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**Building a Life:  
Ethics, Values and Education**



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## Siena adds new academic programs

**S**iena Heights recently added several new degree options to its curriculum: The new Bachelor of Music offers serious music students a professional degree option. The curriculum is similar to the B.A. with a music major, but adds the study of a secondary instrument and six courses in applied music theory. The B.Mus. should give SHU more visibility with high school musicians and advisors. The new Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership is a graduate program specifically designed to prepare a new generation of

educational leaders. Around the country, many principals are approaching retirement. The Specialist Degree is aimed at experienced teachers and administrators who already hold a master's degree, and who are considering a career move within school administration. The University also has developed a new partnership agreement in art therapy with Ursuline College in Cleveland. The partnership provides admission for SHU graduates into Ursuline's master's program in art therapy. ■

## Annual Fund Challenge sparks increase in alumni gifts

**A**s of March 31, gifts to this year's Annual Fund were 12.7% ahead of the same time last year, with dollars totaling \$379,097 compared to \$336,366. The total reflects an 82.4% increase in the number of gifts from alumni (1,078 compared to 591 at the same time last year) in response to the Bob Price Alumni Challenge. "When Trustee Bob Price challenged our alumni, and promised to match their new or increased gifts dollar-for-dollar, he inspired a lot of people to think twice about supporting the Annual Fund," said Don Taylor, vice president for advancement (shown top left). "When someone who's not even an alumnus cares enough to put his resources on the line like that, people sit up and take notice," Taylor

said. "They start to wonder if maybe they could do a little more." As of March 31, Siena Heights had received 332 new gifts from alumni who were non-donors the previous year. Another 239 alumni increased their support this year. To be part of the Alumni Challenge, send your new or increased annual fund gift to the Siena Heights advancement office before June 30 or call 1-800-693-0506. ■



## Four graduates honored at Alumni Awards Day

**F**aculty, students, family and friends joined the Alumni Association in honoring four accomplished graduates of the University at the annual Alumni Award Recognition Day, held March 22 on the Adrian campus. The honorees were, from left, Joan Delaplaine, OP '56 of St. Louis, MO, Tim Bauer '82 of Adrian, Mary Helen Kloeckner '89 of Hillsdale, and Sharon Weber, OP '69 of Adrian. Learn more about the award winners on page 16. ■

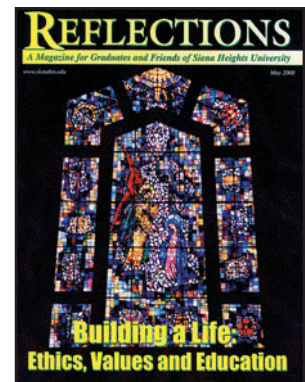


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Cover: Since Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel was built in the mid-1950s, this stained glass window depicting the Annunciation has been familiar to students exploring ethics, values and education at Siena Heights University. Donated by the family of Mary Louise Hall, OP, the window was drawn by Joanne O'Connor, OP, and interpreted in glass by the Riordan Company in Cincinnati, OH.



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# Ethics, Values and Mission: Building a Life as a President and a Person

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It was six years ago this spring when I was recruited to consider the presidency at Siena Heights. Our mission and sponsorship were among several important qualities about the college that attracted my attention. I was inspired by the history and mission of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, and intrigued by a campus where everyone could recite the core components of the school's mission: competent, purposeful and ethical.

This trinity resonated with me, as did the opportunity to work and lead from my Catholic faith. Years before coming to Siena, I had developed my own mission statement, through participation in a time management seminar. The experience helped me establish my life priorities by examining a set of governing values. These continue to guide my life and personal decision making today.

I've shared these values with my senior staff, and with students in the Presidential Scholars group, and I believe I've referenced them occasionally in speeches. But never have I published these personal priorities with a readership of 10,000! But the time seems right, given the "ethics and values" theme of this issue of *Reflections*, and the national call for more values-based leadership in business, education and government.

Here then are the components of my personal mission statement, the highest priorities of my life:

- To be faithful to my family. This encompasses the many roles, responsibilities, obligations and expectations of husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, and nephew.
- To be a *competent* professional. No wonder Siena's mission jumped off the page for me! Competency is a continuous quest and a prerequisite for excellence.
- To be physically fit. This is a means to achieve the other values; I am of no value to my family or our university if I don't take care of myself. This is why my noon hour exercise regimen generally takes precedence over luncheon meetings.



After working at Siena Heights, the President enjoys "working" with his grandson Braxton.

- To live a Christian life. This was a more private goal in the past. Now, at Siena Heights, I have authentic opportunities to blend my Catholic faith with my professional life.

These are four simple and short imperatives. They are not in a rank order and conflicts often emerge when the personal and the professional compete. I call upon this framework to assist with the many demands of the presidency, and strive for balance. Surely I don't always achieve it, but it always helps center me.

With these governing values in place, it was easy to find congruence with the mission and values of Siena Heights. I feel extraordinarily privileged to be here because it enables me to *be me*. Now you know why it's hard for me not to smile. I'm happy to have received this gift and calling from God—to be in harmony with who I am, where I am.

Richard B. Artman



Left: Rick and Joan put a high priority on family and relish their roles as Grandpa and Grandma. Here they take time for their newest grandchild, Jordan Leigh, first child of son Darin and his wife Heather of Madison, CT.

Top Right: Joy Artman Tonniges holds daughter Alexi. Rick and Joan often visit daughter Joy, her husband Chad, and grandkids Braxton and Alexi in Lincoln, NE.



# FROM THE HEIGHTS

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## Faculty Honors & Achievements

• **Sharon Webster**, coordinator of the Writing Center on the Adrian campus, was elected chairperson of the Michigan Writing Center Association at the annual MWCA Ideas Exchange in November. MWCA is part of a larger organization known as the East Central Writing Centers Association, which held its annual conference in Lansing earlier this spring; at the conference, Sharon presented a session called "Show Me the Money: Funding the Writing Center."

• **Anthonia Porta, OP '63** (photo above), adjunct faculty in education, was the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the International Association of Montessori Educators, Nov. 12 on Amelia Island, FL. Sister Anthonia also has an article in the winter 2000 issue of *Montessori Life* titled, "Thinking Outside the Box: The Brain and Teacher Education."

• **Trudy McSorley '70**, associate professor of theatre/speech communication and director of child drama at Siena Heights, was named 2000 Citizen of the Year of Lenawee County by The Daily Telegram in February. "I like to think that whatever my students are doing now, they're doing it a lot better because of going through the (theatre or child drama) program," Trudy told the Telegram. A 23-year member of the Siena Heights faculty, Trudy also is active as a board member for the Family Awareness Center, an advisory council member for St. Joseph Academy and a United Way volunteer. Trudy was nominated for Citizen-of-the-Year honors by Jodie Screes, OP '53.

• **Jack Bologna**, professor emeritus of management, has co-authored two books scheduled for publication in 2000. John Wiley & Sons (NY) will publish *Avoiding Cyber Fraud in Small Business*. Butterworth-Heinemann (Boston) will publish the second book, to be titled *Embezzlement*. A member of the business faculty for 15 years in both Adrian and Southfield, Jack's main areas of study include forensic accounting, fraud auditing and computer crime investigation.

## Marilee Purse wins major hospitality education honor

**M**arilee Purse, associate professor and coordinator of Siena Heights University's hospitality management degree program, has been awarded the distinction of being a "Certified Hospitality Educator" (CHE), a professional industry credential held by only 800 people throughout the world.

The CHE designation is given in recognition of "successfully demonstrating the knowledge and skills required for supporting and delivering the highest quality of hospitality education worldwide," according to the American Hotel & Motel Association (AHMA). The Certified Hospitality Educator Professional Development Program is sponsored by the Educational Institute of the AHMA, a non-profit educational foundation.

"This is a very high honor within the industry,"

said Purse, a member of the Siena Heights faculty since 1975. The CHE credential is awarded only after a candidate successfully completes a variety of teaching workshops and assignments and demonstrates proficiency in classroom teaching through a videotape and critique process.

"I am pleased and proud to have won the CHE designation on my first try," Purse said, noting that the certification demands professionalism, commitment and expertise in the field of hospitality management. Maintaining the certification requires ongoing education and continued upgrading of instructional skills.

Siena Heights offers both the Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Arts degrees in hospitality management. An academic minor is also available in hospitality management. The hospitality management program is part of Siena's Business and Management Division. ■



# Calling for prison reform

**W**e need rehabilitation not retribution in our prisons, says Pat Schnapp, RSM, assistant professor of English. Writing in the January issue of *The St. Anthony Messenger*, Sister Pat promotes “restorative justice” as an effective approach that reinforces Catholic principles and teachings. *The St. Anthony Messenger*, published since 1893, is distributed to 350,000 subscribers worldwide.

“New Perspectives on Prison Reform” describes the persistent problems Pat has encountered in three decades of prison work. She was a jail and prison chaplain for 25 years. For the past seven years, she has taught English as a volunteer at the Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in Adrian.

Within society, “there is no single agreed-upon sense of what we want prisons to do,” Pat said recently. Many people view prisons as a place to punish. Others say prisons should be “correctional facilities,” helping to correct inmates’ problems.

Many incarcerated men (94% of the prison population is male) are young and serving lengthy sentences for non-violent drug offenses, she noted. The prison system just “warehouses” them. Meanwhile, life “outside” continues. Non-violent offenders may be released only to find themselves decades behind the rest of society, lacking meaningful job and technological skills. Often, the only jobs open to released prisoners pay minimum wage, making it difficult to earn a living.

These men are expected to abandon their addictions and former illegal activities, but are deprived of the skills necessary to change their lives, Pat said.

Prisoners are given little opportunity to grow spiritually or intellectually. They lose the right to any privacy and are immersed in a brutal subculture where their manhood is constantly tested. “From these universities of crime, they come out jaded, cynical, and bitter rather than rehabilitated,” Pat said.

But there’s another approach to the issues of crime and punishment, Pat said. Restorative justice, a concept introduced about 20 years ago, focuses on restoring

amity and justice to the community and to all those involved with the crime. Involving community members, the victim and the perpetrator in a just resolution is a main focus of the process. This contrasts with the traditional approach, which often sidelines the victim completely.

In restorative justice, the victim can ask questions such as, “Why me?” The perpetrator is forced to look at the victim, to see the victim’s anger and grief, and to respond. The process often generates remorse that is more genuine and sincere than with other approaches, Pat said. Finally, victim and perpetrator often agree on an appropriate form of restitution.

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“This is a reasonable way of dealing with justice issues,” Pat said. The victim has the chance to be heard, grieve, and confront. The offender has the chance to take responsibility and, in many cases, to ask forgiveness.

Pat experienced the value of restorative justice first-hand. Two summers ago, she was involved in a car accident with a drunk driver. She was given the opportunity to tell her story in court and to let the driver know that she forgave him and hoped that he would get help. After seeing the permanent damage he had done to her, the driver apologized to her directly—and changed his plea to guilty.

Prisoners “are not used to being treated as humans,” Pat says, and that’s one reason she finds prison teaching so satisfying.

“Short stories are ideal launching pads for discussion,” she said. “Looking at characters’ choices and the consequent results can help students make sense of what has happened in their lives. With literature as a catalyst, they can examine the values that got them into prison and build new value systems.”

Pat hopes her article prompts readers to think about what constitutes appropriate and effective justice. She hopes her prison students will find the strength to make better choices and build better lives. For herself, she has no doubt: “I always leave the prison class feeling that good things have happened. As for teaching there—I’m hooked.” ■

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## *Faculty Honors & Activities continued*

• **Peter Barr**, art department, presented a lecture to Adrian College honors students in February titled “Carnal Instincts: The Catholic Imagination in Contemporary Art.” The lecture examined a controversial subject that will be explored again this September in an exhibition in Klemm Gallery titled “Postmodern Heretics? The Catholic Imagination in Contemporary Art” featuring the work of Andres Serrano, Joel-Peter Witkin, Kiki Smith and Michael Tracy. Peter also has been invited by Mayor Samuel Rye to join the City of Adrian Planning Commission. “This is an appointment that will allow me to continue researching urban planning,” Peter said. He explored the subject of urban planning in his doctoral dissertation and again in an essay titled “Bernice Abbott’s ‘Changing New York’ and Urban Planning Debated in the 1930s.” That essay will appear in the anthology, *The Built Surface*, due in academic bookstores this fall.

• **Deb Danielson**, art department, gave a lecture about her work for the Toledo Friends of Photography March 31 at the University of Toledo’s Center for Visual Arts. She exhibited her work at Siena Heights this spring in a one-person show in Klemm Gallery titled “Roadside Attractions and Fireproof Women.” Deb’s digital photographs depict elaborate tableaux often featuring popular decorative objects from the 1940s and ’50s. In her photos, she arranges these objects, which often evoke feminine stereotypes, within a fabricated interior space and against a scene from the outside world of nature. “The result is a theatrical fiction,” she explained, “blending elements of humor, mystery and social commentary.” Her work also is scheduled for exhibition in June at the Southern Light Gallery at Amarillo College in Texas.

• **Susan Matych-Hager ‘68** (pictured top right), music, is the editor of *Bella Voce*, the official newsletter of the Michigan chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. Sue writes a column for each issue of the 28-page, three-times-a-year publication, as well as compiling and editing feature articles, calendar information, book and recording reviews, literature suggestions and other content.



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### Faculty Honors & Activities continued

• **Magdalena Ezoë, OP '55**, music department, has had eight compositions published recently by Alliance Publications/Sinsinawa Studios Publications in Wisconsin. Among the newly published works are "Clothe Me With Yourself, Eternal Truth" (composed for the 1994 Honors Convocation at Siena in honor of the college's 75th anniversary) and "Morning Prayer," both of which feature text by Nadine Foley, OP '45.

• **Peggy Treece Myles**, graduate studies, is the editor of *Educator's Update*, *Professional Development News for Educators*, published twice a year by Siena and distributed to school districts in southeast Michigan. The newsletter includes tips for K-12 teachers, changes in state education policies, and a guide to education resources on the world wide web. Peggy also serves as advisor to the Sigma Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor and professional counseling society. Peggy also was a two-time speaker at the Michigan Counseling Association's 1999 conference in October: as a panelist for "You're New? Here's What's New for Michigan School Counselors," and as a presenter on professional counselor portfolios.

