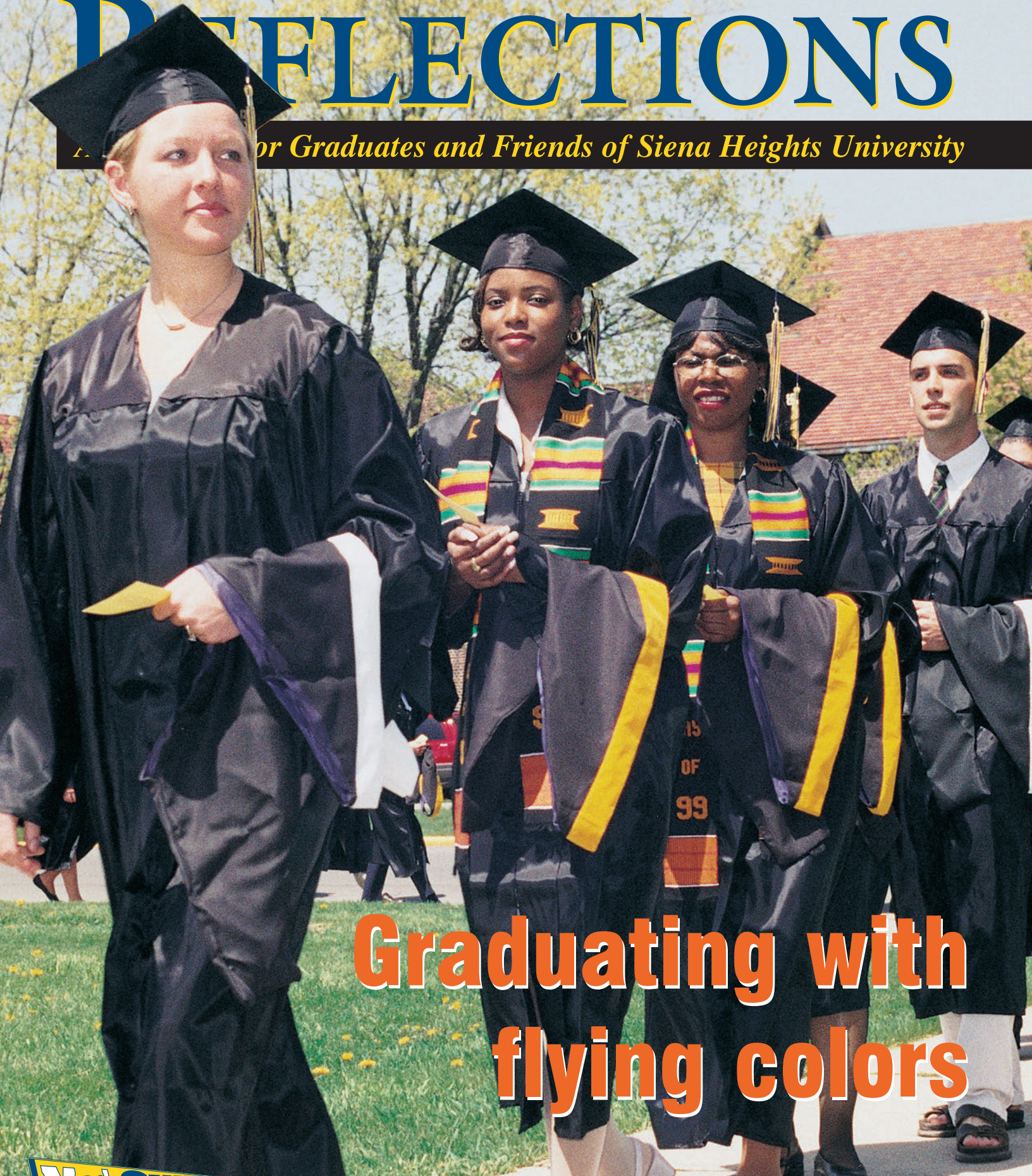


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Nothing but Blue Skies!

The future looked bright as associate's, bachelor's and master's degree candidates celebrated a sunny Siena Heights graduation on the Adrian campus. About 450 graduates were honored at commencement ceremonies held May 2 in Adrian, May 8 in Benton Harbor and May 9 in Battle Creek. The Class of '99 is the first group of new alumni to hold diplomas from Siena Heights University.



Three outstanding women were honored with special distinction during the Adrian campus commencement ceremony.

Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder and executive director of Focus: HOPE, and Susan Van Baalen, OP '65, a national leader in prison ministry, received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Siena Heights. Josaitis founded Focus: HOPE, a non-profit civil and human rights organization in Detroit, to nurture diversity in the aftermath of the 1967 riots. Van Baalen, Chief of Chaplains for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, coordinates religious programs and protects the religious rights of 100,000 inmates.



Author and theologian Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, received the Siena Medal during graduation. Currently the Distinguished Professor of Theology at Fordham

University in New York, Johnson has opened a contemporary dialog on many issues in Catholicism, specifically promoting the cause of women in the church.



Cover: Beaming with pride, members of the Class of '99 process across the Siena Heights campus, from Trinity Garden to the Fieldhouse, for a sunny Commencement '99. From left are: Adrian campus graduate Holly Buku Brielmaier (B.A., mathematics), Metropolitan Detroit Program graduates Doreia Bragg (B.A.S., electronic engineering technology) and Tereasa Boyd (B.A.S., allied health/medical assistant), and Adrian graduate Corey Burgermeister (B.A., tri-minor). Hidden behind Tereasa is MDP graduate Gwendolyn Bryant (B.A.S., allied health, dental assisting). For more graduation coverage, see Class Notes (pages 19 - 23). Also, check out the corner photos on each page of *Reflections*.



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New Possibilities for an Old Goal: Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Throughout my career in higher education, my duties have been primarily on the administrative side of the academy. I thoroughly enjoyed my part-time teaching of undergraduates and graduate students, but few college presidents today can devote the time and energy required for effective teaching.

When I taught students preparing to become teachers, I emphasized that a school may just be four walls, but inside those walls is the future of our nation. Technological advances are rapidly changing educational delivery systems, making this four-wall definition of a classroom obsolete. Nonetheless, the responsibility we educators have for creating a positive learning environment for students of all ages remains critical to the present and future well-being of our nation and our world.

Most classes at Siena Heights are still taught the “old fashioned” way, with teacher and student, eyeball to eyeball. But the explosion of knowledge, and the seemingly infinite sources of information now accessible from any place at any time, are changing the role of “teacher” from knowledge dispenser to knowledge facilitator, and from learning source to learning guide.

Pat Palmer, associate professor of human resource development, ushered Siena Heights into the distance learning field this past spring, when he brought graduate students in Adrian and Benton Harbor together through interactive video. This summer, Bob Gordon, dean of graduate studies and lifelong learning, organized training workshops for other Siena Heights faculty interested in using new educational delivery systems such as interactive television and Internet-based courses.

The traditional paradigm of 50-minute classes in a dedicated classroom building is not a requirement for effective learning. The widely successful Open University in Britain, the fledgling Western Governors Virtual University in the U.S., the newly created Michigan Virtual University, and the unprecedented competition from for-profit institutions such as the University of Phoenix, portend a massive shift in the foundations underlying post-secondary education. This revolution in the delivery of education has caused America’s foremost expert on business, Peter Drucker, to posit the approaching demise of the university as we have known it for centuries.

Where will Siena Heights be in this revolution? Clearly, not at either end of the spectrum—neither all distance learning nor all the old way. Regardless of the delivery system chosen, the faculty member will remain essential throughout the design and integration of the course and the delivery of its content. Distance learning does not displace teachers; it provides new opportunities for applying learning theories and teaching methodologies. Our approach at Siena Heights will be to blend new technologies to create more effective learning experiences for students, eliminating the barriers of time and place.

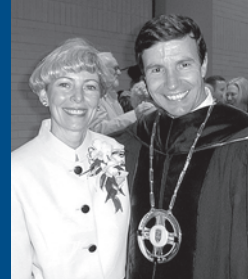
The changing environment requires new approaches, but we will remain in the forefront, not only in our own classrooms but as we prepare future teachers to manage and respond to the changing “classrooms” of the 21st century.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Reflections*, with its focus on teaching excellence. We are proud of our faculty, proud of the dedication and creativity they bring to their teaching, and committed to sustaining Siena’s reputation for excellence as we explore new frontiers in teaching and learning.



Rick Artman

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Scioly named 1999 Outstanding Teacher

By Kristopher Stanton '01

Who says there is no room for fun in the classroom? Anthony Scioly, this year's recipient of the Sister Eileen K. Rice, OP, Outstanding Teacher Award, not only believes in having fun with his students, but he has managed to combine it with a love for chemistry and physics.

When it came time to announce the award at the annual Honors Convocation, perhaps Associate Professor Scioly was the most surprised person in attendance. "I remember when the dean was about to announce the name. I was looking around, looking to see who would stand up, so that I could see the look on their face," recalled Scioly, "And then I heard my name and it didn't sink in for quite a few seconds. It was unexpected but I was absolutely thrilled."

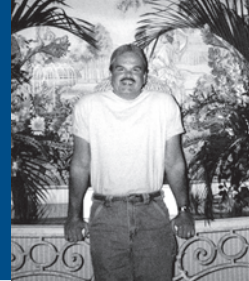
In an address to the crowd, a group that included many of Scioly's peers and students, Academic Dean Sharon Weber, OP praised Scioly for the uniqueness that he brings to his classes. "Your students say that you take the fear out of studying physics and chemistry and actually make it fun. You try everything—including handing out candy on Fridays—to make these subjects accessible to your students. You are known to be generous with your time and are always available for extra help. For these reasons and more, the Siena Heights University community honors you with the Sister Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching."

Originally named the Outstanding Teacher Award, it was first presented to education faculty member Eileen Rice, OP. Following her death in 1994, the award was renamed in her honor. At the close of every academic year, students and faculty on the Adrian campus nominate deserving professors for the award. A student-faculty committee evaluates the nominations and makes their selection.

Scioly's award is preceded by 13 years of teaching at Siena Heights in addition to serving as chairperson for the division of Computing, Mathematics, and the Sciences. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Washington, and earned his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Michigan. After attending much larger institutions, Scioly finds the closeness of Siena Heights to be quite special.

"Having taught here and at larger places, I would never want to go back to a large university," said Sci-





oly. He added that at some larger universities, chemistry and physics classes average 300 to 400 students. At Siena Heights, the normal class size is 20 to 30 students.

“The interaction you can generate in a small class is something that you can never get in large class settings,” commented Scioly. “Here you really get to know the students and they get to know you and I think that really helps with the teaching process. That is something that just does not happen at the large institutions. For me, a situation like Siena is just right.”

Another aspect that Scioly is particularly proud of at Siena Heights is the placement of graduates with science degrees in the fields they choose. “Our students here have been very successful. We have an excellent placement rate not only with employers but with graduate and professional schools as well,” he said. “Students here get a well-rounded understanding of the basics of the sciences, enabling them to pursue a variety of different careers. Almost everyone who has finished here with a science degree has ended up working somewhere in science.”

In addition, he said, “in such a technological, scientific age, a degree in the sciences is very marketable.”

