students now account for more than half of the degrees awarded each year.

The Teagle Foundation has taken a special interest in Siena's track record of service to working adults and is particularly interested in what can be learned about this population once they have graduated. Recognizing that this group of alumni may not identify with

traditional alumni activities and services, Siena Heights will gather information from our non-traditional alumni to determine how best to nurture a meaningful connection between these graduates and their *alma mater*.

Established in 1944 by Walter C. Teagle, longtime president and later chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company, now Exxon Corporation, the Teagle Foundation supports projects designed to strengthen private colleges and universities and enhance the total educational experience of their students.



Lynne Redman Hill, new director of alumni relations, is a 1989 graduate of Bowling Green State University, where she majored in

communication. She also has completed course work for a master's in higher education at the University of Toledo. She has been active in alumni affairs at Bowling Green since her student days in the Undergraduate Alumni Association. Since then, she's been a leader in BG's Toledo Chapter, including serving two years as chapter president. She received Bowling Green's Recent Graduate Award in 1993. Professionally, she has worked for 10 years in insurance, marketing and sales. She and her husband, Glenn, live in Toledo with their daughter, Grace. At Siena, Lynne will work to broaden alumni programming, seeking especially to reach and engage non-traditional alumni including graduates of the off-campus centers. Alumni can contact Lynne by calling (517) 264-7149 or by e-mail (lhill@sienahs.edu).

Faith Bashore-Hochrein '98, new prospect researcher, earned her degree in



human services, having been a non-traditional student at Siena Heights. Prior to joining the advancement staff, she worked as a crisis

intervention staffer at the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Shelter, where she also spent time researching potential funding sources. As an undergraduate, she worked as a researcher on a number of projects with area social service organizations, including the Adrian Friends of the Farm Workers, Family Services & Children's Aid, and Catholic Social Services. Faith and her husband, Fred, live in Adrian with their daughter, Jessica. In her new position, she will gather information from alumni to determine their potential involvement with the University. She also will assist with the processing, accounting and reporting of gifts made to the University. Alumni can contact Faith by calling (517) 264-7139 or by e-mail (fbashore@sienahs.edu). ■

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Metro Detroit

Technology management minor offered in Detroit

A new academic minor in technology management is now available at Siena's Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield. The program provides a management focus designed especially for students who hold associate degrees or significant education and experience in technological areas. The minor will be particularly useful for students seeking a business dimension within the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Michele Buku '74 and her husband Michael Buku '82 celebrate graduation with their daughter Holly Buku Brielmaier '99.



Changing of the guard

After four years as Dean of Students on the Adrian campus, and 30-plus years studying or working at Siena Heights, Michele Minier Buku '74 has decided to spend more time as a mother, wife, community volunteer and student (to finish her master's degree). She begins a one-year leave of absence this summer; after a year, Michele and the University will consider alternative options, without obligations for either.

Prior to accepting responsibilities as dean in fall 1995, Michele served as an academic advisor and tutor coordinator at Siena Heights.

"I am grateful for her outstanding service," President Rick Artman said. "We will miss her contributions and we hope she will return to Siena in some capacity in the future."



Coming to Siena Heights as the new Dean of Students is Carolyn Brightharp, who is currently finishing her Ph.D. in

higher education administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Her student affairs experiences include work at the University of South Florida, the University of South Carolina, and Lander University. She will begin full-time work at Siena Heights in August. Carolyn received her master's degree in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina and her bachelor's

degree in biology from the College of Charleston.

"I am looking forward to the contributions Carolyn will make to our management team," said President Artman. "She and I are kindred spirits, with our student affairs backgrounds and degrees in higher education administration. We will work well together."

Siena is very pleased to have attracted such an outstanding candidate, Artman added, noting Carolyn's "energy, her commitment to helping students grow and develop, her warm and engaging personality and her ideas for the future of our student development programs."

Carolyn will marry Jim Ridgill this summer. "Carolyn and Jim will be a wonderful addition to the campus and Adrian communities," said President Artman. ■

Siena around the world

Art department revives Italy trip

The art department will revive Siena's foreign study tradition with a three-week trip to Italy offered in spring 2000. While briefer than the Italy Semester that Sister Jean Agnes Klemm coordinated in the '70s and '80s, the trip will be similar to the Paris Program offered by the department in recent years. Details are still being developed but the new Italy trip will have an art history focus with an optional studio art component for students interested in earning credit in those areas. Participation will be open to students, faculty, staff and others, space permitting. For information, contact art faculty Peter Barr (pbarr@sienahts.edu) or Chris Reising (creising@sienahts.edu). ■

Trustees approve new social work degree

Students on the Adrian campus now can earn the professionally oriented Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. The Board of Trustees voted in May to change the social work program from a Bachelor of Arts degree with a social work major to the more focused BSW. Curriculum components for the degree already are in place and the University is seeking professional accreditation. Accreditation is a necessity for social work majors seeking professional positions after graduation. Accreditation also is becoming a requirement for acceptance into graduate study programs. About 40 current students on the Adrian campus have declared social work majors. Siena's curriculum already meets accreditation standards and provides sufficient internship opportunities. A search for another full-time faculty member is underway. ■

Master's program will partner with Chinese university

Bob Gordon, dean of graduate studies and lifelong learning, visited the University of Science and Technology of China in Heifei this spring to finalize details of a joint program between Siena Heights and USTC, making the Master of Arts in Human Resource Development available to students in China. Students in the program will spend two semesters at USTC, three at Siena. The first students may enroll in fall 2000, arriving in Adrian in spring 2001 if things go according to plan. ■





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Madrigal Singers entertain 20th holiday audience

This past December, Susan Matych-Hager '68, coordinator of the music program and head of vocal ensembles at Siena Heights, directed her 20th annual Madrigal Dinner. This event is Siena's version of a 16th century English dinner celebrated during the Christmas season. Costumed in authentic Elizabethan dress, 35 performers — faculty and staff as well as students — entertained the audience with singing, dancing, magic and a play-within-a-play, along with a traditional four-course meal.



"This is the greatest event I've been involved with at Siena Heights," said senior singer/actor Sean Ferratt. To be added to the mailing list for the 1999 Madrigal Dinner, contact Susan Matych-Hager in the music department (smatyc@sienahs.edu). ■

Keep current with Siena: surf the web

The Siena Heights website (www.sienahs.edu) is a constantly evolving source of up-to-date information about University people, programs, events and opportunities. All degree-completion centers as well as the Adrian campus are represented on the web, along with academic departments, library resources, the career center, alumni activities and more. Your son or daughter can apply for admission on the web. What else can you do on-line? Send in class notes, locate a classmate's e-mail address, nominate someone for an alumni award, contact a professor, check athletic schedules, and see what's happening on campus. ■

Sister Carmie Day blooms on campus

Sister Carmie Day, when Adrian campus students volunteer to help beautify the campus, is alive and well. This year's Student Senate-sponsored project involved landscaping the courtyard between Science Hall and Benincasa Dining Hall. Sister Carmie Day is named for the late Carmelia O'Connor, OP, who taught at Siena Heights from the 1960s to the '80s. A much loved mentor who led



volunteers to Appalachia for many years, she was known for tidying the residence halls as she passed through, commenting on the "wonderful" and "beautiful" world around her. Alumni relations director Lynne Hill is interested in exploring Sister Carmie Day community service ideas with alumni. Interested? Contact Lynne in the alumni office (lhill@sienahs.edu). ■

Siena Heights honors

Alumni Award Recognition Day on March 23 was a day of celebration as Siena Heights honored three outstanding women for their accomplishments in education, social work and art. The awardees shared their experiences throughout the day in classes and at the Alumni Awards Luncheon. (For further information about each award, or to nominate an alumna/us for the 2000 awards, see page 23.)

Mary Duggan Cassabon '48 of Eastpointe received the Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Award. Mary is a retired kindergarten teacher with the Detroit Public School System and a leader in St. Veronica's Parish where she co-founded the Young Child Religion Program in which she has taught for almost 34 years. She also is a past board member and past president of St. Veronica's Board of Education. She received her master's degree from Wayne State University.

"A good education is a gift; a Dominican education is a blessing. No one knows this and shows this better than Mary," said Rosemary Dorr, one of three classmates who introduced Mary at the luncheon. Dorothy Noetzel Sullivan stressed Mary's devotion to religious education: "Mary always says that there is nothing greater in life than to teach little children about God." Mary Conway Mullins, who spearheaded Mary's nomination, read the award citation.

In accepting the award, Mary quoted Miriam Stimson, OP '36, saying, "My Catholic identity is how I see the world and the world is dependent on God."

Tarianne DeYonker, OP '70 of Grosse Pointe Park, president of Dominican High School and Academy since 1996, received the Alumni Association's Sister Ann Joachim Award. Tarianne was nominated for her contributions as a counselor in community and global service, and as a creative leader guiding Dominican High School toward the 21st century. A licensed marriage and family therapist and certified social worker, she also has served as executive director of "Beginning Experience," a world-wide ministry assisting separated, divorced and widowed persons through the grief of

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marriage and/or relationship loss. She holds an MSW from the University of Michigan and is a Siena Heights trustee.

Jodie Screes, OP '53 introduced Tarianne as a passionate leader who is unafraid of risks. "The influence of the Adrian Dominican Sisters on Tarianne has been great," Jodie said. "She has always been surrounded by women who are unafraid." Tarianne expressed similar sentiments, saying the Adrian Dominicans "have surrounded me with love and support. They always said 'you can' when I thought maybe I couldn't."

"Sister Ann Joachim never colored inside the lines," Tarianne recalled. "At Dominican High School, we are reinventing a community that is focused on the education of young women who will be inspired to give back and make a difference. I want these young women to have what Sister Ann Joachim had: a sense of themselves as strong and able leaders."

Jean Agnes Klemm, OP '44 of Adrian received the Alumni Association's Saint Dominic Award. Jean Agnes was honored for lifelong dedication to education, including 22 years of energetic teaching and innovative program development with the Siena Heights art department. She developed and established Siena's programs in photography and fibers, was involved in Siena's successful application for membership into the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, and co-directed the Studio Angelico Semesters in Italy program.

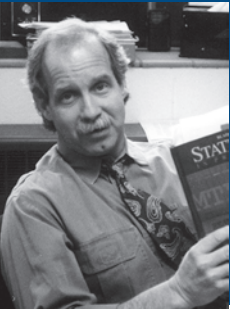
Jean Agnes "was never one to seek attention for herself," art professor Barb Cervenka OP '64 said. "In Italy, she tended the students, scolded them, organized them, planned for them, listened to their crises, shared their excitement—and demanded that they get their assignments in on time. Eleven times she went on these trips. This does not only suggest the St. Dominic Award, it may well merit canonization!"

Before coming to Siena, Jean Agnes taught for 18 years in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. She also taught in Chicago, Detroit and Florida. She currently teaches weaving at the

Dominican Monastery in Farmington Hills. She holds master's and doctoral degrees from Le Universidad de Santo Domingo. A two-week exhibition of Jean Agnes' photographs and weavings coincided with Alumni Award Day. ■

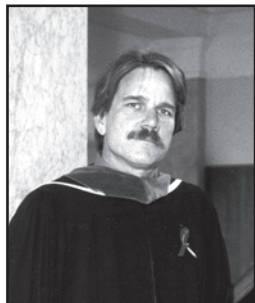


Alumni Award Winners enjoyed the day surrounded by family and friends.
Top photo: Tarianne DeYonker, OP
Middle photo: Jean Agnes Klemm, OP '44
Bottom photo: Mary Duggan Cassabon '48, '70
Cover(from left to right)
DeYonker, Cassabon, Klemm



FACULTY NEWS

Kudos! Professional Activities of Note by Siena Faculty and Staff



John Wittersheim (art) completed a church commission in Lewisville, TX, with Sisters Barb Chenicek, OP '57 and Rita Schiltz, OP '46

of INAI Studios, which has won a national award for architecture and design. The three artists completed a similar partnership project at the Sisters of the Precious Blood Motherhouse in Dayton, OH.