• **Nadine Foley, OP '45**, (photo above) past interim president of Siena, is editor of *Journey in Faith & Fidelity: Women Shaping Religious Life for a Renewed Church*, published this past fall by The Continuum Publishing Company (NY). The call for renewal by Vatican Council II in the 1960s brought about dramatic changes for more than 180,000 US women religious. *Journey in Faith & Fidelity* is a collection of studies by 12 members of the Adrian Dominican congregation, tracing the most critical influences that moved religious congregations toward a renewed religious life. The authors discuss embracing a God who dwells within them and inspires them toward a life of Gospel mission and ministry. "What women religious have done in response to the call to renewal is not always understood by those outside of religious life," said Nadine who, in addition to editing the book, wrote the introduction and two chapters.

# Renovated "math cave" is a model high-tech classroom

**W**ith science renovations moving ahead thanks to past support from the Herrick Foundation and Warren and Catherine Reuther, faculty in the mathematics and computer and information systems (CIS) departments decided to mount a renovation of their own, making high-tech advances on a shoestring budget.

The results of nearly a year of volunteer effort, enriched with support from friends and alumni, were showcased in February when the CMS (Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences) Division hosted an open house at their newly completed Tech Lab. The lab, also known as "the math cave," is located on the bottom floor of Science Hall in what was formerly a storage area.

"We needed to make technology more accessible to our students. We needed it right here in the division, and we needed different software" than is available in the computer center in Dominican Hall, Tim Husband, professor of mathematics, explained. Math Club students did the first round of heavy-duty cleaning last spring. Faculty and staff sealed and painted last summer.

The University added a dropped ceiling and carpeting. The computer center located some hardware. Friends donated furniture. Sam Ewing, an education consultant and occasional adjunct instructor, donated equipment and software. John '89 and Kathleen Bachman '92 of Eaton Rapids, he a CIS major and she a math major, directed their annual gift in support of the project. "We couldn't have done it without everyone's help," Husband said.

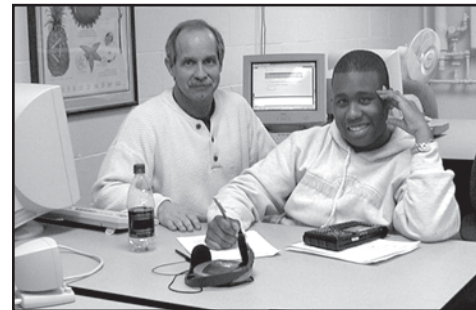
At the February open house, visitors saw students in action in "the cave." Using motion detectors, light and temperature probes, Internet resources and other technology, they demonstrated the tools used in today's classrooms to collect and analyze data, build mathematical models, and conduct experiments

built around math and computing principles.

"People think all you need to teach math is chalk and a chalkboard, but that's not the way we do mathematics at Siena Heights," Husband explained. "We believe the study of math should have a purpose beyond being able to do procedural work. That's why we teach by doing math in context, so students build an understanding of the ideas and how to apply them in real situations. Students don't just memorize the quadratic formula anymore."

In fact, Siena Heights is something of a leader in revising the way math is taught. "There are very few colleges and universities with math programs as completely technology-oriented as we are," Husband said. "Siena may be one of the few liberal arts colleges that uses technology in every math class at every level."

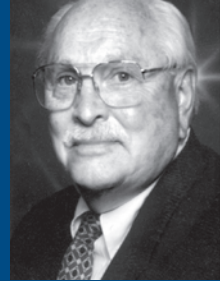
Thanks to resourcefulness, elbow grease and well-placed dollars, the CMS Division has a model classroom for teaching mathematics and computing/information systems courses.



*The math cave is a multipurpose facility. One room is devoted to desktop computers and other hardware. With large round tables and computers on the periphery, the second room is set up for group projects and meetings.*

"This is what we want to do in our other classrooms," Husband said. "This is what we need to do, in order to teach math and computing well." ■

# GIFTS AND GIVING



## Prices endow athletic service grants

**B**ob and Rosemary Price of Manitou Beach recently pledged a gift of \$400,000 designated for the Siena Heights endowment. Specifically, the Prices have directed their endowment pledge to help support Siena's athletic service grant program.

Siena Heights does not give outright athletic scholarships; instead, through this distinctive program, the University offers its student athletes opportunities to gain financial support by serving the institution in a variety of work assignments on campus.

The Bob and Rosemary Price Scholarships will support Siena's efforts to recruit the best and the brightest, on the athletic field as well as in the classroom. Because they are investing in the University endowment, their gift will help provide service grants for Siena's scholar-athletes year after year, in perpetuity.

With more than half of our residential students participating in intercollegiate sports, the notion of the scholar-athlete is not just an image at Siena Heights; it's a reality. For example, the men's cross country team earned the NAIA National

Academic Award this fall—meaning the Saints had the highest average GPA of all teams competing at the national championships.

Known for their generosity and commitment to education as well as their enthusiasm for sports, Bob (photo above) and Rosemary Price found a good way to match their interests with Siena's needs. University leaders have identified the need to dramatically increase the size of the Siena Heights endowment, currently valued at about \$6.6 million. ■

## Scholarship luncheon demonstrates “the power of caring”

A record 275 students, parents, donors, Trustees, faculty and staff enjoyed food and fellowship at the annual Scholarship Luncheon in January. Among the guests were 28 donors of named scholarships and 66 students currently receiving scholarship support.



Dorothy Gonzales '78, the first Hispanic woman to chair a major Michigan public university (she chairs the Board of Trustees at Michigan State), spoke at the luncheon.

A former migrant farm worker who earned her Siena degree while raising two children on her own and working the midnight shift at Ford, Dorothy recalled the professors and mentors who made a difference in her life by showing her “the power of caring.”

“The generosity we see at this luncheon is an outstanding example of leadership support for higher education,” she said. It shows that “caring makes a difference.” She applauded alumni and friends who contribute to Siena's scholarship program for “helping students be the best that they can be, regardless of background.”

She also reminded the student scholars that “dreams are just dreams if you don't care enough to follow through and make a difference.”

With an Annual Fund gift of \$1,000 or more, donors may provide a named scholarship. This year, Siena Heights received 17 new scholarships of \$1,000 or more. In addition, 19 prior scholarship donors increased their gifts this year.

Of the 90 total named scholarships at Siena this year, 19 are endowed scholarship

funds. Among the new scholarship endowments established this year are:

- a \$20,000 gift from the Ponting Foundation of Detroit, with another \$10,000 pledged for November, to endow scholarships for Siena Heights students who are graduates of Detroit's Dominican High School; and
- a \$10,000 gift from Jerry and Phyllis Johnson of Adrian to endow scholarships for Lenawee County residents.



*Donor Kathy Felan Jay '82 (center) with scholarship recipient Maricella Barrios-Alvarez (second from right) and family.*



# SCORES AND MORE

## Saints are the brightest — and among the best!

Not all the championships for which Siena Heights athletic teams compete are tallied with wins and losses. One great honor bestowed on the Siena Heights men's cross country team in November was the National Academic Award. Siena's runners had a team academic grade point average of 3.5, tops among all the teams competing at the NAIA National Championships in Wisconsin. Way to go, Saints! On the sports scoreboard, Coach Tim Bauer's team placed 15th overall in the field of 28 qualifying teams.

## Saints make basketball history

The women's basketball team (15-18) placed 4th in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference under first-year coach Renee Kudzia. This was the first SHU women's team to win a WHAC tournament game with a first-round win over Madonna. Senior forward Bevin Malley of Sylvania, OH, was named to the NAIA Division II honorable mention All-America team—only the second women's player in SHU athletic history to be named to an All-American team. She closed out an outstanding four-year career for the Saints as the team's all-time leading rebounder (999) and #2 all-time scorer (1,534).

## New softball field dedicated

The Saints are enjoying the home field advantage! The George and Wilma Christensen Memorial Softball Field was dedicated April 29 prior to a double-header with Cornerstone. Before this year, Siena Heights played "home" softball games at Island Park. The team's new home base is located just west of the Fieldhouse. Funds for construction of the new field were provided by longtime supporter Wilma Christensen in memory of her parents.

## Online Athletics

For a complete run-down of 1999-2000 sports, check out Siena's website ([www.sienahs.edu](http://www.sienahs.edu)). Access "Athletics" through "Prospective Students" or "Undergraduate Students."



By Kris Stanton '01

# A Season to Remember

*A longer version of this story appeared in Spectra; it is excerpted by permission.*

**B**y now, the dust has settled. The baskets have been raised to the rafters. All remnants of basketball glory have been put away for another year, but what a year this was for our Saints.

From start to finish, Fred Smith's team never lacked excitement or intensity. Every fan knew this team was something special.

The Saints rattled off 14 victories and had been handed only one defeat through November and half of December. Then came two reality checks: back-to-back blowout road losses to Wayne State and WHAC rival Spring Arbor College. Watching the slaughter, I wondered, would this team ever be able to utilize their stars and play together?

Slowly, game by game, the Saints pulled together and won games with a balanced attack of unselfish play on the offensive end and a stifling defense that was nothing short of merciless. They dropped some mid-schedule games and bounced around the national rankings like a tennis ball, but a turning point was on the horizon.

On Feb. 14, the Saints proved to be no sweetheart for the University of Detroit-

Mercy. In the biggest regular season game in recent history, the Saints trailed the NCAA Division I Titans by only 3 points with fewer than two minutes to play in the game. Despite not leaving with a victory, the Saints gained confidence. They realized their team could roll into any arena and hang with anyone at any time.

SHU entered the WHAC tournament in a three-way tie for the regular season title with Aquinas and Tri-State; but the Saints rolled into the championship game to face Cornerstone, the defending NAIA National Champion. Playing with pride, Cornerstone did not roll over and die for SHU. It took a spirited second half effort to propel the Saints to the win and the automatic bid to the NAIA big dance in Branson, MO.

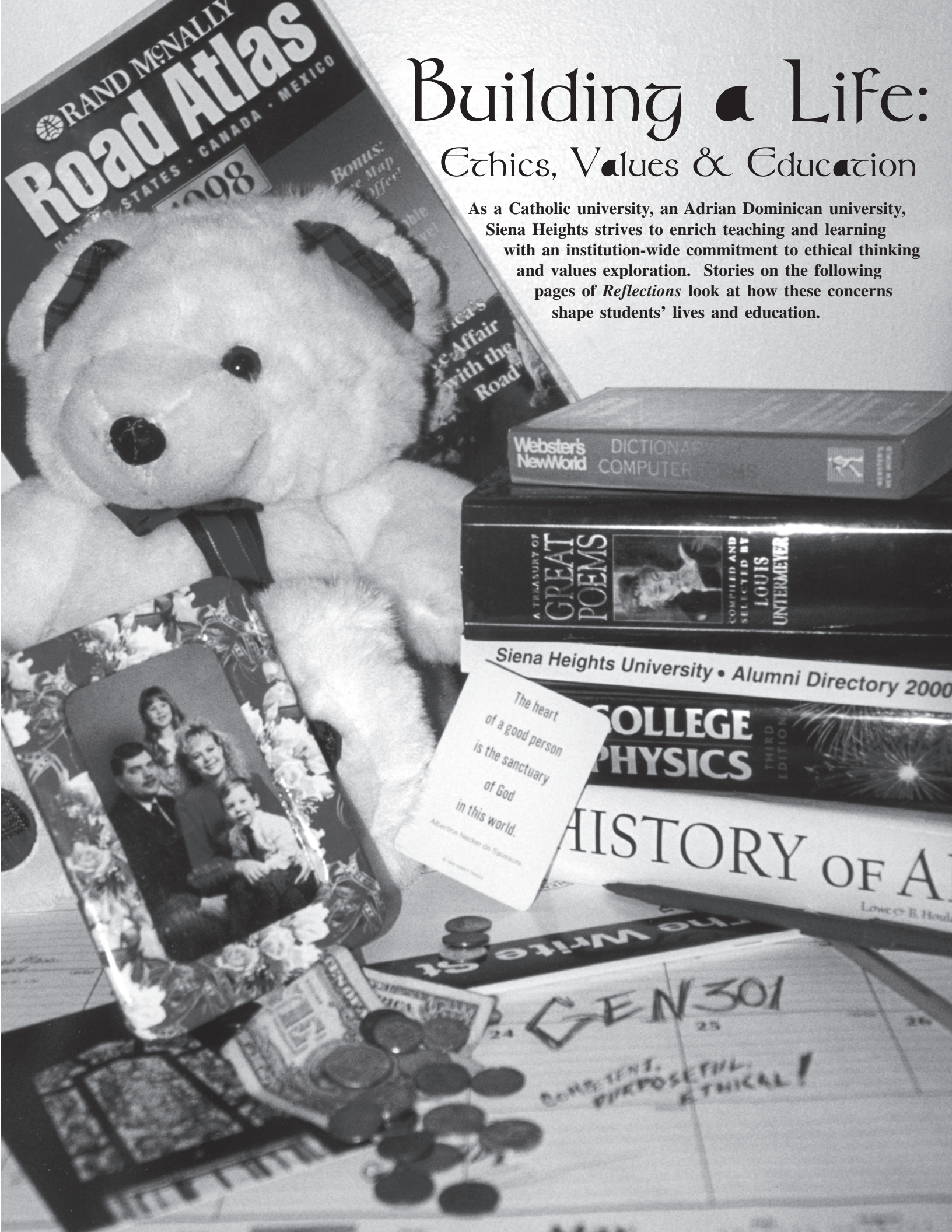
SHU made it to the Final Four where they lost to eventual champion Embry-Riddle (FL), 92-80. Disbelief and disappointment fell over the campus—not disappointed with the effort of this memorable team, but rather missing the chance to own a part of the basketball world.

We will remember this team and their 31-8 season; a team that impressed us by never giving in or giving up, the one that took all of us along on the road to the Final Four. ■

# Building a Life:

## Ethics, Values & Education

As a Catholic university, an Adrian Dominican university, Siena Heights strives to enrich teaching and learning with an institution-wide commitment to ethical thinking and values exploration. Stories on the following pages of *Reflections* look at how these concerns shape students' lives and education.





“Who shall find a valiant woman? Far and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her.”

Proverbs 31:10

# Community Ideals Help Shape Students' Goals & Expectations

*From “Valiant Woman” to “Competent, Purposeful, and Ethical”*

*By Lee Lewis '00*

**C**ompetent, purposeful and ethical: These three words are central to the mission of Siena Heights University as it enters the 21st century. In the school's early years, however, those specific words had not yet been defined, but their spirit was embodied in another guiding symbol: the valiant woman.

The symbol comes from Proverbs 31:10-31, and is sometimes translated as “the worthy wife” or “the virtuous woman.” But the Adrian Dominican leaders of Siena Heights embraced—and inspired generations of students with—the translation extolling “the valiant woman,” with its connotation of strong leadership. The valiant woman was a familiar ideal at Siena Heights prior to the coming of coeducation in 1968-69. As the campus adapted to the presence of men, the valiant woman faded from use as an institutional symbol.