Despite the recent acclaim, Scioly remains humble and is thankful for those around him, whom he credits for his success. “The thing that I am happiest about is having the respect of my colleagues and my students,” he said. “That means more to me than anything else I have done here. I don’t think that I could do the job without it.”

With or without any prestigious awards, Anthony Scioly’s students can still expect the same things when venturing into his classes. A warm-hearted approach to difficult subject matters, a relaxed atmosphere, and of course, lots of free candy. ■

Unsung Adjuncts: *By Steve Ott* Part-time Professors Enrich Siena’s Faculty

On many campuses, the term “adjunct instructor” can have a negative connotation. But in Adrian and at the off-campus degree completion centers, Siena Heights embraces adjunct professors as valuable mentors and contributors of real world experience.

To get a feel for the adjunct experience at Siena Heights, we spoke with three long-time adjunct professors: Robert Brady (Adrian campus’s graduate counseling program), Dan Sagert (Metropolitan Detroit Program) and Therese Lynch (Benton Harbor Center).

Robert Brady has been teaching in the counselor education program on the Adrian campus for the past 25 years. Over the years he has taught nearly every course in the counseling curriculum. He has a private counseling practice in Toledo with his wife,



Linda Brewster, who recently became part of Siena’s full-time faculty.

Brady enjoys teaching for Siena Heights because of the University’s student-centered approach. “Siena is very focused on the students, not the academic careers of its professors.”

He also enjoys being part of Siena’s mission in helping people to become more competent, purposeful and ethical. “The University educates people who are going to have integrity and values in the workplace, who value others and who are able to see the potential in other people.”

Dan Sagert (top right photo) has been teaching psychology courses in Southfield at the Metropolitan Detroit Program for more than 16 years. Many students and alumni also know him for the trips he leads to New York City, where students gain credit for writing about the cultural, social and theatrical experiences they encounter.

When he is not teaching at Siena Heights, Sagert is at his day job with the Warren Consolidated School District where he is a counselor for middle school students.

Sagert noted that in one day he can be working with students ranging in ages from 10 to 65 years old. “I am most comfortable being in front of a classroom,” he said. “I love it when ideas are flowing and there is sharing of feelings and debating. Those moments are what makes education so magical to me.”

Therese Lynch drives from her home in Chicago to teach weekend courses for the Siena Heights Benton Harbor center. An attorney and the coordinator of a government agency mediation program, she has 25 years of experience in the field of social work and 17 years in criminal justice. She has taught courses in criminal justice, philosophy and sociology for Siena Heights for the past 9 years.

Having done training in a variety of settings, Lynch said the transition to teaching was natural. “I enjoy the give and take of a classroom setting.”

Lynch admires her students for giving up their weekends to attend classes. “My challenge is to give them their money’s worth by being instructive, yet entertaining at the same time.”

Contributing Real World Experience

The professional experience Brady, Sagert and Lynch hold are reflective of the expertise that adjunct professors bring to the classroom. “I think it is important to be able to explain theories and then be able to discuss the actual application of those theories,” said Lynch. “When you have worked in the field, you bring a familiarity of the advantages and disadvantages of each theory.”

Brady concurred, saying that most adjuncts
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To teach is to blend passion and reason, to start a spark of learning, to respond to a student's meaningful question.

Mary Griffin

By Our Example, What Do We Teach?

By Mary Griffin, Professor of Education and Child Development

Editor's Note: It is a tradition at Siena Heights for each year's Outstanding Teaching Award recipients to speak at the following year's Honors Convocation. 1998 awardees Mary Weeber, English, and Mary Griffin, Education and Child Development, spoke at Convocation this spring; the following article is excerpted from Professor Griffin's address.

A year ago, I received the Outstanding Teaching Award, named for Sr. Eileen Rice, my mentor of 18 years. Time stood still for me. It was a life-defining moment, and it has moved me to reflect on what I do.

Can I apply the theory? Can I set a positive example? Can I travel with the Old Testament prophet, Micah, and do as he aspires: to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?

By law, it is necessary to hold a teaching certificate in a formal education setting. But I propose this next step for all of us who teach: to recognize that when we act, we teach by our example. I have garnered three goals that guide me in my actions:

- to have perspective
- to be qualified
- to be ethical

All of us need perspective. We need to make a deliberate choice to balance home and school life.

I love my job: teaching full-time, advising, serving as program chair. To teach is to blend passion and reason, to start a spark of learning, to respond to a student's meaningful question. I have been here for 24 years, and I still love to teach and I still love Siena. That love, however, is balanced by my personal life. In tandem, they provide me with fulfillment.

An invisible sign on my office wall says, "perspective." It helps me sort out what is most important, make meaningful decisions, and respect people. We must always keep in perspective who we are, and who we are striving to become.

By our example, what do we teach?

My second goal is to be qualified. I want

to be current in my chosen field, which is the discipline of Child Development. Good teaching is about substance and treating students as consumers of knowledge, dealing with real world issues, matching learning styles in the classroom. To be qualified I took on the seven year role of being a student. I took one class a semester, wrote a thesis, and applied it to my discipline. I earned my second master's degree last May. I take satisfaction in being a life-long learner. By choosing to deliberately consider issues in our fields, we choose to become more qualified.

My final and foremost goal is to be ethical. Each time I put on my professional pin, "The Circle of Children," it reminds me to be an advocate for children and families. Each time I pull my car into the entrance of Sr. Eileen Rice Drive, I do so with resolve to assist students. Each time my husband and I train a Leader Dog for the Blind, we think of the greater need, and how the dog will increase another person's independence.

By our example, what do we teach?

A child once offered me a lesson. As I sat one day on a pre-school patio bench, a young boy with a cleft palate pointed to a mole on the left side of my face. He simply declared, "Did God make you that way? Me, too." Then he went on drawing with his playground chalk.

You and I can travel with Micah. We can do justly; we can love mercy; and we can walk humbly with our God. For it is with perspective, and ethical choices, that we become uniquely qualified to teach by example. ■

Maintaining Great Heights in Teacher Education

by Karla Pennington '00

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From powerful technological forces to new state requirements, the Siena Heights teacher education program has seen numerous adjustments over its 80 year history. Yet, much remains the same. Still the largest academic program at Siena Heights, with 160 students seeking teacher certification in 1998-99, today's teacher education program continues the major purpose for which Siena Heights was founded: training teachers for the future.

In 1919, Siena Heights was founded (as St. Joseph College) by Mother Camilla Madden and the Adrian Dominican Sisters to train women as teachers. At the time, new certification demands were forcing teachers to gain the formal preparation that a liberal arts college could provide. Both laywomen and Catholic sisters, many of whom already were teaching at area schools, attended the new college. In the summer of 1922, 56 Adrian Dominican Sisters—the first graduates of St. Joseph College—received teaching certificates from Michigan. While some graduates went on to teach at public schools, most became educators at Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

The new college faced turmoil throughout the 1920s. An amendment ordering children ages 5-16 to attend public schools was placed before the voters. If passed, the amendment would have closed parochial schools. Mother Camilla and other Catholic leaders adamantly opposed the amendment, and the proposal was strongly defeated at the polls. Catholic schools flourished.

Siena Heights prospered as a college educating teachers. As it is today at Siena Heights, teacher education was offered then not as a major but as a program. Students majored in philosophy, English, Latin, history, biology, chemistry, mathematics, French, or music. They also took courses in teaching the basic subjects—arithmetic, reading, social studies, spelling—along with general courses on the psychology, philosophy and history of education.

For Anna Bakeman Tompert '38, who taught English for 20 years before becoming a children's literature writer, the education courses reinforced what she already knew. "Teachers need to be knowledgeable and positive in their approaches to the classroom," Tompert said. "I learned to be a good actress, so I could hold my audience's, the students', attention. The approach to teaching I learned is basically the same as what is taught today: theme teaching, having themes that tie together all subjects. It's the same approach with different people and different names."

Even in the early years, student teaching and observation requirements were completed at nearby St. Joseph Academy or other area schools. Siena Heights trained both elementary and secondary school teachers and focused on handling school and classroom problems. Both the learning and developmental aspects of teaching were explored while the women cultivated their own characters and personalities.

"I learned a lot from my practice teaching at the Adrian schools," said Mary Duggan Cassabon '48, who taught kindergarten and nursery school students for many

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The Ultimate "Practice"

Student teaching is a crucial step in preparing for life in the classroom. The state-required, 10-credit-hour "course" involves 14 weeks of full-time teaching. Four to six weeks of that time are spent completely in charge of the classroom, often without the "real" teacher present.

Student teachers don't rush in and take over the classroom, though. They make a gradual adjustment to full-time teaching until they are prepared

to meet the expectations of regular faculty members.

"As student teachers, it is important to remember that although we are in professional roles, we are still



students," said Tony Roberson '99 (shown here on graduation day), who completed his student teaching in Adrian this spring. "This is a time for learning and growing. We shouldn't be too hard on ourselves when we make mistakes. The important thing is to learn from those mistakes so we aren't bound to repeat them."

Director of the education department from 1975 until her death in 1994, Sister Eileen Rice (below left and upper right corner) became a legend at Siena Heights for her boundless energy, dedication to students, and ability to bring out the best in students' lives. Committed to the idea that everyone is always both a teacher and a learner, she answered her phone, "Teaching and learning!"





Graduate Education Program Promotes Lifelong Learning

By Karla Pennington '00

"Teachers are also learners" underlies the graduate teacher education program at Siena Heights. The master's degree program promotes an environment in which professors and graduate students interact for mutual understanding and appreciation for each other.



One of the most respected teacher education programs in Michigan, Siena's graduate program attracts teachers from throughout the Midwest. Locally, the impact of the Siena Heights graduate program "far surpasses typical graduate

education for teachers because of the cooperative ventures with the Lenawee Intermediate School District and Adrian Public Schools," according to program director Peggy Treece Myles.

"We impact thousands of K-12 students in Lenawee County. I would say there is at least one Siena master's program graduate in each school building in the county. Some graduates even come back to teach in our master's program," Myles said. At any given time, there are about 75 Lenawee County teachers taking graduate teacher education courses at Siena Heights.

About 90 percent of Siena's graduate education students are certified and/or practicing teachers who desire to learn more about the education field and to become better teachers, Myles said. Some are completing master's degrees, while others are meeting the State of Michigan requirement of six credit hours of study every five years to maintain teaching certification. Still other program partici-

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years. "My cooperating teacher helped me develop the integrity I brought to the classroom. Each child is unique and deserves to be treated as such. I had to teach them to listen and to pay attention because what I was teaching was crucial to their development."

Mary also learned that "learning should be fun!"

Changing opportunities in the '70s

In the 1970s, Siena Heights updated education requirements and course work due to new demands for teacher certification from the Michigan Department of Education. Both the elementary and secondary teaching programs mandated that students complete liberal arts studies, an academic major and a minor, plus professional preparation. The elementary teaching program offered an option for three minors instead of a major and a minor. The college also offered occupational teacher certification for students who transferred to Siena Heights with an associate's degree in allied health, wage-earning home economics, or trade and industry, and for students who were teaching at vocational technical schools but desired certification. All teacher education students took part in seminars and workshops in education, learned curriculum trends, and discovered how to handle children with learning problems.