Pat Schnapp, R.S.M. (English) has had her article, "Re-Thinking Criminal Justice," accepted for publication by *St. Anthony Messenger* magazine. Several of her poems also are scheduled for publication: "Syro-Phoenician Woman" in the *National Catholic Reporter*, "How Often Must I Forgive?" in *Review for Religious*, and "Wise and Foolish" in *Sisters Today* magazine.

Saleem Peeradina (English) had one of his essays, "Erasing God," published in *New Spiritual Homes* (University of Hawaii Press), a book about religion and Asian Americans. A second essay, "The Scent of Chameli," appeared in the Canadian literary journal *Des Pardes*. Peeradina's poem, "Meditations on Desire," appeared in *Cold Mountain Review* (Appalachian State University) along with a feature interview with the author.

Simone Yehuda (English) received her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and Creative Writing from the Union Institute last fall. She delivered a paper, "The Sign of a Free Man: Three Kinds of Crypto Jews," at last December's Modern Language Association Conference. Her play, "The Sign of a Free Man," was given a stage reading in Detroit in March as part of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre's Festival of New Plays.

Whit Hames (psychology) and his wife Linda once again served as co-chairs of the Lenawee International Club's Sister Cities Program. They found home-stays, raised funds, and arranged activities for 13 delegates from Moriyama, Japan.

Peter Barr (art history) has been invited to contribute an essay on "Bernice Abbott's *Changing New York* photographs and the urban planning debates in the 1930's" for the anthology, *The Built Surface: Architecture and Pictures from Antiquity to the Millennium*, to be published in 2000 by Ashgate Press, London.

Lois Spear (history) published an article titled "Forgotten Work of Mercy" in the journal *America*.

Barbara Cervenka, OP (art) curated "Ayacucho: Tradition and Crisis in Peruvian Popular Art," which was exhibited at Siena Heights



and the University of Michigan. She also lectured at U of M on "Sendero Luminoso and the Response of Peruvian Artists." She curated "O Pelourinho! Popular Art from the Historic Heart of Brazil" at the Denno Museum Center in Traverse City; that exhibition was shown at Siena Heights last year. Cervenka and Marion Jackson of Wayne State University spoke in February at the Denno Museum on "Orixas and Exus: The African Roots of Brazilian Popular Art." Cervenka also curated "In Memorium" at Siena Heights last fall, an exhibition of women's artwork in memory of loved ones.

Brady Wilson (athletics/women's basketball) published an article in the March issue of *Coach & Athletic Director*. In "Adapting Your Transition Defense to the Evolving Offense," he

looks at how teams can defend full-court offenses effectively by extending the basic principles of their half-court defensive philosophies.

Susan Matych-Hager (music) is editor of *Bella Voce*, the newsletter of the American Choral Directors Association. She also recently gave a workshop for cantors from St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parishes in Adrian and the Motherhouse.

Scott McClure (athletics/sports information) served as the venue press chief at the 1999 NAIA men's golf championships May 25-28 at the PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Last year, he was the venue press chief for the women's golf championships in Tulsa, OK.

Sharon Robertello (business manager/treasurer) has been appointed to the membership committee of the Central Association of College and University Business Officers. CACUBO is a non-profit association representing chief business officers at 700+ institutions throughout the north central US.

Debra Hoffmaster (biology) helped 5th grade science students in Adrian light up their Christmas trees with glow-in-the-dark bacteria. With her volunteer help, the students filled petri dishes with bacteria that emit a greenish glow as they multiply.



Bob Gordon (graduate studies) displayed his photos from the 1997 Fanjeaux, France Seminar at Dominican College (NY) and Edgewood College (WI).

Thus far, the prints have been exhibited at eight Dominican institutions around the country. Gordon was also awarded the Distinguished Director's Award from the Lenawee Training and Education



Understanding religious beliefs is key to solving world conflicts By Crystal Starkey '00

During a time when political and religious conflicts threaten people's lives and safety around the world, education about religion may provide a simple solution, according to Dr. Susan Conley Weeks '67, a professor of religious studies at Siena Heights. Weeks believes multi-cultural education, including education about the religious beliefs that are at the root of different cultures, is a key to solving our universal conflicts.

We in the U.S., have misunderstood the intention of our constitutional writers, Weeks says, pointing out that we are guaranteed freedom for religion, not freedom from religion. Weeks is a member of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), which has been addressing the issue of teaching about religion in public education sectors.

This winter, Weeks attended a conference on "Religious Liberty, Religion and Teachers," based on the book, *Taking Religion Seriously Across the Curriculum* by Warren Nord and Charles Haynes. Discussion focused on incorporating religion into all aspects of education. "We explored ways of integrating an understanding of the first amendment into the standard school curriculum," she said, noting that the first amendment begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

Only through education about other cultures and beliefs will people be able to understand and work around their differences, Weeks believes. Discussion among persons of different religious

backgrounds should not leave them feeling alienated, suspicious or angry, she says. Learning about different religions does not mean changing your own beliefs or converting anyone else. It does mean understanding how people's beliefs influence their behavior.

Obtaining a genuine understanding about religious differences takes more than attending a workshop, hearing a lecture, or taking one class, Weeks adds. Learning is an on-going process and religion should be part of it on all levels. Weeks and others hope to see changes in teacher education to make that happen.

Some states already have taken steps to integrate religion into their core curriculum. In California, for example, public education teachers from kindergarten through ninth grade must

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- Susan Weeks

meet requirements in areas like ethics, philosophy, religion, and human civilization. In Utah, schools have adopted a requirement called the 3 R Program (Rights, Responsibilities, and Respect), which helps teachers learn

how to find common ground on issues in religion.

Weeks would like to see local elementary schools include religion under topics like science, history, social studies, and literature. Values and morals education, multi-cultural education, and some service learning classes, all of which deal with learning about different races and genders, already are being instilled into the curriculum. Schools could easily integrate learning about religion in such programs, she notes.

At the secondary level, Weeks believes religion should become a permanent part of courses in history, civics, economics, literature, science, and the arts. "Schools could also teach separate world religion courses to expand on the basic knowledge that students would gain in other classes," she says.

Weeks also would like to change the fact that many college students do not have a basic knowledge of religion. Earning a bachelor's degree at Siena Heights usually requires one course in religion and/or one course in philosophy. She believes a 3-4 course minimum including at least one class in world religions, Hebrew scriptures, or the Catholic Church since Vatican II would be a more appropriate requirement. By only requiring one course, Siena Heights is cheating college graduates of a real understanding of different religions, she says. In addition, religion ideally should be integrated into subjects like history and literature, which have been affected by religion throughout the ages.

Weeks would like to see Siena Heights "be the leader in the state for education about religion." She wants SHU graduates to understand all religions, especially their own, without being brainwashed within a particular point of view. A graduate of a Catholic university should be able to

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discuss religion without alienating anyone or feeling alienated, she says, especially if they wish to acknowledge the religious heritage of the United States.

Weeks and others are in the final stages of proposing a religion concentration for teacher education students at Siena. One day, they hope to offer the religion concentration to students in all majors.

In addition, by adding more courses to the Religious Studies curriculum, Weeks hopes to increase students' knowledge of religious liberty and diversity and encourage exploration of different beliefs. "These courses would help students learn how to communicate better with different people," she says.

If people can connect on a one to one basis and come to understand and respect each other's differences, then there is no reason why people cannot communicate on a national and/or international level, Weeks says.

In a broad sense, Weeks hopes to contribute in some way to a world that lives in greater peace and harmony. "Because we run our governments differently or have different beliefs," she says, "we need to learn how to respect the differences that each of us brings to the table." ■

Kudos! cont.

Consortium for his founding role and nine years of service to the organization.

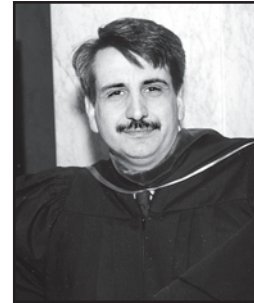
Peggy Treece Myles (graduate studies/ education and counseling) was named 1998 Michigan School Counselor of the Year for her excellence in the area of counselor education. This statewide honor followed her recognition as the 1998 Post Secondary Counselor of the year by the Lenawee County Counselors Association. Myles also has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Michigan Journal of Counseling and Development*. She also is a coordinator/facilitator for the Lenawee Intermediate School District New Teacher Induction Program and Mentor Teacher Program, and was recently named LISD Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

Robert Brady (counselor education) and graduate students Jim Clark and Janet Miller presented a session at last fall's Michigan Rehabilitation Association Conference in Traverse City.

Magdalena Ezoe, OP (music) was a featured soloist for the Adrian Symphony Orchestra's spring performance of *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saens. She will be a presenter at an Adrian Dominican Conference in June titled "To End the



Violence: Re-imagining for the Reign of God." She also plans to give a "Non-stop Piano Concert" of Chopin's music this fall in honor of the 150th anniversary of the composer's death October 17, 1849.



Mark DiPietro (theatre) directed *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Croswell Opera House in January, as well as directing *Romeo and Juliet* and

Anything Goes at Siena this year. This summer he will direct *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at the Croswell.

Christine Reising (art) is one of the 11 authors whose writing is featured in *Everywhere is Someplace Else*, a literary anthology produced by the 11 poets and storytellers during a week-long workshop in Texas.

Idali Felicano (academic and career services) spoke at Lourdes College last fall on "The Puerto Rican Experience," discussing the barriers she faced as a Hispanic woman, her experiences in Michigan educational institutions, and the political status of Puerto Rico. She has since been invited to make future presentations.

Lowie VanStaveren (Battle Creek/Kalamazoo faculty) received the National Catholic Education Association's Presidential Award for excellence in education. He teaches at Hackett Catholic Central High School as well as SHU.

Barbara Lawrence (human resources) presented training on sexual harassment and workplace ethics to Monroe County law enforcement personnel at Monroe County Community College this spring.

Jennifer Hamlin Church (advancement) has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), an international organization for higher education professionals in communications, alumni relations and fund raising. ■

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More than Statistics

by Br. Frank Rotsaert, C.S.C.

Whenever anyone asked what I was teaching this past semester, I named the classes: English 102, Approaches to Literary Criticism, and Literature and Baseball. Invariably the reaction was, “Literature and Baseball?” The question mark loomed large.

One of the chief reasons I teach literature and baseball is because everything is there. It offers the serious reader a broad and wide-ranging insight into what all good literature presents: we read and discuss issues of racism, good and evil, religion, women’s struggles for equality, freedom, greed, teamwork, dreams, old age and youth. The best baseball literature has it all.

I first taught the course two years ago as a way for students to satisfy the General Education requirement of a literature class. It occurred to me that there was a wealth of good literature which just happened to have baseball as a major element, much the same way that there is literature about young people, business, war, show business, love, and a host of other subjects that cover the range of human life. Why not literature and baseball?

I could not find the usual literature teacher’s text—a good anthology—so I made my own. I came up with an abundance of material: 60+ excellent poems, 30 to 40 short stories, over a dozen high quality novels.

I typed and printed out my own collection of the best poems and short stories and selected four paperback novels: Mark Harris’s *Bang the Drum Slowly*, Eric Rolfe Greenberg’s *The Celebrant*, Robert Coover’s quirky *The Universal Baseball Association, Inc., J. Henry Waugh, Prop.* and, of course, W. P. Kinsella’s *Shoeless Joe*.

As part of my own preparation for teaching the course, I attended a two-day conference at Indiana State University in Terre Haute and learned that I was not alone. Such courses were common in colleges and universities, and they approached the subject seriously and with enthusiasm.

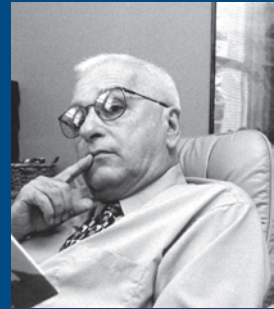
My first class had an enrollment of 11 students (ten men, one woman), only four of them members of the Saints’ baseball squad. Final grades ranged from two D’s to three A’s, hardly representative of a “pushover” course. But more than the statistics of the grades, the class was enormously rewarding to teach. Yes, there were students drawn to the course because they liked baseball and thought it would be easy, but I made it clear from the outset there would be quizzes, tests, presentations, and a need to learn the literary terminology to talk about baseball literature. The attendance policy? Three strikes and you’re out!