Mother Mary Gerald Barry, Adrian Dominican prioress and president of the college from 1933 to 1957, recognized the power inherent in the image of the valiant woman. When St. Joseph College officially separated from St. Joseph Academy in 1939, Mother Gerald chose a real-life model of that ideal, Catherine of Siena, in renaming the college.

“In 1939 an idea was born. A young girl, a lovely lady, an inspired valiant woman stood forth out of the 14th century who seemed to say, ‘Siena shall be her name!’ In Catherine of Siena, Mother Gerald envisioned the ideal graduate of a Catholic college. While college responsibility should further knowledge and public service, it should also build character, inculcate leadership, and foster faith and spirit.” (*from the 1965 inaugural address by M. Petronilla Francoeur, OP, Siena Heights President from 1965-1969*)

Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) was a remarkable woman for her time and a fitting namesake for a Catholic women's college. Catherine promised her life to God at age seven in a time and culture when marriage was highly valued and women were expected to be silent and passive. She became known for the strength of her devotion to God, but Catherine, a woman of insight and sound judgment, also played a significant role in the politics of her time. Far from being silent and passive, Catherine was an activist who spoke her mind bluntly to those in authority and worked tirelessly for peace and justice.

The valiant woman, personified by Catherine, was a familiar reference through-



opment of a personal philosophy of life.”

When the mission was revised in 1997, Catholic identity was added back into the statement: “The mission of Siena Heights, a Catholic university founded and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, is to assist people to become more competent, purposeful and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all.”

“Competent, purposeful and ethical” are as familiar to today’s students as the valiant woman was to earlier generations. The valiant woman has remained a vivid ideal for many alumnae, as Jeanne Lefebvre, OP ’66 discovered in

1986 while conducting interviews for Siena’s oral history project. “That image was a kind of symbol for how students imagined they themselves could be,” Jeanne said. “I heard it over and over again, from all sorts of people, not just faculty or Sisters, but everyone. I began to realize how central it must have been” in the pre-coeducation era.

Sister Jeanne sees the present-day Siena community as still embodying the central concepts of the earlier symbol. “The valiant woman from the Hebrew scriptures is definitely a justice ideal,” she explained. The social justice themes in Siena’s current mission, as a community concerned with the betterment of society, are a kind of continuation of the earlier ideal.

“The symbol of the valiant woman speaks poignantly to us today of women with strength and dignity empowering other women to know their potential in an age before this was fashionable,” Jeanne wrote several years ago in a brief history of Siena. She suggested “valiant companions” as a gender-free alternative that might inspire a modern coeducational community.

The empowering community atmosphere of today’s Siena Heights includes both men and women, “valiant companions,” becoming competent, purposeful and ethical in the valiant tradition of St. Catherine of Siena. ■

*Special thanks to the Siena Heights University Archives and especially Helen Duggan, OP ’41 for contributions to this article. - Lee Lewis*

out the 1940s, ’50s and early ’60s, shaping the philosophy of Siena Heights. Although Siena did not develop an official mission statement until the mid-70s, a lengthy “Aims and Ideals” statement from the 1940s and ’50s identified a wide range of related goals:

“The general aims of the College are: to develop to the fullest extent the intellectual powers of the young women committed to its care..., to permeate this intellectual training with Catholic principles..., to awaken and develop in the individual student a realization of her dignity as a woman..., to impress upon the students their obligation to assume responsible leadership in our democracy and to assist in solving the social, economic and political problems of our day.”

By the mid-1960s, an updated statement of the philosophy began: “Siena Heights is a Catholic, Dominican college committed to the development of the intellect for the understanding, preservation and application of truth to a changing world. It is charged with the study of all things in relation to God.”

An institutional mission statement, adopted in 1975-76, introduced the triad of values familiar to today’s students and faculty: “The mission of Siena Heights College is to assist people to become more competent, purposeful and ethical. The College, therefore, provides an educational process which challenges individuals to identify, refine and achieve their personal goals. Through this process, Siena expects to engage each of its students in the devel-

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# The Impact of Community Values

**“Sister Ann Joachim taught me about expectations. So did Miriam Michael Stimson, OP. When someone expects things of you, you perform.”**

Sharon Weber, OP ’69  
Academic Dean,  
Siena Heights University

**“Siena Heights made us believe in our own abilities. The Adrian Dominican Sisters were role models for us. They were women in leadership positions, and they threw out the challenges that caused us to take on leadership roles in our lives, too.”**

Connie Berube Binsfeld ’45  
Lieutenant Governor,  
State of Michigan, 1991-98

**“We, who hope to become the valiant women of tomorrow, confidently ‘press toward the mark, toward the eternal prize of our vocation.’ May Siena supply to the world her quota of strong, saintly women.”**

from *The Valiant Woman*,  
Yearbook for the Class of 1947



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By Jennifer Hamlin Church

# Putting it All Together

Seminar helps students integrate life, learning and values.

Most liberal arts colleges have so-called distribution requirements to ensure that students are, at a minimum, introduced to the major branches of scholarly learning.

Siena Heights is fairly typical in requiring some academic experience in the arts, humanities, social and physical sciences as well as English and mathematics. As a Catholic institution, the University goes further than many schools by also requiring course work in philosophy and religious studies. The requirements are part of the “General Education” necessary for graduation from SHU.

What is not at all typical, however, is the Siena Heights requirement that senior level students, nearly ready to graduate, enroll in an inter-disciplinary seminar that focuses not only on academic scholarship but also on personal reflection. It’s called GEN 401—the General Education Senior Seminar—and it is one of the truly distinctive elements of a Siena education.

Just when students at most colleges are focused most narrowly on their chosen field of study (and, indeed, when Siena Heights students are completing in-depth senior projects in their majors), GEN 401 encourages—no, demands—that students broaden their focus. With their undergraduate education nearly finished, students are required to take stock of the experience and consider what it will mean for them in the future.

“The Senior Seminar is a synthesis and integration of all the learning that’s occurred before, and it takes place in a community of students from other disciplines,” explains Susan Conley Weeks, program director for General Education.

From the multiple perspectives of their different majors, students explore together what it will mean to be competent, purposeful and ethical in their future professions. They examine their own spiritual and intellectual biographies. They consider the responsibilities of citizenship, identify and defend their values, articulate a philosophy of life. And they talk, a lot, sharing insights and information from their

majors and discussing how they will continue learning through life.

“Ultimately, GEN 401 is guided by the Dominican idea that you should study, reflect and then share the fruits of your reflection,” Weeks said.

The class is “a bridge between academic life and beyond,” says Pat Schnapp, RSM, who enjoys teaching a section of GEN 401 every semester. “David Van Horn used to tell students it was their ‘wisdom class,’ a time to ponder the bigger questions of values and how they will be challenged in the future. I sometimes think of it as a stretched-out retreat.”

If that sounds lightweight, it’s not. The seminar includes many varied writing assignments, oral presentations, and readings along with special projects. Each professor approaches the class in his or her own way. Some use a text; some do not. “A lot of different methods can work and achieve the same end,” Weeks says.

Pat Schnapp, for example, requires students to do some volunteer work to explore civic responsibility. For another assignment, they “must do something they’ve never done before” to begin the process of independent lifelong learning. Pat also requires each student to teach a 10-minute class from their major, “sharing their competence and passion for the subject,” an idea she took from the late David Van Horn.

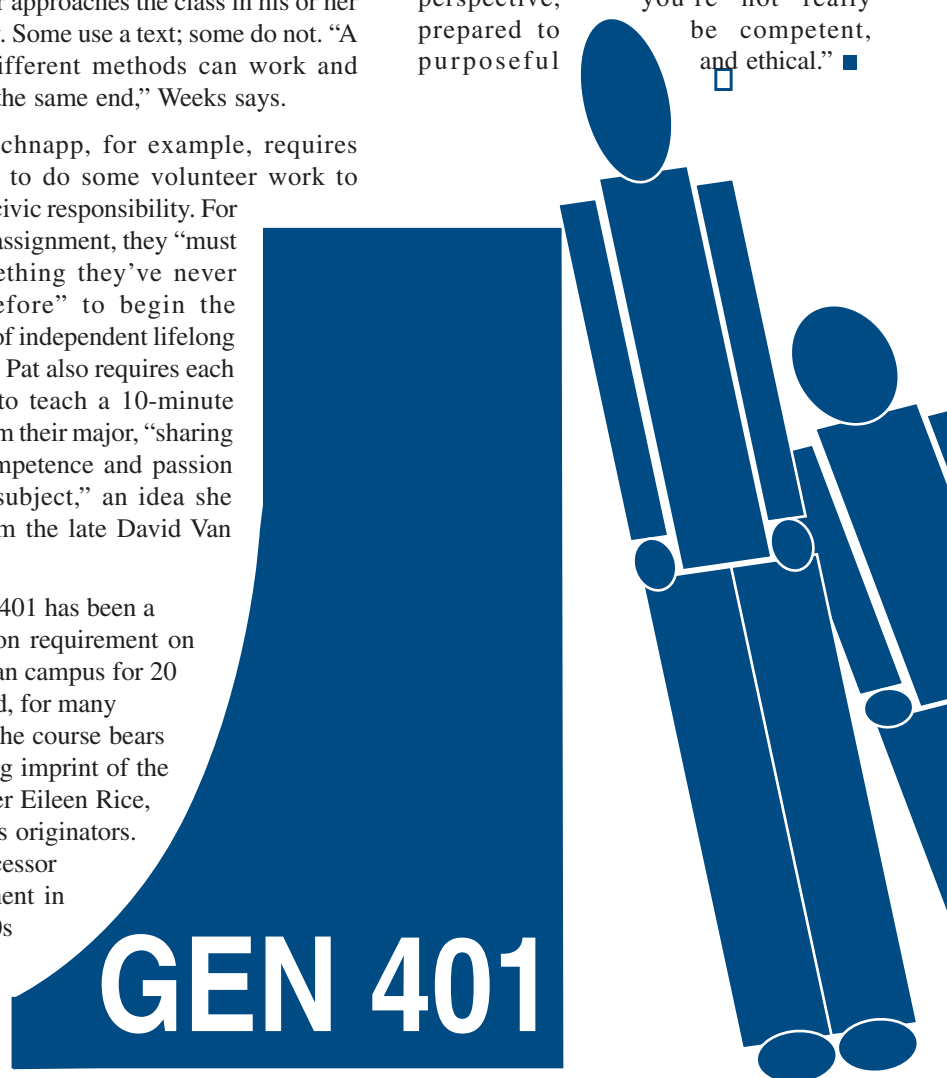
GEN 401 has been a graduation requirement on the Adrian campus for 20 years and, for many faculty, the course bears the strong imprint of the late Sister Eileen Rice, one of its originators. A predecessor requirement in the 1970s engaged senior students in an

exploration of “work, money and the human condition.”

While most faculty consider GEN 401 a crucial, value-added element of a Siena Heights education, students don’t always agree. “Some students do not share the value of the reflective life,” Weeks admits.

The seminar is well worth the effort, despite occasional student resistance, says academic dean Sharon Weber, OP ’69. “Could students walk out after graduation and get a job without GEN 401?” she asks. “Sure. But the seminar is an opportunity for Siena to express its values regarding the importance integrated learning plays in the lives of our future graduates.

“After all,” Weber continues, “you can have lots of technical skills, and be brilliant in your field, but unless you have a broader perspective, you’re not really prepared to be competent, purposeful and ethical.” ■





# The Other Bookend

## Gen 301: Preparing adults for college success.

Students at Siena's off-campus centers shape their education through another General Education seminar: GEN 301, The Adult Learner.

"I see the two seminars as bookends," says General Education coordinator Susan Conley Weeks. "301 prepares returning students for success in a liberal arts environment. GEN 301 lays out our values and lets students know what to expect, while 401 is an opportunity to reflect on what's been learned and what it all means."

Bernie Pelland has taught both courses. She taught 401 for the last 8 of her 30 years on the Adrian campus. Since retiring four years ago, she's taught GEN 301 as a part-time professor at our Lansing and Southfield centers.

Both courses provide a theoretical framework and emphasize the value of lifelong learning, she said; but 401 deals with integration and 301 with transition, especially the transition from technical training to degree education. 401 students develop a philosophy of life; 301 students develop a degree completion plan.

GEN 301 helps returning students

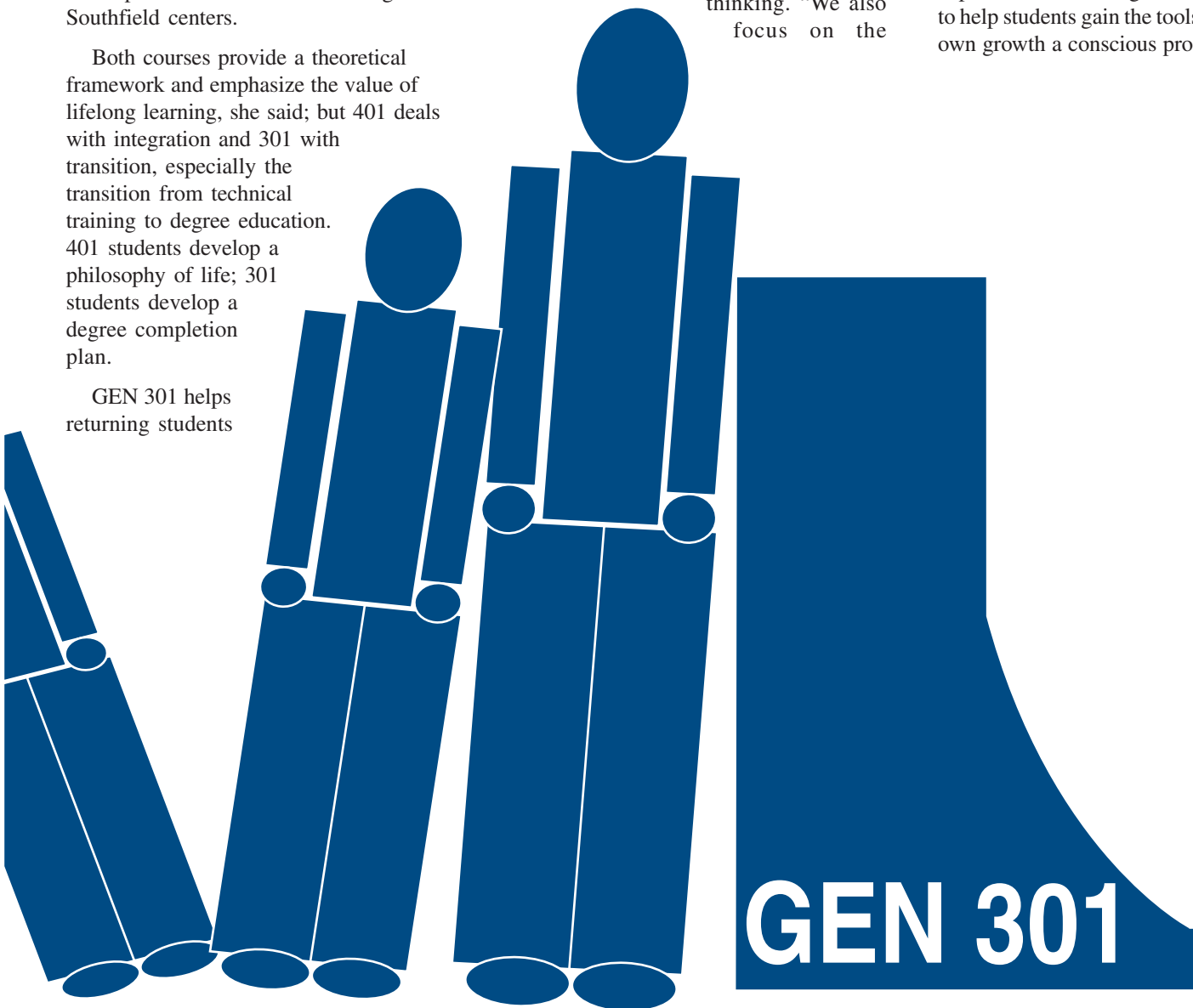
polish their writing, speaking, research and presentation skills—and learn how to use these tools to be successful, in school and on the job. "They also learn to think reflectively, not just technically," Pelland said. "Liberal arts learning is about questions, not answers; whereas technical modalities usually deal with the here-and-now, and with hard-and-fast answers."