Until the late 1970s, the teacher education program was housed in the college's applied science division with business and criminal justice majors and concentrated on managing the classroom. In 1978, teacher education became part of a new arts and education division, and began focusing on a broad view of education—how informal settings, formal institutions, social experiences and the business world all impact learning. Students were encouraged to learn from each other.

Professor Mary Griffin, coordinator of the child development program, joined the Siena Heights faculty in 1974 and was a first-hand witness to the arts changeover. Griffin said that it was nice to move to

the new Performing Arts Center from cramped quarters in Sacred Heart Hall. "Besides our surroundings changing," Griffin recalls, "we adjusted our teaching methods from a lecture format to a curriculum that involves the full learning experience."

When Griffin first came to Siena Heights, she taught the elementary education courses while the late Sister Eileen Rice, OP '68 handled the secondary and vocational courses. Sister Eileen taught the undergraduate and graduate education courses simultaneously until the two programs were separated in 1988.

The stringent 1980s

In the 1980s, teacher education requirements at Siena Heights again became more stringent. Applicants had to participate in one clinical experience, pass all college competencies and obtain recommendations from three faculty members, all prior to acceptance into the program. Reflecting the program's arts affiliation, teacher education participants were required to audition for three theatre presentations and work on one stage crew as well as taking part in two non-school teaching experiences and gaining 30 hours of observation before student teaching. The observation requirement was later increased to 100 hours and now stands at 250 hours.

Astounding placement rates, superior instruction, and the high expectations of everyone involved in the program seem to guarantee the continued strength of the teacher education program at Siena Heights.

Siena Heights continues to support teaching as a constantly changing art form: Today's students must attend 10 Siena arts events and participate in three theatre department workshops. Today's candidates for the teacher education program also must pass the Michigan Test For Teacher Certification's basic skills test and provide two

letters of recommendation. Two more letters from Siena faculty members must be submitted prior to full acceptance into the program.

Upholding traditions today

Under the direction of Associate Professor Dee Crane, today's teacher educa-

tion program upholds many of the same expectations as in the past. Crane, who joined the faculty part-time in 1988 and full-time in 1991, replaced Sister Eileen as program director in 1994. Crane tries to pass on to future teachers an understanding that their students are individuals with “bodies, minds, emotions, intentions, hopes, dreams, cultures, and souls.” Crane hopes her students will touch the lives of their own students, creating educational environments that address the whole individual.

Crane also has adjusted the program to keep Siena graduates “more marketable and competitive.” One of those adjustments was the development of a 16-member Teacher Education Advisory Board. The board advises the teacher education director on policy changes and the program’s future, along with selecting students for acceptance into the program.

One recommendation from the Advisory Board was adding a new course: Urban Education Experience.

This course, implemented in 1996, requires 60 hours of observation in an urban classroom setting. Most students observe in Jackson, Toledo, or Detroit. “It’s quite a culture shock for many of our students who come from rural settings,” Crane said. “There’s a drought in teachers for urban classrooms, so we want our students to be aware of different settings.”

Another recommendation of the board was to raise the required cumulative grade point average for student teachers from a 2.0 to a 2.75. In 2000, that requirement will increase to a 3.0.

In addition, as technology has become part of everyday life, staying up-to-date in educational technology has become a major focus of teacher preparation,

Crane said, noting that children 5 and 6 years old often have a better understanding of computers than their parents. Mandated by the State of Michigan, all teacher education graduates now must be computer literate. Siena students must demonstrate this skill before being fully accepted into the teacher education program.

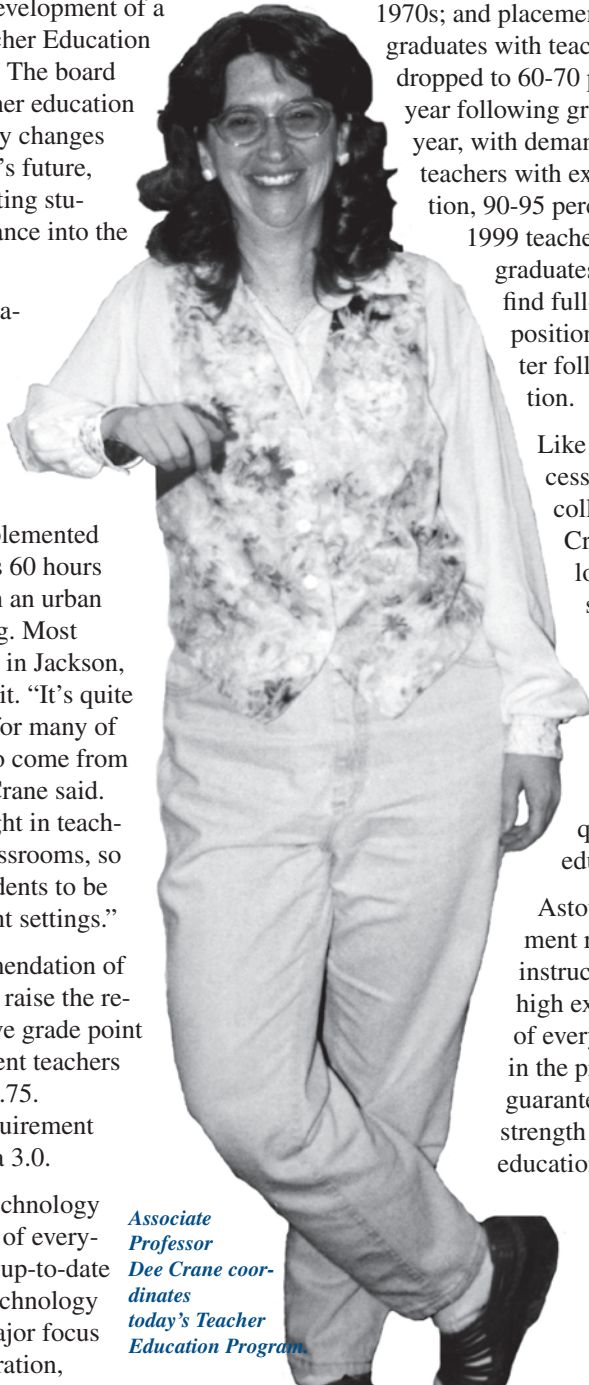
Today’s teacher education graduates are very competitive in the teaching marketplace. In the early years of the program, many students were already teaching, and the high demand for teachers almost guaranteed students jobs after graduation. Demand for teachers decreased in the late

1970s; and placement rates for Siena graduates with teaching certificates dropped to 60-70 percent in the year following graduation. This year, with demand increasing for teachers with excellent preparation, 90-95 percent of Siena’s

1999 teacher education graduates can expect to find full-time teaching positions in the semester following graduation.

Like her predecessors and her colleagues, Dee Crane demands a lot of herself, her students, and her program. After all, she says, Siena Heights “has a long tradition and reputation for quality teacher education.”

Astounding placement rates, superior instruction, and the high expectations of everyone involved in the program seem to guarantee the continued strength of the teacher education program at Siena Heights. ■



Associate Professor Dee Crane coordinates today's Teacher Education Program.

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Graduate Education Program continued

pants are seeking their post-baccalaureate initial teacher certificates.

The program aims to empower graduate students to positively impact the lives of K-12 students, retain the credentials necessary for various positions and responsibilities, and satisfy state requirements while gaining knowledge of the current “best” practices for teaching.

Siena offers graduate programs and endorsements in early childhood education; elementary, middle and secondary education; school counseling; elementary and secondary teaching degrees; early childhood certification; middle level certification; reading certification; and school counseling certification. Siena Heights is the only private institution in Michigan authorized to give the graduate-level middle school endorsement.

A needs assessment is underway this summer, and may result in another program being added to the graduate teacher education offerings, Myles noted.

Overall, the graduate education program focuses on curriculum, assessment, classroom management and the art of teaching. Self-assessment and self-improvement enable students to reflect on their own teaching processes as they also learn from each other.

“In this era, some people prefer video courses to further their education,” said Myles, and those people are not likely to choose Siena. “Those who come to Siena Heights for graduate work want to interact with others,” she said. “This interaction trickles down to the students in their classrooms.”



Unsung Adjuncts continued

are very involved in their working field and that the knowledge they pass on to their students is very up to date. "As a working professional, you understand the present work culture, power structures and what you need to do to get done what needs to be done," he said.

"The students really enjoy learning about your life experiences," said Sagert. "It helps them to share their own life experiences and to think about where they want to go in life and what they want to do."

An Environment of Support

Brady said his job as an instructor is made much easier because of the support he receives. "Siena Heights has a good understanding of what adjuncts can bring to the academic community." He noted that Director of Graduate Counselor and Teacher Education Programs Peggy Treece Myles and former graduate program director Miriam Stimson, OP, have provided excellent leadership in seeking input from adjunct professors, while taking care of many details which freed him up to teach more effectively.

"There is a certain spirit and a warm, personal environment for the students and professors at Siena Heights," said Lynch. "The Benton Harbor staff has always been very good at making everyone feel welcome."

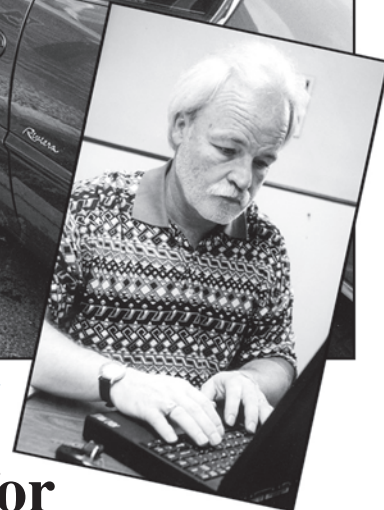
A Love for Teaching

Some may view adjuncts as people who are just working for extra money, but Sagert thinks most adjuncts share his excitement for teaching.

"Because you may teach only one class per semester, you think to yourself before each class period, 'This is my chance to teach, and I am going to give it my all,'" he said. ■



Pat Palmer throws pajamas into his car symbolizing his frequent overnight trips across I-94. Using e-mail, Internet and interactive television, Palmer lessens his traveling with distance learning.



Professor Trades I-94 for the Information Superhighway

Siena Heights Associate Professor of Human Resource Development Pat Palmer got to sleep in his own bed more often during the Spring 1999 session, because he was teaching Siena's first interactive television graduate course in Human Resource Development (HRD).

Commonly known as the "Professor of I-94" and "Coast to Coast" because of his travels across southern Michigan to teach at Siena's degree completion centers, Palmer stayed in Adrian this session to teach his Consulting Theory and Practice course to "in-studio" students in Adrian and simultaneously to a group of Siena Heights students via video transmission to the University's degree completion center at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. Palmer taught the course from the Interactive Television Lab at the Lenawee Intermediate School District's Center for Educational Materials and Technology in the Milton Porter Center in Adrian.

Palmer said more important than lessening his travels is the idea that offering distance learning classes will enable Siena Heights to deliver a better variety of courses to more students, making it easier for them to complete their degrees. "With distance learning, the students have a greater choice in what they can take, without having to drive a long distance."

Maintaining a productive learning environment in which everyone could interact with each other was important to Palmer, who said the most difficult aspect of the interactive television course was keeping the sound levels so that everyone could hear. "Most people talk down and the mikes are usually above them. It's also important to adjust the modulation of your voice so you can be heard by everyone."

