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things you can learn
at Siena Heights**

**Alumni Weekend 2001:
The SHU Odyssey**

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The Campaign for
Siena Heights University**



Awe and Brilliance

I read with great interest the story about Sister Helene. I arrived at Siena a year after Studio Angelico opened in Sacred Heart Hall. I took art classes as a part of my degree in Home Economics. I was in awe of Sister Helene's brilliance and her stern demeanor, probably a little afraid that one day in no uncertain terms she would express how inept I was. (I had heard her do this from time to time). So many times in various classes when I did not succeed well, I remember her saying: "Art is doing anything well, including the most mundane tasks."

A few years after graduation a group of us had the opportunity to participate in a panel describing Siena and our days there. Sister Helene was present, as charming as she could be. In her wry way she said she never realized how fond of our undergraduate days we really were. We understood her meaning.

Though many years have passed, I still have the placemats I wove on the loom, and often use the calligraphy skills I learned. Sister certainly left her legacy at Siena Heights and, though I was a little "scared" of her most of the time, I remember her with only admiration and fondness. Thank you for honoring her.

Vera Mae Adams '43, West Bloomfield, Michigan

Sr. Jeannine Klemm '44

I enjoyed the article about Sister Helene O'Connor very much. Now I will be looking forward to an in-depth presentation on Sister Jeannine Klemm '44, after whom Klemm Gallery is named. After all, she initiated the new building, raised funds and drew up the plans. Also, Studio Angelico expanded considerably under her direction leading to the certification by NASAD. I also enjoyed the other articles concerning art exploration. I participated in the Lands of Dominic pilgrimage visiting France and Italy.

Jean Charles Birney, OP '50, Adrian, Michigan

Sister Helene

I and my family were elated at the wonderful story and good coverage you gave to our sister, Sister Helene, in the latest *Reflections*. We are so pleased that you showcased Studio Angelico in such a lovely way. The articles by Mary Jo Fleming and Lois Chazaud were so true and heartwarming. And the full-page picture of Helene was excellent—one we had not seen before.

Joan O'Connor Panaro '52, Santa Rosa, California

Scott McClure

Congratulations on your enrollment numbers for this year (*Reflections*, December 2000). Obviously, President Artman's hard work and dedication to Siena Heights is paying big dividends to the school. The freshman ACT scores and GPA's are impressive. From my point of view, I can attest to the quality of people who enroll and graduate (and work) at Siena Heights. I can't tell you enough how impressed I am with Scott McClure '86. In a short time, he has become an integral part of our effort, playing key roles in our daily operation and future. He is not only a fantastic employee but a person of great character. No doubt his time at Siena Heights contributed greatly to who he is today. My hat's off to your outstanding university.

Steven B. Barker, President and CEO,
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), Tulsa, Oklahoma

Ed. Note: Scott McClure '86 was sports information director at Siena Heights for 11 years before leaving SHU this past September to become championship events administrator for the NAIA.

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On the cover:

One of the benefits of the last Siena Heights campaign, Vision 2000, was the construction of Dominican Hall. Today, Dominican is an integral part of the campus infrastructure. The first floor has one of the largest community meeting places, Rueckert Auditorium. The second floor is classroom space including some technology enhanced rooms. The third floor is home to the IBM computer lab and the Macintosh computer lab used by the Art Department. Turn to the center of this issue of *Reflections* to learn all about our newest capital campaign.

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Ask and You Shall Receive

Years ago when I was a young administrator at the University of Miami in Florida, I had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Henry King Stanford, Miami's distinguished President for more than 20 years. I admired his enthusiasm and energy, his adroit mind and incredible gift for languages and words. I watched him masterfully work a room and unabashedly ask for money. President Stanford described his role as a professional mendicant. I had to look the word up: Mendicant—a beggar. His favorite definition of a college president was a person who lived in a big house and begged for a living.

Dr. Stanford was a wonderful mentor and role model for me. And now, thirty years later including seven as president of Siena Heights, I fully appreciate those descriptors of the contemporary college president. We must ask for money if our institutions are to advance and our missions are to be lived to their fullest.

Experts say there are three necessary components for fund raising success: There must be a relationship, there must be a need, and there must be an ask. With our fund raising campaign in full swing (see pages 19-22), it seems appropriate for me to discuss these three criteria as they relate to Siena Heights.

Building the Relationship:

For a college or university, relationship building begins when students and faculty join together in the learning process. Later, it's our responsibility to continue those relationships with alumni and build additional relationships with foundations and other friends. I'm confident that, throughout Siena's history, the relationships forged with students during their undergraduate or

graduate study years have been overwhelmingly positive; alumni tell me so frequently. I also know that at times in our history, we have slipped in maintaining and nurturing those relationships with alumni. I've been told this as well. But with the expansion of our alumni relations staff in recent years, Siena has made a genuine commitment to reach out to alumni more often, more creatively, and in more places. I hope you have seen and felt this change, and I welcome suggestions for further strengthening our relationship with you.

Expressing the Need:

Making the case for our needs—whether for scholarships, academic equipment, athletic facilities, or annual operating support—is likewise our responsibility. If we fail, you'll contribute to other needy causes that ask for your assistance. This issue of *Reflections* outlines many of the needs we have identified for *The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education with a Mission*. If you have questions about our priorities or would like more information on a particular project, please let us know.

Asking for Support:

The final ingredient for success, once the relationship is built and the need is justified, is the ask. Some alumni and friends don't need to be asked; you are faithful in your annual giving and your unsolicited support is very much appreciated. However, most of us do need a nudge and we need to be asked before we give.

Since arriving at Siena Heights in 1994, I've been committed to reaching out to our con-

President's Message

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stituents, and building relationships that will result in greater support for the University. I know we have much more to do, but I know our alumni have positive feelings about Siena. We are below the national average in alumni giving precisely because we haven't always maintained our relationships as well as we can, we haven't always clearly identified our needs, and we haven't always been forthright in asking.

A campaign has two purposes: to obtain needed resources for special projects and programs that will improve living and learning at the University; and to broaden the base of support, engaging more donors in building the University's future. The launch of our campaign signals that we will be asking for your support. Please don't feel put upon when we come to you.

It's a president's job to ask, but I don't ask because it's my job. I do so because I believe that what we do at Siena Heights University has significance and importance. We change and improve lives, and there is no more noble endeavor.

When you are asked, please join me and Joan, and every member of our Board of Trustees, in supporting *The Campaign for Siena Heights University*.


Rick Artman

Seven Join Board of Trustees

The following individuals joined the University Board of Trustees in 2001:

Irene Garcia-Solis '93, '00/MA of Adrian, vice president of human resources and co-owner of Ixtlan Technology, Adrian's first certified minority company.

Jerald J. Good is president of Focus Enterprises, Inc., a real estate developer in the hospitality and health care industry with Midwest operations including Carlton Lodge and Super 8 Motel.

Darrell Issa '76 of Vista, CA, U.S. Representative from California's 48th district and the founder of Directed Electronics, Inc., the industry-leading manufacturer of automobile security systems.

Jamie Phelps, OP '69 of Chicago, IL, associate professor of theology at Loyola University and adjunct professor of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies of Xavier University in New Orleans.

Marinus "Van" VanOoyen, MD, of Adrian, a board certified radiologist, president of Adrian Radiology, PC, and chief of radiology for Lenawee Health Alliance System.

Michael J. Wade of Adrian, a certified public accountant and president of Gleaner Life Insurance Society.

Bernard Willis of Milford, a civil engineer now retired after running his own construction company.



FROM THE HEIGHTS

Adrian - Battle Creek - Benton Harbor - Jackson - Kalamazoo - Lansing - Metro Detroit - Monroe

Sister Carmie Day branches out

Siena Heights' annual beautification day branched out this year to include a tree planting ceremony honoring the first 50 years of the Michigan Colleges Foundation. In conjunction with Sister Carmie Day, a 15-foot red sunset maple tree was planted in front of Sage Union on the main campus, commemorating the MCF anniversary.

Sister Carmie Day, sponsored annually by Student Senate to "spruce up" the campus, is named in memory of Sister Carmelia O'Connor, a former faculty member and counselor who was committed to keeping the campus beautiful. Sister Carmie Day activities included indoor and outdoor cleaning projects around the campus, from washing windows in Sacred Heart Hall to cleaning flower beds in Trinity Garden.

Bill Leibold, MCF president (bottom right with shovel) participated in the special tree planting ceremony. MCF solicits financial support from the private sector on behalf of independent colleges and universities in Michigan, and distributes those funds among the institutions. Siena Heights has received more than \$1.6 million from the foundation for scholarships and campus projects.



Left: Many people participated in Sr. Carmie Day including Amy Lillywhite Sturtevant '80, Marcine Klemm, OP '82/MA, and current student Michelle Vargo.

Below: President Artman, faculty, staff, students, and Bill Leibold of MCF gathered in front of Sage Union for a tree planting ceremony.



New name and places for SHU Graduate program

• The master's degree in human resource development has been renamed the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership. The new name more effectively communicates the focus of the program; the content of the degree is unchanged. The Organizational Leadership degree seeks to build better communities by developing competent individuals, effective teams and transformed organizations. The master's program is offered in Southfield and Battle Creek, as well as on the Adrian campus.

• Siena Heights is offering its master's program in community counseling on-site at Rochester College; a cohort group of 16 students will complete the program together. A similar program will begin this fall in Harper Woods, based at Notre Dame High School.

So fine: No fines!

Alumni, students and prospective students alike will greet this news with applause: Punitive fines, as well as fees for transcripts and for graduation, now are a thing of the past at Siena Heights.

As of July 1, fees for graduation and transcripts were eliminated, according to Sharon Robertello, vice president for finance and treasurer. Henceforth, the University operating budget will cover the cost of these items.

"We are trying to get away from nuisance fees, those that don't generate much revenue but do cause unhappiness" to the students and alumni paying the fees, Robertello said.

Punitive fines also were dropped about a year ago. Offending students do not go unpunished, however, Robertello said. "The disciplinary group in student development will seek more appropriate sanctions for students who violate rules or regulations," she explained. "This does not relieve the student from the obligation to pay for repair or any damage they do to facilities or equipment. We just won't fine them for doing it."

Technology and the Human Spirit

Students, faculty and staff came together for a common purpose one day this spring, setting aside the normal schedule of classes and meetings to focus on a single theme.

Called Common Dialogue Day, the March 21 event on the main campus featured lectures, discussions and seminars, all exploring "Technology and the Human Spirit."

"This was an opportunity for the whole community to come together to hear and think about the same idea," said Mark Schersten, associate professor of philosophy and chairperson of the humanities division. "We know the ideal education for students isn't many discreet units, but one holistic unit. That's the spirit behind Common Dialogue Day."

The day included opening remarks from Brother Frank Rotsaert, assistant professor of English; a keynote address on "Technology and the Future of Work" by University of Michigan philosopher Frithjof Bergmann; break-out sessions on contemporary technology issues in music, history, biology, mathematics, business, art, spirituality, communication, philosophy and athletics; and a closing student panel discussion. Evaluations of the program were overwhelmingly positive, according to Academic Dean Sharon Weber, OP, and campus leaders plan to make Common Dialogue Day an annual event.

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New opportunities for degree completion

The Community Services bachelor's degree major, previously offered at Siena's Lansing and Metro Detroit locations, has been added to the offerings at our Benton Harbor site. Promotional efforts with the Family Independence Agency have brought new students into the Community Services program at all sites.



Students interested in teacher education may soon be able to complete part of the program at our Monroe center. The University is exploring a partnership with Monroe County Community College to offer a portion of the

education curriculum at the Monroe center, with completion of the degree on the Adrian campus.

SHU will have a presence in Port Huron this fall, as the first group of students begins the completion program for the Bachelor of Applied Science degree. SHU at St. Clair County Community College will start with a single cohort group of undergraduates; long-term continuation of the partnership with St. Clair CCC will depend on an evaluation of local need for the program.

New faculty development project

A new three-year \$257,000 grant from the Teagle Foundation will support teaching and learning at both Siena Heights University and Adrian College. The funding supports a joint project to train three faculty members from each campus as resident experts in instructional technology. After sharpening their skills at determining the kinds of technological applications that will support learning objectives and outcomes in different areas, these faculty will be available as mentors and resident advisers for their colleagues.

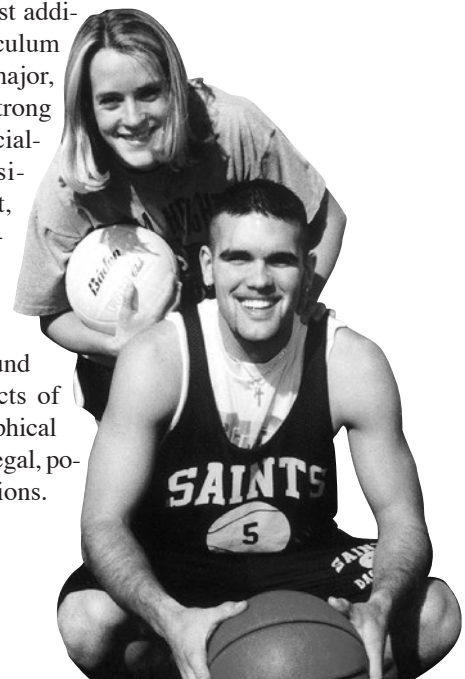
Mathematics to offer B.S. degree

The Board of Trustees this spring approved changes to the mathematics program including offering two separate degree options: a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics (with options for elementary education, secondary education and pure mathematics) and a new Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics (with options in computer science, engineering and business).

All programs, regardless of degree option, will include a common mathematics core curriculum. The B.A. options are designed for students seeking teacher certification and those preparing to enter graduate school in traditional or "pure" mathematics. The B.S. options meet the academic and professional standards for students seeking high-tech careers after graduation in computer science, engineering or business; students aiming for graduate school in a branch of applied mathematics; and students planning further undergraduate study in a specific application area.

Sport Management debuts this fall

Sport Management is the newest addition to the undergraduate curriculum on the main campus. The new major, available this fall, combines a strong business foundation with a specialized focus in sport. The business core includes management, marketing, organizational behavior, economics, ethics, law, finance, communications and budgeting. The program also provides a theoretical background and understanding of all aspects of sport from its historical, philosophical and sociological dimensions to legal, political and economic considerations.





Honors and

Idali Feliciano, director of academic advising, received the Maria Zavala Award this spring at the 8th Annual Dia de la Mujer (Women's Day Conference) sponsored by Michigan State University. The award is given annually in recognition of contributions and commitment to Michigan's Latino population. Idali, who co-founded Cambios, Inc., a grass-roots organization dedicated to eliminating racism in Lenawee County,



was honored for her role in establishing the first Latina Women's Conference in the state in 1975. Additionally, she co-founded the Mujeres Unidas de Michigan organization and has co-authored (with Deb Tabarez '92, '97/MA) five multicultural children's literature bibliographies disseminated to Lenawee County educators through Cambios.

Sharon Weber, OP '69, academic dean, received the Adrian Dominican Leadership Award from Barry University in Miami Shores, FL. Sharon, who serves on Barry's Board of Trustees, was recognized for her service in the field of education. Barry University's School of Education presents the award each year at its annual Education Day, where they also host a variety of local educators. Like Siena, Barry University is an Adrian Dominican sponsored institution.