The students responded. For the final exam I required them to present a brown bag lunch for the Siena community, creatively demonstrating what they had learned in the course. They read original poems, favorite poems, recited their own memoirs, and synthesized what they had learned from the course about literature, baseball and life. This semester’s class was no different. There were 12 enrolled (11 men, one woman) and about five played for Siena.

I admit that some of the students enroll because they don’t like to read literature, but they are willing to give baseball literature a try. They learn about similes, metaphors, themes, and stanzas—“all that stuff.” More importantly, they learn that the best

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Br. Frank’s All-Star Poets

For some summer baseball poetry reading, Br. Frank recommends these “greatest hits.”

“Letter to Mantsch from Havre,” Richard Hugo

“Season Wish,” Linda Mizejewski

“The Roundhouse Voices,” Dave Smith

“Extra Innings,” Arthur Smith

“Baseball,” Gail Mazur

“Couplet,” Donald Hall

“And the River Gathered Around Us,” Don Johnson

Country Baseball

By Robert Czeiszperger '00

It’s summer in the country.
My Uncle Joe’s yard, big as a corn field,
The fresh cut grass,
The ground mole tunnels like sinkholes—
All waiting to be trampled upon.

Only two or three people on a side,
My uncle, always there to help us, pitches for both
teams.

We share our gloves as in the old days of baseball
The teams—uneven like a bad haircut
And we always come back for more.

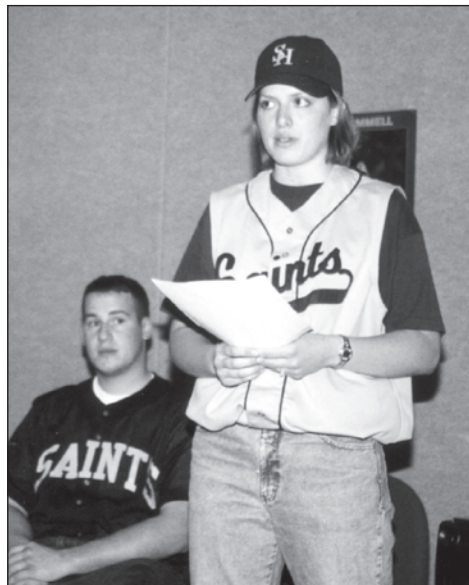
Our big green monster was the woods at the edge
of the yard.

A vertical red wagon in place of Johnny Bench,
The missed swing attempts ending with a loud
“thwack” against our radio flyer catcher.

The clang of the aluminum bat striking the ball,
A foot race to first base: batter and fielder.
No umpire to make the call, redo is our instant
replay.

Now, a pond floods Mays’ position at Uncle Joe’s,
I have old memories of great games,
And new visions, of summer days where I am
Pitcher for both teams.

Bob Czeiszperger is double majoring in chemistry and mathematics. He wrote “Country Baseball” as an assignment in this spring’s Baseball and Literature class.

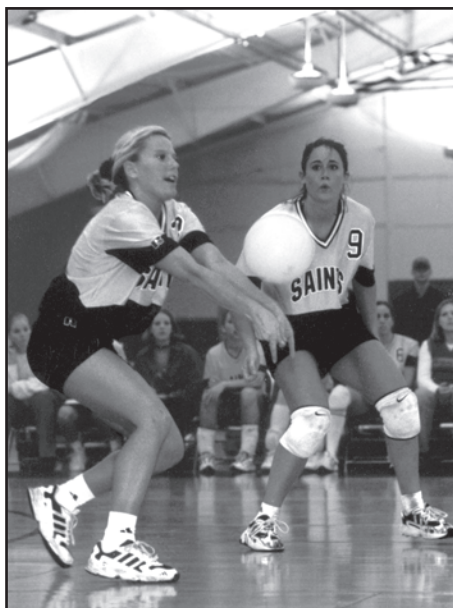




1998-99 SPORTS

Volleyball

Despite a sub-.500 record (21-23), the women's varsity volleyball team made their first appearance in a WHAC tournament last fall. Finishing second at the league tournament, the Saints advanced as the #11 seed in the 12-team NAIA Great Lakes Regional. The Saints went 2-2 in the regional, making it to the quarterfinals before being eliminated. Senior setter **Krista Purvis**, who earned All-Region honors for the Saints, was the first volleyball player from Siena Heights to earn national recognition when she was named to the NAIA All-American honorable mention team. She was one of only three WHAC players named to the NAIA All-America teams.



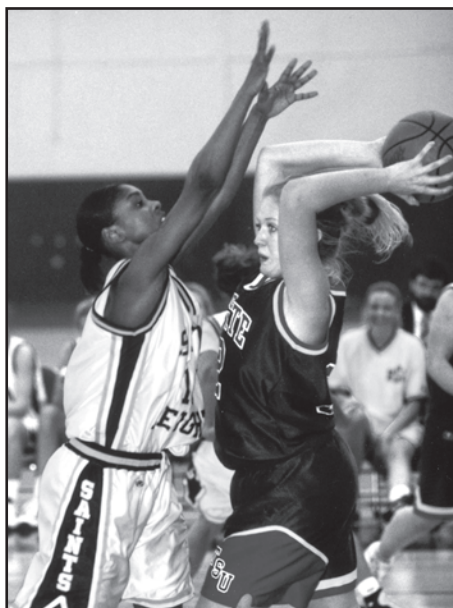
coached by Tim Bauer, won the WHAC title and finished 8th at the NAIA National Championships, tying their best team finish ever. Junior **Kevin Schultz** placed 20th in the nation and earned NAIA All-American honors. **Carl Spina**, a junior, earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Men's Soccer

Aldo Zid's men's team finished the season 17-4-1, the best record ever for a men's soccer team at Siena. Freshman forward **Sam Skeels** established new single-season records for goals (28), assists (17) and points (73), and was named the team's "Most Valuable Player." Sophomore goalie **Nick DeKam** earned All-WHAC, All-Region and honorable mention All-American honors for the season.

Women's Basketball

In the pre-season coaches' poll, Siena's women's basketball team was picked to finish last in the league. That poll became a motivating force for fifth-year coach Susie Wickham and her team as they set out to prove the WHAC wrong. The Saints succeeded by finishing third in the league with a 9-5 WHAC record and a 16-15 overall record, Siena's first winning season in women's basketball since 1981-82. Sixteen wins is the second-best in the history of the



program, with only the 1978-79 team (27-2) recording more wins. Junior center **Bevin Malley** led the Saints in scoring (12.1) and rebounding (8.3) and was named to the All-WHAC Team. Senior guard **Netarsha Napier** became the Saints' all-time assists leader; also ranked #3 all-time in steals, she was named to the WHAC All-Defensive Team. Malley (3.64 GPA) and juniors **Crystal Starkey** (3.46 GPA) and **Ehrika Kaweck** (3.25 GPA) were named to the All-WHAC Academic Team.

Indoor Track & Field

The men's indoor track and field team finished 13th at the NAIA Indoor National Championships in February. For the fourth time in Siena's history, the Saints had an individual event champion as senior sprinter **J Nyack** won the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.9 seconds. Nyack has earned NAIA All-American honors three times in the last two years. Three other Saints also earned All-American honors. Junior **Jason Gurzynski** earned All-American honors for the third straight year with a 5th-place finish in the 800 meters at 1:57.15. Freshman **Matt Miller** was an All-American with a 5th-place finish in the 1000 meters at 2:29.85. The Siena Heights women's team had one All-American in sophomore pentathlete

Jessica Hawkins who placed sixth with 3,265 points; her throw in the shot put (37-2) ranked first among all pentathlon participants.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team went 25-5 in the regular season—the best regular season winning percentage in the program's history. Coach Fred Smith's team won the Maple City Classic and its second straight

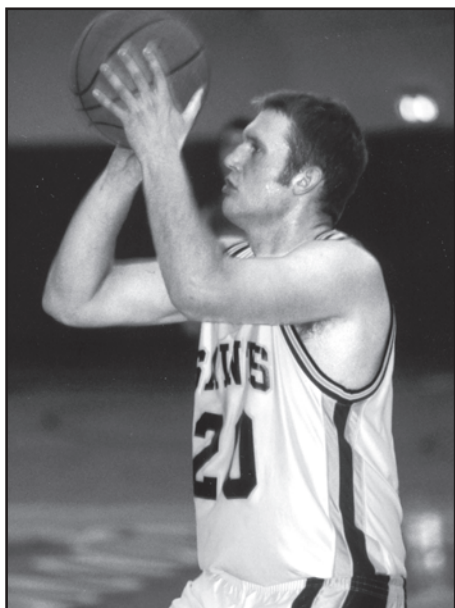
Women's Soccer

The Saints went 17-4-1 this season and won both the regular season and league tournament championships under the direction of coach Aldo Zid. Sophomore forward **Nicole Tobin** was named the team's "Most Valuable Player." Junior goalkeeper **Corey Kibit** earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors with a 3.90 grade point average as a biology major.

Cross Country

The women's cross country team, coached by Don Kleinow, finished in third place in the eight-team Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with three runners—juniors **Katrina King** and **Gina Watson** and senior **Amanda Tabb**—named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes. The men's cross country team,

National Catholic Basketball Tournament. The Saints finished second in the WHAC, earning their fourth straight invitation to the NAIA Division II National Championship Tournament. After defeating Caldwell (NJ) College in the first round, the Saints fell 67-53 to #11-seeded Northwestern (IA) College. Senior co-captains **Steve Bennett** and **Sam Lofton** became the first Siena Heights players to compete in four national tournaments. Junior center **Justin Bascom** was the lone Saint named to the All-WHAC Team and the NAIA honorable mention All-America Team; he averaged 11.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. Lofton, who ranks



in the top five all-time in steals and assists, was named to the All-WHAC Defensive Team. Senior forward **Dan McKian** (3.25 GPA) was named to the All-WHAC Academic Team.

Softball

Coach Jenelle Zook's softball team finished the season 17-24 overall, 9-19 in WHAC league play. Sophomore shortstop **Jamie Hallenbeck** was the lone Saint named to the All-WHAC First Team. Sophomore **Julie Giovannucci** was an All-WHAC honorable mention pick. Four Saints were named to the All-WHAC Academic Team: senior first baseman **Lea Kell**, senior outfielder **Jen Scherer**, junior pitcher **Kristin Heinze** and junior catcher **Jen Roberts**. The fences recently went up at the Saints' new softball field, and the team is

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SHU's first annual Hall of Fame Celebration

By Scott McClure '86, Sports Information Director

When the athletic department formed a Hall of Fame Committee last fall, they knew the committee's easiest job would be finding qualified and deserving candidates for this year's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class. This spring, the committee narrowed a field of 15 finalists down to six former Siena Heights athletes and one former coach for induction into the Hall of Fame at a reception and dinner September 25 during Alumni Weekend. The committee also selected one team to honor as part of the celebration.

The seven charter Hall of Fame inductees are:

Ben Braun, former Saints coach, now University of California Berkeley basketball coach. The men's basketball program was only two years old when Braun began his collegiate coaching career at Siena Heights in 1977. He coached the 1978-79 team to a 24-6 record (their first winning season) and went 148-103 in eight seasons as the Saints' head coach. In 1985, he became an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan University; less than a year later, he was named head coach. He led Eastern to three Mid-American Conference titles and three trips to the NCAA Basketball Tournament in his ten years at EMU. He moved west two years ago to become head coach at UC Berkeley.

Lawrence Miller '84, who played basketball for Braun in the early 1980s. He was an All-District guard for the Saints and the 1982 Most Valuable Player. One of the first Siena Heights players to reach 1,000 career points, he has coached basketball and been an administrator in the Detroit Public Schools for several years.