Though he was stationed at the Adrian site, Palmer also taught a few sessions of the class from Benton Harbor. "It gave the students a chance to see what it was like from 'the other side' when I switched sites," Palmer commented. "Experiencing the technology and differences in interactions also helped the students learn about tools they will be using in the workplace."

Palmer said he sees distance learning as another resource for meeting students' learning needs. "You have to ask yourself if it adds to the discipline you are teaching and whether it is the right medium for instruction," Palmer noted. "Students often learn as much from each other as from me. The distance education capabilities expand that learning across the state." ■

September 24-26, 1999

Mad About SHU!

Comprehensive guide to Alumni/Family Weekend '99

You don't want to miss it!

Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt won't be here, but we'll be celebrating Alumni/Family Weekend '99: Mad about SHU!

This year's program includes new features and faces. Siena will be buzzing with activity as parents visit their sons and daughters, and graduates of many decades share their campus with today's undergraduates.

You can meet with Siena Heights President Rick Artman. Touch base with current faculty. Check on the whereabouts of that friend who sat next to you in class or lived down the hall.

Bring your family or come alone. There will be formal events and informal activities with food and fun for all. Show everyone why you're Mad about Siena Heights University and pack your bags for a super September weekend.

For further details, late reservations or last minute changes, call the Advancement Office, 517-264-7140, e-mail lhill@sienahts.edu or look online at www.sienahts.edu/alumnifamily.html.

Reconnect with Siena

- Tour the Campus
- Catch up With Friends

New This Year

- Reading/Book Signing with nationally acclaimed poet Charles Fort '74
- Expanded Alumni Golf Scramble
- Charter Bus from Western Michigan
- Events for Kids
- Athletic Hall of Fame

Reunion Festivities

- Reunions for class years ending in "4" & "9"
- Golden Years Gala Breakfast for the Classes of '49, '44, '39
- Champagne Reception and Reunion Dinner

Not to Be Missed

- Alumni Art Exhibit: The Siena Heights-Cranbrook Connection
- Afternoon Tailgate Party
- Men's and Women's Varsity Soccer
- Las Vegas Night!
- Alumni/Family Weekend Liturgy

Mad About SHU!

Friday, September 24

4-8 p.m. Bookstore Bargains, Sage Union

Visit the Bookstore, Sage lower level, for the latest Siena Heights University memorabilia. Use the coupon in this insert for 10% discount (see coupon for details).

4-9 p.m. Registration, Dominican Hall Atrium

Pick up registration materials and information. Meet friends and plan your weekend.

7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading & Book Signing, Rueckert Auditorium (Dominican Hall)

Award-winning poet Charles Fort — 1974 alumnus, author of four books of poetry, represented in 13 poetry anthologies, past recipient of the Recent Alumni Award — returns to Siena Heights to read selections from his work and sign copies of his books. Refreshments to follow.

The SHU Shuttle Bus is coming to your neighborhood

Alumni from Benton Harbor and Battle Creek can ride in style on the SHU Shuttle Bus. The bus will depart Benton Harbor Saturday morning at 8 a.m., leaving from SHU at Lake Michigan College, and travel to Adrian via Battle Creek, where it will pick up passengers at SHU at Kellogg Community College. The bus will return to western Michigan Saturday night, leaving the Adrian campus at 5:30 p.m. To reserve a seat, use the Alumni/Family Weekend registration card or contact Deb Carter at (616) 927-6711.

Saturday, September 25

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration, Sage Union

Pick up your nametag, meal tickets and information folder. Enjoy coffee and rolls through the morning. Check the reunion class books to find classmates and friends.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bookstore Bargains, Sage Union

Stock up on SHU memorabilia.

8:30 a.m. Golden Years Reunion Breakfast,

Dominican Hall

Alumnae from the 50th Reunion Class of 1949, 55th Reunion Class of 1944, and 60th Reunion Class of 1939 are invited to celebrate their graduation anniversaries at this festive breakfast. A highlight of the reunion weekend. (By special invitation to the Golden Years classes.)

9 a.m. Siena Heights Saints and Alumni/Family Golf Scramble

The traditional Alumni/Family golf outing gets a fresh look courtesy of the Athletic Department. Athletes, alumni, boosters and friends will enjoy the shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Centerview Golf Course, 5640 N. Adrian Hwy. The cost is \$60.00 per person (4 person teams) which includes green fees/cart, breakfast and lunch, a skins game, and cash prizes for: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; longest drive and closest to the pin. Register as a team or let the Athletic Department assign you to a four-person squad. To reserve your spot (or team), use the Alumni/Family Weekend registration card or call Fred Smith (517-264-7876) or Scott McClure (517-264-7879).

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Alumni Art Exhibit, Klemm Gallery (Studio Angelico)

"The Siena Heights-Cranbrook Connection." Enjoy recent work by Brian Bird '94, Scott Brazeau '89, Anne Cousino '88, Andy Detskas '98 and Jamie Goode '87. Stop in any time or attend the artists reception in the afternoon (4:30-6:00).

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Brunch, Benincasa Dining Hall

Join students for brunch. \$4.25 at the door; no reservations needed.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Admissions and Financial Aid Counseling, Sage Union

11 a.m., 12, 1 p.m. Campus Tours

Tours start from Sage Union. Meet your guide near the registration desk and enjoy a tour of today's university campus. No reservations needed.

11:30 a.m. Alumni Luncheon, Archangelus Ballroom

Enjoy a good meal with other alumni and friends. Learn the latest from your Alumni Association leaders and Siena Heights President Rick Artman. Hear from guest speaker Charles Fort '74, a nationally honored poet. We'll recognize all reunion classes, with special attention to the 25th ('74) and 50th ('49) reunions, and finish up with entertainment by Siena's Madrigal Singers. Lunch is \$12.50. Reservations are encouraged; use the Alumni/Family Weekend registration card.

1:30-4 p.m. Tailgate Party, Fieldhouse Lawn

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This informal event is hosted by Siena Heights faculty and students. Look for the tent in front of the Fieldhouse and stop in for hot dogs and popcorn, coffee, cookies and lemonade — or just a chat with the cooks! Grilling the 'dogs will be all your favorite faculty chefs! No reservations necessary.

Special Children's Activities

It's not called Alumni/Family weekend for nothing. This year there will be face painting, crafts, and a moonwalk during the Tailgate on Saturday. Bring the kids and enjoy a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Siena Heights. No reservations necessary.

1 p.m. Women's Varsity Soccer, Soccer Field

Siena Heights takes on Aquinas College.

3 p.m. Men's Varsity Soccer, Soccer Field

Siena Heights takes on Aquinas College.

4:30-6 p.m. Art Exhibit Reception, Klemm Gallery

"The Siena Heights-Cranbrook Connection."

6 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Benincasa Dining Hall

Join coaches, friends and our charter honorees for the inaugural Hall of Fame ceremony (Details next page.) Social hour at 6 (cash bar); dinner and program, 6:30. For reservations (\$16) use the Alumni/Family Weekend Registration card or call the Athletic Department (517) 264-7870.

7 p.m. Champagne Reception/Reunion Buffet, Dominican Hall

Reunion classes will toast the occasion at a glittering reception and reunion buffet. Open to all alumni and friends. \$22.50 covers the complete reception and dinner. Reservations are encouraged; use the Alumni/Family Weekend registration card.

9 p.m. Las Vegas Night, Fieldhouse

Viva Las Vegas Night! Try your luck at games of chance, sponsored by the Math club (proceeds support the Math Club's attendance at math conferences all year). Wet your whistle at Cafe SIFE (supporting business conference participation by Students in Free Enterprise). Win prizes. Don't miss it! No reservations needed.

Sunday, September 26

10 a.m. Alumni/Family Weekend Liturgy, ~~Lu-~~men Chapel **schedule continued next page**

Where to stay in and around Adrian

Hotels and Motels

Carlton Lodge

1629 W. Maumee St., Adrian, MI
'98 rates: \$69 single, \$78 double plus tax;
ask for best '99 rates
(517) 263-7000

Days Inn

1575 W. Maumee St. Adrian, MI
(newly renovated; former Adrian Inn/Holiday Inn)
\$45 single, \$40 double plus tax; \$5 per additional person.
(517) 263-5741

Holiday Inn Express

1077 W. US 223, Adrian, MI
Just opened; ask for best rates
(517) 265-5700

Super 8 Hotel

1091 East US 223, Adrian, MI
'98 rates: \$56.88 single, \$64.88 double plus tax;
ask for best '99 rates
(517) 265-8888

Tecumseh Inn

1445 W. Chicago Blvd., Tecumseh, MI
(20 minutes from Adrian)
\$60 plus tax
(517) 423-7401

Bed & Breakfasts

Ellis Inn

415 W. Adrian St. (US 223), Blissfield, MI
(15 minutes from Adrian; across from the Hathaway House)
\$80 - \$100 plus tax
(517) 486-3155

Heart Wood Place

3723 Wisner Highway, Adrian, MI
(Smoke/alcohol free; holistic health/massage therapy; 10 minutes from downtown)
\$60 and up depending on number of people; health services extra.
(517) 265-3550

Quigley's Log Home

8450 Acker Highway, Hudson, MI
(Smoke and alcohol free; 30 minutes from Adrian)
\$65, \$80, or \$95 depending on the room.
(517) 448-1057

Shaffer House

214 E. Church St., Adrian, MI
(Adrian downtown historic district)
\$75-\$85 plus tax
(517) 263-6996

Mad About SHU!

Siena Heights alumni, students, parents and friends join together for a special Siena Heights liturgy including memorial recognition for all those alumni who have passed away during the past year.

10:30-12:30 p.m. Brunch, Benincasa Dining Hall

Join Siena students for your Sunday meal. \$4.25 at the door. No reservations needed.

12 noon - 4 p.m. Alumni Art Exhibit, Klemm Gallery (Studio Angelico)

Last chance to enjoy "The Siena Heights-Cranbrook Connection."

Reservations

Some events require advanced registration: Golf Scramble, Shuttle Bus Trip, Alumni Luncheon, Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, Champagne Reception & Reunion Dinner. To register, fill out the registration card enclosed in this issue or call the Advancement Office at 517-264-7140. Make checks out to Siena Heights University and mail the registration card with payment to: Office of Constituent Relations, SHH 102 Siena Heights University 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr. Adrian, MI 49221

Questions

- Check at the registration desk for last-minute additions to the schedule.
- For further details or late reservations, call the Advancement Office at 517-264-7140.



Viva Las Vegas

Take your chances and try your luck at Las Vegas Night. The winning starts at 9 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. This year's event will be a fun filled evening including

- Black jack tables, roulette wheels and more
- Snacks and beverages
- Entertainment and prizes
- Fun for everyone

Hall of Fame Celebration

Celebrate the establishment of the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame. Join our honorees at the inaugural induction banquet Saturday night (see registration card). 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.

Lawrence Miller '84, who played basketball for Braun in the early 1980s. All-District guard for the Saints and the 1982 MVP.

Andrew Crawford '89, a soccer stand-out, currently plays professional indoor soccer for the Buffalo Blizzard.