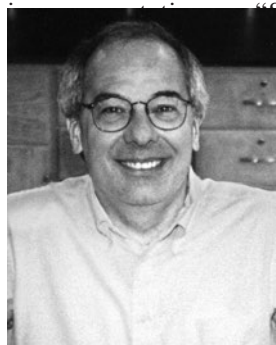


Rick Artman, president, was selected as one of this year's Diamond Honorees by the Educational Leadership Foundation of the American College Personnel Association. The Diamond Honoree program recognizes men and women in student affairs and higher education who have made a difference in the field. Rick was one of 17 professionals from across the country who were honored

at the Diamond Honoree Reception held in Boston this March in conjunction with the ACPA convention. He spent 28 years in student affairs work before coming to Siena Heights as president in 1994.

Mary Griffin, professor of education and child development, **Karin Poling**, adjunct faculty, and 10 Siena Heights child development students attended the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Early Childhood Conference in March. **Kathy Burke**, adjunct faculty, presented a workshop on the topic, "Curiosity and Learning: Allowing Young Children to Have Wonderful Ideas."

Anthony Scioly, associate professor of chemistry, highlighted the uses of computer-based simulations in general physics courses



"Simulation Software in Physics" that was given as part of this year's Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences (CMS) Division seminar series. The presentation included a discussion of early efforts at simulation contrasted with current programs.

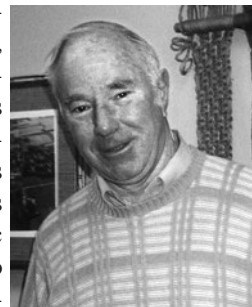
Toni Carroll, associate professor of mathematics, and her husband Tim Carroll of the Eastern Michigan mathematics faculty, presented "Calculus Wars: A Brief History of the Disputes Surrounding the Development of the Calculus" as part of this year's CMS Division seminar series. Toni and Tim, portraying Sir Isaac Newton and Herr Doctor Gottfried Leibniz, discussed their contributions to mathematical history and who should be called the inventor of calculus.

Peter Barr, assistant professor of art history, wrote an essay that was included in the catalog accompanying the "Ansel Adams: Classic Images" exhibition this spring at the Housatonic Museum of Art in Bridgeport, CT. Peter's essay on the technical, aesthetic and political aspects of the photographer's work was titled, "Ansel Adams, America's

Saint George of Conservation."

Whit Hames, associate professor of psychology, and **Gerald Kruse**, assistant professor of accounting, both retired this spring after distinguished careers on the Siena Heights faculty.

Whit, who joined the faculty in 1976 and taught full-time beginning in 1978, developed and coordinated Siena's gerontology program and also has served as Siena's faculty athletic representative to the NAIA for almost 20 years.



Jerry, chair of the Business and Management Division and past president of The Faculty Assembly (TFA), joined the faculty in 1986. He has taught at most of the degree completion centers as well as on the Adrian campus.



Mary Beth Leibold, academic advisor and co-op coordinator for the past three years, received her Ph.D. from the University of Toledo this past December. Her dissertation in higher education was "The Influence of Culture on the Stress and Coping Processes of Collegiate Student Athletes: Application of the Multicultural Model of Stress." Mary Beth has been named assistant professor of sport management and will teach in the new Sport Management program.



Achievements

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Congratulations to **Gail Clark '76** (pictured here), promoted to assistant professor in academic and career services; **Pat Schnapp, RSM**, promoted to associate professor of English; and

Deborah Danielson, promoted to professor of art.

Karen Glaser, a member of the Siena Heights community for 25 years, left her position as associate vice president for advancement this winter to accept a position as director of grants and development with the Lenawee Intermediate School District. Karen started in Siena's Upward Bound



program before moving to the Advancement Division. Karen is seen above (left) with Annita Galnares, director of Upward Bound.

Inaugural staff excellence awards

Two on-campus employees who go above and beyond the call of duty were honored this spring with the new Siena Heights University Staff Excellence Award.



LaVerne Guzman, custodial supervisor, and Norma Baldwin, RN, director of health services, were recognized for their contributions toward betterment, strong work qualities and

positive personal attributes, according to Barbara Lawrence, human resources director. The awards, which include a \$1,000 honorarium, were announced at the annual Honors Convocation. The winners will be listed on an engraved plaque similar to the teaching excellence award.

Guzman has worked at Siena Heights since 1973. In addition to instituting a recycling program resulting in significant budget sav-

ings, Guzman was credited by her nominators with bringing the custodial department "out of the dark ages," according to Lawrence. By updating cleaning equipment, she has increased staff productivity and morale. She lives in Tecumseh with her husband, Victor, and son, Tony.

Baldwin, known by many on campus as "Nurse Norma," has worked at Siena since 1986. She goes "beyond the bounds of a nurse," Lawrence said. Known for her "care and compassion" and "the confidences she keeps," Baldwin is recognized as someone "who is

never too busy for anyone." A Wellness Team member, Nurse Norma presents proactive health education services, participates in campus committees, and supports Siena students by attending their activities and presentations. Baldwin and her husband, Clarke, live in Adrian. ■

Names and Numbers

It's become a tradition to give readers a window onto Siena Heights by picturing members of the University community on the upper outside corners of most pages. On page 3, the President's Message is accompanied by a photo of President Artman with Warren Reuther, great friend, past trustee, and chairperson of The Campaign for Siena Heights University. The photo was taken May 12 at the campaign kick-off.

The Face of Graduation

Throughout the rest of this issue, corner photos reflect the exhilaration, accomplishment and pride of Commencement 2001. Photos show students of all ages, from all SHU sites, at our Adrian, Battle Creek and Benton Harbor celebrations. Congratulations to all new Siena Heights alumni!





Accreditation: Confirming the value of your diploma

By Mark Schersten, Associate Professor of Philosophy

What is the value of your college education? This question can be answered in a variety of ways. Perhaps you think the value of your diploma is equivalent to your tuition payments. But this method of calculation is surely too crass, for then degrees earned within the last 10 years would be worth 10 times those earned a generation ago.

Maybe the value of a college education should be measured by the rich treasure trove of memories you have from your col-

lege days and the friendships forged in and out of the classroom. More pragmatically, the value of your degree might be related to the doors of opportunity it has opened and continues to open for you in the employment world. Or perhaps, more philosophically, the value might lie in the pride and satisfaction of being able to say, "I earned my degree at Siena Heights."

is currently in the process of applying for reaccreditation with North Central's Higher Learning Commission. The maximum period of accreditation is 10 years. Siena last received the maximum length for continued accreditation in 1992.

The reaccreditation process involves conducting a two-year self-study that is thorough and exhaustive, and at times exhausting! We began a year ago, with five faculty members and administrators traveling to Chicago to attend the NCA Annual Meeting. Our self-study will culminate next year, as a team of consultant-evaluators visits our campus for three days in March. Between those two events, in an attempt to maintain and increase the high value of a Siena degree, we will have taken a critical and evaluative look at every aspect of the operation of Siena Heights University, from the quality of instruction in the classroom to the quality of food in Benincasa Dining Hall to the quality of services offered at our degree-completion centers across the state.

North Central asks us to evaluate ourselves

according to five criteria: mission and purposes, organization of resources, accomplishment of purposes, planning for continued effectiveness, and integrity. Simply put, these criteria invite us to ask five questions about Siena Heights.

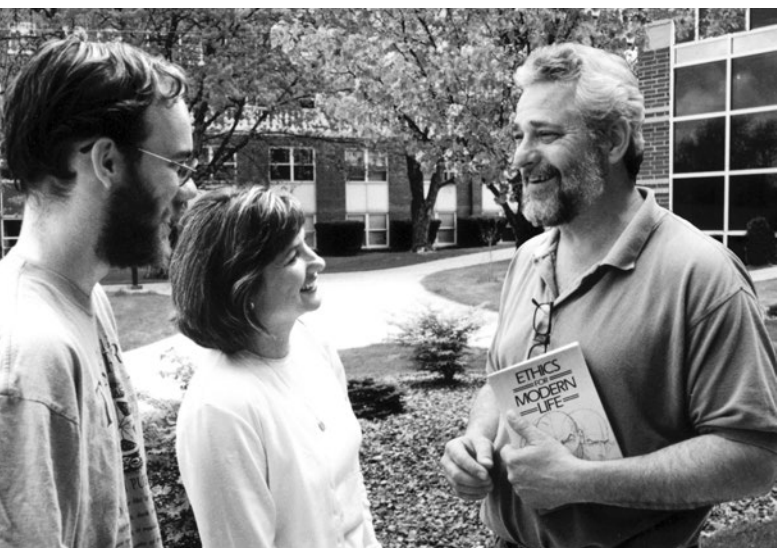
- Why do we do what we do?
- How do we do what we do?
- How well do we do what we do?
- How will we continue doing what we do?
- Are we doing what we do with integrity?

Currently, a Steering Committee of more than 20 faculty, staff, and students, orga-

nized into various subcommittees around the five criteria, is busy conducting the self-study. Each subcommittee has recruited others from the Siena community to assist in this self-examination. Our hope is that, by the time we are done, every member of the Siena Heights community, including faculty, staff, students, and alumni, will have had the opportunity to contribute to this process.

That's where you, as a graduate, come in. We invite you to reflect on the value of your Siena Heights degree and respond to the questions contained in the form found in this issue of *Reflections*. Whether you graduated 50 years ago and are now enjoying retirement, or whether you graduated more recently and are at the beginning or midpoint of your career, your contribution to this self-study process is important to us. Please let us know about the value of your education as you have experienced it.

As the great philosopher Socrates said so many years ago, "An unexamined life is not worth living." This thought guides our self-study process. If we are to continue doing what we do at Siena Heights, we must continually examine how well we are doing, so that we can continue to improve the quality of a Siena Heights education. Our goal is to ensure that your degree continues to have the high value which it has had for you in the past—and that all our alumni can continue to say with pride, "I hold a degree from Siena Heights University." ■



Mark Schersten, associate professor of philosophy (above with students), and Lana Taylor, associate professor of mathematics (next page), are co-chairs of the North Central Steering Committee.

However you think about the true worth of your years at Siena Heights, one aspect of the value of your college education remains constant. You have a degree from an institution of higher education which has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1940. And Siena

Alumni Survey:

The Alumni Survey can be found on the white card inserted into this issue of *Reflections*. Fill out the front, put a stamp on the back and mail it back to Siena Heights. The card is already addressed. If you'd like to send additional comments, send them and the card to:

Office of Coordinator of NCA Self-Study
Siena Heights University
1247 E. Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

You can also fill out the Alumni Survey online at www.sienahts.edu/alumni.html.



AND THE WINNER IS...

LANA TAYLOR TAKES HOME "THE ACADEMY AWARD OF TEACHING"

By Lanetta Williams '04

It almost proved too much when she heard her name announced. "I was really stunned and overwhelmed. I didn't expect it at all," Lana Taylor, associate professor of mathematics, said about realizing that she had received the Sister Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching at the spring Honors Convocation in Adrian.

Suddenly everything she had worked so hard for made sense.

Taylor is "a model of lifelong learning" with the "grace and flair of a skillful choreographer," academic dean Sharon Weber, OP said in presenting the award. The math instructor makes "numbers dance" and is known for "transmitting and nurturing this passion for math," Weber said.

Taylor said she couldn't believe she had received the award. After all, she thought she was an ordinary math teacher. However, it takes a more than an ordinary teacher to receive the Award for Outstanding Teaching. "It is a great honor and I thank you from the bottom of my heart," Taylor said when accepting the award.

Over the past 16 years, Taylor, or "Lana" as most of her students call her, has taught many students at Siena Heights. She has tried to guide them while inspiring young minds to think hard and figure out the problems that plague them. "Come on, you can do it, you can figure it out," she'd say when students couldn't get past a problem.

Taylor, of Morenci, started her teaching career soon after graduating from college. She taught high school briefly before having children and becoming a stay-at-home mom. Several years later, she decided to return to her first love, teaching! She obtained her MA in mathematics, was recertified in 1984 and began seeking job opportunities in the

Adrian area. "I interviewed at a few other places. Thank God I didn't get them" before accepting SHU's offer, Taylor said.

Arriving at Siena, she found a math program that had been unchanged for quite awhile. "We changed the classes step-by-step," Taylor said, and math classes today are quite different.

Perhaps, the greatest change to sweep through the SHU math department involved the use of better technology. Many classrooms are filled with computers and graphing calculators are a requirement in most classes. Taylor thinks she and other instructor

have been able to better reach students with the technology.

"All students learn differently, and it is important that we accommodate them.

The use of graphing

calculators has helped students a lot," Taylor said. By using graphing calculators many difficult steps have been eliminated allowing students to focus on the problem itself.

"Siena gives you the freedom to be diverse in your teaching strategies," she said. "Tim Husband (professor of mathematics and program coordinator of mathematics) has been a real role model, always encouraging and supportive, making suggestions but not demanding things."

Taylor said she still doesn't quite feel like she deserves the teaching award recognition. "The mission of Siena Heights is a profound one that is very difficult to live up to," she said; then joked, "Some days I do." But many people believe Taylor does de -

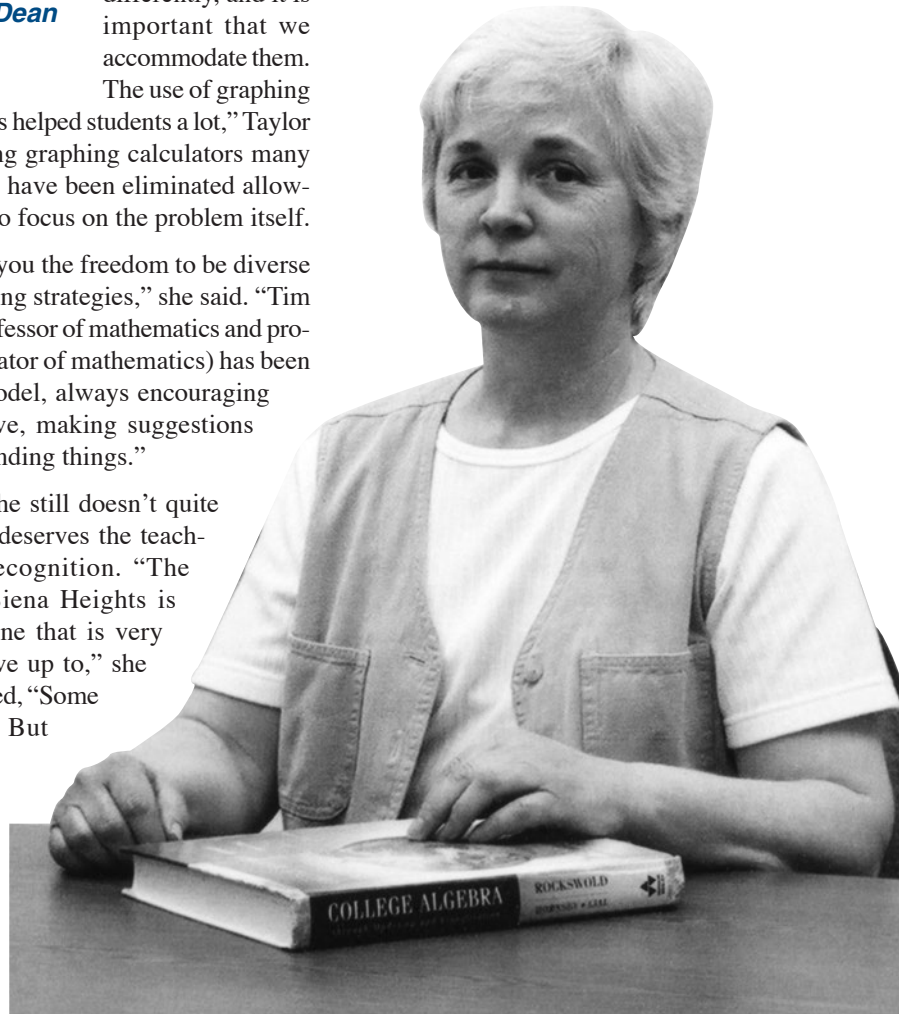
serve this honor since the method of selection is democratic: The students she teaches and the co-workers she interacts with decided who would receive the award.