Andrew Crawford '89, a soccer stand-out at Siena. Crawford currently plays professional indoor soccer for the Buffalo Blizzard of the National Professional Soccer League. A first-

team NAIA All-American forward in 1987, he is the Saints' all-time leading scorer. He began his professional career in Denver, played for the Detroit Rockers for two seasons, and has been one of the Blizzard's top scorers over the past five seasons.

Abby English Waldbaum '90, outstanding women's soccer player of the mid-1980s. A two-time NAIA All-American midfielder for the Saints in 1988 and 1989, she ranks among the top five all-time in scoring and led the Saints to their first NAIA National Championship Tournament appearance in 1988.

Martha Hans Palmer '88, who was the first Siena Heights track and field athlete to win an NAIA national title when she won the 55-meter hurdles at the 1988 NAIA Indoor National Championships. A three-time NAIA All-American, she currently is an assistant coach at Siena Heights.

Shelly Lizyness '93, softball pitching ace who moved the Saints out of mediocrity and into national championship contenders. A two-time All-District pitcher and District Player-of-the-Year in 1990 and 1991, she holds numerous pitching records for the Saints. She currently works for Ford Motor Company.

John Detro '85, one of the pioneers who helped establish Siena as a small college running power. Detro was an NAIA All-American in both indoor and outdoor track and field for the Saints in 1984 and 1985 and continued his running career in the Army after graduation. He is now a medical technician in the U.S. Army.

In addition to inducting the charter Hall of Fame class, the athletic department will honor the **1988-89 men's basketball team**, the first Siena basketball team to qualify for an NAIA Division I National Championship Tournament. That team, coached by current athletic director and men's coach Fred Smith, featured such Saint greats as William Clyburn, Mark Merriman, Craig Tanis and Carleton "Moon" Johnson.

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Names and Faces

In the upper corner of each page of *Reflections* is a student, faculty member or staff member, graduate, friend or Trustee. All have made Siena Heights their university. How many faces do you recognize? The answers are below.

- 2 Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Services Kevin Kucera with F. Alan Blackburn from Fifth Third Bank
- 3 Rick Artman with Mary Duker Barker '39
- 4 Jen Berry, Director of the Metro Detroit Program
- 5 Benton Harbor staffers Suzanne Trenkle, Deb Carter, and Marie Suzor '99
- 6 Tony Roberson '99
- 7 1991 Outstanding Alumna Anthonita Porta, OP '63 with Susan Strupulis '95
- 8 Professor of Mathematics, Tim Husband
- 9 Pat Palmer, Associate Professor of Human Resources Development
- 10 Dee Crane '87/MA, Assistant Professor of Education
- 11 Baseball literature enthusiast, Br. Frank Rotsaert
- 12 Coach Susie Wickham helping an injured Leslie Keane '01 to the bench
- 13 All-American Athletes Tina Richards '98 and Annie Stawasz '98 with Coach Tim Bauer
- 14 Head Coach Fred Smith passing vital instructions to his Men's Basketball team
- 15 *Reflections* editor, Jennifer Hamlin Church
- 16 Miriam Stimson, OP, Professor Emerita, at the 1999 Alumni Awards Presentation
- 17 Joy and Jessica DeCocker '99
- 18 Tom Maenle '95 at the Pi Lambda Phi Reunion
- 19 Trustee Dennis Wright and Geraldine Stone '81
- 20-21 Singers from SHU Madrigal Singers (from left to right-Marli Derbyshire '00, Cheri Brown '99, Amy Lindsay '00, Mindy Mohsen '02)
- 22 Tracy Hribar '92, Assistant Dean of Admissions
- 23 Debra Parish Spann '89 speaking at the 1999 Kente Stole Presentation

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looking forward to competing at their on-campus site next season. The field, was generously funded through a donation by Wilma Christensen in memory of her parents.

Outdoor Track & Field

Coach Tim Bauer's outdoor track and field teams finished second and third at the league championships in May. The men's team finished behind champion Aquinas, capturing four league titles: **J Nyack** won the 300 meters, **Darren Carter** won the long jump, **Ryan Bills** won the 3,000 meter steeplechase, and runners **Jesse Lince**, **Tirrell Sturdivant**, **Matt Miller** and **Jason Gurzynski** won the 4x800 relay. The men also had four second-place finishes. Finishing behind champ Aquinas and runner-up Spring Arbor, the women's team won four individual titles and one relay title. **Jessica Hawkins** won the 110 hurdles and the javelin, and ran on the winning 4x100 relay team, en route to being named the league's "Most Valuable Performer" in the field events. **Melissa Abood** also won two individual titles (long jump and triple jump) and ran on



the winning relay team. **Kassie Griffith** and **Gretchen Henrickson** rounded out the championship relay team. The women also landed four second-place finishes.

Baseball

Coach Gordie Theisen's club compiled an overall record of 18-40 (10-14 in WHAC play) and a fourth-place finish in the league tournament. Seniors **John Hill** and **Matt Pike** were named to the All-WHAC First Team for the second straight season. All-league honorable mention selections were seniors **Rob Redmon**, **Andy Bodary** and **Steve Keider**; juniors **Dave Brooks**, **Ryan Gaines** and **Kris Hemry**; and sophomore **Kevin Barkholz**. Bodary, Hemry and juniors **Chris Caldwell** and **Bob Nicholson** were named to the All-WHAC Academic Team.

Golf

Coach Al Sandifer's fall season golf team scored well in three non-league invitations but had less success in league competition, finishing fifth in the five-team WHAC standings. After a slow start, senior **Brian Burkardt**, the Saints' most consistent golfer, posted an 80 average in the final three fall events. ■

Baseball in Literature continued

literature of baseball can teach them about life. When a poet like Richard Hugo writes, "Is steal-of-home the touching of the heart," or "style in anything, / pitching, hitting, cutting hair, is worth our trying even / if we fail," these students know that the writer has transcended the language of baseball to speak to them in the language of the heart, as all literature does.

So this semester, again, the students presented a brown bag lunch (see photo, page 11), demonstrating what they learned from reading, writing and discussing literature about baseball. All students wrote poems about memories connected to baseball. They probably will not become Frosts or Dickinsons, nor even rabid lovers of literature, but they just might now be more willing to read literature or watch a film with a keener, more critical eye than before.

All of these students love baseball. Perhaps, after the course, they now know, by way of literature, why this game has held a fascination with the American public for so many years, through both the bad times (the Black Sox scandal, the strike of 1995) and the good times (Joe DeMaggio, "the Giants beat the Dodgers!," Jackie Robinson). They will appreciate the J. D. Salinger of Shoeless Joe who says, "the one constant through all the years has been baseball. America has been erased like a blackboard, only to be rebuilt and then erased again. But baseball . . . continually reminds us of what once was, like an Indian-head penny in a handful of new coins."

And maybe they will read one more poem or story along the way. ■

CLASS NOTES

Class Notes are compiled using info gathered from the reply cards in each issue of *Reflections*, from alumni updates sent via e-mail, from newspaper clippings, and letters. We do not report engagements or pregnancies.



1940s

Phyllis Metz Doner '47 is a retired librarian living in Grand Rapids. Condolences go to Phyllis on the recent death of her husband, Charles, on March 7.

Rosemarie Van D'Elden Birman '47, a retired data processing consultant and programmer living in Ft. Lauderdale and Long Island, NY, wrote in March: "My husband, Paul, and I just returned from a fabulous trip to Antarctica. Our journal is posted on the web." Check out this exciting adventure at www.netcom.com/~pbirman/

1950s

Corinne Schafer Simonsen '56 now lives in South Lyon and reports: "Having just returned to Michigan to retire, I lost my husband a year ago. We have two children and six grandchildren."

Mary Morton '56 was featured recently in *Club 50*, a monthly newspaper for active adults over 50. The article, "Artist overcomes medical challenge to paint again," chronicled Mary's triumph over a stroke which affected one side of her body and her return to the painting she loves. "Paintings are a part of me," Mary said in the story. "It's challenging and I forget everything else when I'm painting." She works in acrylics on a variety of surfaces, but her first love is painting on glass, a reverse technique in which she first puts in the details and later adds the background. A retired teacher, Mary lives in Adrian with her husband, Jesse.

1960s

Marilyn Uline, OP '60 is assistant campus minister at Gannon University in Erie, PA, where she was featured in a recent newspaper article for her work ministering to college athletes. Before going to Gannon in 1996, Marilyn was campus minister at Siena.

Alice Robie Resnick '61, a Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court widely known for her dedication to community service, was one of seven women honored in February by St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center as

"Women of Toledo." Siena Heights alumnae accounted for two of the seven honorees (see Janet Doyle, OP '70).

Ron Spagnoli '62/MA was named Counselor of the Year by the Michigan School Counselor Association. He retires from Tecumseh Middle School this spring after 40 years of counseling, including 29 years in Tecumseh.

Lois Nearhood Curtis '64 of Casa Grande, AZ, is "still a full time RV-er and keeping busy with genealogy research. Julie Jacobsen, where are you?"

Anna Marie Moriarty '67 is a teacher in Peoria, IL.

Mary Cusick Brya '69 lives in Grand Ledge and teaches at St. Thomas Aquinas School in East Lansing. "I can't wait until our 30th reunion in the fall! I was deeply saddened to hear about the death of Sister Jean Cecile, my high school principal at the Academy."

Sister Marie Therese Emery, OP '69 retired from Michigan State after teaching computer technology for 18 years. She is 2nd vice president of the National Association of Highway Safety Leaders.

Mary Ann McLinden Baunoch '69 "had the pleasure of attending a get-together in March for Siena Heights graduates in Phoenix, AZ" where she lives and teaches. (see photo p. 18)

Mary Brazee '69 married Timothy Cagney Nov. 6, 1998. They live in Jackson.

Caryl Widdowson '69 is a part-time game keeper for the state of Maine. As a wildlife rehabilitator, she usually has lots of animals at her home in Gray, in addition to her twelve pets.

1970s

Julianne Harris Cohoon '70 of Riverview has been "enjoying a great teaching career at various levels for 25 years."

Janet Doyle, OP '70, director of Catholic Youth and School Services and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Toledo, was one of seven women honored in February by St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center as "Women of Toledo." Siena Heights alumnae accounted for two of the seven honorees (see Alice Robie Resnick '61).

Gail Schneider Negrinelli '70 of Flushing taught for 20 years before

becoming a real estate broker after the closing of Holy Rosary H.S. in Flint. Now she works full-time in her own real estate company and commutes to Siena Heights in Adrian where she is earning her second master's, this time in guidance and counseling (the first was in school administration at CMU in 1980). "I'm also a court mentor and was appointed to the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee. I also conduct support groups for children coping with death and divorce."

Carl Morton '71 of New York, NY, is having some success as a poet. Several poems ("kick the can," "words," and "I am your mirror") were featured in the January issue of the online magazine *Wired Art from Wired Hearts*. An Inkwell Poetry Competition finalist, Carl also is a finalist in the Emily Dickinson Poetry Award Contest and will have a poem in that anthology this summer. Look also for his work in the spring issue of *Poetry Motel*. You can look for Carl himself in the Spring 1999 Banana Republic catalog.

Mary Phillips '71 and her husband, John Sayres, have moved to Galesburg, IL, where he is librarian at Monmouth College and she teaches art. Mary was recently appointed to the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Cindy Doyle '72 of Three Rivers recently received the Commissioner's Award from the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The national award is presented to an

individual who has demonstrated outstanding efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, made significant individual efforts in the community, and who has improved the lives of abused or neglected children. She was nominated by Michigan Governor John Engler who noted her 22 years in foster care, children's protective services, and adoption. Cindy currently is a foster care and adoption supervisor for the St. Joseph County Family Independence Agency. She also co-founded, directed and was a board member of the county's first child abuse and neglect council, developed the county's first child sexual abuse prevention program, and helped establish the area's first adolescent sexual offender treatment program. Cindy also serves on the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Roger '73 and Ruth Dalton Scherger '68 live in Piqua, OH, where Roger is in his 28th year teaching accounting at Edison Community College and Ruth is in her 4th year teaching at Ohio Christian Academy following 20 years in the public schools. Son Christopher (21) is a student at Edison. Benjamin (17) spent the past two summers doing missionary work in Mexico.