Abby English Waldbaum '90, outstanding women's soccer player of the mid-1980s. NAIA All-American midfielder for the Saints in '88 & '89.

Martha Hans Palmer '88, the first Siena track and field athlete to win an NAIA national title.

Shelly Lizyness '93, softball pitching ace. Moved the Saints into championship contenders.

John Detro '85, one of the pioneers who helped establish Siena as a small college running power.

The 1988-89 men's basketball team, the first Siena basketball team to qualify for an NAIA Division I National Championship Tournament, will also be honored.

Alumni/Family Weekend Special Discount

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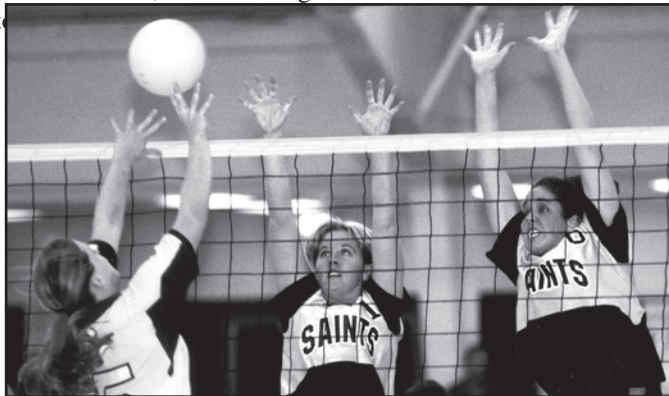
Outlook Optimistic for Fall

By Kristopher Stanton '01

As hot summer days begin to fade into the chill of autumn, the action at Siena Heights heats up. In 1998, the Saints posted a very successful fall season with a number of key surprises.

Aldo Zid's women's soccer team won the WHAC title by finishing first at the end of the regular season and postseason tournament, while earning a birth to the NAIA Great Lakes Regional Tournament. Not to be outdone, Zid's men's squad set a school season record for victories with 17.

Among the surprises from last year was the Saints volleyball team. Last fall, the team made its first appearance in the WHAC postseason tournament and advanced into the NAIA



Great Lakes Regional Tournament

under interim coach Mike Mininger. This season, Mininger will resume his former duties as assistant behind new head coach Craig Vlietstra. Vlietstra comes to SHU after assistant coaching at Michigan State University last year.

Following an annual tradition of sorts, the men's cross-country team put together another great season. The Saints tied their best ever finish with an 8th place finish at the NAIA National Championships. The team earned the right to compete in the race by winning the WHAC championships by one point over rival Aquinas College.

Despite losing the WHAC championship for the first time in four years, the SHU women's cross-country team hopes to rebound this fall with a number of key runners returning.

The Siena Heights golf team also looks to regain the success they posted earlier this decade. With a roster composed of mostly underclassmen, Al Sandifer's linksmen's road to greatness will be unpaved.

Can the Saints regain the All-Sports trophy in the WHAC? With a good start from its fall teams, SHU can look for a battle with foes Aquinas College and Tri-State University in an effort to claim the honor that the Saints captured in 1995, '96 and '97.

1999 Volleyball Schedule

9-3	at Mount Union (OH) College Tournament	TBA
9-7	Spring Arbor College*	7:00
9-10	at Olivet College Tournament	TBA
9-14	at Concordia College*	7:00
9-18	Aquinas College*	2:00
9-21	at University of Michigan-Dearborn	7:00
9-24	Manchester (IN) College	8:00
9-28	Cornerstone University*	7:00
9-30	University of Michigan-Dearborn	7:00
10-2	at Madonna University*	12:00
10-5	at Tri-State University*	7:00
10-9	at Spring Arbor College*	1:00
10-12	Concordia College*	7:00
10-15	at Olivet Nazarene (IL) Tournament	TBA
10-19	at Aquinas College*	7:00
10-21	Rochester College	7:00
10-22	at Tiffin (OH) University Tournament	TBA
10-28	at Adrian College	7:00
10-30	at Cornerstone University*	2:00
11-2	Madonna University*	7:00
11-5	at Walsh (OH) University Tournament	TBA
11-9	Tri-State University*	7:00
TBA	WHAC Conference Tournament	TBA
TBA	NAIA Regional Tournament	TBA

Bold-Home Game *--WHAC League Game

1999 Men's Soccer Schedule

8-22	University of Michigan (scrimmage)	12:00
8-30	at Findlay (OH) University	6:00
9-4	at Notre Dame (NH) College	12:00
9-5	at Green Mountain (VT) College	1:00
9-8	at Ohio Dominican College	12:00
9-11	Tri-State University*	3:00
9-15	Indiana Tech*	4:00
9-18	at Spring Arbor College*	3:00
9-22	Concordia College*	4:00
9-25	Aquinas College*	3:00
9-29	at Cornerstone University*	3:30
10-2	at Madonna University*	3:00
10-6	at Tri-State University*	4:00
10-9	at Indiana Tech*	4:00
10-11	at Goshen (IN) College	7:00
10-13	Spring Arbor College*	3:30
10-16	at Concordia College*	3:00
10-18	Eastern Michigan University	4:00
10-20	at Aquinas College*	3:00
10-23	Cornerstone University*	3:00
10-27	Madonna University*	3:30
11-2	WHAC Conference Tournament	TBA
	NAIA Great Lakes Regional	TBA
	NAIA National Championships	TBA

Bold-Home Game *--WHAC League Game

1999 Cross Country Schedule

9-11	at U. of Detroit-Mercy Invitational	11:00
9-17	at National Catholic Invitational (Notre Dame)	4:00
9-25	at Michigan State University Invitational	11:00
10-1	at Notre Dame University Invitational	3:00
10-8	at Michigan Intercollegiate Championships	4:00
10-16	at U. of Wisconsin-Parkside Invitational	1:00
10-22	at Eastern Michigan University Invitational	1:00
10-30	at WHAC Conference Championships	12:00
11-13	at NAIA National Championships (Kenosha, WI)	1:00

1999 Men's Golf

This schedule has yet to be determined. For more information, contact Head Coach Al Sandifer at (517) 264-7879.

1999 Women's Soccer Schedule

8-28	Houghton (NY) College	1:00	10-5	at Tri-State University*	3:30
8-31	Findlay (OH) University	4:00	10-9	at Indiana Tech*	2:00
9-4	at Notre Dame (NH) College	10:00	10-12	Spring Arbor College*	3:30
9-5	at Green Mountain (VT) College	11:00	10-16	at Concordia College*	1:00
9-11	Tri-State University*	12:30	10-19	at Aquinas College*	3:00
9-14	Indiana Tech*	4:00	10-23	Cornerstone University*	1:00
9-16	Indiana Wesleyan University	4:00	10-26	Madonna University*	3:30
9-18	at Spring Arbor College*	1:00	11-1	WHAC Conference Tournament	TBA
9-21	Concordia College*	4:00		NAIA Great Lakes Regional	TBA
9-25	Aquinas College*	1:00		NAIA National Championships	TBA
9-28	at Cornerstone University*	3:30			
10-2	at Madonna University*	1:00			

Bold-Home Game

*--WHAC League Game



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Siena Heights is my University in *Lansing Diocese*

Siena Takes Graduate Study to Lansing Diocese Teachers

Starting this fall, Siena Heights will begin offering its graduate teacher education curriculum to elementary and secondary school teachers at Catholic schools in the Lansing Diocese. Through a partnership negotiated with Dorita Wotiska, OP '60, Diocesan school superintendent and chairperson of the Department of Education and Catechesis (and a member of the Siena Heights Board of Trustees), Siena Heights will take its graduate education program off-campus for the first time, offering one course each this fall, winter and spring at a convenient location in the Diocese. The first class will be "Exceptional Children and Youth in the Regular Classroom," a topic of interest to many of the 700 Diocesan teachers, according to Peggy Treece Myles, director of graduate counselor and teacher education at Siena Heights. Over time, Siena will offer some classes on a standard semester format (one night a week for 15 weeks) and others on an intensive weekend format (Friday-Saturday for five non-consecutive weekends).

The Positive Impact of the Theological Studies Program

In January, 21 men were admitted to candidacy for ordination as deacons through the Diocese of Lansing's permanent diaconate program. Of the 21 candidates, 19 were participants in Siena's Theological Studies Program, according to Jodie Screes, OP '53, coordinator of the Program. Through the Theological Studies Program, Siena Heights provides the academic portion of Diocesan formation. Most of the deacon aspirants in the group completed the academic portion of formation together. Congratulations to these "Siena Saints!"

The Changing Faces of Siena Non-traditional Students are Today's Majority

By Lynne Redman Hill, Director of Alumni Relations

Were you a student at one of Siena's seven degree-completion centers? You are not alone. In fact, non-traditional students are now the majority at Siena Heights!

Approximately 2,000 students are currently enrolled at Siena Heights University. Of that number, about 900 attend our off-campus centers. Of the 1,100 students attending classes on the Adrian campus, 300 are non-traditional age students. This means that the majority of the current student population are "non-trads:" older than the average 18-23 year-old and probably balancing school with work, home and family.

It is not unusual for a non-traditional student to feel less connected to the university than a student who is involved in campus activities on a daily basis. How can the university connect better with these students and nurture that relationship after they graduate? This is a question Siena Heights is studying with support from the Teagle Foundation.

One of our first steps is to better understand the needs of adult learners, both as students and later as alumni. We hope to learn a lot from an alumni survey as well as by speaking directly with alumni and students about their feelings for Siena Heights, their lives in general, and their experiences as non-traditional students.

In an effort to connect with future alumni while they are still students, I and others from the advancement staff have been visiting all the degree-completion centers and meeting with students, faculty and staff. This fall, I will be speaking at several classes about Siena Heights and what it means to be a part of the University family. The alumni office will provide refreshments and students can ask questions directly of someone from the main campus.

Also in the next few months, "focus groups" of alumni will share their knowledge and suggestions in the development of an alumni survey. The survey will be mailed and/or available for completion on the Siena Heights web site later this academic year.

We're doing this to find out what Siena Heights can and should do to better connect with our non-traditional students and graduates. Should we offer special programs or events for these alumni? Special communications? New learning opportunities?

Recent studies indicate that 89% of the jobs being created today require some kind of higher education. Adults are recognizing this and heading back to college in record numbers, either to finish a degree they started in the past or to start a degree that will help them compete in the workplace. Siena Heights is committed to meeting the needs of these learners, both as students and alumni. Thanks to the Teagle grant, we have an opportunity to learn more about our non-traditional students and alumni — and how to serve them (or you!) better.