"It's like winning the Academy Award for teaching," Taylor said.

Siena's "Academy Award" was originally named the Outstanding Teaching Award and was first awarded to education professor Eileen Rice, OP. Following her death in 1994, the award was renamed the Sister Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching. Each spring, students and faculty nominate professors they think are deserving of the honor.

"I get this feeling that now that I've been recognized my students will expect something, which puts a little pressure on me," Taylor said.

But it's a pressure that many figure she can handle. ■



"Taylor is a model of lifelong learning with the grace and flair of a skillful choreographer."

Sharon Weber, OP, Academic Dean



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The 5 Most Important Things I Learned at Siena Heights

by Antonio Galvan '01

Antonio Galvan of Detroit was chosen by his classmates to speak to the Class of 2001 at the main campus Commencement. He prepared his speech with assistance from his high school track coach, Patrick Irwin '86, and long-time friend, Diego Gomez. The speech is excerpted below.

Welcome to this day of celebration, where dreams come true, promises are fulfilled and the future begins. Our journey began from very different backgrounds and paths. Many of us here today are non-traditional students who have walked Robert Frost's "Road Less Traveled" by doing things such as raising a family, holding a full-time job or taking classes whenever and wherever they fit into the schedule of life. Others, like myself, were blessed with the opportunity as traditional students to attend school full-time and experience living and learning in the residence halls. No matter what path you traveled, no matter what road map you used, no matter how many times you were lost, had to stop for directions, or retrace your path, we have all successfully arrived at the destination of our hard work: the time of graduation.

Today the fulfillment of hopes, goals and dreams that each of us established many, many days ago meets the reality of graduation. Hope and aspirations are like the sails of a tall sailing ship that sets to journey at sea through the powerful winds and currents of hard work.

The other day, Brother Frank Rotsaert, professor of English on Siena's main campus,



stopped to talk to me. I am not sure how we started talking about my plans after college or how we even began our conversation, since I have never had a class with him. (In fact, when I was a younger student, Brother Frank intimidated me because of his reputation as a tough grader and demanding professor.) During our conversation, I told him I planned to relax after graduation because my classroom deadlines would be completed, the pressure of studying would be gone, and I could start leading a fun-filled life. After all, this is the main reason we attended college, right? Brother Frank looked at me as only a bemused professor could and laughed loudly. Had I said something funny? Brother Frank looked at me again and said, "So you think once college is over, the world has no more deadlines or stress?" Brother Frank laughed again, much louder, and stated while walking away, "Young man, your journey in life is only beginning."

With Brother Frank's comments in mind, I began to think of all my experiences and the things I have learned at Siena Heights. And from this reflection, I summarized the top five most important things I feel we have learned during our studies at Siena Heights.

5 *It is better to be hated for what you are, than loved for what you are not.*

History offers many examples of people who changed the world by taking unpopular positions. Jesus was crucified for preaching the good news of God. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated for standing up for the rights of all people. Taking an unpopular position is never an easy thing to do, but it is often the right thing to do. As you go through life, always remember that one person with courage makes a majority. Be that majority.

4 *The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as hard work.*

All things that are good require effort and sacrifice. For example, good grades require studying and great athletes require immense practice. Always remember that success comes in “cans,” not “cannots.” If you are not willing to work hard for what you want in life then you’re not going to get it. The sure-thing boat never gets far from shore.

3 *If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.*

Today marks the beginning of a new journey and this journey requires each of us to have courage. Essential to this courage is our ability to stand up for what is right and what is wrong. In all things in life, stand up for what you believe. Never

forget that people will not walk over you until you lie down.

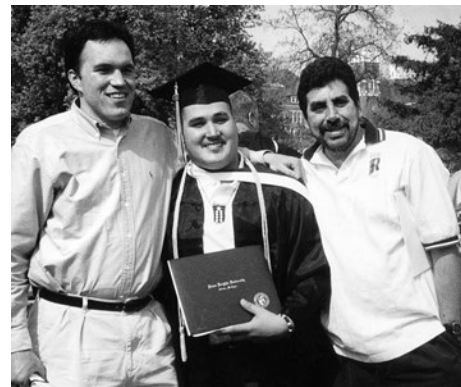
2 *The greater the obstacle, the more glory there is in overcoming it.*

This is why championships mean so much. Here on Siena's main campus, we have witnessed several championship sports teams over the past few years. These championships meant a great deal to all of us in the Siena community because the athletes and coaches worked so hard for these victories. If these championships were easy to win, there would have been no honor in the victory and we, as a community, would have felt no pride in the success. The lesson we learn from this is, “Don't avoid the great obstacles; behind those obstacles are great victories.”

1 *Our life is our gift from God. What we do with our life is our gift to God.*

God has given each of us gifts and abilities, and we have only ourselves to blame if we don't use these abilities to their full potential. Life isn't easy. It never has been and never will be. During my own struggles to reach my goal of a college degree, I am struck by the number of times that God did not give me what I wanted, but in the end gave me what I needed. Always remember that God is with us in all that we do. Never lose sight of the fact that God is our friend and a life-long companion whom we glorify through our achievements. Because God delays does not mean that God denies.

From the Heights 11



Pat Irwin '86, Antonio Galvan '01 and another fan on the fieldhouse lawn after commencement.

In closing, we the class of 2001 would like to thank our families, friends and loved ones for their support through our college journey. We would also like to thank the dedicated faculty, administrators and support staff for all of their sacrifices and efforts. In particular, thank you to the Adrian Dominican Sisters for their wisdom, sacrifice and commitment to the improvement of humankind. Through your actions and spirit you have challenged us to make the world a better place; now we must challenge ourselves to fulfill this destiny as more competent, purposeful and ethical servants of an all-loving God.

To the class of 2001, good luck, God speed and may all of your dreams come true. ■

An ending and a beginning for the class of 2001

The 600+ men and women who completed Siena Heights degrees during the past year were honored at Commencement ceremonies held May 6 in Adrian, May 19 in Battle Creek and May 20 in Benton Harbor.

The main campus graduation program included presentation of the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters to historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Gary Wills. Wills, whose published books include *A Necessary Evil* and *Papal Sin*, spoke to the graduates about the power of memory.

Memories are “an ongoing dialog with yourself,” Wills said, noting that remembered sorrow can comfort just as a remembered joy can cause distress. Through the transforming power of memory, he said, the past is never truly gone, but is “ever renewable because it is a true beginning.”

Graduates from all locations received leather bookmarks as a welcome gift from the Siena Heights Alumni Association.



President Artman, Gary Wills, Trustee Chair Doug Kapnick



Building ties from the Heights to China

Students, faculty and alumni will all benefit from a joint venture now developing between Siena Heights and China's Jilin University.

The new partnership will involve study abroad opportunities for Siena Heights students, teaching opportunities in China for Siena faculty and travel options for alumni. The program also aims to bring Chinese students to Siena Heights for periods of one or two years.

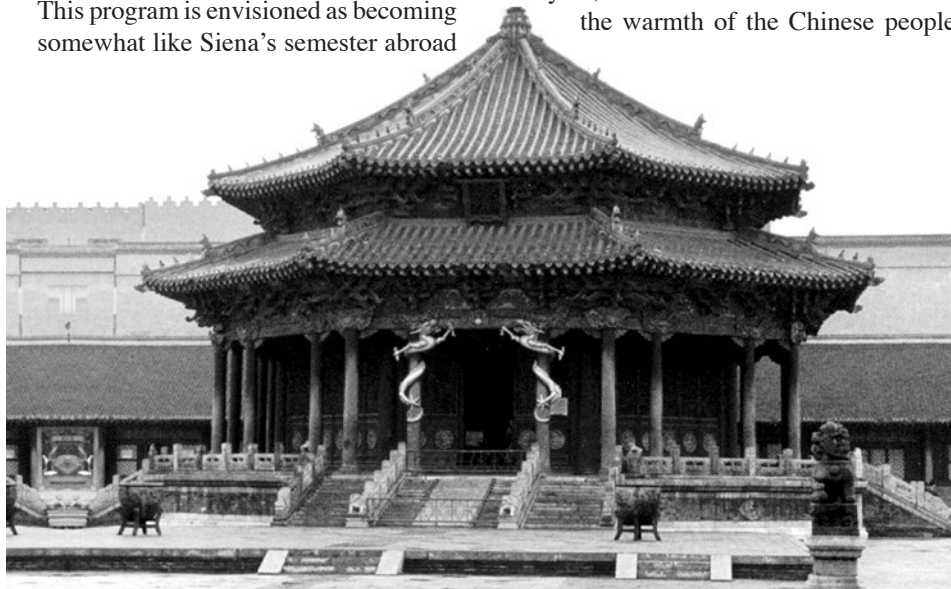
Over the past three years, SHU President Rick Artman and Deans Robert Gordon and Kevin Kucera have traveled to China several times to meet with Chinese education and business officials. Former SHU President Louis Vaccaro, who has 20 years' experience coordinating international cultural and educational exchanges, has helped the University arrange appointments with Chinese colleagues and officials.

China is, in many ways, a natural connection for Siena Heights. During his tenure as president (1977-85), Dr. Vaccaro recruited a number of Chinese students. The Chisisters, Jane '82/MA and Margaret '82/MA, were the first Chinese students to attend; their nephews, Jacob '85 and Maurice '84 Chi, also are distinguished alumni. Jacob, a talented musician, is conductor of the Pueblo Colorado Symphony. Maurice is a financial analyst for a world-wide financial service corporation in Boston. Other Chinese students followed the Chis.

Jilin University, among the largest universities in China with about 43,000 students, has campuses in several locations. The partnership links Siena Heights with the Jilin campus in Dalian, a beautiful coastal city of about three million people sometimes referred to as the "Hawaii" of China. The Dalian campus is built on a mountainside overlooking the Yellow Sea.

Siena Heights hopes to finalize four joint programs with Jilin:

1. **Summer study and travel in Dalian for SHU students, faculty, staff and alumni.** This aspect of the partnership begins this summer, with a two-week program in China led by Doug Miller '75, associate professor of theatre and speech. The group will travel to Beijing, Shanghai, and Dalian, with visits to sites such as Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall as well as an introduction to Chinese culture, language, economy and history. This program is envisioned as becoming somewhat like Siena's semester abroad



program in Mexico.

2. **An exchange program for SHU faculty and Chinese students.** Siena is exploring the possibility of sending instructors to teach in Dalian in a five year program that could lead to a baccalaureate degree for the Chinese students. Siena would supply instructors for a year of intensive English followed by two years of general education and liberal arts courses. Ideally, the Chinese students would complete the final two years of the degree program

on the Siena Heights campus in Adrian.

3. **Business seminars in Dalian for Chinese officials.** These would be intensive 2-3 week courses on such topics as banking, public policy administration, accounting or information technology. Siena Heights would provide faculty and issue certificates upon completion of the coursework.
4. **Semester programs at Siena Heights for Chinese business people.** The proposal is for Chinese corporations to sponsor small groups of three to five employees who would study on-campus in Adrian for one or two semesters.

Siena also is exploring study abroad opportunities in Shanghai, which is rapidly becoming the financial capital of the world. Through a relationship with Shanghai International Studies University, Siena students with a particular interest in international business could study and work in internships in Shanghai. Opportunities for the student teaching experience also are being explored with educational partners in Shanghai.

Following his visit to Dalian earlier this year, President Artman commented on the warmth of the Chinese people

and "their interest in higher education and the opportunity for improving their quality of life through education and a market economy." Building on Siena's Mexico program, the University is pursuing study programs in several regions of the world.

"Surely the best avenues for peace will be the free exchange of ideas and people from east to west and west to east," Artman said. ■

SCORES AND MORE

Athletic news, wrap ups, and event coverage for Siena Heights' men's and women's sports teams



SHU Saints Sports: Winter/Spring Round-Up

Compiled by Lanetta J. Williams '04

Siena Heights takes pride in a tradition of excellence in intercollegiate athletic competition. The Saints field seven women's and seven men's teams, competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in Division II, as members of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Emmet Award Winners

Soccer players **Samuel Skeels** and **Lacey Wilmot** were this year's recipients of the Thomas A. Emmet Award. The Emmet award, voted on by the coaches and staff of the athletic department, is presented each spring to the top male and female athletes completing their junior year.



Fred Smith, Head Basketball Coach

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team made its sixth straight trip to the NAIA National Championship Tournament, entering the tournament ranked No. 2 in the nation. The Saints went into the tourney (held again in Branson, MO) as the second ranked team in the nation, the No. 2 seed, and the leading scoring team in the nation (averaging 95 points per game). They lost in the second round and hopes were dashed for a repeat to the Final Four. Three players were named to the All-American team: Senior

Matt Baaki and junior **Sean Carlson** made the honorable mention team and senior **Jeff Gullekson** was named a member of the second team All-American. Gullekson broke the Siena Heights and national NAIA record with 279 rebounds and had an opportunity to try out for at least one professional squad.

Women's Basketball

Highlights from the Lady Saints 8-23 season included a first-ever National Catholic Tournament Championship. Coach Renee Kudzia presented special awards to the following players: Junior guard **Stephanie Sprow** was named the team's Most Valuable Player and received her second consecutive Kiroshi Team Award for outstanding contributions to the team. Sophomore guard **Valerie Gutierrez** was named the team's Best Defensive Player.

Men's Indoor Track

The men finished third in the WHAC Conference and took 28th place with eight points in the NAIA National Tournament. At Nationals, junior **Matt Miller** earned All-American honors in the 1,000 meters by placing fifth. Sophomore **Chitranjan Greer-Travis** also earned All-American finishing third in the 35-pound weight throw with an effort of 55 feet 1.5 inches, setting a school record. Senior **Kris Stanton** was 19th in the weight throw. The men's 4x800 relay team of freshmen **Josh Larson** and **Jason Floyd**, junior **Ryan Bills**, and Miller placed seventh. Freshman **Andy Hawley** tied for eighth in the high jump and Bills, Hawley, sophomore **Lance Bentley**, and Miller took 12th in the distance medley.

Women's Indoor Track

The team finished fourth in the WHAC Conference. One female Saint attended the national meet. Junior **Melissa Abood** earned All-American honors with her sixth place finish of 37 feet 5 inches in the triple jump. She finished eighth in the long jump.

Baseball

The Saints placed three members on WHAC All-Conference teams. **Eric Russell** was named to the first team for his play as a first baseman. **Kevin Barkholz** and **Tye Golden** were named to the honorable mention team for their overall performances. All three Saints are seniors and have completed their careers at Siena Heights.

Women's and Men's Outdoor Track

The following track members qualified and made an appearance at the National Outdoor Championships on May 23-25 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Here are the events in which they participated: 4X800 relay, senior **Chris Gafner**, sophomores **Lance Bentley** and **Jake Hunter**, senior **Matt Miller**; 1500 meters, Miller; 3000 steeplechase, junior **Ryan Bills**; long jump and triple jump, junior **Melissa Abood**; shot put, **Jon Marcero**; hammer throw, senior **Kris Stanton** and sophomore **Chitranjan Greer-Travis**. Greer-Travis won a championship (see story, p. 15).