As working adults, the students in GEN 301 focus attention on such themes as managing change, understanding paradigm shifts, and adapting to the multiple demands of jobs, families and academic schedules. Sometimes, Pelland says, students need to learn how to *unlearn* old ideas so they can consider new ways of thinking. "We also focus on the

collaborative modes that are so essential to the workplace."

In addition to reading, discussion, and lots of writing, GEN 301 students complete a Learning Project in which they apply objective research and learning skills to expand their knowledge on a subject of personal interest. Among the topics chosen by Pelland's recent students are sailing, diabetes, updating a home computer, planning for a 3-year-old's college education, and managing sexual issues with a pre-adolescent daughter.

A few students resist the class but for most GEN 301 is a very positive experience, Pelland says, "and I really value the experience of teaching it. It's very exciting to help students gain the tools to make their own growth a conscious process." ■





# What does it mean to be an educated person?

*By Lee Lewis '00*

*Students in the General Education Seminar (GEN 401) explore weighty issues as they prepare to graduate: what it means to be competent, purposeful and ethical; the role of religion and citizenship; the importance of self-understanding. In one class, we were asked, "What does it mean to be an educated person?" Here are my thoughts.*

I believe that to be truly educated, one must be adequately equipped to function as effectively as possible as a contributing member of our society. That is, to have sufficient information about a broad range of subjects to form a knowledgeable opinion about a given issue; to act on that opinion based on one's convictions; and to have developed a personal philosophy on which those convictions are based.

Education requires study (the acquisition, interpretation, and analysis of facts) along with reflection (the assimilation of those facts). Therefore an "education" is acquired differently by each person, based upon his or her grasp of the facts and dependent upon his or her subjective interpretation.

The nature of the facts to be learned varies by school, major, and ideology. In the United States of the late 20th century, "education" has been narrowed to focus to an exaggerated degree on preparing for a career.

Supporting oneself is, without a doubt, an important outcome of becoming educated, but I would hope it is not the only one. In our "bottom line" economy,

education has shifted its emphasis toward vocational training to the detriment of the humanities. History, literature, languages and philosophy may not be essential to "making a living," but they are essential to living an informed and conscious life.

Being well-informed and possessing a sense of perspective is requisite to



*Lee Lewis ponders the role of education in life.*

functioning "as effectively as possible" and contributing to our society. It requires awareness of the larger issues addressed by philosophy, theology and the works of great thinkers and writers, as well as analysis of lessons from history. It requires integration of the social and political sciences along

with the continually evolving discoveries from psychology and the latest ethical issues. One cannot be a contributing citizen without possessing the tools, and the tools are overwhelmingly those of education.

If we are to understand the complex problems facing contemporary society, we must first understand how we, as a society, have led ourselves to this particular set of circumstances. To do so, we must recognize the fundamental ideas and working principles that are the basis for Western thought. Such lessons can only be learned from an examination of the issues as found in higher education.

Self-understanding may be the ultimate goal of education. Formal learning may be thought to be limited to the acquisition and memorization of hard facts, but it should also include the education of one's character. The building of character—a moral foundation—is addressed less now by family structures and religious training than in years past. I believe it will be crucial for the future of our society for colleges and universities to encourage students to develop a personal awareness of their place in the larger community and a sense of the responsibility that place entails.

Only then will the concept of education benefit both the individual and the society in which he or she lives. I believe that, to be an educated person, one must understand the value of participation in one's society and take the steps necessary to do so. A college education is just the first step. ■

## New Options for Connecting Education and Life Goals

Beginning this fall, Siena Heights students will have a value-added option in general education: They may fulfill their distribution requirements randomly, as in the past, or may focus their course selections around any of four themes: international perspectives, community service, Catholic discipleship, or language/cultural diversity.

Students electing the focus option will work with a faculty mentor to choose appropriate courses and relate course content to the focus theme. A math major who wants to teach in Detroit, for example, might choose the language/cultural diversity focus. The Catholic discipleship focus might appeal to an art major interested in teaching in Catholic schools.

# Ethics in the Classroom

By Karla Pennington '00

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Although Siena Heights students are not required to take a course in ethics, the topic shows up across the curriculum.

The University policy on academic dishonesty is part of all syllabi and students are constantly reminded about ethical issues that arise in the educational process. And in the classroom, Siena Heights takes ethics further, introducing students in all academic areas to ethical questions they will face in society.

The University tries to provide students with an ethical base from which to work, academic dean Sharon Weber, OP, explained. "We hope to help students develop ethical sensitivities that will stay with them throughout their lives," she said.

Weber would like to see the faculty establish a specific requirement for an introductory ethics course. "Faculty assume students know about ethical decision making," she said. "We have a responsibility to make sure that is true."

## The General Education Requirement

As one way of introducing students to ethics, Siena Heights includes a religious studies and philosophy requirement in the general education program for all students.

Religious studies lecturer Anthony Sciglitano sees an importance to bringing ethics into academic settings. In his courses, he provides students with a theoretical basis in the Catholic worldview and contemporary Catholic ethics. Students are asked to relate ethical discussions to their own lives by reading books, applying concepts, and examining current issues.

Mark Schersten, associate professor of philosophy, uses a similar approach, challenging students to go beyond learning ethical theories and apply them to their own beliefs. "I want students to be able to say, 'I believe this and here's how I can defend that belief,'" he said. There can be many different views on an issue, he

added, "but you should be able to explain how you reached your conclusion."

There is a fundamental belief at Siena Heights that students need to take their learning beyond the classroom and apply knowledge to life. "My approach to education, and that of many other faculty members at this university, is character or soul development," Schersten said.

## Ethical Issues in Individual Majors

Ethical considerations permeate the curriculum at Siena Heights as students discuss current issues in their majors. Some areas of study, such as social work, seem naturally geared to ethical questions; but professors in many other areas find ethics important enough to work into their classes.

Science majors, for example, discuss potential misconduct in the field, such as improperly handling data. "Science often initiates ethical questions because technology moves faster than the ethical discussions that follow," explains Carl Kaster, professor of biology and coordinator of the science programs. The ability to split atoms or to clone mammals is exciting to scientists, but what is done with that knowledge raises ethical questions.

The business and management division dedicates an entire course to business ethics, with discussions about social policy as well as religious and moral influences on business. Claudia Blanchard, assistant professor of marketing and coordinator of the business administration and management program at both the Adrian and Monroe campuses, always ties business ethics and corporate social responsibility into her business classes.

"It's important for students to understand that turning a profit and being socially responsible are not mutually exclusive concepts," Blanchard said. She encourages students to keep ethics in mind throughout their coursework, especially when reading about businesses and corporations in outside resources like the Wall Street Journal. "Ethics are an individual matter," she said, "but they are especially important in business."

Every academic program at Siena tries to make students aware of ethical questions they may face at work, at home and in society. No matter what students expect to do in the future, Weber said, it's important for them to "do some thinking now about what it means to be ethical and how that will affect every aspect of their lives." ■

*Associate professor of philosophy Mark Schersten encourages students to examine their beliefs and opinions through the lens of ethical theory.*





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## Numbers, Names & Faces!

*In the upper outside corner of many pages of Reflections are photos of students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Siena Heights University. How many do you know?*

- 2 VP for Advancement Don Taylor
- 3 Joy Artman Tonniges, daughter of President Rick Artman, with her own daughter Alexi
- 4 Anthonita Porta, OP '63, adjunct faculty in education
- 5 Susan Matych-Hager '68, associate professor of music
- 6 Nadine Foley, OP '45, adjunct faculty in religious studies
- 7 Bob Price, trustee
- 8 Crystal Starkey '00, English major
- 10 Miriam Michael Stimson, OP '36, professor emerita of chemistry
- 11 Psychology/social work major Scott Price '99 and art major Michaela Jenzen '99
- 12 Mathematics major Scott Long '00
- 13 Music major Mindy Mohsen '02
- 14 Mathematics major Vernon Johnson '01
- 15 Child develop. major Heather Simpson '00
- 16 Warren Reuther, trustee
- 17 Ken Phillips '75, 1998 recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award
- 18 Mary Helen Kloeckner '89 (left), 2000 recipient of the Recent Graduate Award, with mentor Mary Weeber of the English department
- 19 Susan Conley Weeks '67, professor of religious studies (left) and Jodie Screens, OP '53, past coordinator of the Theological Studies Program
- 20 Donna Milbauer '89, administrative assistant and adjunct faculty in art
- 21 Margie Bacarella, director of the Monroe County Community College Center.
- 22 Deb Carter, dean of off-campus academic affairs
- 23 Tim Bauer '82, head cross country/track coach and recipient of the 2000 Outstanding Alumni Award
- 24 Jennifer Berry '91, director of the SHU Metropolitan Detroit Program
- 25 Susan Strupulis '95, director of the Kellogg Community College center in Battle Creek
- 26 Karla Pennington '00, president of Student Senate for 1999-2000
- 27 Norm Bukwaz, retiring this summer as dean of off-campus and transfer programs after 26 years at Siena Heights

# New Gift endows Lecture Series

A generous gift of \$300,000 for the Siena Heights endowment will establish the University's first endowed lecture series.

The recent pledge from Warren and Catherine Reuther of Lambertville will help endow an ongoing lecture series focusing on contemporary issues in ethics. The gift is made in loving memory of Catherine's parents, Mildred Fontana and Emilio Chiodini.

The endowed fund will support annual lectures planned around interdisciplinary themes such as medical ethics, ethics and the law, and ethics in business. The program will bring prominent speakers to the Adrian campus and to Siena's Off-Campus centers.

The Reuthers are generous, long-time supporters of Siena Heights; Warren (photo top left) is secretary of the University's Board of Trustees. Endowing a lecture series on ethics appealed to the Reuthers as an effective way to support Siena's Catholic identity. The ethics program also seemed a good way to honor Catherine's parents, for whom ethics and honesty were very important. As with all endowed funds, their gift will generate support in perpetuity and will be a living memorial to Catherine's mother and father.

Siena hopes to attract another \$200,000 to complete the proposed \$500,000 endowment for the lecture series. ■

## Lives Well Built:

### Alumni award winners find success in the Siena spirit

The men and women honored each spring by the Alumni Association demonstrate the impressive outcomes possible with a Siena Heights education. This year's alumni award winners (pages 17-18) were recognized for professional achievement, volunteer leadership, and service to God and community. In careers ranging from athletics to education, they have become role models for today's students, building lives that are competent, purposeful and ethical.

Who should the Alumni Association honor in 2001? Honorees may be graduates of any Siena Heights center. Graduates may be nominated by other alumni, faculty, staff or trustees. Nominations should include the nominee's name, address and telephone number; a description of the qualities and accomplishments that merit award consideration; and the names of others who could provide information about the nominee.

Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Award, Recent Graduate Award, Sister Ann Joachim Award and Saint Dominic Award may be sent to the Siena Heights University Alumni Office, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221.

For further information, visit our website ([www.sienahts.edu](http://www.sienahts.edu)) or contact Lynne Hill at (517) 264-7149 or [lhill@sienahts.edu](mailto:lhill@sienahts.edu).

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2000 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



*Tim Bauer '82 celebrated his Outstanding Alumni Award with his parents, his brother, and many current and former Siena runners.*

### Outstanding Alumni Award **Tim Bauer**

*This article by Mike Decker '00 originally appeared in Spectra and has been excerpted by permission.*

As Tim Bauer prepared for his 17th year as track and cross-country coach for Siena Heights, he had little idea that he would be honored with the Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Award.

"I didn't realize how much this meant," he said. "I'm only the second male to get the Outstanding Alumni and the last one was a preacher. I don't know what that says."

While Bauer is not a preacher, he certainly is a Saint.

During his high school senior year in North Robinson, Ohio—after finishing third in the state in cross country as a junior—Bauer suffered an injury that cost him a running scholarship. After graduating in 1976, he started work in a factory, but it didn't last long. "I missed running and competition," he said.

Bauer ran at Findlay College for two years under Pat Palmer, now on the graduate faculty at Siena, before he decided to go to Division 1 Bowling Green. That lasted three days. Then Palmer called to tell his former athlete he was going to teach and coach at Siena Heights in Adrian, Michigan.

"Where's that?" Bauer recalls asking.

The chance to be near his former coach brought Tim to Siena where he became an Honorable Mention All-American in the mile and a 1982 graduate with a degree in education. When Palmer left Siena Heights (he has since returned), Bauer took over Pat's responsibilities as men's head track and cross-country coach and, a few years later, women's track coach.

It's what Bauer has done as a coach that earned him the alumni recognition. Take away the 71 All-Americans, 65 Honorable Mention All-Americans and five individual National Champions he's coached and you can still see why he is being honored.