Want to be part of this time of discovery? We are looking for graduates of our off-campus centers and Adrian campus graduates who attended Siena as working adults. To get involved, call Lynne Redman Hill (517-264-7149) or e-mail at lhill@sienahts.edu. ■

Artman Elected to NAIA Council of Presidents

President Rick Artman has been elected to represent the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) on the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Council of Presidents. Siena Heights athletic teams compete in the NAIA as members of the WHAC. The Council of Presidents is the governing body of the NAIA. Artman was elected to the Council by the chief executive officers of WHAC member institutions and will serve a three-semester term, from August 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. ■



Interim Director Named for Battle Creek & Kalamazoo Centers

Susan Strupulis '95 has been named interim director of the Siena Heights Kellogg Community College Center in Battle Creek and the Siena Heights Kalamazoo program. She replaces Zadie Jackson, who had served as center director since the Battle Creek program was established in 1992. Strupulis, a master's degree candidate in agency counseling at Siena Heights, has worked at Siena's KCC site for almost four years, most recently as program advisor in Battle Creek. Also joining Siena's south central Michigan staff is Margaret Lyons, who is the new program advisor for both the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo sites. ■

Honored by Name:

Scholarship Gift Offers Unique Honoring Opportunity

President's Cabinet level gifts (\$1,000 or more) offer Annual Fund donors an unusual opportunity to honor a special person, program or organization. Contributors who designate gifts in support of student scholarships may name "their" scholarships. Individuals often name scholarships for beloved family members, friends or professors. Corporate donors frequently attach business names to their scholarships.

A recent Annual Fund gift provides a special example: The Toledo custom millwork firm of James Parritt and Associates chose to name its scholarship for the son of a company employee, a courageous teenager living with cancer.

Troy Simon, 15-year-old son of company office manager Belinda Simon, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma almost two years ago. Since then, he has met each painful treatment with a positive spirit, handling setbacks as challenges and celebrating successes with a smile. "Troy set out to conquer this thing and conquer it he would do," said his mother. Family and friends supported Troy. Classmates even organized a fund-raising dance (see photo).

Despite all the obstacles, Troy maintained a 4.0 average this year as a freshman at Central Catholic High School. The future remains uncertain, but "thanks to everyone's prayers, Troy's relentless spirit and good medicine, our lives are back to normal," Belinda said.

And thanks to James Parritt & Associates, Troy's courage will inspire the Siena Heights recipient of the Troy Simon Scholarship. ■



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Names and Faces

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

2. Brian Burkardt '99 friend
3. Rick and Joan Artman at the Benton Harbor commencement
4. Associate Professor Tony Scioly
5. Dan Sagert, adjunct professor of psychology
6. Associate Professor Mary Griffin
7. The late Sr. Eileen Rice
8. Associate Professor Trudy McSorley
9. Laura Biro '99 with Professor Peggy Treece Myles
10. Management Division faculty Carlene Palmer and Donna Baker
15. Darren Carter '99 and Ali Shakoor '99 after the Kente presentation in Adrian
16. Cheri Brown '99
17. Doug Hebert '99 and Angela Maplethorpe '99
18. Amanda Sill '99 and fans
19. Jennifer Hamlin Church, Associate VP of Communications and Constituent Relations
20. Former class president Keith Rusie '99 and a friend
21. Benton Harbor graduate and friend after the Kente Ceremony
22. Metro Detroit Assistant Dean Patricia McDonald and a Metro Detroit graduate
23. Angela Helmuth '99 at a Dairy Queen restaurant in Argentina



Setting the Stage By Karen Glaser for Francoeur Theatre

Francoeur Theatre, located in the Verheyden Performing Arts Center on the Adrian campus of Siena Heights, is getting a major make-over thanks to a mini-campaign first launched in 1997 in celebration of the building's 25th anniversary.

First, the roof of the Performing Arts Center was replaced. Then the ceiling of the theatre was replastered. The ceiling and walls of Francoeur received a fresh coat of paint. The stage floor was replaced through a gift from the Herrick Foundation. A new lighting system was installed, funded by the Stubnitz Foundation. Repairs to the catwalks and installation of a safety railing are in process.

In 1998, this renovation project took on new dimensions. Lawrence Francoeur, who had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, visited campus with his wife, Judy. He expressed an interest in helping with the Francoeur renovation in honor of his aunt, Sister Petronilla Francoeur, OP, for whom the theatre was

named. "Sister Pete" served as president of Siena Heights from 1965 to 1969. Larry Francoeur hoped others would join him to help polish this gem of a theatre and return it to its original brilliance.

His hope is becoming reality.

Following Larry's death, gifts poured in from friends and family who chose to honor his memory by contributing to the renovation. These gifts are making a marked difference in the appearance of the Francoeur Lobby. Renovations include replacing lobby ceiling tiles, installing track lighting to feature the art works displayed in the lobby, and installing a "black-out wall" at the entrance to the theatre so that light does not shine in when the door is opened during a performance. Further plans include purchasing a lobby display case to highlight the contributions of Sister Petronilla and the Francoeur family.

This past June, the Stubnitz Foundation joined with the Francoeur family to support this renovation project, providing a

grant to replace the carpeting in both the theatre and the lobby.

In July, an anonymous donor pledged a significant gift to replace the stage draperies, now worn and tattered after more than 25 years.

Siena Heights salutes the generosity of the Foundation and all those individuals who have provided gifts in support of Francoeur Theatre.

What is left to be done?

The theatre badly needs a computerized sound system. The original design of Francoeur never included a sound system; but today a sound-mixing board is elementary to quality stage production. The installation of an up-to-date sound system would enhance Theatre Siena performances and would strengthen the learning experience for Siena theatre students.

Would you like to help?

To help Siena Heights finish this project, send your contribution to Siena Heights University, restricted to the Francoeur Theatre Renovation Project. ■

Theatre Siena announces

1999-2000 schedule

Five major Theatre Siena productions are scheduled on the Adrian campus this year. Fall semester productions include Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" directed by Mark DiPietro (Oct. 7-9) and Bernard Pomerance's "Elephant Man" directed by Doug Miller (Nov. 18-20). Second semester leads off with the Child Drama feature, "Velveteen Rabbit," based on the classic by Margery Williams Bianco, directed by Trudy McSorley (Feb. 4-6). Next up is Phillip King's "See How They Run" directed by Doug Miller (March 16-18), followed by the stage musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," directed by Mark DiPietro (April 6-8). For ticket information, call the performing arts office at (517) 264-7890. ■



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. Information received after July 2 will appear in the December issue.



1930s

Clare Gleeson, OP '39 of Adrian displayed her artwork at the Crosswell Opera House Art Gallery in May. Working primarily in pastels, Sister Clare paints realistic portraits and floral subjects.

Virginia Rose Johnston '39 of Boca Raton, FL, reports that the "Siena Sisters" enjoyed another festive lunch in Florida in March. (See photo elsewhere on this page.)

1940s

Paul Therese Krause, OP '47 of Adrian is a 70-year fan of the Detroit Tigers and she wasn't about to miss the team's final home opener in Detroit's Tiger Stadium. A Detroit native, Sister Paul Therese attended her first Tigers baseball game in the 1920s, traveling to Tiger Stadium by street car and sitting in the bleachers for 50 cents. She has attended the first home game of the season for each of the past 11 years, thanks to her niece, a fellow fan who is already working on getting tickets for next season at the Tigers' new home, Comerica Park. Sister Paul Therese's baseball passion was featured in newspapers around the state in April.

1950s

Joan Downey Palmer '52 writes: "Having both retired, my husband, Edward, and I spend 5-6 months in St. Augustine Beach, FL, and the other months at our home in Middletown, NY." Joan previously taught English for 21 years.

Norma Dell, OP '57 of Adrian retired in March after five years as executive director of the Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation. The first director of the non-profit organization, she helped the program grow from a treasury of 97 cents to an operating budget of \$220,000. Under her leadership, LEAHC developed transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence and housing services for families in crisis.

Rochelle Bellegarde Waver '59 of Georgetown, TX, writes, "I am looking forward to attending my 40th reunion in September." She looks forward to contacting alumnae from 1958-60.

Mercedes Fitzsimmons, OP '59, '70/MA of Hamtramck, is a volunteer

counselor at Holy Redeemer Elementary School in southwest Detroit, where she enables troubled children to play in safety in The Children's Room, a "play therapy" program she created five years ago. The children she sees are youngsters whose problems in school have attracted the attention of their teachers. Once in The Children's Room, they are free to play and talk about how they feel. "Children have a hard time telling their problems," she explained to The Detroit News (Feb. 10, 1999). "Play is their way of expression."

1960s

Sharon Umstead Blasch '61 lives in Rose City with her husband, Ron. Sharon is a teacher at Kirtland Community College and "would love to hear from others in the Class of '61."

Mary Ellen Karwacki Wedding '61 is a professor at the University of Toledo. She lives in Toledo with her husband, Don.

Mary Rye Ratajczak '65 is a medical technologist with Takoma Adventist Hospital in Greeneville, TN. She and her husband, Donald live in Afton, TN.

Darlene Stubbins Miller '69, '74/MA of Lyons, OH, taught elementary school music in Adrian for 26 years before retiring in 1995. She writes: "I can never repay Sister Rose Therese and Sister Maura for my music, along with Sister Magdalena Ezoe '55 and Susan Matych-Hager '68 who are still at Siena." Darlene's husband died in 1993. She now cares for her parents at their home; she and they were injured in an auto accident four years ago.

1970s

Janet Huvaere '72 of Harrison Township is beginning her 39th year teaching at St. Jude School. She was nominated for the NCEA Award.

Cecelia "Ceal" Schwartz '73 is an elementary school teacher in Adrian.

Mattie Ignacio '74 writes from San Leandro, CA, "After working 25 years in Catholic schools as a teacher and administrator, and earning my doctorate, I am now working as an administrator (high school vice principal) in a local public school district." She looks forward to visiting Siena Heights this summer.

C. Renee Bauer Jarmolowicz '74

of Deckerville has two pieces of calligraphic art included in AlphaMark, a juried exhibit of lettering arts sponsored by the Association for the Calligraphic Arts. The ACA exhibit, which includes 70 two- and three dimensional works by 48 American, Canadian and Japanese artists, opened in July in Canada, in conjunction with the Nineteenth International Calligraphic Conference (West), titled PenUltima '99. The exhibit will tour internationally for the next two years, with a U.S. stop at the South Bend (IN) Regional Museum of

Boca Raton, FL: March 1999

A gathering of alumni in Florida included Wilma Christensen, Sr. Mary Burns, OP, Mary "Boston" Sullivan McLaughlin '38, Pat French Burns '38, Virginia A. Rose Johnston '39, Mary Angela Duker Barker '39, Mary Mulry Boyle '42



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Art in March and April 2000. Artworks in the show include books, metalwork, clay and mixed media pieces. Renee's works in the exhibit are "Rites of Passage," a stylized representation with text in watercolor, gouache, ink and collage, and "Earth Woman," an abstract interpretation of text in inks, pencil and charcoal. Renee began formal study of calligraphy—the art of beautiful writing—seven years ago. She has studied with numerous calligraphers of international renown since joining the Michigan Association of Calligraphers in 1991. She has taught calligraphy and related letter arts classes at St. Clair County Community College and elsewhere. Her works have been accepted into numerous juried exhibitions, garnering a variety of awards and honors.

Elizabeth Cutts '77 is a massage therapist in Lansing. She is "looking for folks I've lost contact with" and would love to hear from "Laurie Small, Nancy

Potter, Steve S. and anyone in theatre in 1976-78."

Candace Warren '78, '94/M.A. is executive assistant in human resources for the Adrian Dominican Sisters. "On June 16th I received a five-year service award for work on the Adrian Dominican Sisters campus. Without Siena, this would not have been possible."