Softball

Two seniors and one sophomore made the 2001 All-Conference team: seniors **Jamie Hallenbeck** and **Leslie Keane** and sophomore **Mary Beth Neary**. A pair of pitchers, sophomore **Jamie Rennett** and sophomore **Alissa Polaski**, made the honorable mention team. ■



Scores and More 14

NAIA promotes “Champions of Character”

As one of the 328 colleges and universities—mostly small, private, religious affiliated institutions—which are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Siena Heights has embraced enthusiastically the NAIA’s national effort to promote positive values in intercollegiate sports.

The new “Champions of Character” initiative includes efforts within each individual team, among member institutions, and in the sports media. The nationwide effort lifts up as core athletic values respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship. The initiative seeks to counter national sports trends such as “trash talking,” offensive game announcing, and the unethical (sometimes illegal) behavior spotlighted in recent athletic scandals.

As part of the NAIA initiative, athletes at Siena Heights sign a “Champions of Character Pledge,” promising to keep commitments, uphold honestly and not lie, cheat or steal. Coaches commit to the highest standards of conduct and fair play, including a pledge to avoid profanity in all games and practices. Game announcers pledge greater on-air neutrality, avoiding put-downs of opposing teams or players. In addition, NAIA athletes commit to community service (something already common at Siena Heights).

The overall NAIA effort promotes the theme, “Athletic talent may be a gift, but character has to be developed.”



Back row (from left): Joe Dettling ‘99, Dan McKean ‘99, Justin “Big Country” Bascom ‘00, Matt Deveau (former student), T.J. Fischhaber ‘01, Andy Backus ‘97; front row: Tim Bauer ‘82, Sam Lofton ‘00, Don Marcero ‘99, Steve Bennett ‘99, and Mark Merriman (not an alumnus but a huge supporter of SHU athletics).

Still playing after all these years!

One of the many highlights of the past year was the Alumni Basketball Tournament played on Feb. 10. Alumni and friends showed they could still play to win it all! These basketball veterans are show above.

Golf Scramble 2001:

Register now for this popular event

The Alumni Weekend golf scramble, started a few years ago with just a handful of participants, has grown to the point that organizers now need to announce a limit! Last fall’s event was a huge success with 27 teams playing the 18 hole course. A maximum of 36 four-person teams will gather for this year’s 9 a.m. shotgun

start on Saturday, Sept. 22, during Alumni Weekend 2001. Scheduled at Wolf Creek Golf Club, the event offers cash prizes in many categories. The entry fee of \$75 per person includes greens fees and cart, breakfast and lunch, and cash prizes. Optional events include the 50/50 raffle, skins game, and mulligans. The event is a major fund raiser for the Siena Heights Athletic Club, the Saints booster group. Don’t miss the fun; register now. Remember: participation is limited to 36 teams! For information, call (517-264-7870), fax (517-264-7737), or email (tcarlson@sienahts.edu).

2000 Winning Teams:

Tied for 1st place at 15 under par:

Doug Miller ‘75, Whit Hames, Bruce Rearick, Jim Johnson

Bob Lawrence ‘75, Doug Scheich ‘77, Barb Riesterer Lawrence ‘74, Joe Carr ‘77

3rd place at 11 under:

Al Sandifer ‘82, Mike Quinn ‘85 Shelly Lizyness ‘93, Rich Osborn

Hall of Fame will induct new members in the fall

The Siena Heights athletic department is pleased to announce the slate of 2001 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame. The six former Saints and one administrator will be honored at the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 22, during Alumni Weekend. The honorees are: Carl Brown ‘95 (track and field), Wade Perry ‘86 (track and field, cross country), Deb Chavis ‘94 (track and field, cross country), Jim Miller ‘93 (cross country), Mike Giacomantonio ‘94 (baseball), Cristen Strehl Belanger ‘91 (softball, soccer), and Whit Hames (longtime fan and faculty NAIA representative). The 1991 women’s softball team will be honored. Register for the Hall of Fame Banquet when you register for Alumni Weekend.





Siena's newest national champion

Chitranjan Greer-Travis finished his sophomore year in true scholar-athlete fashion: He first captured a summer research opportunity at the University of Michigan. He then became Siena's seventh track and field national champion (see list last column), winning the hammer throw at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May.

"It's a blessing from God," Greer-Travis, known as "Tee," said at the NAIA competition in British Columbia. "It feels good to work hard and win."



Track coach Tim Bauer '82 concurred: "He's worked so hard this year to earn it."

As a member of the

Saints' indoor and outdoor track and field teams, Tee competed in hammer throw, indoor 35-pound weight, shotput and discus. He won the national hammer title with a throw of 176 feet 9 inches after only his second year competing in that event.

Away from athletics, Tee is a philosophy major with broad academic interests. He also is a participant in the McNair Scholars program at Siena Heights.

The McNair program provides low-income or first-generation college students, and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education, with the undergraduate mentoring and research experience needed for future success in graduate school. The federal program honors physicist Ronald E. McNair, the African-American astronaut who died in the Challenger explosion.

Tee is the first McNair scholar at Siena Heights to be accepted into U-M's Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP), offered through Michigan's Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

For eight weeks this summer, Tee will work on research with a Michigan sociology professor who shares some of the same academic interests. For Tee, such interests include the link between musicology (the history and interpretation of music) and ethnicity. His interest in African-Caribbean music already has led him to review published research and present a poster board on the topic.

"The fun thing working with Tee is that he has so many different intellectual interests," said Mark Schersten, associate professor of philosophy, who works as a mentor with Greer-Travis. "His mind is always alive, jumping among different topics" and going beyond the borders of a single discipline.

The summer program at U-M should help him enhance that curiosity with "the more disciplined, structured approach to research," Schersten added.

As a McNair scholar, Greer-Travis also has participated in a philosophy conference in

The Saints' Seven National Track Champions

1988	Martha Hans Palmer 55-meter hurdles (indoor)
1994	Carl Brown Discus (outdoor)
1995	Carl Brown Discus (outdoor)
1997	Josh Wonders 1000 meters (indoor)
1998	Ron Andrews 110-meter high hurdles (outdoor)
1999	J Nyack 200 meters (indoor)
2001	Chitranjan Greer-Travis Hammer Throw (outdoor)

Toronto, a research symposium in Maryland, a graduate school fair at Ohio State University, and a tour of historically black Howard University in Washington, D.C.

He's been active outside the classroom, too. In addition to athletics, he is a founding member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, and has volunteered in local schools, at a soup kitchen, and with Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes and the CROP walk.

"I've had so many opportunities, and so many people just waiting in line to help me out," Greer-Travis said of his Siena Heights experience. "If they just see a spark of motivation in you," everyone at Siena, from the president to professors and coaches, will go out of their way to help a student be all he or she can be.

"And just as people help me out, I want to help out other people," Tee said. "Everything I'm doing is so one day I can help out somebody else." ■



ALUMNI NEWS

Headline News:

SHU Blue: Alumni on the Beat!

Siena Heights has made a difference in the careers of four police officers in western Michigan, all of whom completed their degrees with Siena Heights at our Battle Creek and Kalamazoo centers. Ron Ivey '98 is now Chief of Public Safety in Marshall. Rick Ives '97 was promoted to Lieutenant in the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. Tom Martin '95 was promoted to Captain in Kalamazoo. And Tim Kozal, a 2001 graduate, was promoted to Sergeant in Kalamazoo. Look for competent, purposeful and ethical law enforcement in Kalamazoo and Marshall!

Leaders in Lenawee

Three alumni were among the members of last fall's largest Leadership Lenawee group in the seven-year history of this Chamber of Commerce program. Terry Beuhrer '80, Geraldine Williams Boykin '81, and Melissa Burns '98 joined 25 others for the 10 session program, meeting weekly to brainstorm about communication, fund raising, board responsibilities, diversity, group facilitation, volunteerism, working with the media, and more. Leadership Lenawee is designed to prepare motivated individuals for community leadership with a focus on the non-profit organizations serving the Lenawee area.

Art from the Heart

Clare Gleeson, OP '39 and Pat Spangler, OP '60 were recognized this spring as Honored Senior Artists by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. They are among 200 artists whose work (selected from more than 700 entries) will be displayed permanently in the AAHSA's new national headquarters located in Washington, DC. The association represents not-for-profit organizations that provide health care, housing and services to the nation's elderly. Now on view in the nation's capital are Sister Clare's pastel portrait of a living model entitled "Big Randy" and Sister Pat's photograph entitled "Antique Bevelled Window Reflections" from her Sunlight and Shadows Series.

Bowling Bonanza!

Spares, strikes and gutter balls all score in Van Horn Garden fundraiser

On a beautiful spring Saturday, Detroit area art alumni turned their backs on the sunshine to spend the afternoon indoors...bowling for dollars! About 30 alumni participated in the "Fr. David Van Horn Memorial Garden Bowling Bonanza" at the historic Garden Bowl, part of the Majestic Theater complex in downtown Detroit. The May 19 event raised interest, awareness and dollars for the memorial garden honoring Fr. Van Horn, the art professor who inspired so many Siena Heights students during his 27 years on the Studio Angelico faculty.

"We were the worst group of bowlers ever—but we make good art!" said Maureen Brady Leonard '83 of Farmington Hills. Leonard, Mike Wagner '84 of Detroit, Peggy Kerr '91 of Birmingham and Frank Beven '84 of Waterford (photo below) organized the fundraiser with support from David Zainea '84, proprietor of the Majestic Theatre complex (shown right).



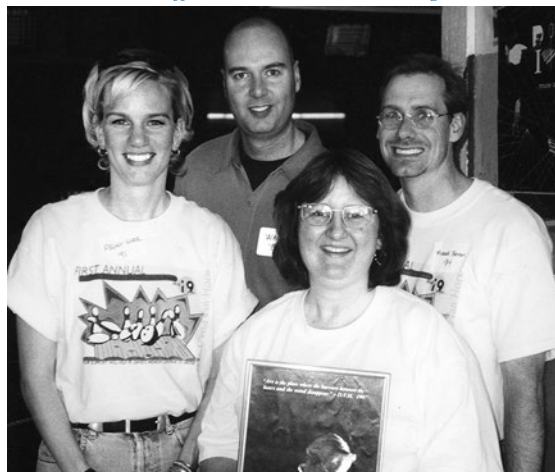
Bowlers raised money by securing pledges and bidding on donated raffle items. Participants received "nifty T-shirts" and enjoyed a buffet dinner.

"This was a great way to get together with friends and honor the legacy of Fr. Van Horn," Leonard said. "We hope to continue this tradition" to raise funds for the garden or a future Van Horn scholarship.

"Special thanks go to David Zainea for the terrific location, and the donors who provided raffle items" ranging from original artwork to Tigers baseball tickets, Leonard said.

The Van Horn Memorial Garden is planned as a 30' x30' walled enclosure outside Studio Angelico. Estimated at \$20,000, the garden will have a Japanese theme, reflecting Fr. Van Horn's love of gardening and other cultures, as well as his strong spiritual life. For more information about the Bowling Bonanza, contact Maureen Leonard (313-963-3330). To support the Van Horn Memorial Garden, contact the Siena Heights Advancement Office (517-264-7140).

A limited number of Bowling Bonanza T-shirts are available for \$25; checks should be made out to Siena Heights University (Van Horn Garden) and sent to the SHU Advancement Office, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221.



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Sister Mary Philip Ryan celebrates with 2001 BFA graduate Aneesah McNamee, OP

Happy 100th to a Legend!

Mary Philip Ryan, OP celebrated her 100th birthday May 9 amid a large gathering of friends and fans. Sister “Mary Phil” is a legend among the Adrian Dominican Sisters and among many Siena Heights alumni, as well. She entered the Congregation in 1920 and, during 81 years of ministry, played a major role in the Congregation’s development.

Recognized early in her life as a distinguished and creative writer, she received the coveted Hopwood Prize in Literature from the University of Michigan for her biography of a missionary bishop from Florida. In her later life, she wrote the highly acclaimed first volume of the Adrian Dominicans’ history, “Amid the Alien Corn.” She also undertook the monumental task of compiling short biographies of all deceased members of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Between these two poles of her writing career, Sister Mary Philip was called upon to assume extraordinary responsibilities. From 1933 to 1945, she was novice mistress for the Congregation. In this capacity she directed hundreds of young women in the formative years of their lives as Adrian Dominicans.

She then supervised the building of the Colegio Santo Domingo, a girls’ school, in the Dominican Republic. She served as principal there for 12 years and, during this time, extended the Congregation’s ministry to the poor in outlying areas of the country. She was awarded an honorary doctor’s degree from the University of Santo Domingo

and was appointed chair of English on the faculty of that institution.

In 1956, Sister Mary Philip returned to the U.S. to open Rosary High School in Detroit where she served as principal for six years. Then, after a short time at Siena Heights, she was appointed to another challenging ministry, the direction of a new congregation of Dominican Sisters in the Philippines. For four years she worked with that community, years she describes as the happiest of her religious life, although she has said that all her years were happy.

She then returned to the U.S. and to her writing career, acting as historian for the Adrian Dominican Congregation. The archives of the Congregation contain volumes of extended letters that Sister Mary Philip wrote from all the missions that she undertook. They are their own record of Congregational history.



Sister Mary Philip’s birthday celebration included letters of congratulation from the President, the Governor of Michigan, the Bishop of the Lansing Diocese, and the Mayor of Adrian.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters is a congregation of more than 1,000 women ministering world-wide in the areas of education, health care and social justice. Each sister has an “OP” after her name, signifying the Order of Preachers and honoring the heritage of the order and its 12th century founder, Dominic Guzman.

Thanks to the Adrian Dominican information office for this article.

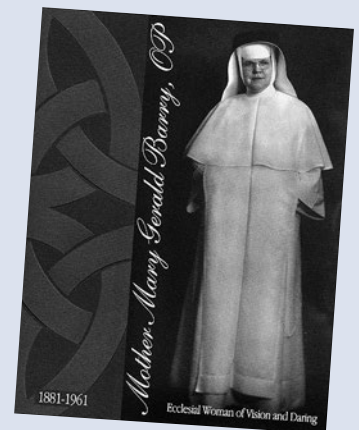
Biography of Mother Barry

For 28 years (1933-1961), Mother Mary Gerald Barry led the Adrian Dominican Sisters (and Siena Heights College) with vision and daring. Under her leadership, the Congregation experienced phenomenal growth and success. Now, the story of her life journey, from childhood in Ireland to a position as one of the leading Catholic religious figures of her time in the United States, has been documented in a pictorial biography published recently by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. The book is available for \$22 by calling 517-266-3580 or 517-266-3571.

“She was a woman of strong faith, independence and courage,” said author Nadine Foley, OP ’45, of Mother Barry. “Her contributions were enormous and we still feel her influence today.” Foley spent several years researching and writing the book, which contains numerous photographs as well as excerpts from Mother Barry’s own letters and poetry.

Catherine Barry was born in Ireland in 1881, one of 18 children in the Barry family. She was about 15 years old when she left Ireland to join members of the family who were already in the U.S. She entered the Adrian Dominican Congregation in 1912 and became Prioress General in 1933.