Charles Fort '74 holds an endowed chair in poetry at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he lives with his wife, Wendy, daughters Shelly (9) and Claire (14), and dog Mojo. Charles had dinner recently with the Siena Heights contingent at the NAIA indoor track nationals in Lincoln, NB.

St. Joseph, MI: December 1998

Deb Carter, director of Siena's Benton Harbor center, Trustee Dick Dougherty, and Alumni Board member Joann Phillips '93 co-hosted a holiday gathering along with President and Mrs. Artman and members of the Benton Harbor center and advancement staffs. The 30-plus alumni enjoyed a visit from St. Nick in honor of the season's first snowfall. For other photos and a complete list of attendees, visit the alumni section of Siena's website (www.sienahs.edu).

Siena Heights Here and There



Two “Valiant Women” honored for “firsts” in Michigan

Graduating more than three decades apart, Connie Berube Binsfeld '45 and Dorothy Gonzales '78 nonetheless share two significant qualities: their deep affection for Siena Heights and their roles as pioneers in the State of Michigan.

Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld retired this winter after eight years as Governor John Engler's right-hand woman and nearly 30 years in state politics.

Connie was a wife, mother and high school social studies teacher for her first 25 years out of college. Upon entering the political arena, she made history immediately as the first woman Leelanau County commissioner in 1970. Four years later, she was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. In 1982, she was elected to the State Senate where she served until 1990, when she became John Engler's running mate. The success of that campaign made Connie the first (and so far only) woman in Michigan history to hold leadership positions in the House, Senate and the Executive Office.



Dorothy Gonzales spent her youth as a migrant farm worker challenged by economic deprivation. Through persistence and hard work, she achieved an education, attending Siena Heights as a non-traditional student and earning her social work degree in her 30s. A woman committed to personal growth and service who has become a role model for the Hispanic community and society in general, Dorothy recently was appointed chairperson of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. She is the first Mexican American and the first Hispanic woman to chair a major Michigan public university.



In mid-February, both women were honored by state leaders. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives applauded Dorothy's "unprecedented achievement, commitment to her community and dedication to the highest ideals of service to others." A gala dinner honoring Connie, and benefitting the Chance at Childhood Endowment Fund established in her name at Michigan State University, offered a tribute to her "legacy of fighting to protect children at risk of abuse and neglect." The four featured speakers at Connie's tribute included Governor Engler and...Dorothy Gonzales!

President Artman, who attended the gala, reported that "the Lt. Governor humbly accepted the accolades and stated she never dreamed her career would take her to such heights, and she proudly proclaimed it all was possible because of her education at Siena Heights. Mrs. Gonzales also beamed with pride when telling the large crowd that she too is a graduate of Siena Heights."

Congratulations to both Valiant Women!

Bob '75 and Barbara Riesterer Lawrence '74, '95/MA live in Adrian. Barbara is director of human resources at Siena Heights and serves on the board of the Lenawee Emergency Affordable Housing Corporation and its human resource committee, as well as the St. Joseph Academy Advisory Board. She graduated from Leadership Lenawee this past fall.

Albert Cardenas '77/AA of the Michigan State Police Taylor Post was named "Trooper of the Year" for the Metro South area covering Wayne County. He has distinguished himself by leading undercover narcotics and alcohol enforcement sting operations.

Brenda Reum Reau '77 of Petersburg recently was awarded the National Distinguished Service Award by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. An extension home economist with Monroe County since 1981, she is responsible for programs in food and nutrition, food safety, parenting, housing, resource management and leadership development.

Christina Elchinger Geno '78 is a teacher living in New Bavaria, OH.

Sheila Holland RojasBaker '79 is the lead bilingual teacher at Williams Elementary in Garland, TX, where she lives with her husband, Kirk. "We have seven bilingual teachers in all, and I am the only 'gringa.' Much of my success has to do with my education at Siena Heights, and I am pleased to see the growth that has occurred at Siena over the years." A member of the Class of '74 who finished her degree in '79, Sheila has four children, two boys (22, 18) and two girls (11, 9) "I am also a Christian songwriter trying to finish recording my first CD."

1980s

Terrence Beurer '80, protective services supervisor for the Lenawee County Family Independence Agency, helped write the just-completed protocol for child sexual abuse interviews in the State of Michigan. He and his family live in Deerfield where he is president of the Board of Education and a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Terry recently was appointed to the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Lauralie Hultz '80 has joined ADT, the world's largest security company, as a representative for southern Michigan. She specializes in commercial and residential electronic security monitoring, card access systems, fire alarm systems, and closed circuit television.

Michael Griffin '80 is associate vice president for student services at Barry University in Miami Shores, FL.

Deborah Snyder '80/MA lives in East Swanzey, NH, and works for the Monadnock Regional School District.

Amy Noland Cooke '81 has "moved back to Monroe, MI, after 11 years teaching in Japan where I met my husband, Ian, who is from Liverpool, England. I'm working part-time tutoring and subbing and working at home full time raising our two-year-old daughter, Reina."

Lynn Gaylord Harrison '81 of Asheville, OH, "recently moved to a big old house dating from 1862 on 26 acres out in the country" with her husband, Mel, and two sons (5, 2). Lynn is secretary for Mel's landscape company.

Jamey Grover '81 of Laurens, SC, is executive director of the Youth Rehabilitative Program for Piedmont Wilderness Institute, Associated Marine Institutes. He writes: "Been with the same company in several states over the past 11 years. Married to Kimberly 20 years this August. Three children: Keira (17), Josh (15), and Ian (9). We also have a foster child living with us, Bryan (15). Was awarded the Executive Director of the Year in 1997, a national award from Associated Marine Institutes. Additionally was recommended and accepted into 'Who's Who in American Business 1997.' Continue to love baseball and have achieved the goal of playing until I was 40. Expect to continue this year playing in an amateur, semi-pro league. Live on 25-acre horse ranch in South Carolina with family and five horses."

John Meszaros '82 of Adrian writes: "Amy and I have two children: Sarah (8th grade) and John Patrick (2nd grade), both at St. Joseph's. My brother Bob and I started a bike club five years ago; we've ridden to Niagara Falls, Petoskey, Mackinac Island. This is our fifth year so we're riding to Chicago via Jackson, Grand Rapids, Ludington, ferry across Lake Michigan to Manitowoc, WI, and Milwaukee. We have a few Siena alumni who ride in the club, and we're always looking for more riders."

Doug Small '82 is vice president/sales for Palm Springs Desert Resorts CVB in Rancho Mirage, CA, and lives in Palm Springs with his wife Kim. "Travel extensively around the world promoting the world class resorts of the Palm Springs area. Enjoy gourmet cooking, golf, and riding my Cruiser motorcycle."

Suzette Rygiel-Abella '83 of Davie, FL, is an academic advisor at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale.



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Chicago, IL: December 1998

Lee Benish '72 and his wife Kathy hosted a small Siena group at their downtown home overlooking Lake Michigan. Rick and Joan Artman, trustee Father Pat Murphy, and members of the advancement staff were on hand, too. Alumni attendees were: John '90 and Alex Harvey Quinn '91 with daughters Shannon and Colleen; Lee Benish '72; Maureen O'Keefe '61; Maureen Real '90; Ann Abrams '52; and visiting Michigander Tracy Church '93 with President Artman. Siena Santa even made a visit! For more photos, see Siena on the web (www.sienahs.edu).

Donna Kisner Baker '84 teaches accounting at Siena Heights. She and husband Kim live in Clayton with "three wonderful children, Sarah (5), Jacob (3), and Mark (9 months)."

David Bowling '84 lives in Kissimmee, FL, and is a lighting designer for Universal Studios. He is married with three children.

Ernestine Burton Rucker '84 (LMC) is assistant administrator at Mainland Medical Center in Houston, TX. She also is a 1999 candidate for the MBA at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Robert Meszaros '85 lives in West Chester, OH, with his wife Patti and two sons (6 and 2). "After 13 years as a branch manager for Norwest Corporation, I took a position as an account manager with State-G Communications."

Gregg Milligan '85 of Canton is manager of core systems engineering for Deloitte & Touche at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. He has just built his first home and is "enjoying all the wonders of my 12-year-old son Gregg II (Spudie). I thank God for this gift."

Lisa Tinkham Lambert '85 is a nurse at Riley Hospital for Children in Greenfield, IN, where she lives with her husband David and four sons: Malcolm (9), Kyle (4), Zachary (2), and Eric (6 months).

John Detro '85 is a physician assistant with the U.S. Army in Ft. Benning, GA, where he lives with his wife Moraima. "I have recently been reassigned to the Ranger Battalion and will attend the

U.S. Army Ranger School in October."

Mary Boylan Reisinger '85 writes from New Bloomfield, PA: "I am still with General Motors in the Harrisburg area as a regional manager in the field calling on dealerships under the new VSSM organization of North American Operations. My husband Rick and I are very active in the community and politics, and enjoy travel whenever possible."

Maura Cady '86 of Plymouth is a collections specialist at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn where she is researching and cataloging "hundreds of items discovered last fall inside rooftop penthouses after decades of storage." Her own collection of photos and artifacts documenting the history and demise of Detroit's J.L. Hudson Building will be exhibited in Detroit and Plymouth this spring. She is the working author of an upcoming book about Hudson's titled "1206

Woodward Avenue."

Pat '86 and Amy McElhone Neville '86 live in Jackson where Pat teaches and coaches at Lumen Christi H.S. and Amy is a computer analyst with Consumers Energy. They have two children: Beth (10) and Kerry (7).

Robin Wagner '87 of Livonia works at Washtenaw Community College. She writes: "Finally started to learn how to fly! It's wonderful! Still working on a master's degree at Eastern."

Jeffrey '87 and Susan Gordon-Arntson '87 live in Jenison where they work as chiropractors.

Jane Louise Bradley '87 married Mark Leachman May 2, 1998. They live in Sarasota, FL. Jane earned her MBA from Clark Atlanta University in 1992, and has worked for Eli Lilly Company since then.

David Montgomery '87 (Det) is a

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consultant with Compsultants Company in Pontiac. He completed NBD loan officer training in 1990, earned his master's in finance from Walsh College in 1991, and was a commercial loan officer until he started Compsultants in 1993.

Julie Slazinski Schmantowsky '87 lives in Boca Raton, FL, with her husband Craig and three children.

Joy Tiefenbach '87 married Michael Hartman May 16, 1998. They live in Paw Paw. Joy is a policy-owner service administrator for Northwestern Mutual Life in Kalamazoo.

Joseph Williams '87 recently was promoted to executive vice president of Mid Am Bank, formerly Adrian State Bank. He is in charge of retail products and services for the Adrian division of Mid Am.

Amy Davis '88, a writer in Chicago, IL, has been awarded a residency at the Ragdale Foundation, an internationally acclaimed artists community in Lake Forest, 30 miles north of Chicago. Ragdale residencies are awarded through a highly competitive application and evaluation of artistic work. Ragdale can accommodate up to 12 artists at a time (8 writers and 4 visual artists and composers) for full-time creative work. Amy is editor-in-chief of Fish Stories, an annual collection of fiction and poetry.

John Lasiewicki '88, a graphic artist for Ameritech, writes: "Got promoted, bought a house and got a new dog."

Kathleen Pecora '88 married James Ellis Oct. 31, 1998. They live in Albion. Kathleen owns Cavell's Convention and Event Production.

Shelly Howard Kemperman '88 lives in Greenville with her husband Kurt.

Linda Schaller Murray '88 is an inventory specialist with Wayne State University and lives in Ferndale with her husband Michael. "The best thing that has happened to me is my 3-year-old son Michael. In my spare time I work in my studio and evenings are spent working on my master's at Wayne State. We are planning a trip to Germany."

Andra Parker-Underhill '88, '91/MA lives in Yucca, AZ, with her husband Lester.