"I've worked with Tim for 16 years," head women's cross-country coach Don Kleinow said. "He cares a great deal about his athletes. He wants them to not only run but also get a good education and succeed in life."

"He's contributed enthusiasm, energy, and hard work to the athletic department," psychology professor Whit Hames pointed out. "He may come off as a roughneck but he is truly kind and considerate," and stays in touch with athletes' parents and grandparents.

"I've always been stubborn and bull-headed but I pride myself in doing everything on my own," Bauer said. That attitude can be attributed partly to Bauer's father, a farmer who gave Tim what he needed but made his two sons work hard for what they wanted.

As he looks to the future, Bauer envisions bringing a national championship to Siena Heights. He knows it will take a lot of hard work, but hard work is nothing new to this coach.

Bauer's philosophy is, whatever you do, do it the best you can, "because if you can affect somebody, in just some

part of their life, you've done something special."

### St. Dominic Award

## Joan Delaplane, OP

Joan Delaplane, OP is a woman of many firsts. The 1956 graduate of Siena Heights was the first woman to receive a Master of Divinity degree from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. And that was just the beginning.

She was the first woman member of the Academy of Homiletics (the art of preaching). She went on to become president of that organization, the first woman, first Catholic and first Dominican to hold that position.

Today, she is professor of homiletics and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program in Preaching at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis. A widely published author, she teaches, preaches and conducts workshops for both Catholic and Protestant preachers.

At Siena's alumni awards ceremony March 22, she received the Alumni Association's St. Dominic Award, named for the founder of the Dominican order and given in recognition of commitment to Christian education.

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*Joan Delaplane, OP '56, St. Dominic Award winner, shared the occasion with her brother Allen and sister Marjorie, OP '49.*





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One of seven children, four of whom entered religious life, Delaplane grew up in Chicago. After entering the Adrian Dominican Congregation, she earned an English degree at Siena Heights. She also holds master's degrees in English and religious studies from the University of Detroit.

She taught English to inner city high school students in the late '60s and early '70s before enrolling to earn her M.Div. at the all-male Cyril Methodius seminary. After that, she was ready to join her loves of Scripture, speech, drama, English and pastoral theology in a preaching career.

Becoming a preacher, and a teacher of preachers, was not what Delaplane or others might have predicted for her when she was young. At Siena's alumni award ceremony, she shared a vivid memory of standing on stage as a young girl, terrified of speaking.

"Thank you to all those who pushed me to a potential far beyond my own imagining," she said.

## Sr. Ann Joachim Award Sharon Weber, OP

*This story by Molly Brasher '01 originally appeared in Spectra and is excerpted by permission.*

Sharon Weber, OP '69, academic dean and chemistry professor at Siena Heights, received the Alumni Association's Sister Ann Joachim Award on March 22 in recognition of her many contributions to Siena Heights and the community.

*The whole Weber family enjoyed honoring Sharon Weber, OP '69 for receiving the Sister Ann Joachim award.*



The Sister Ann Joachim Award is presented to alumni for activities that demonstrate strong leadership, the ability to get things done and the capacity to confront issues head-on while maintaining the image and spirit of the University.

"I am humbled," Weber said receiving the award. Sister Ann was a great woman and a great role model to all of us." Recalling that she and other students held Ann Joachim in "absolute awe," Weber noted that Sister Ann taught her an important lesson about expectations: "When someone expects things of you, you perform."

Weber began teaching chemistry at Siena in 1974. She has served as the acting director of the graduate program, division chair of the sciences, and acting and interim dean of financial aid. She has also served on the Adrian Dominican General Council and the Siena Heights Board of Trustees. She has been academic dean since 1996.

"I enjoy my job because I get to work with dedicated faculty and wonderful students," she said.

"I would just like to say thank you," Weber added. "It is only in the context of a community that anyone does anything, so in many ways I owe the community for this award."

## Recent Graduate Award Mary Kloeckner

There's a sign in Mary Helen Kloeckner's office at North Adams-Jerome High School that identifies her immediately as a Siena Heights graduate. It also reminds her students what she expects of them—and of herself. The sign says, "Competent. Purposeful. Ethical."

A 1989 alumna and this year's recipient of the Alumni Association's Recent Graduate Award, Kloeckner took the Siena Heights mission to heart as an undergraduate and has never strayed from it in her career as a teacher and coach. She's also an enthusiastic fan of her *alma mater* and has influenced many of her former students to enroll at Siena Heights.

Her family, as well as her Siena mentors, "taught me to cherish every moment," Kloeckner said.



*Kloeckner family members of all ages made receiving the Recent Graduate Award a special occasion for Mary Helen Kloeckner '89.*

She does that by filling her days with an overflowing agenda of commitments and responsibilities. She teaches English and chairs the middle school English department. She coaches girls' volleyball, basketball and track. She advises the student newspaper and the yearbook. She counsels students with problems or needs. She also chaired the high school's North Central Accreditation effort as well as the District Assets Team.

And she does it all well enough that she has been selected twice as North Adams-Jerome Teacher of the Year.

Competent? No doubt. Purposeful? Without question.

And the third aspect of the Siena Heights mission? "To be ethical in today's society is probably the biggest challenge Siena Heights gives us," said Kloeckner who, in her spare time, is a religious education teacher at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hillsdale, where she lives.

"In a world where public schools are not supposed to teach Christianity, charity and morals, Miss Kloeckner defies the odds," wrote the student who nominated her for alumni recognition.

"Often, she was the first to support our outside church activities and never did she question the fact that our denominations were not the same as hers. Her Christian character was the strength we needed to get through the difficult times of teenage life."

Upon receiving her award, Kloeckner was quick to acknowledge the contributions of family, friends, past professors and current colleagues.

"My accomplishments are not just my own," she said. ■

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We welcome your news! The information reported in *Class Notes* is compiled from the reply cards included in each issue of *Reflections*, alumni updates sent via email, newspaper clippings, and your letters. We are happy to share news of weddings and births once they have occurred; however, we do not report engagements or pregnancies. Information received after March 24 will appear in the August issue. Stay in touch!

## 1940s

### Alumni Weekend 2000

60th Reunion of the Class of 1940  
55th Reunion of the Class of 1945

**Patricia (Nancy) Illingworth Hill '45** of Sacramento, CA, sends greetings to all 1945 classmates, especially Nadine Foley, OP, and to "my special friend, Sister Miriam Michael." (Editor's note: Contrary to our Class Notes write-up in the December 1999 issue of *Reflections*, Nancy is a widow; her husband, Major Thomas Hill, passed away in 1991 on Valentine's Day. We apologize for any distress we may have caused. JHC)

## 1950s

### Alumni Weekend 2000

50th Reunion of the Class of 1950  
45th Reunion of the Class of 1955

**Joan Chopp Scheuermann '53** and her husband, Robert, live in Pleasant Ridge. Joan writes, "Would like to hear what other classmates are doing. Blessings far into the 2000s!"

**Magdalena Ezoe, OP '55** has published several original liturgical piano compositions with Alliance Publications, Inc. in Wisconsin. The new publications include several pieces composed for use in Lumen Chapel services at Siena Heights, and several works for which **Nadine Foley, OP '45** wrote the vocal text. Magdalena's new CD, featuring piano performances of 20 works by

Chopin, is available through the Siena Heights music department for a donation of \$20.

**Madelyn Kennedy Thornton '57** is a retired elementary school teacher living in Addison. "I'm nearly 85 years young, but I do not just 'sit.' I make scrapbooks for nursing homes, play the piano and enjoy my five children, 20 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren with another new one soon. God is so good."

**Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP '58**, president of Barry University in Miami Shores, FL, made national news in January when she hosted the closely watched meeting between 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy who was rescued at sea after his mother drowned trying to reach the US, and his two Cuban grandmothers. Sister Jeanne, who received the Siena Medal in 1997 for her outstanding career in education and service and who has a history of involvement in humanitarian and family issues work, was asked to facilitate the meeting by Attorney General Janet Reno. Jeanne has assisted in several immigration cases in the past. "The INS has always known that when children are at stake, they can count on me," she said.

## 1960s

### Alumni Weekend 2000

40th Reunion of the Class of 1960  
35th Reunion of the Class of 1965

**Maureen Fay, OP '60**, president of the University of Detroit Mercy, was one of two executive women honored April 6 as "Role Models for 2000" by Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit

non-profit organization devoted to giving at-risk and homeless girls better life and career choices.

**Barbara McGrath '61** (formerly Sister Mary Sybilla) lives in Mesa, AZ.

**Christine Wilhelm Clark '63** lives in Spokane, WA, where she is a clinical lab tech and family caregiver for her mother-in-law, a throat cancer survivor. She and her husband, Tom, an environmental engineer, have four adult children: Cory, expecting her first child this spring; Conn, studying for an electrical engineering degree; Quin, a prep chef; and Camm, who aims for a law enforcement career. Christine is a member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and is active in a local caregivers' advocacy group, Personal Assistance Services (PAS), and the statewide PAS\_Port for Change effort.

**Jeanne Fanfalone Gonzalez** of Saltillo in Coahuila, Mexico, who attended Siena Heights 1962-64, recently was awarded the PRESEA IMARC for Educational Contributions to the community of Saltillo. IMARC (Institute for Mexican American Cultural Relations) honors five people each year for contributions to civic improvement in Saltillo in the areas

of art, culture, institutions, education and community involvement. As this year's honoree for educational merit, Jeanne received a bronze statue of a bird taking wing out of an amorphous rock form, symbolizing the birth of an idea. Jeanne has been active in developing the educational plan for the Saltillo school for the last 19 years.

**Gladys Bartolomei Sosa '64** reports from Puerto Rico: "I deeply regretted not being able to join the members of the Class of '64 for our reunion in September. I sincerely look forward to joining them next time. Love and blessings to all, especially **Madeline Gorczyca Skala '64** and **Gloria Davila Calhoun '64**."

**Dianna Brinkmann Phillips '65** of Richmond, a second grade teacher in her 15th year at St. Mary's School in St. Clair, was honored recently as Teacher of the Week by the Times Herald newspaper. She has eight children and 14 grandchildren.

**Patricia Walter, OP '66**, former Siena Heights Trustee and past Prioress of the Adrian Dominican Congregation, is living in St. Louis, MO, where she is a visiting professor teaching Christology and Issues in Contemporary Spirituality at the Aquinas Institute.

### Toledo, OH: March 12, 2000

*Even the food was shamrock-shaped at a Toledo reception with an Irish flair preceding a rousing Riverdance performance at the Stranahan Theatre. Shown (from left): Meg Mohler Buck '87, Meg's husband Chris, and Camila '87 and Mark DiPietro '83.*

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**Eileen Quinn Knight '69** of Orland Park, IL, is head of the Faculty Senate at St. Xavier University where she is an associate professor. She has three "wonderful" sons in college — and "a busy life!"

### 1970s

#### Alumni Weekend 2000

30th Reunion of the Class of 1970  
25th Reunion of the Class of 1975

**Trudy McSorley '70**, associate professor of theatre/ speech communication and director of children's theatre and child drama at Siena Heights, was named 2000 Citizen of the Year by The Daily Telegram in February. "I like to think that whatever my students are doing now, they're doing it a lot better because of going through the (theatre or child drama) program," Trudy told the Telegram. A 23-year member of the Siena Heights faculty, Trudy also is active as a board member for the Family Awareness Center, an advisory council member for St. Joseph Academy and a United Way volunteer.

**Stella Perea '71** lives in Salinas, CA.

**Patricia Erickson, OP '71** lives in El Centro, CA, where she works at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Detention Facility.

**Maureen Toplisek Hall '72** of Venice, FL, teaches religion for grades 6-8 at Epiphany Cathedral School. She and her husband, youth minister Don Hall, have two children. Andrew is one of her grade 6 students and Anthony was adopted as a newborn in June 1999.

**Lorraine Barta Rogge '72** is a secretary for the Diocese of Lansing and lives in Owosso with her husband, Marvin.

**Peggy McCaffrey Aniol '73** lives in Wayne with her husband, Leo, and works in accounting as an internal auditor for DrawTite in Canton.

**Charlotte Ford Kalbfleisch '73** reports that she and her husband,

Paul, moved into their new home in Brown City this past November. Charlotte continues to work as a teacher.

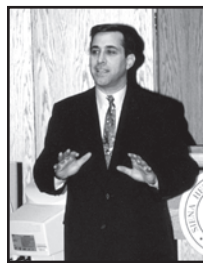
**Kathy Forner '73** of Duncanville, TX, a suburb of Dallas, "graduated" this year from teaching first grade to fourth grade and is "treasuring every inch of it, particularly the language arts/writing aspect." Celebrating her 20th year in education and recently nominated by her school for a regional teaching award, Kathy admits she "loves teaching but hates all the political baloney that goes along with it." Son Andrew is a 6'4" high school junior. Two dogs, Minnie and Buster, round out the "Forner foursome."

**Mary Lang '74** lives in Portland, OR, with her husband, C. Mort Bishop. Mary has retired from Kimberly-Clark Corp. and is busy with daughter Elizabeth, a freshman at Jesuit High School, and son Mac, a 5th grader at Cathedral School. "The Catholic tradition lives on in the Lang-Bishop family," she writes.

**Marty Phillips '74** writes that she is "in the 6th year of being the 'Lighting Goddess' at the Old Town Playhouse in Traverse City. I design, set, focus and run lights for the productions on our main stage and studio theaters." She is in her third year as lighting chairperson for the theater and is "using my degree even though these positions are volunteer. I've loved lighting the 35-plus shows I've done." She also runs Marty's Pet and House Care Service and notes, "I have six 'children'...five cats and one dog. Sister Eileen Rice would be proud of me!"

**Darrell Issa '76** of Vista, CA, was the inaugural speaker in Siena Heights' Ford Motor Company

Business Lecture Series this spring. The purpose of the program, funded by a grant from Ford, is to enhance awareness of the need for global business management expertise and practices. Visiting the Adrian campus in March, Darrell spoke about global business management, addressing such topics as free enterprise, entrepreneurship and competitiveness in a global marketplace. Darrell is founder and CEO of Directed Electronics, Inc. (DEI), the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of vehicle security systems (including the popular Viper, Python and Sidewinder products)



and an increasingly important producer of car audio equipment as well. The company holds 45 US patents and had sales of \$87 million in 1999. Currently chairman of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturing Association, Darrell is running for the US Congress as the Republican candidate for House of Representatives from southern California's 48th District. He and his wife, Kathy, hold equal shares in and work together at DEI. They have one son, William, a freshman at the University of Colorado.