A charismatic and formidable leader, Mother Barry led the Congregation to great growth. She built six schools, including Barry University in Florida, and Dominican High School in Detroit. She was the presidential leader of Siena Heights founded in 1919 by her predecessor. She also assumed the staffing and administration of two hospitals in the Western U.S.





Class of 2000 sets a new “benchmark” for giving

By Sarah Baker Korth '82, '97/MA

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| David Sellers | Joan Spohn |

In Siena Heights' first ever graduating senior class gift project, the Class of 2000 set a standard for future classes to beat. At the conclusion of Senior Gift 2000, a total of 51 first-time donors from the class of 2000 had contributed \$2,025 to the project. The donors include 18 main campus graduates and 33 graduates of the degree completion centers across the state.

The Senior Gift 2000 steering committee selected outdoor benches as the focus for their class gift. The benches—inscribed “Given by the Class of 2000”—were installed this spring in time for Commencement, along a walkway between Ledwidge and Dominican Halls on the Adrian campus.

Now, Senior Gift 2001 is off to a great start. Again, the graduates from our degree completion centers are embracing the

project, with more than half of the first wave of gifts coming from off-campus center '01 alumni. The Class of 2001 will use their gift to purchase furniture for the “commuter area” in the Science Wing (a main campus building used for classes in many disciplines); the “commuter area” is a public area where students gather during class breaks, particularly during evening classes. The Senior Gift 2001 committee, led by co-chairs Leslie Keane and Jessica Hawkins, selected this particular project to help provide a pleasant “living and learning” environment for commuter students.

Again this year, seniors participating in the project will receive a specially-designed T-shirt as a thank you. For information or to participate, 2001 graduates may contact Sarah Baker Korth, assistant director of alumni relations, by phone (517-264-7157) or email (skorth@sienahs.edu).

Pictured below: Lynne Hill, director of alumni relations; Sarah Baker Korth, assistant director of alumni relations; Amy Cox'00; Karla Pennington '00.



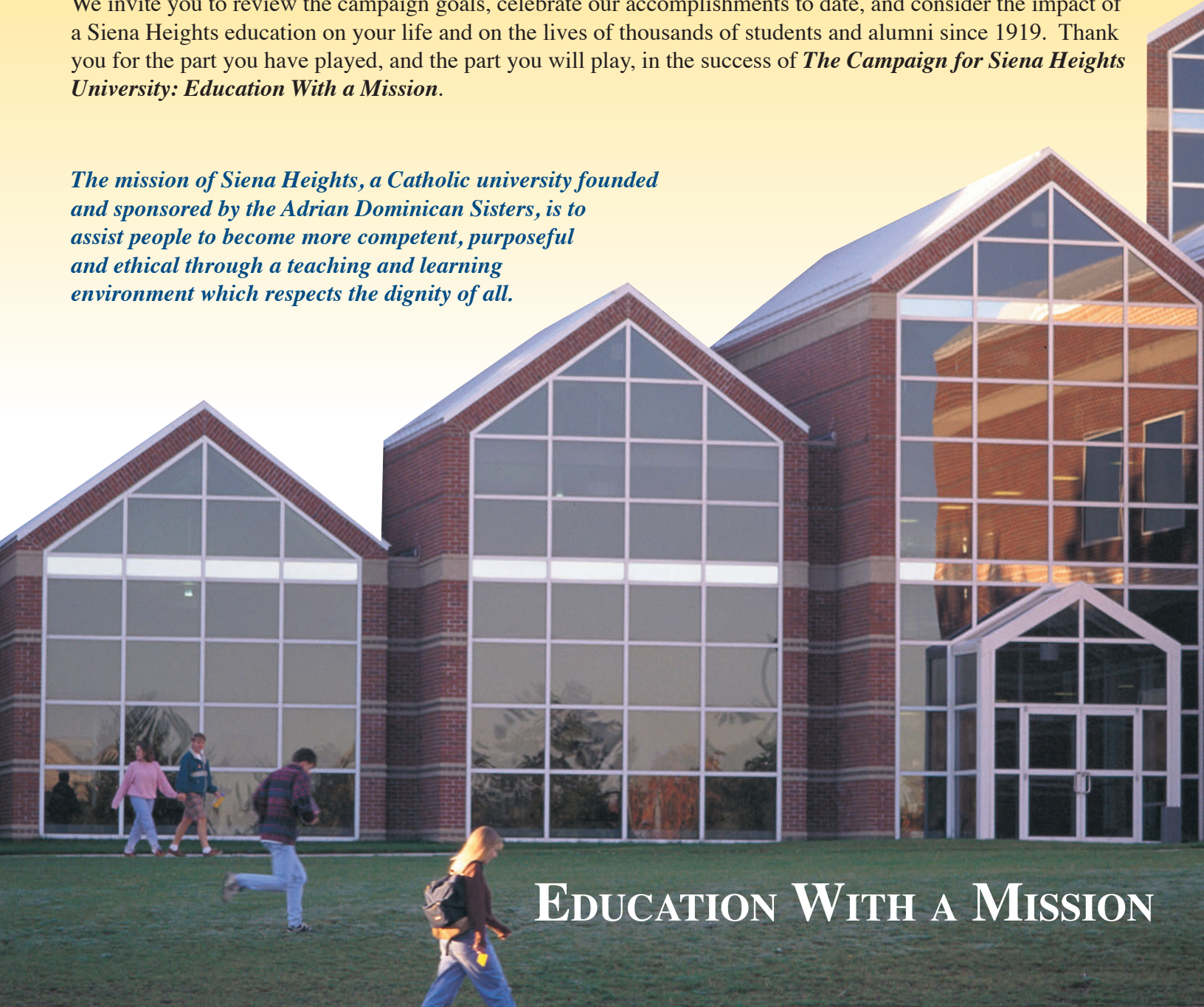
The Campaign for Siena Heights University

On Saturday, May 12, 2001, the Campaign Steering Committee and the Board of Trustees of Siena Heights University announced the public kick-off of *The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education With a Mission*.

The Campaign for Siena Heights University seeks to raise \$12.5 million by December 2003 for projects that will support students, achieve academic distinction, and ensure a vibrant campus environment. As of June 10, 2001, gifts and pledges totaled nearly \$7 million.

We invite you to review the campaign goals, celebrate our accomplishments to date, and consider the impact of a Siena Heights education on your life and on the lives of thousands of students and alumni since 1919. Thank you for the part you have played, and the part you will play, in the success of *The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education With a Mission*.

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.



EDUCATION WITH A MISSION



The Campaign for Siena Heights University

This campaign is about helping our students, ourselves, our communities and our world to be better. Inspired and guided by our mission, we seek the betterment of Siena Heights University.

WE'RE ON A MISSION

To Support Students

The development and well-being of students is at the core of teaching and learning at Siena Heights. All campaign objectives will benefit students today and make the University better for students tomorrow.

WE'RE ON A MISSION

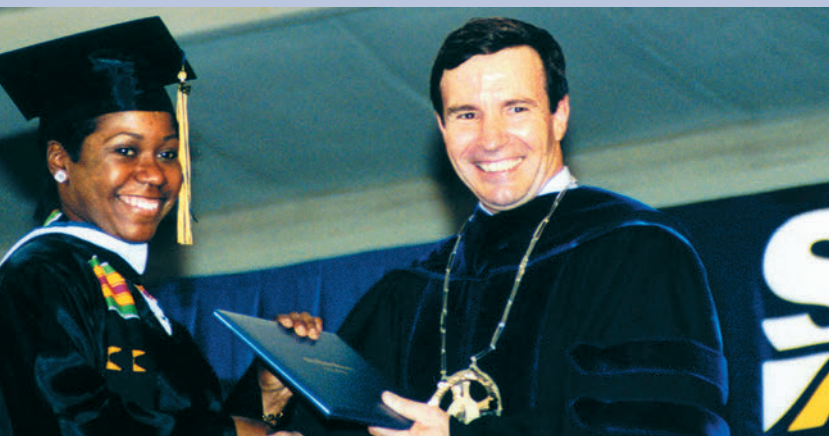
To Achieve Academic Distinction

The campaign will strengthen and distinguish the curriculum, investing especially in our historically strong programs in art, business, education, mathematics, music, the sciences and theatre/speech communications.

WE'RE ON A MISSION

To Ensure a Vibrant Campus Environment

The campaign will address significant capital projects and improvements needed to maintain the Adrian campus as the strong and vital hub of a distinctive university that extends across the southern tier of Michigan.



The Campaign for Siena Heights University EDUCATION W Campaign Goals

Endowment Goal: \$3,500,000

A university's endowment should be 2-3 times the size of its operating budget to \$7.9 million (as of June 2000), but the operating budget exceeds \$16 million the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Our campaign goal is a modest start to what must

ENDOWMENT FOCUS

- Technology
- Instructional Resources
- Library Resources
- Faculty Development
- Lecture Series on Ethics
- Scholarships

Capital Projects Goal: \$5,000,000

We must strengthen the Adrian campus to provide a quality living and learning

CAPITAL FOCUS

- Science and Math Center Renovations
- Fieldhouse Addition
- Residence Hall Renovations
- Residence Hall Technology Improvements
- Lumen Chapel Renovations

Academic Programs and Operations

We must invest in our core academic departments, while ensuring a sustained f

PROGRAMS/OPERATIONS FOCUS

- Academic Program Support
 - * Technology
 - * Library Resources
 - * Faculty Excellence/Development
 - * Academic Equipment
- Annual Fund Support (1999-2003)
- Campaign Operations

Unrestricted (and unallocated) gifts and pledges:

Campaign Commitments as of 6/10/20

* includes \$257,000 Teagle grant for faculty development at both Siena Heights and Adrian

Siena Heights University

WITH A MISSION

Goal: \$12.5 million

To provide sufficient financial stability. Siena Heights has increased its endowment. We must strengthen our endowment to ensure the legacy established in 1919 by must be a long-term process of endowment enhancement and growth.

CAMPAIGN GOAL		GIFTS/PLEDGES AS OF 6/10/01
300,000		0
300,000		0
200,000	✓ MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED	200,000
200,000		70,000
500,000		342,500
2,000,000		942,764

environment and ensure a vibrant hub for this dynamic statewide University.

CAMPAIGN GOAL		GIFTS/PLEDGES AS OF 6/10/01
1,900,000		1,316,069
1,000,000		0
1,000,000		700,000
750,000		0
350,000	✓ MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED	300,000

Goal: \$4,000,000

Foundation of annual support.

CAMPAIGN GOAL		GIFTS/PLEDGES AS OF 6/10/01
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300,000	✓ MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED	310,844
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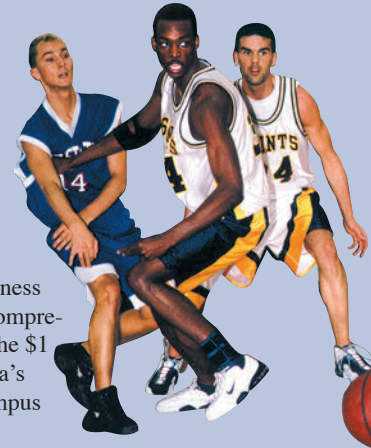
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ian College.

Mission: Possible!

Fieldhouse Addition

Built in 1978 when our athletic program was in its infancy, the Siena Heights Fieldhouse today is home to a nationally ranked intercollegiate athletic program. More than half of today's residential students participate in one or more of 14 varsity sports (seven each for men and women). A modest but much needed Fieldhouse expansion will provide space for team lockers, athletic offices and a fitness center large enough to accommodate a comprehensive University wellness program. The \$1 million project will benefit not only Siena's scholar-athletes but the entire Adrian campus community.



Math/Science Renovation



Computing, Mathematics and Sciences (CMS) Division boasts a tradition of superb teaching and outstanding alumni achievement. But its facilities have been less impressive... until now. A \$1.9 million renovation has brought CMS into state-of-the-art condition with interactive classrooms, new computers, "smart boards," lab equipment and research instrumentation, along with refurbished ceilings, windows, floors, furnishings, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Upgraded classrooms, offices and equipment all offer naming gift opportunities for donors interested in helping to

fund the renovation.

Enhanced Teaching and Learning

Student scholarships, faculty development, technology, library resources, and the on-campus residential experience—all play a part in fostering a vibrant environment for education at Siena Heights. Scholarships make education possible for men and women from diverse backgrounds and life circumstances. Advanced technology and professional growth opportunities for faculty are vital as Siena reaches out to students across the state. In Adrian, safe and comfortable residence halls help promote student success in the classroom.



Our Vision & Values

Adrian Dominican values form the core of the Siena Heights mission. All campaign priorities support education that is competent, purposeful and ethical, respecting the dignity of all. Lumen Chapel stands at the heart of spiritual life on the Adrian campus. A new lecture series will engage students and faculty at all Siena Heights locations in discussion of contemporary ethical issues.

How can I help?

The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education With a Mission.

The Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is an easy way for every graduate, parent, and friend of the University to support Siena Heights and contribute to the success of the campaign. Annual gifts provide Siena Heights with a vital foundation of renewable support for University operations. In each year of the campaign, we seek \$625,000 in Annual Fund gifts for scholarships and general operations.

If you are not yet a regular donor to Siena Heights, we invite you to establish your tradition of annual support. If you already support the Annual Fund, consider increasing your gift—from \$50 to \$100, for example, or from \$250 to \$500. Perhaps this is the perfect time for you to move up to the President's Cabinet with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

The Campaign: Supporting Students

EXAMPLE: ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed scholarships provide direct support for students attending Siena Heights. Gifts to the endowment provide permanent stability for the University by generating interest income in perpetuity. An endowment fund of \$50,000 will provide \$2,500 in student scholarships every year. Funds may be established with a single gift or a collection of gifts received over time from many donors. Endowed scholarships may be named for a beloved professor or friend, and may be designated to support students with specific needs, talents or academic interests—or students at a particular Siena Heights location.

The Campaign: Achieving Academic Distinction

EXAMPLE: CMS RENOVATION

Siena Heights has long been known for excellence in mathematics and the sciences, a tradition established by past professors such as Miriam Stimson, OP and Helen Duggan, OP (formerly Sister Ann Charles) and maintained by today's dedicated faculty. By renovating the CMS (Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences) Division facilities, the campaign will bring the quality of classrooms, laboratories and equipment up to the quality of the teaching we already offer. The University still needs about \$600,000 toward the \$1.9 million renovation. The Alden Trust has approved \$50,000 for the project—if Siena Heights can match that amount 3-to-1 with \$150,000 in gifts from alumni and friends.

The Campaign: Ensuring a Vibrant Environment

EXAMPLE: FIELDHOUSE ADDITION

Fitness is a key factor in student and faculty wellness; and intercollegiate athletics are an important part of community life on the main campus. A modest addition to the Siena Heights Fieldhouse will provide needed space for a contemporary fitness center as well as team lockers and athletic offices. Former Saints, current fans, and all health-oriented alumni will find the Fieldhouse an attractive focus for campaign giving. Groundbreaking for the expansion will take place once the University has received an appropriate lead gift toward the \$1 million project.

These are just some of the ways you can join SHU in achieving the goals of *The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education With a Mission.*

Review the campaign goals or contact the Advancement Office for additional opportunities. For further information, contact any member of the Siena Heights Advancement Office at 1-517-264-7140.

Whenever possible, donors are encouraged to consider a "two-part" pledge, supplementing an annual gift with a special campaign gift. Campaign commitments may be fulfilled over three years.



Everyone's a philanthropist!

WILL YOU PLAN YOUR GIVING OR LET IT GO TO THE IRS?