Steven Chappel '88 and his wife, Lucy, of West Hills, CA, report the birth of a daughter, Megan Kayla, July 15, 1998. Steve and Lucy have been

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San Diego, CA: September 1998

President Rick Artman hosted a get-together for San Diego area parents and alumni at the Hyatt Islandia Hotel. Those attending included: chiropractor David Libs '78; Karen Reeves '97 (in town for a visit); psychologist Joan Kowalski, OP '65; nurse Sharon McGuire, OP '68; elementary teacher/administrators Barbara Mason, OP '61 and Maureen Keeler, OP '61; college teacher Judy Gust '86 and her husband (and new business partner) Jon Milliken; and John and Judy Purvis, parents of Krista Purvis '98. Rick and Joan Artman also enjoyed a visit with area businessman Darrell Issa '76.



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married for almost four years. Steve is an operations manager with Superior Bankcard Service. He writes: "Still playing soccer and living in southern California."

Robert (Steve) Frellick '88 is owner/president of Cornerstone Renovators & Builders, Inc., in Fairview, NC.

Lyn Matyn Zolnoski '88 of Sterling Heights writes: "My husband David and I run a Winterguard out of Sterling Heights. We also run the Stockade game out at the Michigan Renaissance Festival."

Linda Arnett '89 is the new board president of the YMCA of Lenawee County. In her two-year term, she will seek to continue to expand membership, positively affect retention and increase programming.

Joseph Cusick '89 and his wife, Stephanie, announce the Dec. 12, 1998 birth of their first child, Kevin Bernard. The Cusicks live in Independence, KY. Joseph works for Fidelity Investments.

John Whiting '89/MA lives in Adrian where he is a private counselor and teaches psychology at Jackson Community College.

Beth Brumme Cassidy '89 and her husband, Kevin, of Grosse Pointe Park celebrated the birth of their third child, Christopher William, Dec. 15, 1998. Sister Katy is 7 and Kevin Jr. is 4. Beth writes: "I am staying home with my kids and loving it!"

Sharon Gould Kosmas '89 and her

husband, Charles, of St. Clair Shores announce the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline, June 1, 1998.

Mike '85 and Anne Weber Quinn '89 report that "our second future Saint was born April 22, 1998. Ryan Michael joined his sister Kelly to make up a house full of Saints supporters." The Quinns live in Vicksburg.

Melissa Dudar Scully '89 and her husband, Josh, of Ann Arbor announce the birth of their first child, Quinlan Edward, Oct. 3, 1998. Melissa and Josh were married June 14, 1997. Melissa is an engineering supervisor at Johnson Controls in Plymouth, where she has worked for 10 years designing molded car seat components such as headrests and armrests.

Mark '89 and Laurie Bailey Thalman '91 are living in Crystal Lake, IL, with children Richard (5) and Bethany (3). Mark is a software engineer for Parallel Software.

1990s

Joseph Balusik '90 is a color development specialist for Owens-Illinois in Toledo, where he lives with his wife Christy. "Life on wheels is not all bad! E-mail me and I'll tell you all about it!" (Josephj@glcu.net)

Scott Dienes '90 recently joined the Grand Rapids office of Dickinson Wright PLLC, a full-service law firm with additional offices in Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, Lansing, and Washington DC, with an affiliate in

Chicago. The 21 attorneys at the Grand Rapids office represent a wide range of business and government clients including corporations, banks, professional firms, government agencies and municipalities. An associate of the firm, Scott practices in Dickinson Wright's municipal law and public finance section.

Kenneth '90 and Anita Singh Ferreira '90 of Roseville, CA, report the November 18, 1998, birth of their son, Matthew Kenneth.

Allan Harris '90 and his wife Josie were married May 16, 1998. They live in Elizabeth City, NC. Allan is CEO/President of Harris Enterprises in Virginia Beach, VA, and expects to receive his MBA later this year from Troy State University.

Terry Ican '90 of Falls Church, VA, is a theatrical stage technician/stage manager with Prostage Inc./ABC News. He married Sabrina Leckner Sept. 5, 1998, and recently became a member of the Directors Guild of America, the union of television and screen directors and stage managers.

Sue Remington Jacobs '90 is a certified public accountant who last year purchased the accounting firm where she had worked since her junior year at Siena Heights. She now operates Susan Jacobs and Co. P.C. with offices in Ann Arbor and Pinckney. The firm focuses on tax planning and tax returns for small, family-owned businesses. She and her husband Steve live in Chelsea with daughter Jordan (2).

Jeff Johnston '90 lives in Indiana with his wife, Carla, and four children ages 15, 11, 7, and 1. In addition to restoring a 1906 Victorian home and running a part-time picture framing business which includes conservation work on old oil paintings, Jeff is artistic coordinator for the Lincoln Financial Group, a Fortune 100 financial company with world headquarters in

Ft. Wayne. The job involves managing and maintaining the company's multi-million dollar 20th century art collection, organizing special exhibits and purchasing new art in consultation with a corporate art committee, assuring that "the art we buy is politically correct, non-offensive, and appeals to a diverse audience." (Jeff notes that "those who remember my artwork will agree it is twilight zone that I ended up in the position of judging artwork that may be offensive.") Another part of the job is working as exhibit artifacts technician for the company's Abraham Lincoln Museum, designing and maintaining exhibits and caring for the artifacts. Having been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Jeff reports, "I am now on medication and have turned my life around. I have been alcohol and drug free for nine years. So while at Siena Heights I was probably most likely to not succeed, I can say now I am one of the few persons with an art degree and a mental disability that has made a success for themselves in that field." Jeff also became Catholic four years ago and is director of Christ Renews His Parish, "an intense ministry of bringing spiritualism and life back to the church." On campus in the late 80's, Jeff had "long hair and a beard, kinda like John Lennon. I still look like that only I now wear a suit."

Kirsten Bruce Raab '90 of Swanton, OH, teaches 8th grade language arts, owns her own day care center and has two children, Blake and Bri.

Kerri Wing '91 lives in Scottsdale, AZ.

Jennifer Collins '91 married Scott Balmer October 10, 1998. They live in Battle Creek. Jennifer, a social worker at Calhoun County Medical Care Facility, earned her MSW at the University of Michigan.

Jerry '91 and Jennifer Bladzick Lear '91 live in Petersburg. Jerry is supervising senior auditor for ProMedica Health System in Toledo.

Lori List '91 is a middle school teacher and coach in Southfield. "I have lived in Farmington Hills since 1997 with my cat Wesley who was given to me by Sr. Eileen Rice after I graduated. I received an M.Ed. from Wayne State in 1998 and am in the midst of my 8th year teaching 7th grade English, reading and geography, and my 7th season as the girls' volleyball coach. I also started a language arts club this year which has been a lot of fun. My latest professional endeavor is to take 53 12-year-olds to Chicago for two days in May! I am also involved in a teaching partnership with a teacher from another middle school; we are looking for mentors for our students from the greater Detroit area to spend



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Rick and Joan Artman and annual funds director Jeff Freshcorn met Phoenix area alumni at the Ramada Valley Ho Resort for an evening of reminiscing and life story-telling. Diane Gordon '97 was inspired by "the amazing feats and fond memories" attendees shared: "to hear their experiences at Siena really made me realize what this school has meant to generations of people." Others who attended were: Mary Ann McLinden Baunoch '69, Martha Betanzos Bennett '65, Carol Elya, OP '69, Sandy Terheggen Hultgren '78, Marlene Kuhnlein, OP '57, Janette Gedert Lobianco '67, Barbara Prayner Savastio '63, Delores Slosar, OP '59, Elizabeth Kimball Spiker '62, and Bette Byers Timpani '46 and her daughter, Marilyn. While in the area, the Artmans also met with Herb and Connie Farver '87 while Jeff Freshcorn met with several alumni in the Tucson area.



an hour per week this fall advising and assisting with business and marketing plans. The mentors don't have to be in those fields, just interested in helping 7th and 8th graders; Siena grads would be wonderful! If interested contact me via e-mail (Lori8868@aol.com). Finally, my two newest passions are a modified version of kick-boxing and golf, which I plan to spend much of my summer vacation pursuing!"

Devon Donnelly Meyer '91 is a teacher/coach in Walled Lake. She lives in Ortonville with her husband, Robert, and son, Logan (2).

Kimberly (Kimba) Newell Morgan '91 of Redford writes: "After living in England, I returned to the USA, married Steve, have a beautiful 5-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn Brae, and now work as the Assistant Royal Court Director with the Michigan Renaissance Festival. I spend most of my time either researching or teaching English Renaissance history, acting, dancing, and doing freelance theatrical makeup. I still am causing havoc with friends like Niff Havelka and would love to hear from any of my old Siena friends and Phi Sig sisters!"

Rebecca Paquett '91 of Clinton Township works for Staff Resources in Farmington Hills. In November, she ran for Macomb County Commissioner in District 23; a Republican, she lost to the Democratic incumbent.

Thomas Kerwin '92 of Grand Rapids is a group home supervisor for Hope Network, Inc. He is engaged to be married, and says, "I am very happy for this, considering that less than five years ago I was studying for the priesthood."

Eric Parker '92 is living in Jersey City, NJ.

Julie Cox Yeager '92 is manager of the outdoor program at Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. She lives in Novi with her husband, Alex.

Gina Demroske '92 reports from Olivebridge, NY: "After college, I traveled from MI to FL to NY to OR to Mexico doing artwork and Youth Corps work. Now I'm settled in New York with my own part-time business called Arts Desire. I'm also a ski instructor and coordinator of special programs in an outdoor education center in the Catskills called Ashokan Field Campus. I was accepted at the State University of New York (SUNY) in New Paltz to a master's in education; I'll be teaching middle school with a K-12 add-on certificate in art." Gina also did a cover illustration for the book, "Thunder Hawk," by Jay Altan.

Maggie Mosack Root '92 writes from Gagetown: "Married Stephen in 1993. Currently accounting office manager at

Tuscola Medical Care Facility in Caro. No kids...yet!"

Kyle Griffith '92, '96/MA, a high school teacher in Morenci, recently received an Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards honoring his work with a new social studies course that combines community history with hands-on activities. He developed the course as part of his master's work at Siena Heights.

Jason '92 and Pamela Rinck Cupp '93/AA live in Coldwater, OH, with their son, Robbie (2). Jason works with the child protection unit of the Mercer County Department of Human Services and Pam is a kindergarten teacher in Greenville.

Ladi Buono '93 graduates this month with a law degree in civil law from Catholic University in Puerto Rico. Supporters planning to attend the graduation include Idali Feliciano, director of academic advising at Siena, and Debora Tabarez '92, '97/MA.

Esteban (Steve) Arriaga '93 married Tina Flippo June 13, 1998. They live in Adrian. Steve is night manager for Meijer, Inc. in Ann Arbor.

Chuck Knabusch '93 (MCCC), general manager of La-Z-Boy Logistics, Inc., in Monroe, is a new member of the Siena Heights University Board of Trustees.

Paula Miller Stone '93 teaches language arts at Onsted H.S. She lives in Clayton with her husband, Oliver, and son, Darrick, and is working on her master's in secondary education at Siena Heights.

Robert '93 and Lisa Easton Clouse '94 of Chelsea announce the birth of a daughter, Corinne Josie, May 4, 1998. Bob works for the Michigan Department of Corrections. Lisa recently left golf club management to work as a dental receptionist in order to spend more time with Corinne. Bob and Lisa were married August 1997.

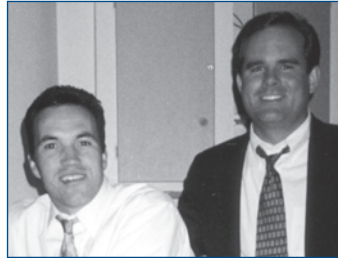
Margaret (Peggy) Whaley '93 married former Siena Heights student Ronald (Moose) Randolph January 9, 1999. They live in Brooklyn. Peggy is a Headstart teacher in Adrian. Randolph works with the LISD's Laura Haviland Program and is assistant boys track coach at Hudson High School.

Kara Janick '93 and Todd Marsee

'94 were married Sept. 26, 1998 on the grounds of the Macon Mill, a mill once owned by Henry Ford. They honeymooned in Italy and settled in Plymouth where both work for Insite Web Design.