1980s

Henry Sedelmaier '81 is an architect living in Boston, MA.

Jerry Klinger '82 is a golf professional in Brownsville, TX, where he lives with his wife, Martha. He writes: "I'm getting older."

Debra Rausch Welsh '82 is a litigation coordinator for General Motors. She lives in Redford with her husband, Kenneth.

Robert Stark '83 of Coldwater graduated this spring with a Master of Divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Indiana.

Mark Lektzian '84 and his wife, Tracy, have a new baby girl named Elizabeth. They, along with two-year-old Ashley, live in Escanaba. Mark works in Iron Mountain as vice president of National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois.

Shuko Matsumoto Sakae '85/MA wrote recently from Amagasaki City, Hyogo, Japan. Shuko was married in March to Shoichi Sakae, a primary



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school teacher. (picture above)

Michael “Mick” Houser ‘86 recently was named vice president and area sales manager of small business services for KeyBank in Ann Arbor. He also is a member of the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce and volunteers with United Way.

Margaret Goble ‘86 of Blissfield was named vice president of operations for



the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact. She is a longtime administrative assistant to businessman and Siena Heights trustee Warren Reuther. She has been involved in many area education programs including Payback for Education, the Blissfield Foundation for Educational Excellence and the Blissfield Educa-

tional Support Team.

Dawn Vandaveer ‘86 of Tucson, AZ, is an account executive with Madden Publishing.

Ethel Johnson ‘87 is an attorney in Houston, TX.

Josephine Cassar ‘87 lives in Harper Woods and is deputy director of the Michigan Office of Scholarships and Grants.

Darwin Parks ‘88 is city manager/chief administrative officer for the City of Richmond, MI, and attends the University of Phoenix in the Master of Arts in Organizational Management program.

Mary Hellner ‘88 of Chelsea announces the birth of her second daughter, Sophie Katherine, on Oct. 6, 1998. Number One daughter, Hannah Mary, is now four years old.

Kelly Flanagan McCain ‘88 is a programmer/analyst for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. She lives in Monroe with her husband, David.

Andrew Crawford ‘89 is a professional soccer player with the Buffalo

(NY) Blizzard. He and his wife Trish “have been living in Buffalo for the past five years and we have two children, a son Ian (6) and a daughter Morgan (22 months).”

Joe ‘89 and Katie Guilbault Decker ‘89 live in North Las Vegas, NV, where Joe is a vice president for Bank of America and Katie is an assistant principal for the Clark County School District. Their daughter Ariel is four; son Jake is a year old.

1990s

Christal Underwood Hendricks ‘90 writes from Manitou Beach: “Taught math and coached girls’ basketball at Murrieta Valley High School in southern California for six years. I started working with Herbalife in 1995, where I met my husband, Tim. We were married this May. We now have a very successful home based business (we both work full-time with Herbalife) and are building a beautiful new home at Loch Erin in Onsted.”

Heather Woodworth ‘90 is a teacher with the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Delynne Miller ‘91 married Mark Yeater in December 1997. “We live in Jenison, which is just west of Grand Rapids. Last fall I student-taught to complete my secondary teaching certification. Currently, I’m looking for a teaching job.”

Kathryn (Katie) Stapels Wiese ‘91 lives in Boon with her husband, Jeffrey, and teaches Spanish at the Kingsley

Area School.

Donna Spagnoli Betz ‘91/MA is a program director at Family Services and Children’s Aid in Adrian, designing custom employee assistance programs for companies. She and her husband, Donald, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Lidia McGee ‘92, ‘97/MA of Lansing works for the State of Michigan as an analyst with the Department of Consumer & Industry Services in the Bureau of Health Services, Complaint and Allegation Division.

Sylvia McGee Trevino ‘92 and her husband, Albert, were married last July 2. They are living in a new home they built in Adrian. Sylvia recently received a promotion with the State of Michigan as a family independence specialist.

Jenna Bailey ‘93 of Grand Blanc works in data processing with Tom Ryan Distributing in Flint.

Andy ‘93 and Melissa Bologna Garno ‘94 celebrated their second anniversary in June. They live in Lillington, NC, where Andy is a freelance designer. Melissa recently wrote, directed and produced her first play with a children’s drama club that she organized in North Carolina. Melissa plans to pursue her master’s in creative writing and theatre this fall. Andy and Melissa spend many of their weekends at the coast where Andy pursues his favorite sport: windsurfing.

Reynold (Chip) ‘93 and Pam Nash Peterson ‘94 live in Pittsford. Chip writes: “Pam could not get enough of

Head of the class

Keith Rusie ‘99 of Roseville, the first person in his family to graduate—first from high school, now from college—kept busy during his time at Siena Heights. In addition to his full-time class load as a management major, Keith worked 25-30 hours a week as a sales consultant at Clift Buick Pontiac GMC in Adrian, worked 10-15 hours a week as a Siena Heights security guard, and led Siena’s Student Senate, serving as president for 1998-99.

Knowing how to balance time was essential to his success in getting his degree. “I think it is important to set goals in your life,” said Keith. “If you are goal driven, you have a better sense of what your priorities are and what you need to do.”

Noting that he had a difficult home life growing up, Keith said his grandparents always emphasized the importance of education to him. “They always said that I had to take care of myself and not always rely on others, because someday others might need to rely on me.”

The goals Keith worked toward paid off for him. He recently began a job as area parts manager with the General Motors Service Parts Operations in Youngstown, OH. “This is my dream job,” said Keith, whose grandfather and uncle were both auto workers. “I have always loved cars.”

A ‘99 Graduate Says “Thanks” to Alumni

“Our alumni are one of Siena’s most important resources. I rejoice at any opportunity to honor them and to recognize the importance of their relationship to the Siena Heights community.

“As a graduating senior, I took it upon myself to contact a few of our alumni as I conducted my job search this year. I remain amazed at how these alumni were so willing to help. They made my experience an enjoyable one.

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“In particular, I have developed a close friendship with Mary Boylan Reisinger ‘85. We were both security guards at Siena and very active on campus. We are also strong supporters of the school and its mission. This May, I will join Mary at General Motors

as I pursue my childhood dream of working in the automotive industry. Without her help, my dream might not have come true, and it is a comfort to have a great friendship with someone in such a large corporation.

“I share my experience to illustrate how important alumni are to the students of this institution. It is time to take advantage of our greatest resource. Our students need positive role models. They need the opportunity to meet people in the fields that interest them, people who have had the experiences students can only dream of.”

Keith Rusie ‘99 (photo top left)



Siena life and returned about a year ago for her master's in counseling. I changed jobs recently to become the automotive account manager for General Foam Corporation. I continue to look for ways to return to school to earn my MBA so that Pam does not leave me in the dust!"

Heather Murphy Samsel '94 lives in Brooklyn and works in Lansing as an administrative assistant for GM.

Phil Gee '95 writes from the city of Solihull, West Midlands, in Great Britain: "Married. One baby girl called Emily. Bought a house. Four promotions in five years. The company I work for is Canadian with offices throughout the US and Canada—one in Livonia, one in Grand Rapids. Still in touch with many of the guys—Mr. Cosgrove, etc. Nine fraternity brothers made it over to the UK for my wedding to Teresa. Extended wishes to any members of the faculty still there who remember me—special thanks to Chuck Milliken and Bill Blackerby."

Christopher O'Neill '95 is a journalist with the Fulton County Expositor in Wauseon, OH.

Renee VanOpynen '95 and Matt Jackson were married Feb. 9 in Lumen Chapel. Members of the wedding party included Tom '95 and Dori Ruesink Durbin '94. Renee is the manager of Dick's Amoco in Adrian. Matt is the service manager at Level-One, Inc. They live in Adrian.

Michelle LaVoy '95/MA of Parma is quality improvement coordinator for the National Council on Alcoholism/Lansing Regional Area. "Life is good!"

Amy Trosino '96 writes from Medina, OH: "Last May I graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a master's degree in illustration. During the past year, I struggled to find a job in the art field and could not find one; so I decided to make a job for myself. I opened an art school (The Fantasy Factory) for students of all ages this past February and it has been so much fun! I thoroughly enjoy what I do and my students are so motivated and full of energy. They have really inspired me to try new areas in art. After learning a lot of technical drawing in grad school, my art became a chore. By helping these students in art, I have learned how to have fun with art again. They teach me as much as (if not more than) I teach them."

Ignazio Cuccia '96 (Mon) of Monroe opened his own insurance agency in April, selling Nationwide Insurance and Financial Services. He offers a full line of insurance and financial products, Roth IRAs, variable life and mutual funds. Previously, he co-owned and operated Monroe's Holiday Pizza for 11 years.

Shaheen Sheikh '96 (Det) is working as a radiology technician. She and her husband Nargis live in West Bloomfield.

DeAnna Stycos '97 and Ben Judson '99 were married June 11, and held their wedding reception in Dominican Hall at Siena Heights. DeAnna has a new job teaching junior high English and high school drama in Jonesville, where she also will direct junior and senior high school plays. Daughter Isabella turned three in June. The Judsons are living in Adrian but plan to move this fall.

Nicole Shaver '97 of Grosse Pointe Park is an accounts receivable administrator for Lason Corporate in Troy.

Heather Huffman '97 married Brett Burns April 10. Heather writes from Grand Rapids: "I teach first grade at Holy Spirit School and he teaches 7th grade at Cedar Springs Middle School; he also coaches baseball. I'm working on my master's in education at Grand Valley State University."

Tony Panches '97 writes from Harlingen, TX: "I am finishing my first year of teaching full time in Texas after being a substitute teacher in and around Manchester, MI. In addition to teaching 7th grade math, I also coach 7th grade football and 8th grade basketball."

Heather Malcolm '97 married Raymond Chesney March 13 in Brooklyn. Heather has been working at Columbia Central High School; Raymond is a submarine officer with the U.S. Navy on the USS Nebraska.

Ivy Yarekow '98 is a youth specialist at the Adrian Training School.

Peter Ellis '98 is a development engineer with NSK Corporation in Ann Arbor, and is working toward his master's degree in human resource development at Siena Heights. He and his wife Lynda live in Clinton.

Suzanne Seitz '98 of Royal Oak has been appointed director of pre-planning services at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Troy.

Constance Bontomasi '99 of Detroit is working as assistant manager for Sherwin-Williams. "I just got back from two weeks in Australia. It was incredible. If you ever have the chance to go...take it!"

Kevin Haranczak, former member of the Class of '99, writes from Studio City, CA: "After leaving Siena in December 1997, I moved out west here to Studio City where I currently am employed by the Hilton and was promoted to front office supervisor after just six months on the job as a guest service agent. I have been employed with the company for a year and a half now."

Heather Gorey '99 is sales manager for KeyBank's Adrian office. She previously was a sales associate for the bank.

Siena Heights is my University in *Benton Harbor*

Skipping commencement to volunteer for Kosovo

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Ida Ronaszegi '99 of Berrien Springs came a long way to graduate from Siena Heights University at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor. So far, in fact, that she was willing to miss graduation in order to give back to others by volunteering to help the refugees from Kosovo.