Kathlene Costello, director of planned giving at Siena Heights, surprises people sometimes when she says, "You will be a philanthropist." Your only choice is whether to do it voluntarily or involuntarily." A will is very important.

If you prefer to support an organization you care about, say so in your will. And any time you experience a major life change—such as marriage, move to a new state, birth of a child or death of a spouse—renew your wishes with your legal adviser.

"More than half of all Americans die without a will," Costello explains. When that happens, a large percentage of the estate value may be lost to taxes. When charitable donations are designated in a will, however, far less is taken in estate taxes.

The late Jessica Savitch, a former NBC News Anchor, died unexpectedly and without a will, Costello notes; Savitch became an "involuntary philanthropist," giving 51 percent of her \$2.17 million estate to the government in estate taxes. By contrast, Purina Pet Food's William Danforth, a "voluntary philanthropist" who planned his charitable giving before his death, lost only 2 percent of his \$5.8 million estate to taxes.

Everyone should have a will, Costello reminds alumni; without a will, it can take as much as three-and-a-half years for your estate to get through probate. With a will, and with careful estate planning, your heirs—including the causes or charitable organizations dear to you—will benefit more, and faster, from your estate.

The Heritage Society

The Heritage Society was created to honor the extraordinary support of exceptional people who have made planned giving commitments to Siena Heights University through their estate plans, or have designated Siena in a life income plan. These members believe in the strength and value of a Siena Heights University education and understand how a benevolent spirit and thoughtful planning can provide a gift for its future. If you have already made arrangements for an estate gift to Siena Heights University, or have started that process, we invite you to become a member of the Heritage Society. Your gift helps to strengthen the connection between the legacy of our past and the prospect for a prominent future.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2001: THE SHU ODYSSEY

Thursday, Sept. 20 to Saturday, Sept. 22

Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences Division Reunion - Call the Alumni Office for details, 517-264-7140.

Friday, Sept. 21

4:00 p.m. Alumni Softball Game, George and Wilma Christensen Memorial Softball Field

The Alumni team versus the Siena Heights University 2001 team. For further information, contact Lynnette Overstreet, Head Softball Coach, 517-264-7874.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration, Francoeur Lobby, PAC

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

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Art Reception, Studio Angelico / Klemm Gallery

Featuring some of Siena Heights University Alumni Artists: Sara Ann Chapman '95 & Kathleen Morris Beekman '93. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, punch, and a gallery talk. No reservation needed.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Computing, Mathematics and the Sciences Division Reunion continues into Saturday.

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration, Francoeur Lobby, PAC

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

8:00 a.m. Golden Years Reunion Breakfast, Dominican Hall

Alumnae from the 50th Reunion Class of 1951, 55th Reunion Class of 1946, and 60th Reunion Class of 1941 are invited to celebrate their graduation anniversaries at this festive breakfast. A highlight of the reunion weekend. (By special invitation to the Golden Years classes.) For more information contact Jennifer Hamlin Church (800) 693-0506 or jhchurch@sienahts.edu.



Special Children's Activities

There will be many children's activities such as face painting, crafts, and a moonwalk during Siena Fest on Saturday. Bring the kids and enjoy a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Siena Heights. The Tailgate is complementary.

1:00 p.m. Women's Varsity Soccer,

9:00 a.m. Siena Heights Saints and Alumni/Family Golf Scramble

The 3rd Annual Alumni/Family golf outing is organized by the Athletic Department. Athletes, alumni, boosters and friends will enjoy the shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Wolf Creek Golf Club, 6363 Burton Rd., Adrian. The cost is \$75.00 per person (4 person teams) which includes green fees/cart, breakfast and lunch, and cash prizes for: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; longest drive and closest to the pin. For registration, use the enclosed form or call Terry Carlson, 517-264-7870.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Art Exhibit, Studio Angelico / Klemm Gallery

Featuring some of Siena Heights University Alumni Artists: Sara Ann Chapman '95 & Kathleen Morris Beekman '93

11:30 a.m. Alumni Luncheon and Class Photo, Archangelus Ballroom

Learn the latest about Siena Heights from University President Rick Artman. We'll recognize all reunion classes, with special attention to the 25th ('76) and 50th ('51) reunions, and finish up with entertainment by Siena's Madrigal Singers as well as the various Reunion Class Photos. Lunch is \$13.00.

Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Women's Varsity Volleyball, Fieldhouse

Siena Heights takes on Tri-State University.

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. SIENA FEST! Tent Party, Fieldhouse Lawn

This informal event is hosted by Siena Heights faculty and students. Look for Siena Fest! in front of the Fieldhouse and stop in for hot dogs and popcorn, cookies and lemonade—or just a chat with the your favorite faculty chefs! No reservations necessary. This is a great gathering and meeting place for all.

Soccer Field

Siena Heights takes on University

3:30 p.m. Men's Varsity Soccer, Soccer Field

Siena Heights takes on Tri-State University.

3:00 p.m. Alumni Association Meeting, Rueckert Auditorium Dominican Hall

Please feel free to join a recap of Alumni Assoc business. Key agenda will include the introductory the new Alumni Association board members.

4:00 p.m. Women's Alumni Softball

The 2001 - 2002 Women's SHU Softball team takes on the SHU women's softball alumnae. For more information contact Lynnette Overstreet, Head Softball Coach, loverstr@sienahts.edu or call 517-264-7874

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Siena Saints All Alumni Reception, Benincasa Dining Hall

All guests of Alumni Weekend are invited to a reception prior to the various evening activities such as the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and the various reunion gatherings. No reservation needed.

7:00 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Benincasa Dining Hall

Join coaches, friends and our honorees for this Hall of Fame ceremony. Dinner (\$25.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children) and program. For more information, contact Terry Carlson at 517-264-7870.

7:00 p.m. Champagne Reception/ Reunion Buffet, Dominican Hall

Reunion classes from 1941 to 1981 will toast the occasion at the reunion buffet. \$23.00 covers the buffet.

8:00 p.m. - Reunion Classes 1986, 1991 & 1996 will gather in the Adrian area to reminiscence and to enjoy local establishments. More details will be posted on the web and at Registration during Alumni Weekend.

Sunday, Sept. 23

10:00 a.m. Alumni/Family Weekend Liturgy, Lumen Chapel

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

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Brunch, Benincasa Dining Hall

Join Siena students for your Sunday meal. \$4.00 at the door. No reservations needed.



Calling all Classes ending in '6 or '1

Want to help encourage others from you class to come to campus for your reunion weekend? Contact the alumni office directly and speak with Lynne Redman-Hill, Director of Alumni Relations (800-693-0506). Check the Siena Heights web page for updates as to which classmates have registered for the weekend.

Reservations

Some events require advanced registration: Golf Scramble, Alumni Luncheon, Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, and Champagne Reunion Dinner. To register call the Advancement



Office at 517-264-7140.

For Further Information

For more information about the Alumni Association, call the Alumni Office at 800-693-0506 or go to the Siena Heights alumni web pages at www.sienahts.edu/alumni.html.

*PAC=Performing Arts Center



From left: Denise Keeley, Dorothy Gonzales, Lynne Redman Hill, Judith Redwine, Barbara Chenicek, OP and Rita Schiltz, OP.

Alumni Awards Day 2001: Honorees impress with talents and achievements

By Lanetta J. Williams '04

There is a path that leads from Siena Heights to the rest of the world and every year, new graduates lay more bricks on that path, paving the way for Siena Heights students in the future.

Once a year, the University and the Alumni Association recognize a few individuals who have helped build that pathway. Alumni Awards Day is filled with a host of activities that honor the award recipients and enable them to visit classes, meet current students, and share information to help future alumni succeed.

At this year's awards ceremony on March 27, Judith McNally Redwine '66 of Fresno, California, was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award, Barbara Chenicek, OP '57 and Rita Schiltz, OP '46, both of Adrian, received the St. Dominic Award. The Sister Ann Joachim Award was given to Dorothy Gonzales '78 of East

Lansing. The Recent Graduate Award was given to Denise Keeley '88 of Adrian.

"It's not surprising to have an awards class of all women, since Siena Heights has such a long history of graduating strong women," said Lynne Redman Hill, alumni relations director, noting that this year's award winners were all female.

This year's awards day was a powerful, emotion-filled event, Hill said. "So many people have emailed me and sent notes saying how inspirational it was. Everyone who attended was very moved."

"It's amazing what these women have done," she added. They are "trailblazers who have changed the world." The message of the day seemed to be, "Don't let things stand in your way," Hill said. "Barriers don't have to stop you. They can help you grow through them."



**Judith McNally Redwine '66:
Outstanding Alumni Award**

Judith Redwine majored in mathematics at Siena Heights and held positions as a math and science teacher before becoming a college professor and administrator. She served as president of Black Hawk College in Moline, IL, from 1994 to 1999 and is now chancellor at the State Center Community College District in Fresno, CA. She is also an accomplished author and recently co-authored an article titled "Laboratory for a New Form of Democracy" in *The Community College Journal*.

"I have been influenced by Robert Greenleaf's concept of servant leadership," said Redwine. "I am particularly proud of the work that I have done to make higher education more accessible to the less fortunate." Those efforts include establishing higher education centers in poor areas, raising money for scholarships and insisting on student support services to help students succeed. Redwine has also been involved with local, state and national leadership programs.

**Dorothy Gonzales '78:
Sister Ann Joachim Award**

Dorothy Gonzales, the daughter of former Lenawee County migrant parents, was a non-traditional student at Siena Heights, a working mother who earned a bachelor's degree in social work then went on to graduate school. Gonzales, who serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, is the first Mexican American



and first Hispanic woman to be elected chair of a major university governing board. She is Director of the Department of Community Health's Office of Multicultural Services. In addition to previous positions in the Michigan House of Representatives

"It's amazing what these women have done. They are trailblazers who have changed the world."

Lynne Redman Hill, Director of Alumni Relations

and as an advisor to former Governor James Blanchard, she has also been active in a variety of organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Black Child and Family Institute, and the Michigan Democratic Party.

One of Gonzales' many causes is reaching people who may otherwise let things like language barriers stand in the way of getting the help and support they need. "I have tried to be a role model for those who are coming after me," Gonzales explained. "I have contributed thanks to Siena Heights and the values I learned there."

**Denise Keeley '88:
Recent Graduate Award**

Denise Keeley graduated from Siena with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, with a concentration in sculpture. A non-traditional student who returned to college after her children were grown, she was named Art Student of the Year in 1988. She currently maintains a studio and has had work accepted in both juried and single artist shows in Michigan and Ohio. Keeley's sculptures emphasize women



and express her perception of being a wife and mother of eight adult children. She also explores the stigma of AIDS in her stonework.

"My art is a woman's vision of the human experience based on being a wife, mother, and grandmother, and yet, for many years, a faceless woman. By finally breaking the silence imposed by a patriarchal society,

which seeks to suppress a woman's voice, I have found mine," said Keeley. "My work is intended to reflect the human condition and the role of women in today's society. The struggle is not to catch a glimpse of their faces, but to understand their souls."

**Barbara Chenicek, OP '57 and Rita Schiltz, OP '46:
St. Dominic Award**

Sisters Barbara Chenicek and Rita Schiltz are award winning designers and co-founders of the INAI Studio on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse. Chenicek holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in design; Schiltz is a metalsmith and graphic designer. Together, they specialize in the design of contemporary worship spaces. They have traveled



throughout North America; their work spans the United States and Canada, and has been chronicled in professional journals such as *Interior Design* and *IBD: Interior Design Magazine*.

"Space has power to be a catalyst and presence, bringing wholeness, beauty, and a sense of the holy. Contemporary sacred space calls a community to newness—to that which it is desiring to become. Such is our mission, our work and our passion!" wrote Chenicek and Schiltz of their work. ■



CLASS NOTES

Class Notes are compiled with information gathered from the reply cards in each issue of Reflections, alumni updates sent via e-mail and the web, newspaper clippings, and letters. We do not report engagements or pregnancies but will gladly announce weddings and births.

Information received after February 1 will appear in the Fall issue.

1930s

Mary Brocchetti Pavan '35 writes from East Lansing: "I am 87 years old and live in an assisted living establishment. My daughter is a dental hygienist. My grandson is a graduate student in Tallahassee, FL; his wife is a veterinarian."

Recent travels have included trips to Maine (visiting **Lois Hueneman Chazaud '49**) and to San Jose, CA to visit family and tour the Napa Valley wine country. Seven sons and seven daughters have given Bob and Marjory 29-going-on-30 grandchildren. "We are truly blessed!"

1940s

Frances Louise Borges, OP '40 taught elementary school for 59 years and is now retired and living in Maria Health Care Center where she volunteers for the Adrian Dominican Sisters in the mailroom. She also takes a Scripture class and enjoys cultural events at Siena Heights and in the community.

Joan Gardzinski Bartoszewicz '50 lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband, Leonard, a dentist. They have 9 children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Over the years, Joan has been active with Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, school activities, several dental organizations, "Pregnancy Aid" of Detroit, and the Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League, as well as being a local elections commissioner. She previously taught and was librarian at St. Ambrose Elementary School in Detroit. She loves cooking, playing bridge, travel and family.

Mary Frances White, OP '40 has lived at the Villa Serra retirement center in Salinas, CA, for 11 years. She no longer travels much but has fond memories of a 60th Jubilee trip to Kuwahi.

Dorothy Singer Elliott '45 lives in St. Louis, MO, with her husband of 51 years. Of their four children, two live in St. Louis, one in Chicago and one in Kansas. Dorothy still works part-time as a consultant dietician.

Ita Marie Brennan, OP '50 lives in W. Palm Beach, FL, where she retired after a career as a teacher, principal and religious educator in many locations. Since retiring, she has assisted teachers and helped in the library at Rosarian Academy.

Mary Louise Dahl Corcoran '46 is a retired counselor and teacher who is "living near downtown Nashville, TN, in historic Lockeland Springs. I am using my counseling skills as a volunteer at the Crisis Intervention Center. My interests include historic renovation, gardening and travel." Mary Louise and her daughter visited the Siena Heights campus last spring for the first time in many years.

Dorothy Jeanne Burns, OP '50 spent many happy years teaching elementary school and working as an elementary principal. Since 1990, she has visited hospitalized and homebound seniors of St. Alphonsus Parish in Dearborn where she lives. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a highlight of recent years.

Marjory Thompson Iott '49 and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 50th anniversary last spring.

Virginia Ernst Gerhardt '50 of Sandusky, OH, taught music for three years after her Siena graduation,

then focused on raising four daughters and two sons. Now there are 14 grandchildren in the family. These days, Virginia and her husband volunteer at church and in their community. They enjoy traveling and have visited the Holy Land and other holy sites such as Lourdes and Fatima.

Marie Cataldo Kuhnlein Gilbert '50 and her husband, Harry, live in St. Clair. Marie was widowed when her 10 children were aged 5-16 and remained a single parent for 12 years. Working as a teacher in inner-city Detroit, she managed to send all 10 children to college! She married Harry 17 years ago and they take great pleasure in their combined total of 23 grandchildren. They enjoy travel in Europe (especially visiting a daughter in Spain) and Marie remains active in a long-time prayer group.