**Thomas Barnett '77** recently started a new job with Hitachi Data Systems in Southfield as senior account manager to three major companies in the Detroit area. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Warren.

**Maryanne Brown Wherley '77** writes from Velva, ND, that she and her husband, Harlan, are "operating a small farm in North Dakota breeding

and training registered quarter horses under the brand, W3 Quarter Horses. Website is under development!"

### 1980s

#### Alumni Weekend 2000

20th Reunion of the Class of 1980  
15th Reunion of the Class of 1985

**Amy Lillywhite Sturtevant '80** is president for the year 2000 of the Board of Directors of the Lenawee Humane Society. She and her husband, **Gary Sturtevant '85**, live in Addison.

**David Beebe '80** lives in Tampa, FL.

**Steven Schultz '80** lives in Ashburn, VA, with his wife, Laura, and works as facilities manager for Merrill Corporation in Washington, DC. Anticipating reunions, he writes, "Well, it's 20 years for me this year. Looking back on only really good days."

**Barney Stickles '80, '83/MA, '88/MA** of Maumee, OH, was featured in a Feb. 12 story in The (Toledo) Blade recalling the days of Morse code and telegraph communication. Barney, a former railroader, worked for 16 years for the Wabash and Norfolk & Western railroads. He started his career as a telegraph operator for the Wabash in Lafayette, IN, and retired in 1966 as general agent in charge of the Toledo terminal. "Telegraphy was phasing out in the late '60s," he said, and he saved much of the memorabilia when he retired, including telegraph sounders, keys, switchboards, office clocks and other equipment. Now he is interested in donating his collection to a museum or organization. A former president



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#### Tucson, AZ: January 6, 2000

Enjoying an evening at Daniel's Restaurant are (from left) Tucson area alumni Dawn Vandaveer '87, Charlotte Swift, OP '68, President Rick Artman, Rosalie Esquerro, OP '66, Valerie Price (attended Siena 67-69), Annette Van Dan '62 and Patricia Bereb, OP '68. (Not pictured: Dorothy Suszko Fuerstenberg '58, Angela Herman Horkey '70, and Charlotte Brooke '42.)

of the now defunct American Morse Telegraphers Association, Barney now works as a licensed clinical counselor specializing in diagnosis of mental and emotional problems. He also is a Siena Heights Trustee.

**Patty Ceglio Bishoff '82** lives with her husband, Steve, in northwest Wyoming in Yellowstone National Park. As director of site operations for Cool Works.com, Patty is "trying to keep up with the evolution of the web, and having tons of fun being an old dog learning new tricks. So sad to hear we lost Father Van Horn last year; he was my hero." Patty adds, "If you or your kids need a job in a great place, find my world (www.coolworks.com)."

**Kathy Felan Jay '82** and her husband, Bernie, live in Battle Creek where Kathy was recently promoted

on active duty in Korea since last June and has taken a leave of absence from his college teaching position. He recently completed the US Army Civil Affairs Officer Course given at Ft. Bragg, NC.

**Mark Lektzian '84** is directing the commercial lending program at Central Savings Bank in Sault Ste. Marie. An active community leader, he has been a board member of United Way of Delta and Dickinson Counties, a director of the Lions Club, and a member of the Elks Lodge.

**Gina Grattarola Tzizik '84** writes from Watertown, NY: "I started my own Montessori school three years ago. We have grown from 7 children to 25 this year! We are the only Montessori in this part of northern upstate New York. I have three great

of their second child, John Joseph, born Oct. 12. Big brother Joshua Thomas is 13 months old. Ann Marie plans to continue part-time in her job as an EAP counselor with Health Management Systems of America. The Crigers live in Sterling Heights.

**Dan Malley '85** lives in Middleburg Heights, OH, with his wife, Melissa, and their daughter, Maggie, born in March '99. Dan is vice president of sales and marketing and oversees production for Malley's Chocolates, the company founded by his grandfather in Cleveland which now includes 12 retail stores in Ohio. Dan was featured in the Winter 1999-2000 issue of the alumni magazine of his high school alma mater, St. Edward's in Cleveland. In

the article, he reported that Easter is the busiest season for Malley's Chocolates; between 40,000 and 45,000 people are expected to visit "Bunnyland" this year, which Dan says is the world's largest selection of Easter candy in one place. "Bunnyland" is an example of "the type of event that makes us different than just your average candy store," he said. "We try to take it to the next level." A more modest example of this not-your-average-candy-store attitude was seen on campus at Siena Heights this winter: After reading Spectra, the Siena student newspaper, Dan discovered that one of the stars of the women's basketball team was Bevin Malley (no relation) of Sylvania. Dan immediately sent her a contribution of Malley's Chocolates!

**Michael Gabert '86** reports from Melvindale that he is "the proud father of JoAnn (8), Allison (7) and Siena Marie (4). My wife, Diane, and I celebrated our 9th anniversary in March and hope to move into our new home by mid-May." Michael is sales manager/commercial designer with Wilcox Brothers Irrigation in Troy.



Alumni Notes from SHU in Monroe

**Ignazio Cuccia '96** married Barbara Setzler Oct. 2, 1999. He is an agent for Nationwide Insurance in Monroe. The Cuccias live in Erie.

**Joseph Migliore '98** married Dawn Verhille Aug. 7, 1999. They live in Monroe.

**Francis Watters '98** married Julie Brown July 24, 1999. He is an engineering technician for TAC at Ford Motor Co.'s Advance Engineering Center in Detroit. He and Julie live in Monroe.

**Steven Mullins '99**, an account manager for Coca-Cola in Belleville, ran for city council last fall in Monroe, where he lives with his wife, Amy, and their two children, Sydney (7) and Audrey (1).

**Adam Gibson '86** lives in Three Rivers and works as shift coordinator at Weyerhaeuser, where he has been employed since 1991. Adam and his wife, Nancy, have "two awesome boys, Alan (2) and Jon (6 months)."

**Terrance Green '86** and his wife, Kim, have been married 10 years. They have three children, Kelsey (9), Emily (5), and Noah (7 months). They live in Burr Oak where Terry is director of educational technology for the Burr Oak Community School District. "I began as a social studies teacher and moved into the technology department three years ago."

**Caroline Ault Keller '86** is a registered social worker living in Bay City.

**Scott '86** and **Michelle Hellner McClure '86** live in Adrian. Michelle is Key client relations leader for KeyBank and Scott is sports information director at Siena Heights.

**Charles Schwartz '86** is a private investor in Adrian, where he lives with his wife, **Sheila Dwyer Schwartz '84**.

**Barbara DeVantier Schmidt '86** is a stay-at-home mom in Blissfield where she lives with her husband, **Ronald Schmidt '90**, who teaches fifth grade in Deerfield and spends



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Phoenix, AZ: January 7, 2000

Gathered with President Rick Artman are Phoenix area alumni (from left): Evelyn (Mary Jovanna) Stein, OP '61, Dianna Lepon Edwards '68, Marlene Kuhnlein, OP '57, Betty Byers Timpani '46, Brenda Hubbell '91, Sandra Lynch Hultgren '78, Martha Betanzos Bennett '65, President Artman, and Marilyn Lynch Kennedy '60. (Not pictured: Elizabeth Kimball Spiker '62.)

to program manager for workforce development at Defense Logistics Information Service. She also is a Siena Heights Trustee.

**Dan Falke '82, '90/MA** lives in Fairborn, OH, and is an addiction therapist for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton.

**Mary VanHaerents Hoffmann '83** is a stockbroker living in Ballwin, MO, with her husband, Jim.

**Kenneth Kops '84** reports from Seoul, Korea, that he has been selected for promotion to the rank of Major in the US Army. He has been serving

kids ages 4, 7 and 9. Since graduation, I have lived and worked all around the world; three years in Bremen, Germany, and three years in Vicenza, Italy. I am forever grateful for the excellent education I received at Siena. I still call Sister Anthonita Porta, OP for advice!"

**Mike Quinn '85**, former junior varsity coach for the Saints, is now varsity basketball coach at Manchester High School. Previously, he was athletic director at Vicksburg High School.

**Ann Marie Wrubel Criger '85** and her husband, Tom, announce the birth



## Alumni Notes from SHU in Benton Harbor

**James '85 and Karen Graeber Wilson '87** live in Grapevine, TX. James is associate publisher with Boy Scouts of America in Irving.

**Kevin Spitzform '91** completed his MBA with University of Dayton last year and is a wholesale energy marketer for American Electric Power in Columbus, OH, where he is "lovin' life but is always on the lookout for new opportunities!"

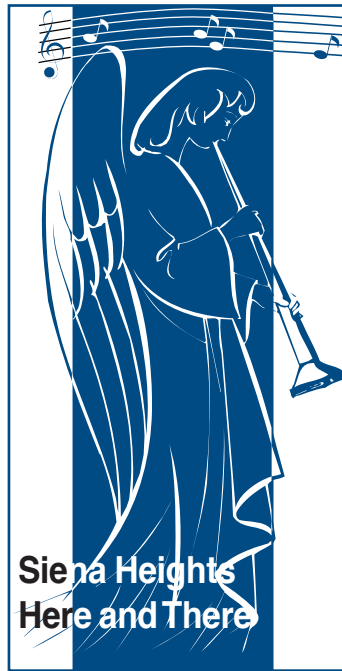
**Rafe Aalderink '95** works in Dallas, TX, as an automation analyst for Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., the nation's fourth largest computer services outsourcer. He lives in nearby Plano where "the schools are great for my boys, who are also in Cub Scouts." Rafe has begun seriously studying the bagpipes and hopes eventually to play in the North Texas Caledonia Pipe Band.

**Layne Jeffery '95** of Cottage Grove, MN, is a law clerk with McCullough, Smith, Wright & Kempe, P.A. in the state capital, St. Paul. "Currently I am practicing in the areas of personal injury and family law, with additional focus on areas involving general business and commercial litigation. I'm also serving as founding member and president of the National Italian American Bar Association, William Mitchell Student Chapter."

**Allen '97 and Amie Snider Perkins '98** moved to Fort Worth, TX, about two years ago with their son, Evan (15). Allen works in computer and information systems and Amie is studying art history and design. They enjoy the Fort Worth cultural life and take advantage of activities at the city's several major art museums.

## Benton Harbor, MI: December 11, 1999

*Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors met with alumni and friends at a reception in the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College, prior to a stunning performance by the Boys Choir of Harlem. Cindy Schutze '91 (LMC) of Benton Harbor, a Siena grad who coordinates events at the Mendel Center, assisted with the event.*



summers coaching Little League. Barb and Ron have three children, Amy (10), Eric (7) and Anna (4). Ron is also taking graduate classes at Siena Heights.

**Ted Spiegler '86** is living in a new home in Columbia, MD, and is stage manager on the CBS Sunday morning news show, "Face The Nation."

**Ken '87 and Linda Zeigler Groch '87** live in Ottawa Lake with their two daughters, Rachael (8) and Rebecca (6). Linda is a teacher's aide at Whiteford Schools and Ken is coaching varsity baseball at Springfield High School while finishing his

master's in curriculum and instruction at the University of Toledo.

**Jeffrey Myers '87** works in orthopaedics and sales in St. Petersburg, FL, and writes: "Spend too much time in the operating room, still love to work on VWs, still run 60-70 miles weekly, and still single after all these years. I spent some of the best years of my life with my Siena Heights family."

**William Smith '87** teaches vocal music at Three Rivers (MI) High School.

**Robin Wagner '87** of Novi is a financial systems analyst for Washtenaw Community College.

**Colleen (Kellie) Brogan '88** writes from Chicago, IL: "I am in my 11th year of flying with United Airlines as a flight attendant and still enjoy it. I

have been based out of Chicago O'Hare for nine years and have made the windy city my home. I bought a condo near the lake (and shopping) two years ago and enjoy city living!"

**Molly Bailey '89** has been living in Boulder, CO, for about five years and "loves it." She works in marketing for SignalSoft Corp. and has begun a two-year master's program in education.

**Beth Banaszewski '89** and her husband, Vince Crawford, have lived in Ohio since 1994. Beth writes from Munson Township: "I left Blissfield Schools after five years of teaching to become involved with a family business here in Ohio. I am now mom to identical twin boys, Connor and Kevin, born in 1996. I stay busy with their activities and do a little teaching on the side."

**Jennifer Schilling Childs '89** lives in Hanover and works as accounting manager for American 1 FCU in Jackson. She and her husband, Joseph, welcomed their second child, a baby girl, in September.

**Kellie Schmidt Franks '89** of Marshall is a biochemist with Pharmacia & Upjohn in Kalamazoo. She and husband Stephen have two children, Jacob (6.5) and Gabriel (3).

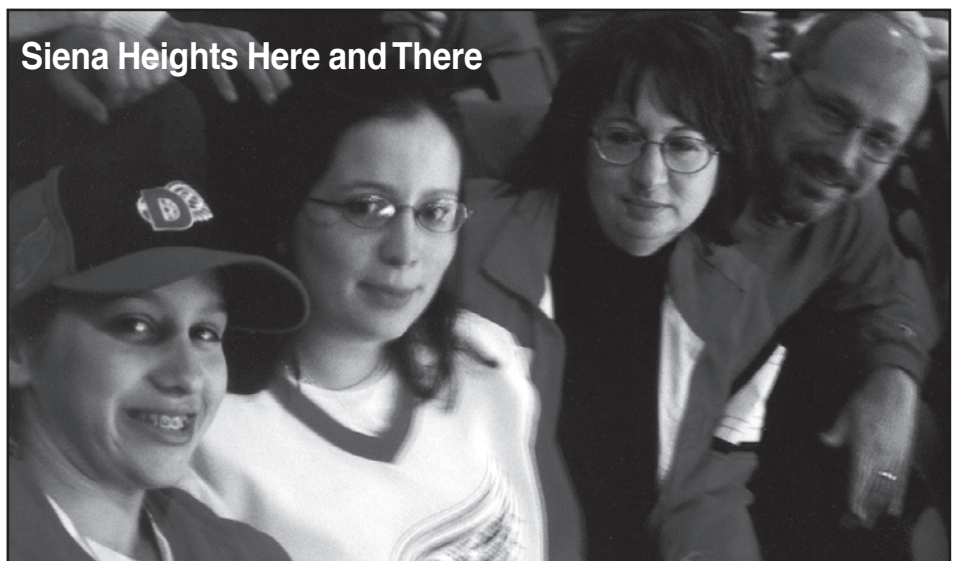
**Abigail Harju LaLonde '89** and her husband, Brett, of St. Ignace announce the birth on Nov. 15, 1999, of their second child, Alicia Belle. Big sister Rebecca is three.