Ida and her husband Arpad are both natives of Hungary. Soon after Ida's high school graduation, they were married and left the communist country as political refugees. They lived in Germany for one year before coming to the United States in 1985.

The Ronaszegis first lived in Cleveland, where they stayed with an international sponsor from the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Arpad, an architect, found a job in Cleveland. A year later, on a visit to western Michigan to see a friend, Arpad was offered a teaching job at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. The couple moved to Berrien Springs and became American citizens in 1990. Ida took classes at Lake Michigan College and earned her associate's degree. Soon after getting her degree, they had their first child, followed by two more (photo below).

After her oldest child began school, Ida decided to return to school herself to pursue her bachelor's degree. She began attending Siena Heights University at Lake Michigan College, and graduated this spring Summa Cum Laude.

But Ida missed commencement because she left for Germany April 22 with her husband, who is teaching summer courses through a professor exchange program. While in Germany and on visits to Budapest, Ida hopes to give back to the refugees in need from the Kosovo conflict. She planned to volunteer wherever she was needed through one of the various organizations she researched.

"So many people helped us to get where we are today. We came here with just two suitcases and now we have a family and a beautiful home," said Ida. "I can sympathize with these people and I want to help out."

The Ronaszegis will return to Berrien Springs in October. Ida is considering pursuing her master's degree after she returns home.





Siena Heights is my University in Metro Detroit

Active alumnus rarely pauses, thanks to good paws!

Larry Dilworth '99, a graduate of the Siena Heights Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield and a native of Detroit, was accompanied by a close companion at commencement; his service dog, Dever, was with him at graduation, just as he'd been with him at all his classes. Larry, who is confined to a wheelchair due to Spina Bifida, credits the chocolate lab for helping him get to class sometimes. "He pulled my wheelchair through many snowdrifts," said Larry.

Larry said that many people assume, because he has a service dog, that he is blind. But like other dogs trained by Paws with A Cause, Dever aids people in wheelchairs by helping around the house or assisting in mobility.

Despite his need for an occasional pull from Dever, Larry is very much on the go. A professional freelance photographer, he has "shot" many well-known personalities, including model Tyra Banks, comedian Sinbad, talk show host Montel Williams, General Colin Powell and President Bill Clinton. When preparing to photograph Clinton at a Detroit appearance, security was so tight that secret service agents even searched Dever's pooch backpack.

Larry also keeps busy athletically. He has participated in many wheelchair athletic events, including racing in the Detroit Free Press Marathon wheelchair division and playing basketball as a member of the Detroit Wheelchair Pistons. He was also one of the first wheelchair users to skydive, getting special permission from the U.S. Parachute Association to do the tandem jump with an instructor.

Prior to his coursework at Siena Heights, Larry studied broadcasting at Specs Howard in Detroit. Larry received his Bachelor of Applied Science diploma from Siena Heights in May; but based on class attendance, Dever probably deserves Alumni Association membership, too!



In the new position, she is responsible for expanding customer relationships and developing new small business and consumer financial relationships.

Carrie Strong '99 is a supervisor at Catholic Social Services in Adrian.

Micah Smith '99/AA of Three Oaks has started a new job as programmer/analyst for Shepherd Hardware Products, LLC.

Deaths

Jane Marion Morehouse, OP '42 died April 19 at the age of 84. She taught elementary school for 20 years, in Chicago and at various Michigan locations. She then spent 35 years in secondary education in Michigan, Florida, Nevada and the Bahamas. She retired in Santa Cruz, CA, in 1986. She moved to the Dominican Life Center in 1996.

Mary Geraghty Laffey '47 of Wakefield, RI, died May 30. She was 73. A beloved mother of 10 children, Mary was also a highly respected art teacher in South Kingstown (RI) schools from 1965 to 1988. As an artist, her deep faith was reflected in her passion for liturgical subjects; wooden and ceramic sculpted stations of the cross, along with elaborate stained glass and bronze casted crucifixes, can be seen in churches around the U.S. Her talent also can be seen in the large frescoes in Della Strata Chapel at Loyola University in Chicago and in Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel at Siena Heights. The Lumen work was done under the direction of the late Melville Steinfelds, then an artist-in-residence at Siena.

Patricia Gallagher '49 died Dec. 15, 1998, in Clinton Township after a long illness. She was 75. A native of Des Moines, IA, she spent most of her life as an Adrian Dominican known as Sister Michael Dennis. She taught in Florida, Michigan and Illinois; was a teacher and principal at Dominican High School in Detroit (1950-63); was principal of Regina Dominican High School, Wilmette, IL (1967-77), and was associate superintendent of the Archdiocese of Detroit schools from 1977 to 1979. She served as director of the Weekend College of Mercy College of Detroit from 1980 to 1992.

Joseph Bride McElligott, OP '52 died April 2 at the age of 85. She spent 44 years in elementary education in Michigan, New Mexico, California and Illinois. She ministered in prayer and services at St. Rita Convent in Chicago before coming to Adrian in 1991. She retired in 1995.

Sister Susan Annunciata Lashinsky '55 died March 12. She was 76. She was a musician who ministered at SS Cyril and Methodius in Detroit, Sacred Heart in Flint, St. Sylvester in Warren, St. Joseph in Owosso and St. Matthias in Unita. She also worked at parishes in

Chicago Heights and in her hometown of Windber, PA.

Kay Amstutz '82 died Feb. 16 at her home in Britton. She was 57. She was a lab technician for many years. She is survived by her mother, brother, husband, three children, and grandchildren.

Margaret Perschbacher '82/MA died Feb. 7 in Anacortes, WA, where she had lived in recent years. One of the first registered art therapists in Michigan, she was a former editor of the American Art Therapists Association newsletter and a lifetime member of the association. Known for her love of watercolor, painting and sketching, she was an accomplished landscape and portrait artist. She is survived by a sister, four sons and grandchildren.

August (Augie) Lincoln Bishop, Jr. '96 (LMC) of St. Joseph died July 1 of cancer. He was 53. He earned his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in drafting and design technology at Siena's Lake Michigan College Center in Benton Harbor. He was a member of the Berrien County Sheriff's Posse, retiring from the St. Joseph Police in 1990 after 22 years. At the time of his death, he was a design engineer for the Consumer Energy Palisades Nuclear Plant. He was a lively attendee at the Siena Heights alumni gathering in St. Joseph this past December. He is survived by his wife, mother, daughter, son and granddaughter. ■



SIENA AROUND THE WORLD

Michigan to Minnesota by way of Buenos Aires

by Helen Bommarito '99

When opportunity is not sitting at her door, Angela Helmuth '99 goes out to find it. From Mexico, to Argentina, and now to Minneapolis, Minnesota, Angela's travels have offered her experience and success. She credits ambition, patience and the loyalty of faculty and friends for where she is today.

A contract major in International Relations with a minor in Spanish, Angela sought out experiences outside of the United States. She began with Siena's semester program in Cuernavaca, Mexico and followed with a second semester at La Salle University, also in Cuernavaca. Angela's experience and understanding of the Spanish culture and language then led her to intern in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

After working a few years as assistant manager at Dairy Queen in Hamburg, Michigan, Angela felt confident with her skills as a manager and experience with living abroad. She wrote a letter to regional managers expressing her interest in working abroad with International Dairy Queen as an internship. "My letter was passed up to the vice-president of the international division and he called me, made the arrangements, and the next thing I knew, I was going to Buenos Aires."

Of course, it was not that simple. Angela needed support and advice from Siena faculty to make the internship happen. Conference calls were made among Angela, IDQ Headquarters, and people in Argentina, setting up housing, job responsibilities, etc...and on March 6th she was on a 13 1/2 hour flight traveling alone to the largest metropolitan city in the Argentina, to a world where toilets flush in the opposite direction and Orion is upside down.

Angela spent a month and a half in Buenos Aires. "My job was very exciting. I looked for DQ locations, did surveys, developed new Blizzard flavors, communicated with the International DQ World Headquarters in Minneapolis and sent

them financial reports. Before arriving, I do not think I realized how much responsibility would be in my hands." Upon returning to the States, Angela wrote a final report for the company including her honest opinions about DQ's project in Buenos Aires and recommendations for improvement. "I loved my job and that is what I miss most about Argentina."



Angela also grew personally. "Being the minority, the strange one in the crowd, humbled me. I was the one people couldn't understand." Angela submerged herself into the culture, even after work hours. She made every free moment worthwhile as a tourist, learning her way around by bus, foot and subway. "People-watching allowed me to learn a lot about the culture." On the weekends, people flooded the streets and parks including a good mix of musicians, vendors, and artisans. Being alone was not always

easy. "It was hard not having any friends or people to show me around, but at the same time, I can honestly say that it may just have been the best part. I don't know how many times I made a fool of myself. The most simple, everyday tasks were difficult to figure out at the beginning. Like how to use a gas stove and how to use a pay phone, or even how to flush a toilet. Another funny thing is the language. It is a different Spanish from the Mexican Spanish that I know. So, I had to re-learn a whole new vocabulary; verbs and everything! It was scary to find out how many normal words from Mexico have negative connotations in Argentina. So, I had to be careful."

These little things that had Angela down and homesick at various times now make her laugh. "It prepared me for my next adventure." In July, Angela moved to Minneapolis to work at Dairy Queen Headquarters. She was offered a training position, which entails educating owners of DQ shops on how the stores actually run day to day.

Today, Angela would like to thank to current and former Siena Heights faculty Dom Scibilia, Tim Leonard, Renato Gonzalez, and Roger Pae for "guiding and supporting me to follow my dreams and do what I really wanted to do." ■

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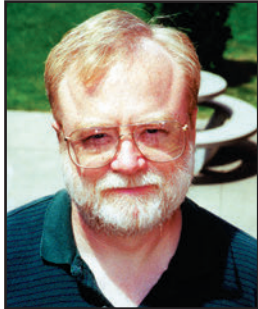
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Bill Blackerby, Management

Years teaching on Adrian campus: 19

Years teaching at SHU centers: 18

“Excellent teaching is the ability to identify where learners are in regard to their ability and experience and to promote growth in their abilities, to help them see how concepts apply beyond the classroom. My favorite part of teaching is seeing students grow and develop, sometimes within a single semester. I have always found students at our degree completion centers to be motivated and highly dedicated professionals.”

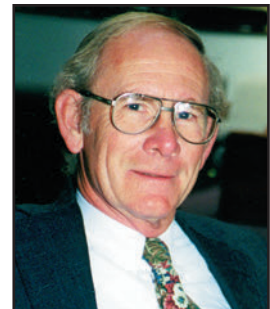


Donna Kisner Baker '84, Accounting

Years teaching on Adrian campus: 9

Years teaching at SHU centers 9

“To me, excellent teaching means fulfilling students’ educational needs in a challenging yet non-intimidating environment. I get a lot of satisfaction from watching students progress. I enjoy the environment at our degree completion centers, because the students are mature and very focused on their learning goals.”



Gerald Kruse, Accounting

Years teaching on Adrian campus: 12

Years teaching at SHU centers: 11

“For me, the greatest reward is when I hear from alumni four or five years after graduation and hear about how they have applied what they learned in class. Teaching at our off-campus centers, I’ve sometimes had accountants for major corporations in my classes. It’s as much fun learning from these people as it is teaching the course.”



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