Barbara Hengesbach, OP '50 of Hazel Park, formerly Sister Agnes William, spent 46 years teaching elementary, middle and high school students before switching to a part-time career in "senior outreach." Now she works with the elderly, ministering to homebound seniors and those in nursing homes, along with bereavement work. A gardening enthusiast, she also enjoys travel, baking, sewing and reading. "I've always been proud to belong to a Congregation that was far-sighted and willing to take risks," she says. "I hope many of you (alumnae of the '40s) felt the strong support of the Adrian Dominicans while you were at Siena striving to be valiant women of the Gospel!"

Joan Nylen Italiano '50 lives in West Boylston, MA, and winters in West Palm Beach, FL. Joan was an Adrian Dominican Sister for the first seven years after graduation,

from Siena Heights; she subsequently became a Lay Dominican in the West Springfield, MA, Chapter. Joan and her husband, William, have a daughter who is a computer graphic designer, a son who builds homes and teaches vocational education/carpentry, and two grandchildren. An artist who has exhibited her sculpture in dozens of solo and group exhibitions, Joan taught high school and college art for 40 years and was the first woman hired in a tenure-track position at the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA). She is profiled in numerous directories of women artists and has garnered many awards for her sculpture through her career.

Ann Mitchell Politzer '50 is retired after an education career that included 15 years as a 6th grade teacher and 25 years as a middle school counselor. She and her husband, John, an architect, live in Grosse Pointe Park where Ann volunteers with Bon Secours Hospital and is active in parish work.

Ellen Robertson, OP '50 lives in Okatie, SC, in the "low country" where she was called in 1972 to start a school for economically and educationally deprived African-American children. "For 22 years, we built an excellent pre-school along with an alternative high school for teen mothers and their babies," says Ellen, whose career also included earning her Ph.D. and experiencing the civil rights movement as a school principal on the near west side of Chicago. Today, she does volunteer work in the Okatie community, "chiefly as a Guardian ad litem for abused children."

Eileen Marie Ryan '50 enjoyed a 40-year career in accounting and finance with Ford Motor Company in Michigan before retiring in 1991 and relocating in New England. She now lives in Warwick, RI, where her life centers around parish activities.

Mary Jane Schallert, OP '50 (aka Sister Marie William) taught

Alice Robie Resnick '61

Toledo Native Wins Third Term on Ohio Supreme Court

This story appeared in The Blade (Toledo, OH) on Oct. 8, 2000, as Justice Resnick was in the midst of the toughest campaign of her career. She subsequently won reelection for a third term on the Ohio Supreme Court. The story by Jim Provance is excerpted by permission.

"Activist Judge." Ohio Supreme Court Justice Alice Robie Resnick dislikes the title attached to the court's majority that has struck down the state's education-funding system and killed legislative attempts to restrict lawsuit jury awards.

"When you look at the four justices who sat on that [tort reform] case and the school-funding case, you find two Republicans and two Democrats," said the 61-year-old Toledo Democrat. "To me, that says a fair and impartial group of justices. You look at the dissenters, they're Republicans."

The other three justices rounding out the 4-3 majority, however, didn't write the opinions on the two most controversial court rulings in recent years. And they aren't on the ballot Nov. 7 in what is turning out to be the fight of Justice Resnick's judicial career.

"If being a little liberal and favoring persons rather than corporations and insurance companies is activism, then it might be accurate," said her husband, 6th District Court of Appeals Judge Melvin Resnick. "But I don't like the term any more than I like the term 'restraint,' the description attached to the three-member minority.

Justice Resnick, seeking a third six-year term on Ohio's highest court, faces more than just Republican opposition from 8th District Court of Appeals Judge Terrence O'Donnell in Cleveland. The race has garnered national attention as an example of one that could be heavily influenced by the spending of millions by special interests on both sides.

Teachers, labor, and trial lawyers are backing Justice Resnick, while business and insurance companies have started a statewide TV campaign favoring her opponent.

"The worst scenario would be if the special interests, through their tremendous amounts of money, were ever able to buy a seat on the Supreme Court," said the justice. "Then, everything would be up for sale."

Born in Erie, Pa., she graduated from Siena Heights College (now University) in 1961 with a degree in history and received her law degree three years later from the University of Detroit. She worked in private practice and in the Lucas County prosecutor's office, where she met her husband. They've been married 30 years.



"She's a wonderful person, highly intelligent, and she has no binds to anybody," he said. "She decides cases on her own under the law."

She was elected to Toledo Municipal Court in 1975 and, seven years later, was elected to the 6th District appellate court. In 1988, she became just the first woman in 66 years to be elected to the state Supreme Court.

The Ohio Women's Bar Association, an organization the justice helped found in 1991, established the Alice Robie Resnick Outstanding Lawyer Award. The first recipient in 1988 was Justice Resnick.

"The award is for a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession and who has been committed to promoting the advancement of women in the profession," said the award's latest recipient,

U.S. District Magistrate Patricia Hermann in Cleveland. "She is certainly somebody who has always been committed to the advancement of women."

When Justice Resnick gets away from the law offices, she gardens and swims to relax. Her husband noted that they had an indoor swimming pool installed so she could swim every day while home.

Justice Resnick has written many decisions that have involved unanimous votes of the court or alliances outside the 4-3 divide seen in the most controversial cases.

She wrote the opinion in the unanimous decision permitting use of battered women syndrome as a criminal defense. She wrote a dissenting opinion in a 4-3 ruling that held that a person with birth defects allegedly caused by his grandmother's ingestion of a drug while his mother was in her womb could not sue the drug manufacturer.

She makes no apologies for the strong tone of the opinion she wrote last year sharply criticizing the General Assembly for attempting to rein in jury awards in litigation after the court had previously ruled such action was unconstitutional.

"It was necessary to tell them one branch of government, the judiciary, is the sole branch that interprets the constitution," she said. "Once we have spoken, you cannot re-enact what we have said is unconstitutional."

She also defends her ruling in the school-funding case, which Republicans have attempted to redefine as the "Resnick tax hike." The 4-3 ruling held that the state has allowed schools to become too dependent on local property taxes, placing students in property-poor districts at a competitive disadvantage.

"I truly think that education is the single entity that can give children an equal opportunity at whatever their dreams are," she said. "It's the only factor in life that really can equalize their social or economic background."



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in Illinois, Michigan, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Florida before moving back to Adrian. "I am now at the Motherhouse gainfully employed and happy!"

Marie Smith Shumacher '50 of St. Clair had a "brief career as a teacher and a long career as a mother of eight children" before joining her husband, Ted, in the furniture business and, later, working in interior design with Jacobsons. "I am still free-lancing," she reports, as well as sitting on the boards of an art gallery and her condo association. For their 50th wedding anniversary, Marie and Ted went to Poland when the Pope had the same itinerary. "It was exciting!"

Mary Alice (Sweetie) Conway Tavolier '50 and her husband, Peter, live in Akron, OH, where they have raised 10 children and been active in parish and community life. Peter is still active in the family business although he has stepped down as president leaving four sons in charge. Sweetie still volunteers for church activities and enjoys her 14-soon-to-be-16 grandchildren. She reflects, "We've had many ups and downs. The ups have been joys, the downs have been gifts. God has been good!"

Mary Maichen Wetzel-Tomalka '50 of Michawaka, IN, raised four children in South Bend with her first husband, Clancy Wetzel, who died in 1993. During those years, Mary taught junior high school English, advised the school newspaper, and directed several full-length musicals before taking early retirement with Clancy soon after losing their youngest son. Several years after Clancy's death, Mary married his best friend who had also lost his spouse. Since then, Mary and Ted Tomalka have become avid travelers: 14 cruises in six years! Mary also has given numerous seminars and published seven books (No. 8 due in June) on Candlewick crystal made by Imperial Glass of Bellaire, OH. For 20 years, she has been president and newsletter editor of the Michiana Association of Candlewick Collectors, which

she helped to found in 1980. "I am most grateful to Siena Heights for the wonderful Catholic education I received," Mary writes. "Many of my accomplishments could not have been achieved without this education."

Joan Chopp Scheuermann '53 and her husband, Robert, live in Pleasant Ridge. Their youngest son (5th child of 6) welcomed his first son on All Saints Day. That makes 17 grandchildren for Joan who comments, "...and you shall be blessed."

Magdalena Ezoë, OP '55 teaches full-time in the Siena Heights music department and performs regularly in the Adrian area. (The recording of her "150th Anniversary Recital of Chopin's Piano Music" is available on CD for \$20 from the music department.) Before joining the Siena faculty in 1968, she taught high school and college and earned her Master of Music (piano) degree from the U. of Michigan.

Mary McDowell Bissonette '55 and her husband, Ev, live in Clinton Twp. Mary taught elementary school before starting a 25-year career as a school librarian in Birmingham. Since retiring, volunteer work for Mary has included support for women affected by AIDS,

in the parish, in the community, in other churches as well as in the Lexington Diocesan organizations have been a challenge as well as tremendous growth experiences."

Paul Emelia Brown, OP '55 writes from Hobe Sound, FL, that she has worn many hats since her days at Siena, but "the real hat has always been the Adrian Dominican veil." During her 52 years as a Sister, she taught all grades in elementary and high school and twice was a principal. She moved from education into pastoral ministry and is "enjoying my work here in the South."

Marcine Klemm, OP '55 reports that "my life has been very full, exciting, challenging and fulfilling." Her career in education and administration has taken her to Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Mexico and Texas as well as Michigan and Ohio. Today she works in the academic dean's office at Siena Heights. "What a plethora of experiences have been mine, life-giving and enriching, blessing my days with a deep faith in God and a heart filled with joy and gratitude."

F. Jeannine Gund Martin '55 lives in Cleveland and says her greatest joy is her two daughters, both married with master's degrees and careers, one a teacher and one

SC.

1960s

Hilda Vazquez Aybar '60 (formerly Sister Mary Theresa Joseph Vazquez) lives in San Juan, PR, where she is editing a book on the role of Latin American women in history, scheduled for publication this year. She also regularly does translations, bilingual presentations and book proofreading. Through the years, she has lived and worked in New York, Washington DC, and Spain as well as several different cities in Puerto Rico and has traveled extensively around the globe.

Karen Erickson '60 of North Oxford, MA, is a chemistry professor at Clark University in Worcester. Her career as a teaching chemist has included sabbatical leaves in Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Arizona and, most recently, the National Cancer Institute in Maryland. She enjoys hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. Karen received an honorary degree from Siena Heights in 1981.

Josephine Gaugier, OP '60 lives in Saginaw where she is director of lay ministry formation programs in the Diocese of Saginaw, a position she has held for 16 years. She also is a Siena Heights Trustee.

Margaret Adkins Merillat '60 of Hudson retired in 1992 after 32 years as a teacher and counselor. Through the years, she and her husband, Jim, have farmed, run a water softening company and restored antique furniture.

Nancy North Parzych '60 lives in Jackson with her husband, Ron. Nancy retired in 1998 after almost 20 years as secretary of the English department at Jackson Community College; Ron retired from Consumers Energy last fall.

Martha Bonfiglio Yoell '60 lives in Jackson with her husband, Dave. Martha retired in 1999 but was asked to return a few months later, "so I'm teaching afternoons."

Sharon Umstead Blasch '61 of Rose City retired last June but continues to teach part-time in the administrative medical assistant program at Kirtland Community College.

Betty Pembleton Castro '61 (for-

Alumni Notes from

SHU in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo

Since 1992, Siena Heights has operated a degree completion center in Battle Creek on the campus of Kellogg Community College. Nearly 300 Siena Heights alumni have earned their degrees through SHU at Kalamazoo Community College. Siena Heights established the Kalamazoo Center in 1996.

Crystal Aviza Mast '98 is an insurance underwriter with State Farm Insurance Companies. She is enjoying life with her husband Chip. She writes, "I am now working on a Training Program that I think will be a successful tool in our employee development."

working as a Eucharistic minister at Mt. Clemens Hospital and assisting Meals on Wheels. Daughter Paula will be married in Phoenix this year.

Maria Goretti Browne, OP '55 has been living in Grayson, KY, for almost 20 years, finding joy and fulfillment working in parish ministry: "This time of my life has been a real learning and stretching experience, since God led me into situations I could never have dreamed of myself. Involvement

(Jane, a 1987 graduate of Siena!) a human resources associate with Eli Lilly and Co. Jeannine's career in dietetics included restaurant and hospital work (22 years at University Hospitals of Cleveland) and the State of Ohio Developmental Center from which she retired in 1997.

Eleanor Taylor '57 is a retired teacher living in Troy.

Mary Ann Kolar '59 (formerly Sister Charles Ann) lives in Aiken,

Alumni Spotlight

Marie Mosesso Reinhardt '63

Highnote Hospitality in Wiscasset, Maine

This article by Donna Waterman originally appeared in the Lincoln County (ME) News. It is excerpted by permission. Marie Reinhardt works as a substitute teacher as well as managing Highnote B&B. She visited Siena Heights this past winter for the first time in 35 years.

In 1991, John Reinhardt came to Wiscasset, on the coast of Maine, to attend a wedding. Back home, teaching English in a Virginia Beach, VA, middle school, his wife Marie awaited his return. Little did she know that John had fallen in love with a Victorian home perched atop Lee Street. It was for sale.

In October, Marie flew up to see the house, and what she saw was the beginning of a new life for both of them. John knew Marie would not only fall in love with the house, but with Wiscasset and Maine as well. It was peak foliage season. How could she resist?

Thinking back, Marie spoke softly: "I didn't want to come at first. But now I wish I had come sooner. I love the wildlife and beauty of the whole place."

The house had been empty for two years but was in wonderful shape. "We didn't have to do much," Marie reminisced. The home, built in 1876, isn't the oldest in town, but it is one of the most beautiful.

For five years, John and Marie summered in Wiscasset, preparing the home as a bed-and-breakfast. Then they moved here permanently and have never looked back. Marie brought along her beloved horse, Chesapeake, who lives on the property for most of the year. (He's boarded in nearby Boothbay in winter.) Along with their cats, Purr and Jassmin, they have made a life for themselves here in "the prettiest village in Maine."

Their home is now Highnote, a "B&B" where guests stay among elegant Victorian furnishings and art.

"We have had such terrific people stay here. And they return again and send their friends," Marie said. Highnote is recommended in "The Lonely Planet," a book of travelers' favorite places to stay throughout the world; 80 percent of the

Reinhardts' guests have found them from reading "The Lonely Planet." From Tasmania, Europe, Canada, and Asia, guests find their way to Wiscasset and Highnote.

Marie loves to garden and she immediately tackled the overgrown yard upon her arrival. The cupola high atop the house is the perfect place to start seedlings. "I've never had such success with plants as I do here," she said. "It's good to get back into northern plants." Her other passion is riding Chesapeake; together they explore the surrounding hills, looking for birds and picking blueberries.

John, an antique art dealer, supplies many of the period pieces found in the home. He is also an accomplished opera singer and tours with a children's opera company, going into schools as an Artist in Residence. The children learn about all aspects of an opera and become involved in the performance. To aid in his teaching, John wrote a script of "Marriage of Figaro" for children. His students then researched and helped to make their costumes and performed in the finale. "It was beautiful and equaled any adult opera," said Marie with a smile.

Last summer, Highnote presented two operas for the community.

John's daughter, Laura, an accomplished soprano, accompanied her father. They hope to offer more performances in the future. With high notes and with Highnote, the Reinhardts provide much beauty in Wiscasset.





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merly Sister Gerald Louise) lives in Gold Canyon, AZ, where she works a few hours a week in a computer lab for Central Arizona College. She retired in 1996 after 41 years of full-time teaching.