**Mary Billings Lewis '89** is a PC system analyst specialist for TechTeam in Dearborn. She lives in Troy with her husband, Chris.

**Robin Risedorph '89** lives in Coldwater where she is production

## Detroit, MI: March 29, 2000

*SHU hockey fans, primarily Southfield alumni and their families, met at the Joe Louis Arena to cheer the Red Wings to a 6-3 victory over Vancouver. Shown here: "Diehard Red Wings fans" Elizabeth Thompson '92 (second from right), husband Bruce, and daughters Brianna and Kate. Go Wings!*



manager for the Fort Dearborn Company.

**Marlene Russette Schaldenbrand '89** works at the Detroit Medical Center and lives in New Baltimore with her husband, John, and their two boys, John, Jr. (4) and Jacob (one year this June). A biology major at Siena, Marlene is considering returning to school for an accounting degree.

**Pat Walsh '89** lives in Royal Oak with his wife, Catherine. Pat works at the GM Truck Group in Pontiac as a disability case manager. He earned a master's in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Wayne State University. "I love living in the Detroit Metro area and look forward to March 17 every year!"

**Phil Weaver '89**, a teacher and coach in East Moline, IL, coached his soccer team to the Illinois High School Association State Soccer Championship this past fall. They won it all and came home Class 2A champions. Phil and his wife, Ellen, live in Rock Island.

**Mark '89** and **Laurie Bailey Thalman '91** celebrated Y2K by welcoming their third child, Daniel James, who was born on New Year's Day. The Thalmans live in Crystal Lake, IL, where Mark is a software engineer for Parallel Software.

1990s

Alumni Weekend 2000

10th Reunion of the Class of 1990  
5th Reunion of the Class of 1995

**Ann Marie Mollitor Abraham '90** lives in Abingdon, MD, with her husband, Jim, and is a stay-at-home mom for their son, Jacob, who will be two years old in May.

**Talisa Copeland '90** lives in Detroit and is an analyst for the State of Michigan.

**Kimba Newell Morgan '90** of Redford is a theater director and actor with Mid-America Festivals, Inc., in Holly. "After living in London, England, I returned to Michigan and married Steve Morgan. I have a lovely 6-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn, and am employed as a director and performer with the Michigan Renaissance Festival and Bristol Renaissance Faire and do freelance theater work. I still cause havoc during all hours of the day or night with Nif Havelka on a regular basis."

**Tara Romanoff Battles '91** writes: "I have just celebrated my 5th wedding anniversary. I am the mother of three beautiful children, son Rudy (4) and identical two-year-old twin girls, Sarah and Alyss. My husband,

Issac, is a musician, writer and producer. We live in Orlando, FL, where my husband owns a record production company." Tara is a pre-school teacher at College Park United Methodist CDC.

**Jennifer Collins '91** lives in Marshall.

**Karen McFadden Hard '91** is a senior claim processor for State Farm Insurance in Kalamazoo. She lives in Charlotte with her husband, Lynn, a machine design engineer at Dort Container Corporation in Mason.

**Lori List '91** writes from Farmington Hills: "After 8 years with the Southfield Public Schools, I was appointed English Department chairperson at Thompson Middle School, supervising a 28-member department serving 750 students. I'm also doing well after recent back surgery. It's back to the treadmill soon to keep off the 165 pounds I've lost since graduation!" Lori, who also coaches volleyball, would love to hear from Siena friends.

**Kerri Wing '91** of Scottsdale, AZ, had one of her artworks chosen for inclusion in Artlink's 3rd Annual Juried Exhibition. Her mixed media piece "What Price?" was exhibited Nov. 4-10 in the Phoenix City Hall Atrium, along with works by several

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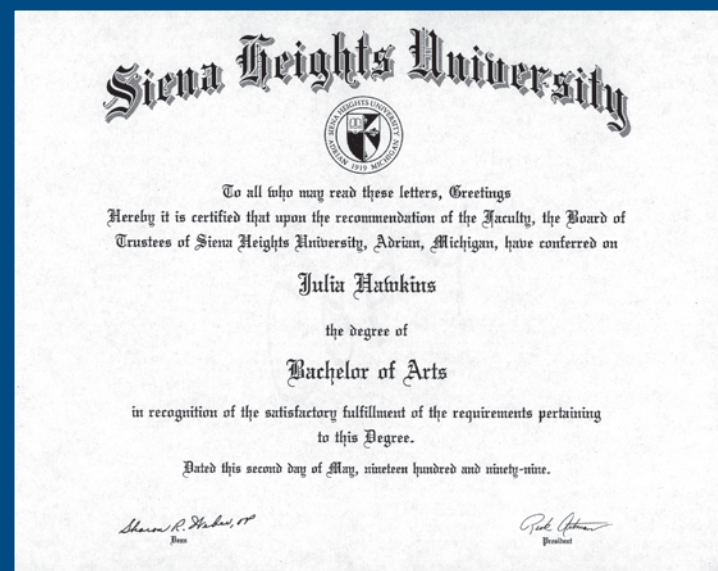


other Arizona artists. Kerri's work has been featured recently at several area locations including Alchemy Arts in Chandler and Central Eyeworks in downtown Phoenix. See her work online at [www.artruckus.com](http://www.artruckus.com).

**Jennifer Havelka '92** of Clawson is a service specialist with Kelly Services in Troy and reports a "daily feeling of satisfaction and achievement. I've finally found a job (and a manager) that doesn't find me lobbing virtual coffee mugs. Also, the Michigan Renaissance Festival season is gearing up, which will mean a little less free time but a heck of a lot of fun. Other than that, it's just a matter of new dreams and an address change."

**Colleen Mikin '92** lives in Cleveland, OH. She works full-time as a teacher and community service coordinator at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor while selling insurance part-time. She recently ran her first marathon in Dublin, Ireland, as part of the Joints in Motion Team through the Arthritis Foundation.

# Want to update your diploma?



Since Siena Heights changed its name from College to University in July 1998, we've had numerous inquiries about ordering updated diplomas. Beginning in July 2000, interested graduates will be able to order Siena Heights University diplomas (or replacement Siena Heights College diplomas) directly from the Registrar's Office. To order follow these simple instructions:

1. Send your request in writing to: Registrar's Office, Siena Heights University, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221-1796. Be sure to include your address and telephone number, and indicate which diploma (College or University) you are ordering. If your name has changed, be sure to specify the name under which you graduated, so the University can confirm your graduation year and degree. (Note: We are unable to accept on-line orders or orders by telephone. You must send your request in writing.)
2. Enclose your check or money order for \$50 payable to Siena Heights University. Please do not send cash.
3. Relax, and wait awhile! Diplomas will be ordered from the print company the first week of each month; delivery can take up to 6-8 weeks after the order has been placed. If you want to receive a diploma by a specific date, plan to send your order as much as three months in advance.



## Alumni Notes from SHU in Metro Detroit

**Michael Battani '79** is a computer consultant living in Pfafftown, NC.

**John Lindsley '89** lives in Plano, TX, and is a software project manager for IBM Global Services in Dallas.

**Christine Beacco '93** of Okemos is the registrar at Jackson Community College.

**Bernadette Stanley '97** of Eastpointe is a registered nurse at Detroit's St. John Hospital who writes: "Just contemplating my next direction in life. I feel that obtaining my B.A.S. degree with Siena Heights was the most satisfying thing I've done yet. I'm very proud."

**Carolyn Lewis-Brown '98** of Detroit is a registered nurse and certified case manager with Ultimed HMO of Michigan. She also has returned to Siena's Southfield center to earn her master's in health care administration.

**Daniel Niebrzydowski '99** of Canton is a design engineer with Key Plastics, Inc., in Novi.

**Terry Szuminski '99** is a product designer with General Dynamics in Sterling Heights. He lives in Allen Park.

**Eric '92** and **Angela Matthews Fruitt '91** live in Brownsburg, IN.

**Sylvia McGee Trevino '92** works for the State of Michigan and lives in Adrian with her husband, Albert.

**Thomas Romanowski '92** lives with his wife, Trina, in Hudson where he has been teaching high school math for seven years and coaching girls varsity basketball for six years. Tom and Trina have two daughters, Tea (22 months) and Bree (3 weeks). Tom is working on his thesis and expects to graduate with his master's from Siena Heights in August.

**Craig Tanis '92** is president and CEO of Equity Capital Investments, Inc., a mortgage banking firm in Adrian. He lives in Britton with his wife, Leslie.

**Karen Weber '92** lives in Saline and works for the University of Michigan.

**Catherine Yezak '92** of Dryden works independently as a massage therapist. She also substitute teaches in Davison.

**Cliff Heckman '93/MA** is director of Gateway Centers for Addiction Treatment, a substance abuse facility at Des Moines (IA) General Hospital. He and his wife, Ginger, live in Urbandale.

**Paulette Georges '93** of Royal Oak works in the computer field as a Macintosh operator. "I do photo retouching and color alterations for pre-press media. I am planning a 2-week trip to Macedonia this summer to visit family and have a little fun; no, a lot of fun! I was a bridesmaid for **Kathy Morris '93** last September and will be in another alumni wedding this September."

**Nikola Vrtis '93** is a writer/editor with West End Games. His latest project, the DC Universe Roleplaying Game, was scheduled to be in stores this past December.

**Erik Wilson '93** lives in Brighton and is a retail manager for Kmart in Waterford.

**Sean '95** and **Lisa Lauber Jorgensen '93** of Toledo, OH, announce the birth of their first child, son Rory Joseph, on Feb. 13. Sean reports that Rory "has his mother's looks, his father's love of a good nap, and the feet of Pele (Dad wishes!). Mother and son are doing very well; father's status will be questionable for years to come."

**Jeff Chapman '94** married Carolyn Wojtan Sept. 25, 1999. Jeff, a graduate of the University of

**Paula Maves '94** of Troy was recently promoted to vice president/director of relocation services for Standard Federal Bank. She has been in banking for 15 years and is involved with the Nationwide Lending program.

**Jennifer Schreer '94, '97/MA** is assistant director of student activities at the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH. Previously, she worked at Siena Heights for two years as assistant director of residential life and assistant coordinator for student activities.

**James Pouillon '94** lives in Baltimore, MD, and is a podiatrist working for the US Navy.

**Patricia Barclay '94** lives in Detroit and is a Montessori teacher in Dearborn.

**Timothy Milton '94** writes from Harrison Township: "In April 1999, Denise and I were blessed with the arrival of our daughter, Brianna. She has been an absolute bundle of joy and one of the greatest teachers I have ever known. We had planned to buy a house and a dog, and then start a family, but we got out of order. I am still waiting for the dog. Currently I am teaching English at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School in Marine City. It has been great contacting so many old friends and I urge others to contact me through the Siena Heights e-mail directory. As always, my wish for you all is peace."

**Rachel Rodriguez '94** lives in Ypsilanti Township and teaches English at Churchill High School in Livonia. "I am pleased to be working with my Churchill H.S. family. I also am currently enrolled in Siena Heights' master's program. I have had many new changings in my life and it has been a fulfilling life and career so far."

**Brett '95** and **Barbara Ernst Lawrence '94** announce the birth of a son, Noah Henry, this past Nov. 29. They also just moved into a new home in Mt. Clemens.

**Elizabeth Lyberg '95**, a sergeant and military linguist with the US Army, is serving in Bosnia as a Bosnian and Russian linguist.

**Marc Daly '95** of Jackson is lead teacher in English language arts at Boysville in Clinton. He writes: "The kids and I recently bought a house. I'm finishing up my master's degree in middle school education at Siena Heights."



Above: *Maybelle Furtney Goran '54 of Punta Gorda met SHU's alumni director Lynne Hill at the Port Charlotte Boat Club for lunch.*

Michigan School of Public Health and the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, is a medical intern at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Carolyn is a certified medical assistant at Horizon Family Medical Center in Taylor.

## Fort Myers, FL: March 7, 2000

Below: *Alumni relations director Lynne Hill hosted lunch at the Veranda Restaurant for, from left: Judy Deboer '81, Frances "Dee" DeSales Fleeman '60, Mary Lee Graham (sister of Lois), Lynne Hill, and Lois Hammond Harrigan '47 who was visiting from New York.*



Siena Heights Here and There

## Adrian, MI: April 7, 2000

Lenawee county alumni enjoyed a reception prior to the Theatre Siena production of Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate." From left: Peg O'Flynn, OP; Ann Hughes '82; Rosemary Abramovich, OP '71; Lee Cooney; Aneeah McNamee, OP; and Jean Tobin, OP '62.



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**Sara Weber-Hess '95** hopes to finish her master's in art history this spring at the University of Notre Dame. She lives in Niles with her husband, Christian.

**Chris Marsh '95** is an art teacher living in Adrian.

**Tim Griffin '96** lives in Sylvania with his wife, Angie. Tim completed master's degrees in public health and social work at the University of Michigan in December 1998 and started last June with Lutheran Social Services as a case worker in child foster care. Early this year, he changed positions within the organization and now works with children as a counselor/therapist.

**Mary Jane Borton Dopp '96** works at Eastern Michigan University where she was recently promoted to assistant director of information technology/enrollment systems. She lives in Adrian with her husband, Steve.

**Sarah Johannsen Beck '96** and her husband, Kelly, "were blessed with a baby girl Sept. 23, 1999. Her name is Hannah Jo." The Becks live in Norwalk, OH. Sarah teaches math at Western Reserve High School.

**Mantrell Goodrum '97** is a graduate student at Savannah (GA) College of Art and Design where he is completing an MFA in motion graphics and "looking forward to a post-collegiate lifestyle."

**Shelly DuRocher Smith '97** and her husband, Michael, of Mason,

announce the birth of a daughter, Caroline Catherine, at home on Aug. 15, 1999. "I am caring for Caroline full-time right now and Mike took a job in November as membership director for the Lansing YMCA. We're having a blast being parents. Caroline is very sassy!"

**Michael Novak '97** is teaching sixth grade science and English and assisting with physical education classes in his hometown of Blissfield, where he lives with his wife, Jeanine.

**Michelle Osting '97** married Joseph Schafer Oct. 2, 1999 in Delphos, OH, where the Schafers now live. Michelle works for Lima Memorial Hospital.

**Gregory Hartman '97** and his wife, Kristie, announce the arrival of "a bouncing baby boy," Jalen Thomas, born Jan. 20. The Hartmans live in Taylor. Greg teaches English in Belleville.