Kara also is the newsletter editor for the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators of Michigan.

Craig Teeple '93 is a senior computer systems specialist at the University of Michigan.



Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity: March 1999

About 70 alumni, students and guests gathered at the Brass Lantern in Adrian for Pi Lambda Phi fraternity's 15th anniversary banquet. "Founding Fathers" Pat Irwin '86 and Pat Stapleton '87 (above) were there along with chapter advisor Bill Blackerby of the management faculty. Good times were had by all!

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Don Dziuk '94 lives in Sterling Heights and teaches 9th and 11th grade English for the Anchor Bay Schools in New Baltimore. "I really am enjoying it and believe I am making some real strides in the profession." An on-line Detroit News feature profiled Don as a demanding, student-centered teacher whose "teaching style comes across in such a nonchalant, appealing way that students don't quite realize how much they're learning." This summer, Don will attend a 10-day writing residency at Goddard College in VT and continue work on an MFA in creative writing.

Amy Lynn Yard Krukemyer '94 of Woodville, OH, is an accountant with Riverview Industries.

Kristi Pnacek '94/MA married Scott Bonilla in July 1997. The Bonillas live in Grand Rapids where Kristi teaches high school Spanish.

Janette Misiak Landis '94 (Det) of Troy is a project management consultant for EDS currently working to make General Motors Y2K-ready for the next millennium.

James Pouillon '94 received his DPM degree from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and is now a podiatry resident at the Baltimore (MD) Veterans Administration Hospital.

Kristin Bradley '95 is artist-in-residence for Artrain, working as a potter and sculptor on "America's Museum in Motion." Although based in Ann Arbor, Artrain travels around the country for 11 months a year, spending a week at a time in smaller communities across America.

Robert Morris '95 (KCC) married Jennifer Evans 10-17-1998, in Hawaii. They live in Deerfield, IL, where he is a CPA with Gerald Bauman Co.

Lori Schliesser Daniels '95 of Brighton is a pharmacy technician for P.E.T.Net Pharmaceutical Services in Royal Oak. Lori and husband Casey "were married in 1996 and built our first home the same year. Recently, we bought two houses as rental properties. We also have a chocolate lab, Cody, who's our baby. He's 1.5 years old and 100 pounds; one BIG dog! Looking forward to seeing Patty Thomas again in Las Vegas."

Heather Gitersonke Nielson '95 (LMC) is self-employed in Stevensville where she lives with her husband James and their two daughters, Caitalyn (3) and Marjorie (8 months).

Jayna Reagan '95 lives in Toledo, OH, and works at Boysville. She received her M.Ed. from U. of Toledo in 1997 and is working on a Ph.D. She also has been foster parenting for the past two years.



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Booties welcome new baby Saints!

Thanks to encouragement from Marie Irene Miller, OP '36 (center), and the nimble fingers of Marie Doran, OP '41 (left) and Colette Martin, OP '37, the Alumni Association Board of Directors has revived a treasured Siena tradition: sending hand-made baby booties to the new babies of alumni parents!

Sister Marie Irene, familiar to many alumni for her years in the registrar's office, proposed re-instituting the baby bootie program as a way to strengthen ties with young alumni. She then recruited Sisters Marie and Colette, retired teachers living in the Dominican Life Center, to make the booties. Since October, the alumni office has mailed fashionable infant footwear to several dozen Baby Saints!

Send the good news of your new arrival to the alumni office, and we'll send you a hand-made reminder of your ties to Siena Heights and the Adrian Dominicans.

Terri Willets '96/MA married Akram Hamad Oct. 16, 1998. They live in Monroe. Terri works for Monroe County.

Billy Houghteling '96 recently left St. Louis, MO, where he was a senior research associate at the Washington University School of Medicine, to accept a new job as chief associate lab manager in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Last year, he completed his master's degree.

Sheri Walper '96 married Dale Boehm III. The Boehms live in Petoskey. Sheri works for Abby Care, Inc. in Harbor Springs.

Melissa Elliot '96 of Jasper expanded her family in October 1998 with the

adoption of Spencer (2 1/2) and Larissa (1). Melissa is a teacher at St. Joseph Academy.

Angela (Gabby) Sheely Moore '96 and her husband, Tomas, announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Danielle Moore, Nov. 13, 1998. The Moores live in Ft. Lewis, WA.

Michael Lynch '96 (MCCC), '98/MA (Det), a senior investigator at Detroit Edison, is the author of a major feature article in the October '98 issue of *Security Management* magazine. "An Analysis of Incident Response Teams" reports on Michael's research into the effectiveness of corporate crisis management teams in reducing workplace violence. With workplace violence a growing concern, industry literature cites incident response teams (IRTs) as an essential preventative measure. However, Michael's study of 21 randomly selected Fortune 500 companies suggests IRTs as currently structured may not be as effective at deterring future workplace violence as has been assumed. The study did find that IRTs seem to be effective in containing an incident that does occur, and that labor participation appears to enhance the effectiveness of IRTs in unionized work sites. IRTs can help, Michael concluded, "but unless structured and empowered in new ways, these teams should not be expected by

themselves to lead a company to a violence-free future."

Pamela Kubat '96 married Michael Aschenbrener Oct. 24, 1998. They live in Cypress, TX. Pamela works for the Mud Logging Co. in Houston.

Rebecca Reaume '97 of Adrian writes: "I recently received the sponsorship of a company in Germany (Hannoveraner Shop GmbH) and they sent me a horse. I am looking forward to doing a lot of showing this summer as well as training."

Denise Koontz Becker '97 and Matthew Becker of Waterford announce the birth Sept. 25, 1998, of "a beautiful baby boy, Noah."

Gregory Hartman '97 married Kristie Pitek in June 1998. The Hartmans live in Taylor. Greg teaches English and

computer science and is head basketball coach at North Middle School in Belleville.

Lisa Durkee '97 (KCC) married Scott Silkworth Oct. 17, 1998. They live in Battle Creek. Lisa is an escrow agent for Title Office, Inc.

Deborah Comeau '97 married Thomas Walsh Sept. 12, 1998. They live in Dundee, where Deborah works in retail sales.

Jody Goetz '97 and **Joseph DiMarco '96** were married June 20, 1998. They live in Blissfield. Jody is working on her MSW at the University of Michigan. Joseph is an operations manager for AVI Food Systems, Inc.

Adrienne Weckerle '96 lives in the Detroit area and is employed in the purchasing department of the Livonia Marriott.

Andrew Backus '97 of Comstock Park is working as a sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Grand Rapids.

Amanda Moran '97 and **Steve Fausnaugh '97** were married Dec. 26, 1998. They honeymooned at Walt Disney World and are living in Saginaw. Amanda works for Boysville.

Mary Morris '97 has joined the staff of Caring Alternatives, Inc. Home Care & Counseling. She provides information and referral services related to the agency's expanded senior services, which include an elder abuse prevention program. She also provides outreach services and problem-solving assistance to seniors.

Shawn Corlew '97/MA has joined the HelpNet Employee Assistance Program as a therapist in the Hillsdale and Jackson offices. She is experienced in counseling children, adolescents, families, couples, groups, and individuals.

Joe DeVerna '97 is a computer technician with Simpson Industries in Plymouth.

Diane Gordon '97 lives in Mesa, AZ, and enjoyed "the great Siena gathering" in Arizona in March (see page 18). Diane is a teacher at the ABC Charter School in Phoenix.

Mary Taylor Natschke '97 (Det) of Grosse Pointe Woods is a nursing administrative manager at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Craig Sower '97 is a product analyst for Yazaki North American in Canton.

Juan Tobias '97/MA (LMC) writes from Nederland, TX: "Recently changed employers from Bosch Corp. in St. Joseph, MI, to Huntsman Corp. at Port Neches, TX. Siena's HRD program helped me with this new

career opportunity. Thank you, Siena!"

Geoffrey Culbertson '98 of Ann Arbor is a systems analyst with Ford Motor Company in Saline.

Molly Gidley '98 teaches 6th grade language arts in Okemos.

Ronda Falknor '98 (KCC) and her husband, Jeff, of Coldwater report the arrival of daughter Bethany Kate, born March 1, 1999.

Amy Dillon '98 married Ryan Wright Oct. 23, 1998. They live in Tecumseh and enjoyed a honeymoon at Walt Disney World. Amy is a substitute teacher for Saline High School.

Carrie Peiffer '98 (Det) of West Bloomfield "recently landed an incredible job in sales at an elite software company, Lakeside Software, in Keego Harbor."

Josh Weir '98 of Harrison Township is an underwriter with Towne Mortgage Co.

Donna Palmer '98/MA (Det) lives in Detroit and works for Oakland Community College.

Deaths

Gertrude Mary Westhoven, OP '33 died Jan. 27. She taught elementary school for more than 40 years in Detroit, New Baltimore, Jackson and Saginaw, MI; and Chicago and St. Charles, IL. She was 93.

Clare Cecile Burch, OP '38 died Nov. 12, 1998. She spent 56 years ministering in elementary education in Chicago and all across southern Michigan. She was primary supervisor in the Detroit Diocese from 1952 to 1956, and served as principal at Sacred Heart School in Hudson, Our Lady of Sorrow in Farmington, St. Norbert School in Inkster, and St. Alphonsus in Dearborn. She was 88.

Jean Cecile Hunt, OP '39, past principal of St. Joseph Academy and longtime counselor and friend to students at Siena Heights, died Jan. 26. She worked in elementary and high school education in Illinois, Michigan and Florida during her early career, serving as principal at St. Joseph from 1960 to 1972. She came to the advising office at Siena Heights in the fall of 1974, working both as Advisor and as Director of Advising until her retirement in 1990, when she was granted the rank Professor Emerita. She was 86 when she died. (See the related tribute to Sister Jean Cecile on p. 22)

Rita Therese Weaver, OP '40 died Oct. 28, 1998. She was 91. She spent 50 years ministering in elementary and secondary education in Florida, as a

ALUMNI PROFILE

DARRELL ISSA '76

Siena Heights sees each student as an individual with unique needs and potential. Just ask Darrell Issa '76.

Looking at Darrell in the early 1970s, a large university in Ohio saw a high school drop-out with a G.E.D. earned in the armed forces. They said, no thanks.

Siena Heights saw a veteran and a non-traditional learner with some specific career plans and educational goals. Siena Heights, yes, of course.

Like many students today, Darrell followed an unconventional route to his college graduation. At Siena Heights, he was able to apply practical experience and course work from several schools toward his Bachelor of Arts. Siena also made it possible for him to complete his degree here and enroll in ROTC in Ohio, enabling him to re-enlist in the Army for another tour, this time as an officer. Siena gave him a chance.



Today, Darrell Issa is head of Directed Electronics, Inc. (DEI), the world's largest manufacturer of vehicle security systems and an increasingly important producer of car audio equipment. DEI is perhaps best known for its Viper, Python and Sidewinder products, the hand-held keyless entry systems that allow automobile owners to unlock doors, open trunks, even start their engines with

the push of a button—while securing the cars against break-ins and theft.

Darrell and his wife, Kathy, started DEI in Cleveland in the early '80s. In 1986, they and their young son, Will, moved with DEI to southern California. Under Darrell's energetic leadership, and with Kathy's 100% involvement as vice president of credit and collections, DEI has thrived. From a start-up investment of \$7,000,

the company now claims annual revenues above \$70 million and a work force of nearly 200 people. From its headquarters in Vista near San Diego, DEI products are sold throughout North America and around the globe.

An active community leader, Darrell was named San Diego Entrepreneur of the Year in 1994. Two years later, he chaired the volunteer

committee at the 1996 Republican National Convention, managing a team of 8,000 volunteers. A self-described "liberal-minded Republican," he also co-chaired the committee for Proposition 209 which eliminated racial and gender preferences in California.

Darrell made national news last year when he sought the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat held by Barbara Boxer. In his first-ever political race, he was narrowly edged out by his primary opponent, California State Treasurer Matt Fong, who later lost to Boxer; but the primary was closely watched across the country. Issa was widely interviewed, and the name Siena Heights found its way into major newspapers throughout California.