**Margaret (Peggy) Kirk '97/MA** of Toledo, OH, co-authored an article on "Mental Health Counselors and the Internet" in the October 1999 issue of the Journal of Mental Health Counseling. The article offers a brief history and description of the Internet, a review of current and potential uses of the Internet among mental health counselors, and a discussion of ways in which the Internet can be understood from a postmodern perspective. Internet use among the general population also is presented as a reason for counselors to gain an understanding of the medium.

**Matt Geha '97** and **Bridget Nesbit '98** were married June 12, 1999. The Gehas now live in Sylvania, OH.

**Charles Janczarek '98** lives in Pontiac and works for the city.

**Mariann Bauman '98** lives in Luna Pier and teaches second grade for the Whiteford Schools.

**Crystal Bruck '98** married John Wenzel Oct. 23, 1999. The Wenzels honeymooned in St. Kitts, West Indies.

**Jason Holton '98** is living in Livonia, working as a sales recruiter for Aerotek. He plans to leave Michigan this fall, however, and head west to pursue a career in acting.

**Cindy Steih '98** married Kyle Gonyer May 8, 1999. The Gonyers honeymooned in the Grand Cayman Islands; they now live in Toledo, OH. Cindy works in marketing for Bank of Lenawee; Kyle is web developer/creative coordinator for Dana Corporate Communications.

**LaJoyce Jones '98/MA** married Antawn Brown May 22, 1999. The Browns went on a five-day Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas, then settled in Southfield. LaJoyce is a university counselor at Wayne State.

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### Alumni Notes from SHU in Battle Creek

**Thomas Martin '95** was promoted last summer to Lieutenant at the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

**Donald Viland '97** of Marshall is an accountant with the Marshall Savings Bank.

**Jerry McAtee '98** works in sales for Haggin Wimberley Ford in Battle Creek. He and his wife, Maureen, live in Kalamazoo with their daughter, Emily Morgan, born last May.

**Jane Januszewski Rooney '98** is a materials/customer service manager for Coca-Cola in Northampton, MA. She lives in Springfield with her husband, Emmett.

**Mary Aldrich Wood '98** and her husband, Dennis, live in Battle Creek where Mary works in logistics information for DLA. Mary is enjoying "the opportunity to perceive a whole new paradigm in community spirit and giving, while embracing a new area of study in the master's program in Human Resource Development at Siena Heights."

**Shelly Evans '99** lives in Marshall and works for the public schools.

**Nancy Kovach '99** has been appointed Director of Development for Hackett Catholic Central High School in Kalamazoo.

**Zadie Jackson**, former director of the Siena Heights program in Battle Creek at Kellogg Community College, is now development director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kalamazoo.

**Kristin Baty '99/MA** lives in Crawfordsville, IN, where she is assistant director of admissions and coordinator of international recruitment for Wabash College.

**Kevin Haranczak '99** reports from Sterling Heights: "I returned home to Michigan from Studio City, CA, and am now assistant rooms manager for the Embassy Suites in Troy."

**Sean Ferratt '99** lives in Richmond, IN, where he works as an accountant for the Dana Corporation.



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was not surprised: "My Siena professors told me teaching would be hard work," she said. "I love it. This is what I wanted to do."

**Constance Rose '99** married Kevin Sellers Oct. 9, 1999. They now live in Tecumseh. Constance works in the Lenawee Intermediate School District's Laura Haviland Program.

**Shane Kay '99** of Wixom is a broadcast traffic coordinator for D'Arcy Advertising in Troy.

**Raymond Baumgardner, Jr. '99** lives in Jackson and is manager of Taco Bell.

**Mary Donnelly '99** of Dearborn is retail manager for World of Science.

**Teresa LaPalme '99** of Wixom is a cytogenetics lab technician at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital.

**Jason Preston '99** of Adrian works in Ann Arbor as a graphic designer for Media Station, Inc., an interactive technology company developing websites and marketing materials. He plans to start work on a master's degree this fall.

**Natalie Sandusky '99** is teaching third grade in her hometown at Morenci Elementary School. She was featured in an article in *The Daily Telegram* which noted that Natalie is teaching in the same classroom where her mother first started her teaching career. Although she admitted that teaching is demanding, she said she

## Deaths

**Hubert Marie Gehringer, OP '39** died Feb. 8 at the Dominican Life Center. She was 89. She spent 56 years ministering in elementary education as a teacher and principal in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, and Nevada.

**Mary Annella Tracy, OP '40** died Feb. 1 at the Dominican Life Center where she had lived since 1996. She was 84. After four years in elementary education, she spent the next 56 years ministering in secondary education in Michigan, California and Illinois.

**Louise Ward '43** of South Lyon died in February. A retired teacher, she had worked in music education in the Detroit area.

**Genevieve Logan Grasley '45** of Deerfield died Jan. 18. After starting her teaching career in one-room schools, she taught 41 years in the Bedford Public Schools, retiring in 1978. She and her husband, Jack, also operated family farms for many years. Her husband, son Kevin, and four grandchildren survive.

**Florence Gibbons, OP '46** (formerly known as Sister Marie Francine) died Nov. 1, 1999 at the age of 75. She spent 17 years ministering in elementary education and 34 years in secondary education in Florida, Illinois, Puerto Rico and Michigan. She served as assistant principal at St. Patrick's in Brighton and principal of St. Brigid in Detroit.

**Barbara Wojtyszewski '47** of New Baltimore died Nov. 17, 1999, six days before her 74th birthday. Born in Hamtramck, she was a retired teacher and had been ill for several years.

**Loretta Hoffmann, OP '50** died Nov. 29, 1999, at the Dominican Life Center. She was 87. She ministered in elementary education for 34 years in Michigan and Illinois. She also worked as a parish minister in Detroit and as a secretary at St. Mary's in Swanton, Ohio.

**Gladys Marie LeVack, OP '54** (formerly known as Sister Marie de Paul) died Oct. 9, 1999 at the Dominican Life Center. She was 71. She ministered for 25 years in elementary and secondary education in Illinois, Michigan, Florida, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. She also ministered for 22 years at various levels of nursing care in Ohio and the Dominican Republic..

**Antoinette "Tony" Milliman '99** (Battle Creek) of Tekonsha died Dec. 12, 1999, in Coldwater. She was 22. She enjoyed sports, pets and her family and was active in the Union United Church of Christ. Survivors include her parents and grandparents, a brother and her fiance.



*Janet Crawford '73/MA enjoyed Introduction to Painting, one of the first offerings in the new "Classes Without Quizzes" program for alumni.*



# SHU Alumni Events Calendar

## Spring/Summer 2000

### May 16, 2000

**Wine Tasting at Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant**  
Hosted by Paul Landeck '86 (LMC), Tabor Hill Vice President  
Buchanan, MI

### July 20, 2000

**Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game & Cookout**  
Lansing, MI

### July 25-30, 2000

**New York Theater Trip**  
Led by Dan Sagert, Metropolitan Detroit Program faculty  
New York, NY

## Summer/Fall 2000

### Classes Without Quizzes

Watch your mail for alumni learning opportunities in your neighborhood of southeast Michigan.

### September 29-October 1, 2000

**Alumni Weekend 2000! "Come one, come all to SHU in the Fall"**  
Reunions for all classes ending in "0" and "5." Special attention to the 25th Reunion Class of 1975 and the 50th Reunion Class of 1950. See details on page 28.  
Adrian, MI

*For information about these or other alumni events, contact Lynne Redman Hill in the Siena Heights Alumni Office at (517) 264-7149 (or email: lhill@sienahts.edu). Call toll-free at (800) 693-0506.*

# ALUMNI WEEKEND

## Come one, come all, to Siena Heights in the Fall!

**Alumni Weekend 2000**  
**September 29 - October 1**

The time to think about Alumni Weekend 2000 is now. Mark your calendar and start planning for a fun-filled Fall weekend with classmates and colleagues. Classes ending in "0" and "5" will celebrate reunions, but we encourage all Siena graduates and former students to join us for the 2000 celebration. Highlights include:

- Another rousing Alumni Golf Outing.
- The 2nd annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet.
- Admissions Office open house for prospective students and families.
- All-alumni luncheon and champagne buffet dinner.
- Saturday afternoon tailgate party with fun and food for all.
- Special children's activities such as face painting and a moonwalk.
- Men's and women's intercollegiate soccer games.
- Is your Siena sweatshirt worn out? Visit the bookstore and update your SHU wardrobe.
- Las Vegas Night in the Fieldhouse!
- Sunday's Alumni Liturgy.
- Sunday brunch in Benincasa.
- Alumni Association Annual Meeting.
- Reunions! Reunions! Reunions!

We pay special attention to our reunion classes! The 50th reunion class of 1950, along with the Golden Years classes of '45, '40 and '35, will enjoy a Gala Breakfast Saturday morning. The Alumni Luncheon includes special recognition for the 25th reunion (Class of '75) and 50th reunion (Class of '50). Saturday's champagne dinner is a festive buffet for all reunion classes.

Did you graduate in a year ending with "5" or "0?" Contact the Alumni Office if you'd like to help plan your special reunion.

Plan now to renew your Siena spirit at Alumni Weekend 2000! We'll be waiting for you!

### Questions?

Call Lynne Redman Hill at (800) 693-0506 or (517) 264-7149 or email her at [lhill@sienahts.edu](mailto:lhill@sienahts.edu). Visit Siena online at [www.sienahts.edu](http://www.sienahts.edu). As more details are finalized, the Alumni Office will post them under the Alumni button.

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*Norm Bukwaz, continued from back page*

"More than 3,000 students have graduated from the B.A.S. program he established."

Norm's career has not been limited to Siena's adult degree programs, however. For almost 10 years, he also handled traditional student recruitment for the main campus. Here, too, he was an innovator, overseeing the computerization of admission operations and many successful recruiting years.

Forward-thinking to the end, Norm recently has guided the University's entry into distance learning and the introduction of online course delivery. He admits to being proud of "keeping Siena Heights committed to creative endeavors, new ventures, and appropriate risk-taking."

Norm's contributions have been "enormous," says President Artman. "The University is indebted to him, and I will personally miss his perspectives, insights and enthusiasm for Siena's mission. I often refer to Siena Heights as being mission-driven and student-centered; this also describes the way Norm has always approached his work."

He leaves a personal legacy as well as a professional one. "Norm taught me that good leadership comes from the ability to instill loyalty, trust and love," says Deb Carter, dean of academic affairs for off-campus programs and director of the Benton Harbor site. Other site directors refer to his encouragement, support, sincerity and humor, as well as his leadership and vision. They'll miss him "as a boss and also as a friend," says Steve Goddard of the Southfield site.

Described as "Siena's Energizer Bunny—he just keeps going and going," Norm Bukwaz, dean of off-campus and transfer programs, will retire happy June 30, 2000.

"I'm not burned out or anything. I'll probably do some consulting, but it'll be nice to take it a little easier," he says. "I've run for a long time." ■

# Farewell to an Innovator and a Friend

When Norm Bukwaz leaves Siena Heights this summer, he'll take a big piece of history with him.

Perhaps more than any other single administrator, this friendly, patient, down-to-earth, energetic visionary is responsible for transforming Siena Heights from a traditional liberal arts college into the complex, multi-campus institution it is today. "Norm is one of the primary architects of the modern Siena Heights University," says Bob Gordon, dean of graduate studies.

Although hired to teach sociology in 1974, Norm has spent virtually all his career (under many job titles) leading Siena Heights boldly into off-campus education. He started all of Siena's degree completion programs: in Southfield (1977), Sylvania, OH (1977-85), Benton Harbor (1982), Monroe (1990), Battle Creek (1992), Lansing (1995), Kalamazoo (1996) and Jackson (1998). He recruited and trained staff, enrolled and advised each site's first generation of students, and continues to serve as mentor, problem solver and "pinch hitter" for all site directors. He also developed the community college partnership model that provides the operating foundation for most of the centers.

Hidden in those accomplishments, however, is his greatest contribution: Norm

Bukwaz recognized the need, 25 years ago, for a new option in higher education.

"In the mid-70s, people with technical training had no options" for earning a bachelor's degree, he recalls. With Norm's

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—Bob Gordon

leadership, Siena Heights pioneered the concept of degree completion. He introduced an active service orientation to adult students, established new and convenient class scheduling formats, and—most significant of all—championed the distinctive Bachelor of Applied Science degree, which for the first time made a four-year degree possible for technical people with associate degrees.

"We were the only ones serving

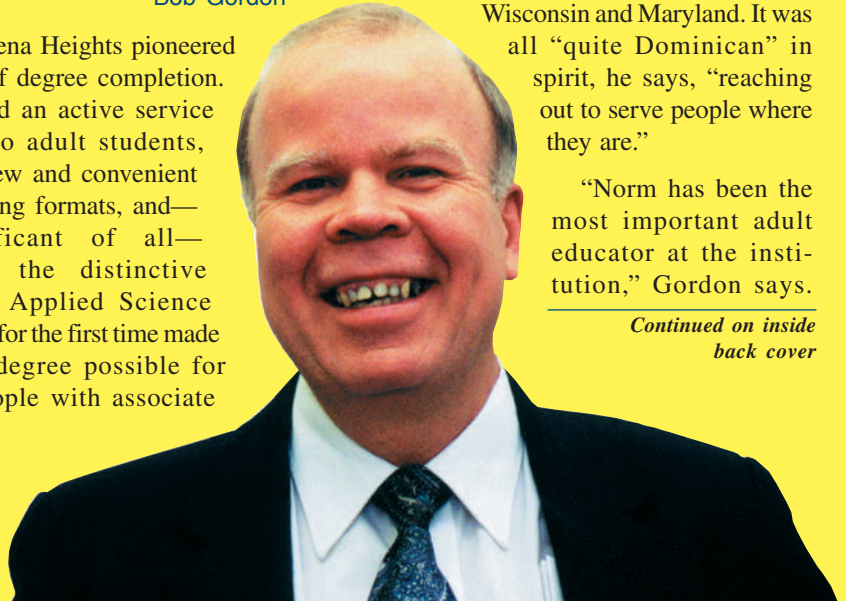
working adults with a focused program specifically designed to meet their needs," Norm recalls. "We did then what everyone is doing now." Since then, in Detroit, for example, Siena Heights has gone from "sole provider" status to being one of two dozen schools now offering degree completion programs for working adult students.

Through the years, he also helped develop onsite corporate programs for the likes of Ford and General Dynamics — and took Siena Heights across the country with employee education programs in California,

Wisconsin and Maryland. It was all "quite Dominican" in spirit, he says, "reaching out to serve people where they are."

"Norm has been the most important adult educator at the institution," Gordon says.

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