Darrell says he ran for Senate because "I believe in the individual. I trust individual Americans to get up in the morning and do the right thing for their families, their communities and themselves. Our system of government is founded on trust" and needs to return to that faith.

Trust in the individual, and faith in the unconventional student, are hallmarks of Siena Heights. Darrell Issa's experience suggests such faith is well-founded! ■

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VITAL STATISTICS

Darrell Issa '76

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Current Home: Vista, CA

Spouse: Katherine, art history graduate of UC Santa Barbara

Children: one son, Will, a high school senior

Degree from Siena: Business

Current Job Title: President and CEO

Company: Directed Electronics, Inc.
"America's Largest Auto Security Company"

teacher and principal in Fort Pierce, Jacksonville, Vero Beach, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

Margaret Ellen Gordon, OP '42 died Oct. 26, 1998. She was 92. She spent 32 years in elementary education in Michigan, Illinois and Iowa, then worked six years at homes and hospitals in Ohio and California. She returned to education, ministering from 1975 to 1993 in the office at St. Bridget's, Loves Park, IL.

Jean Antoinette Briggs, OP '44 died Oct. 11, 1998, at age 81. She worked in elementary education in Chicago and Mundelein, IL; Farmington,

Detroit, East Lansing and Chelsea, MI; Cleveland and Toledo, OH; and St. Petersburg, FL.

Clare Albert Chateau, OP '46 died Nov. 19, 1998. She was 92. She worked in elementary education for 35 years in Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. After retiring in 1973, she ministered at St. John Seminary in Plymouth, St. John Baptist Parish in Standish, and St. Johan Vianney Parish in Flint.

Julie Sullivan, OP '47 died Dec. 1, 1998. She was 72. Sister Julie worked in elementary education in Florida for eight years, and spent 20 years in high school education in Lansing, MI;

Santurce, Puerto Rico; and Tampa, FL. She was principal of Tampa Catholic High School from 1968 to 1978, and was principal of Santa Fe High School in Lakeland from 1984 to 1987. From 1978 to 1984, she held administrative positions as co-director of the Justice and Peace Office in Winter Park, FL; superintendent of the Adrian Dominican Independent School System; and staff development coordinator at the Sunland Center in Orlando, FL. From 1987 to 1990, she was executive director of the Orlando Coalition for the Homeless, and since 1990 had been education coordinator for B.E.T.A. in Orlando. Beginning in

1996, she also ministered in the Orlando Diocesan AIDS Ministry.

Mary Agnes Cavallero '61 of Adrian died March 31 at age 57.

Germaine Klusnick Cessna '61 died Feb. 26 of cancer at her home in Riverside, CA. She was 59. She is survived by her husband, Clair and her children, Mark and Lyn. Born and raised in





Remembering Jean Cecile

Jean Cecile Hunt, OP, 1913-1999



“Jean Cecile was a vital part of my life ever since I timidly knocked on the door of the Principal’s office at St. Joseph Academy and asked if I could possibly work to earn a service scholarship. I not only received the scholarship, I got something better—a friendship that was to last nearly 40 years. Jean was committed to the education and growth of those whom she served and taught. She encouraged. She supported.

And when necessary, she lovingly ‘nudged’ you toward the best course! She minced no words when she believed you had messed up. She held you accountable, but she always finished her lessons with words of love and encouragement.”

Ann Hughes ‘82, from The Daily Telegram, Feb. 7, 1999

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“Jean’s approach to her work was straightforward. Day after day, year after year, she would engage students in conversation, asking them to talk about their talents, their dreams, their fears. From those conversations, students came to self-knowledge, to self-confidence, to direction—even purpose—in their lives.

“Jean’s entire life was given to putting into practice the Dominican motto, ‘To contemplate and give unto others the fruits of your contemplation.’ The fruits of Jean’s contemplation were simple: She knew with total certainty that each student is a unique human being, blessed with talents, needing encouragement and guidance. Jean had a remarkable gift for helping students believe in themselves.

“In the past few years, I’ve been honored to speak at remembrance services for Sisters Jeannine Klemm, Pat Hogan, Eileen Rice, Mary Louise Hall, and now Jean Cecile Hunt. Valiant women, all of them. Remarkable human beings. Very different people with very different talents. But each of them gave themselves to a higher calling by the name of Siena Heights. And all of them profoundly helped my generation of laypersons at Siena come to a deeper understanding of our place in the Dominican tradition.

“So, my friend, thank you for helping to pass on to us the Dominican heritage of respecting the dignity and nourishing the talents of all persons. We are proud of your legacy to us and hope that we are worthy successors to you and your Adrian Dominican Sisters.”

Bob Gordon, Dean of Graduate Studies

Hawaii, Germaine came to Siena Heights to earn a biology degree. After graduation, she taught in Maui before entering the Adrian Dominican

Congregation in 1962, taking the name Sister Rosemary and teaching in Shaker Heights, OH, and Harper Woods, MI. She left the Congregation

after seven years and became a lay teacher in California. In 1971, she married Clair Cessna. She was active in gardening, painting, women’s soccer, tennis, and breeding Koi fish. She was diagnosed with advanced inflammatory breast cancer in 1996 and had undergone extensive treatment. She died of metastatic breast cancer.

Geraldine Valentin ‘62 of Adrian died Nov. 4, 1998. She was 76. After graduation, she taught in the Sand Creek schools for 10 years, then moved to Puerto Rico to teach for another eight years. Returning to Adrian in 1980, she worked for SER Jobs for Progress, taught adult education and, for the past 11 years, worked for Family Counseling and Children’s Services. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading and traveling. She is survived by a son and two daughters.

Lorraine Strong ‘63 of Adrian died Dec. 16, 1998, at the age of 68. She had worked at Dunmore Funeral Home, Lenawee County Health Department, Finch Printing, Faraday’s and St. Joseph Religious Education. A son and two daughters survive.

Carl von Essen ‘78 of Goreville, IL, died Dec. 31, 1998. He was 62. He worked at Brazeway in Adrian for 17 years and at Penn Aluminum Company in Illinois for six years. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed square dancing. Preceded in death by his first wife, he is survived by his wife, Sharon, son, daughter, step-daughter and grandchildren.

Kay Amstutz ‘82 of Britton died Feb. 16. She was 57. She worked as a lab technician for many years. She is survived by her husband, Daniel, three children and four grandchildren.

Margaret Perschbacher ‘82/MA of Hillsdale died Feb. 7 at the age of 75. In mid-career, Margaret earned her master’s at Siena and became one of the first registered art therapists in Michigan. She was a lifetime member of the American Art Therapists Association and had served as editor of the association’s newsletter. Her great loves included watercolor painting and sketching. She was a member of the Northwest Artist Association. She is survived by four sons and six grandchildren.

Peter Cordero ‘83 died Jan. 25 at his home in Clinton. He was 49. He majored in theatre at Siena Heights and worked with the Crosswell Opera House and Westgate Theater before joining Frye Printing Company in Clinton, where he was employed at the time of his death.

Melissa Palmer Bellazzini ‘91 died Oct. 19, 1998, at the age of 29. A native of Adrian, she received her degree at Siena Heights in Montessori education and went on to earn Montessori

certification in Boston. She was a member of the American Montessori Society. At the time of her death, she was self-employed as a day care teacher in South Elgin, IL, where she lived with her husband, Mario, who survives.

Kelly Whitman Parkinson ‘95 died Feb. 2 as a result of an automobile accident. She was 25 and is survived by her husband, Eric, and their two-month-old son, Jordan Lee. Her father, Fritz Whitman of Blissfield, and her mother, Marilyn Kremer of Adrian, a graduate student at Siena Heights, also survive. At Siena Heights, Kelly majored in psychology and ran track all four years, qualifying for the National Indoor Track Competition in the heptathlon event during both her junior and senior years. She received her master’s in sports science and was a certified athletic trainer. The Kelly Whitman Parkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Siena Heights.

Orville Merillat of Adrian, businessman, philanthropist and friend of Siena Heights, died Jan. 15. He was 82. After World War II, he opened a one-man woodworking shop that grew into the cabinet manufacturing giant, Merillat Industries. Orville and his wife, Ruth, who survives, have been generous benefactors of Lenawee Christian School and Adrian and Huntington colleges, as well as Siena Heights University.

Corrections

From the last issue...

Dr. Donita Sullivan ‘52 earned her medical degree at Saint Louis University, not the University of Michigan. She was honored by the UM Medical Center Alumni Association for her service on the Medical Center faculty.

John ‘90 and Alex Harvey Quinn ‘91 have two daughters, not one: Colleen (3) and Shannon (almost 1). See photo page 17.

The photo of **John ‘73 and Mary Ann Meagan Petkus ‘72** (below) taken in ‘97 when they adopted daughter Katie in China, was incorrectly placed in the 25th reunion class note for **Charlotte Kalbfeisch ‘73**. ■



Siena Heights University Alumni Association 1999-2000 Call for Nominations

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Recent Awardees*

Outstanding Alumni Award

1999:	Mary Duggan Cassabon '48
1998:	Kenneth Phillips '75
1997:	Anna Bakeman Tompert '38
1994:	Nadine Foley, OP '45
1993:	Helen Duggan, OP '41

Recent Alumni Award

1997:	Patrick F. Irwin '86
1993:	Michael B. Quinn '85
1992:	Philip Abele '79
1989:	Ann Hughes '82
1988:	Mary Jean Klebba '85

Sister Ann Joachim Award

1999:	Tarianne DeYonker, OP '70
1998:	Deborah Carrington Keller '74
1994:	David Ballenberger '72
1993:	Evangeline Davis, OP '38
1992:	Margaret Scholz Noe '75

Saint Dominic Award

1999:	Jean Agnes Klemm, OP '44
1998:	Barbara Cervenka, OP '64
1997:	Patricia F. Walter, OP '66
1994:	Juanita Flores, OP '74
1993:	Mary Jo Stolpmann Fleming '47

* For the entire list of winners visit the Siena Heights University website at <http://www.sienahs.edu/alumnipast.html> or contact the alumni office at 517-264-7143.

Awards are open to graduates of Siena Heights University (including Siena Heights College and St. Joseph College). An alumna or alumnus may be nominated for consideration by another graduate, a member of the faculty or staff, or another person who knows the nominee and the University well. Final selection of award recipients rests with the Alumni Association Board of Directors, which reserves the right to consider a nominee for an award other than that suggested by the nominator. Each award may, but will not necessarily, be presented annually.

Outstanding Alumni Award

Recognizes an alumna/us whose outstanding professional achievements and/or volunteer contributions promote Siena positively to the community; who demonstrates strong leadership; who serves as a significant role model; and who embodies the spirit of Siena Heights University.

Recent Alumni Award

Recognizes an alumna/us who graduated within the past 10 years; who exemplifies Christian values through professional achievement, community involvement and/or civic commitment; and who represents the spirit of Siena Heights University.

Sister Ann Joachim Award

Presented in memory of Sister Ann Joachim, OP. Recognizes significant contributions to the University and/or community through activities that demonstrate strong leadership, the ability to get things done, and the capacity to confront issues head on while maintaining the image and spirit of the University.

Saint Dominic Award

Recognizes commitment to Christian education in family, school or community; honors persons who embody the Dominican philosophy and the spirit of Siena, and who promote pride in Christian ethics and education. Named for the 12th century Spanish nobleman who founded the Dominican order.

----- Clip and return with letter of recommendation -----

Nominations must be received by August 21, 1999.

I nominate _____ Class Year _____

for consideration for the following:

_____ Outstanding Alumni Award _____ Sister Ann Joachim Award

_____ Saint Dominic Award _____ Recent Alumni Award

Your name: _____

Your class year (or other connection to Siena): _____

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Your phone: _____

Your relationship to the nominee: _____

Please include with this nomination form:

- the nominee's current address and telephone number
- a description of the personal qualities, characteristics and professional or volunteer accomplishments that qualify the nominee for award consideration
- name and address/phone number of other person(s) or organization(s) who could provide further information about the nominee.

Send your nomination to:

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