Patricia Rodrick '63 sends this update from Spokane, WA: "After having been an Adrian Dominican for 13 years, I left and became a special education teacher. I married, had one daughter, and divorced after 15 years. Got a master's in psychology counseling and became a child family therapist. Most recently, completed chaplaincy training and am now employed as chaplain at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. My greatest recent joy is the birth of my first granddaughter. I would love to hear from anyone who entered in 1955." (sophiarod@hotmail.com)

Anthonita Porta, OP '63 of Adrian celebrated her 50th year as an Adrian Dominican last fall. Since joining the Congregation at age 16, she has been a classroom teacher, college faculty member, assistant principal, administrator and head teacher of the Montessori Children's House. She is now executive director of the Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute and is an internationally known Montessori scholar and master teacher.

Angela O'Neill Bidlack '64 is a financial advisor with PaineWebber in Pittsburgh and lives in nearby Wexford, PA. She and her husband, Earl Benner, visited Italy last fall, touring Tuscany (including Siena) by bicycle. "Visiting the Shrine of St. Catherine and the Church of St. Dominic, where many murals are devoted to her life, was most special to me. Siena is a lovely and exciting town. The neighborhoods and the old customs that still live are wonderful to experience."

Regina Cameron '65 lives in Glenview, IL, with her two sons, Conor, born in India in 1987, and Brendan, born in Paraguay in 1992. She writes, "I am an 'old' mom

but I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Regina works in a high school doing school social work, a position she has held since 1968.

Elizabeth Demirgian, OP '65, a board certified physician assistant, is working part-time at a walk-in office for visitors in Kissimmee, FL. She lives in Clermont.



Janice Hill Hoffer Ferguson '65 is happily retired (again!) in Sun City, AZ, where she has lived with her husband, Earl, since 1985. Her "first" career involved a variety of teaching and administrative leadership roles at Adrian High School, Adrian College, and the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, prior to the move to the Sun Belt. After a few years off, she started a second career at Arizona State University, serving first on the communications faculty and then as director of internships in the department of integrative studies.

Annette Thur Jacoby '65 of St. Petersburg, FL, works as executive assistant to the president of a manufacturing firm in Clearwater. She moved to Florida in 1983 and married her husband, John, in 1987.

Marguerite Ballagh Kopp '65/MA of Hudson taught high school art before developing a second career in kitchen and bath design. Now that her sons are grown, she has become interested in painting and takes frequent workshops with instructors in many media. "Travel is an increasing opportunity in my retirement years."

Helen Elinor Linkey '65 of Huntington, WV writes, "I was an Adrian Dominican for 22 years. After the destruction of community prayer, community life and community work, I resigned from the congregation and now live a life of lay celibacy. I now teach at Mar-

shall University, Huntington, WV, as an associate professor of social psychology.

Mary Jo Potter '65 of Orinda, CA, serves as chairperson of the board of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic healthcare system based in the western US and one of the leading not-for-profit health systems in the country. CHW has a network of more than 8,000 physicians, 40,000 employees and 48 acute care facilities in California, Arizona and Nevada. Mary Jo, who has served on the CHW board for 10 years, is a principal of Sibson & Company, where she works with leaders of fast-growth companies to improve their effectiveness and support change efforts. In 20 years of organizational effectiveness work, Mary Jo has assisted more than 200 of the Fortune 500 companies and a high proportion of the e-business companies in Silicon Valley.

Catherine Toner Tucker '65 lives in Columbus, OH. A former Peace Corps volunteer (Ethiopia 1965-67), Peace Corps administrator, and public school teacher, she helped start and run two service companies in Columbus over the past two-plus decades. The mother of three sons, two of whom are married, she recently retired and recently divorced. "Not something that is easy to share," she adds. "At 56, it seems like I get the opportunity to experience new challenges and more opportunities. I feel fortunate

for having gone to Siena. It taught me you're never alone in this world, and to have faith in myself and confidence in the future."

Theresa Mayrand, OP '65 of Riverview taught high school biology for 16 years before moving into campus ministry at Gabriel Richard High School, where she has worked for the past 14 years. "It has been a wonderful experience to enable our young people to reach out to the elderly, the handicapped, refugees, the economically poor, and prisoners of conscience. Besides reaching out locally, we have been able to serve in Appalachia and in the Dominican Republic." Since 1989, she also has been part of a Companion Community to a Christian-based community in the mountains of El Salvador. "This walk of solidarity with these beautiful Salvadoran people who suffer extreme poverty and oppression, yet who radiate love and faith, has been a very rich powerful experience." Theresa "rejuvenates" each summer by hiking and camping.

JoAnn Curtin Monaghan '65 of Lakeport is principal of Port Huron Northern High School. In a 25 year education career, she also has been a teacher, teacher consultant, school psychologist, elementary principal and director of an alternative middle-high school. She and her husband, John, a probate judge in St. Clair County, have three sons.

Margaret Nachazel '65 has taught

Alumni Notes from SHU in Metro Detroit

Since 1975, Siena Heights has offered degree completion opportunities for adults in the Detroit area. More than 2,750 Siena Heights alumni have earned bachelor's and/or master's degrees through the Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield.

Michael Battani '79 of Winston-Salem, NC, is a programmer with Wachovia Bank.

Edgar Norment '80 of Rio Hondo, TX, has retired from the department of defense. Edgar is busy enjoying retirement in South Texas.

Joyce Y. Brown '85 of Southfield obtained her Masters in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University in 1990. She has seven grandchildren and is an avid trav-

eler, having traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Monte Carlo, and Hawaii.

Diane Freeman Geiger '94 resides in Burnsville, MN, where she is a certified trainer. She writes, "I miss the good times at the old building."

Corinne Bork Bowman '95 of Rochester Hills works for Henry Ford Health System as a patient account representative. She and her husband have purchased a home "which needs some serious remod-



in Michigan parish schools for 39 years, the last 26 at St. Isaac Jogues School in St. Clair Shores. A former Adrian Dominican, she is a member of the school's liturgy committee and the parish worship committee. "Walking four miles several times a week is my contribution to conquering mid-life spread!"

Paula Wilhelm Oglesby '65 lives in Atascadero, CA, with her husband of 33 years. She retired in 1999 after 25 years teaching K-3rd grade, but still enjoys subbing. "I'm known as the Norma Rae of our local teachers association and continue to advocate for professional treatment of teachers and improved special education within our schools to meet the needs of children and their parents." She adds, "That Siena spirit of being an educated, liberal arts woman with faith surely has served me well."

Dianna Brinkman Phillips '65 of Richmond teaches 2nd grade at St. Mary's in St. Clair. Her husband died in 1994.

Ann Margaret Sullivan Roemer '65 and her husband, Bob, live in Dearborn and enjoy their cottage on Walpole Island in Ontario. She is a high school counselor in Redford; Bob teaches in Dearborn. "We travel with the nomads and enjoy Native American art and culture." They have one daughter.

Cynthia Shell Ryan '65 lives in Mears with her husband, Carter.

She is substitute teaching now, having taught full-time for 10 years. Her first husband, Jim Wearn, died in 1995. Several years ago, she married her "wonderful spouse" Carter, who is president of Actionable Marketing and Research. Cynthia's two sons are 16 and 26.

Mary Singer, OP '65 has ministered for 35 years as a nurse in Nevada, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky, "meeting wonderful people either as patients or co-workers." Now she works in Adrian caring for residents at the Dominican Life Center.

Dorothy Elve Tombaugh '65 lives in Tucson, AZ, where she and her husband settled after traveling through most of North America in their Airstream trailer upon retirement. Dorothy, a distinguished scientist, spent her career teaching high school biology and chemistry in Ohio, and is the author of the book, "Biology for the Blind." She also published a number of journal articles about science education with physically impaired students. The Tombaughs have two daughters, one a teacher and one a geologist, and a granddaughter who is a chemical engineering professor, as well as other grandkids who are still in school. Dorothy holds honorary doctoral degrees from Siena and Alfred University.

Shirley "Tootie" Horn '68 is a graphic designer for Bronson Meth-

odist Hospital in Kalamazoo. She writes: "Just completed my 19th year at Bronson. We are nearing the opening of Phase II of an extensive building project rare in Michigan or anywhere in the U.S. Bronson is building a completely new facility and the old hospital buildings will be retired. It's exciting to be involved in a project of such scope at a place that provides state-of-the-art care. I work with great people and some of the professional staff are people I taught in first grade years ago in my previous 10-year career!"

1970s

M. Jean Keeley, OP '70 of Lombard, IL, is a clinical psychologist in private practice with Teresa Disch, OP and three other professionals. After 20 years renting space in a boys Catholic high school, Catholic Counseling and Psychological Services recently moved to commercial space in Westchester. "I enjoy the alumni news and am glad to see Siena's new campus ministry team."

Elaine Rita Bondy Drefke '70 of Blissfield has enjoyed traveling to Cape Coral, FL, Norfolk, VA, and San Diego, CA. She has a son working in Adrian and a daughter in Wyandotte with two girls of her own.

Joyce Caulfield, OP '70 writes

from Hato Rey, PR: "I have had the privilege of ministering full time in prisons in Puerto Rico for the last 25 years: 17 years dedicated to preparing inmates aged 17-21 to obtain their high school diploma, and 8 years in prison chaplaincy as chaplain supervisor in a facility for male and female adults." She adds: "I taught the prison residents English and they taught me Spanish, so I am now bilingual."

Donna Dery Cayuela '70 lives in Hartland with her husband, Joe. Previously an accountant, Donna now is financial officer for a management company that owns franchise restaurants. She also enjoys decorating, gardening, traveling and spending time at family property in Vermont.

Julianne Harris Cohoon '70 lives in Riverview with her husband, William. Their son is a senior at GMI-Kettering University in Flint.

Gayle Holden Diver '70 of Onsted and her husband, Max, enjoy camping, biking, canoeing, kayaking and sailing. They also recently became grandparents. They still live in the house they built 21 years ago on 12 acres "in the woods!"

eling." Last fall, they enjoyed a European vacation to celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Lisa Marie Rozany Koppenhofer '95 resides in Cornelius, NC, with her husband, David, and son, Austin David, born in 2000. They enjoy the water and boating as a family. Lisa adds, "Finishing my degree at Siena was the best thing I have done for myself, both personally and professionally!"

Craig Simonds '95 of Dearborn has just completed 23 years with Ford Motor Company Scientific Research lab. Craig has received a number of awards for technical achievement, patents, and operational excellence from Ford.

Karen Eckert '96 of Rochester, writes, "I have such fond memories of Siena Heights! Siena prepared

me for my graduate school education at Oakland University, where I am presently at the end stages and approaching graduation. One of the things I've always said I would like to do is return to Siena and teach. That would be one way of giving back all that Siena has given to me."

Chriscanthia Foster-James '00 of Detroit is an administrative assistant with Denso International America, Inc. "I just finished my undergrad degree and now I am going to grad school in August at Michigan State for Social Work."

Dante Davoli '00 of Waterford is radiology/health care manager with Davoli Imaging. He is married to Karen Beres Davoli. "Graduate school plans and a healthy happy life have been my focus. I am grateful for life."

Marjorie Griffin '00 recently received a new position as performance improvement manager for CAPE Health Plan's administrative staff. She has worked in health care for 20 years.

Catina Jones '00 of Detroit is an NCP specialist with the Third Circuit Court. She writes, "I just purchased my first new home, and I'll be attending Siena Heights graduate program starting in the spring of 2001."



Chanda Stark '01 with her family of fans!



Fred '73 and Carol Hrit Fox '70 anticipate retiring to Frankenmuth "in the near future" from their current home in Warren. Carol has been teaching for 31 years, the last 29 in the Berkley Public Schools.

Barb Fleming Froh '70 is "playing lots of golf and enjoying life" in Amstell, GA. She moved to Atlanta in 1987, as corporate administrator for Australian Body Works Health and Fitness Centers, after 13 years teaching and coaching women's basketball and softball at Lansing Community College.

Linda Hansen '70 writes from Cedar Rapids, IA: "Most of my time since leaving Siena has been spent in school!" After earning a Ph.D. in philosophy, she taught college for 17 years. An interest in religion and ministry eventually led her to seminary and an internship in Cleveland. After qualifying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, she was called to a church in Cedar Rapids where she has ministered since 1994.

Phyllis Gabriel-Hoban '70 lives in West Bloomfield with her husband, Edward. They are parents of two sons and grandparents of two beautiful girls. A speech and drama teacher for the past 30 years, Phyllis was Detroit high school teacher of the year in 1997. She predicts she "will forever love my family and teaching!!"

Gail Schneider-Negrinelli '70 of Flushing is an elementary principal at DuKette Catholic School in Flint. She has 20 years teaching experience and also has been active as Genesee County court mediator advocate, Friend of the Court Advisory Committee appointee, and facilitator of adult divorce support groups. Gail, who also has been a Realtor since 1990, earned a master's degree in school administration at Siena Heights in 1980 and expects to complete her second master's at Siena in August, this time in guidance and counseling.

Patricia Galecki Tallman '70 of Saline is "still enjoying my position as senior research associate

at the School of Public Health Epidemiology Department" after 30 years working at the University of Michigan. She and her husband, Bob, enjoy fishing, trailer traveling, and spending time with sons Matthew (married in Traverse City) and Aaron (a senior at MSU).

Maureen Toplisek Hall '71 and her husband, Don, work full time at Epiphany Cathedral School in Venice, FL, where they live with their 13-year-old son Andrew and baby Anthony, whom they recently adopted.

Pamela Johnson Wesolowski

Alumni Notes from
SHU in Monroe
Siena Heights University at Monroe County Community College recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. More than 300 alumni have earned their Siena Heights degrees at Siena's Monroe center since its founding in 1990.

David G. Longmuir, Jr. '00 of Monroe is employed by Bay Corrugated. He was married soon after commencement to Heather McBee on May 27, 2000.

'73 of Toledo, OH, is a Program Manager at Children's Protective Services, in a variety of managerial positions and departments. Pamela holds a Masters degree from the University of Michigan in social work. She has two children Sean (24) and Erica (22).

Jayne Ingall Steffel '74, a preschool teacher at Montessori Children's House in Bryan, OH, also recently became a GED-able instructor for evening classes.

Lisa Binkowski '75 of Sylvania, OH, reports that several years ago she closed the feminist gift shop (Tallulah's) she had founded in Toledo with **Marsha Hansen '65** in the early '90s. "We were often identified as pioneers and visionaries for our attempts to feature merchandise and activities by, for and about women," Lisa said. "I loved what I was doing but sadly, the store could not survive financially. For the time being, I work for my brother-in-law's business, still trying to find the perfect job, and own a DJ business on the side. I'm available to spin tunes for your special events!" Lisa, who published the novel "A Different Kind of Season" based on her days playing basketball at Siena in the

early '70s, still enjoys basketball ("I can still keep up with all the young kids!") as well as golf, tennis, volleyball, two golden retrievers and five cats.

Sherron Fogel '75 of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is an art teacher in "semi-retirement as my daughter, Pilar, is now in university taking her first year of pre-medical studies." Sherron and Pilar previously lived in the northern Manitoba wilderness, a fly-in only remote area where Sherron worked as a teacher in isolated Native reservations. She and Pilar both enjoyed the fishing,

Alumni Notes from
SHU in Monroe
Siena Heights University at Monroe County Community College recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. More than 300 alumni have earned their Siena Heights degrees at Siena's Monroe center since its founding in 1990.

David G. Longmuir, Jr. '00 of Monroe is employed by Bay Corrugated. He was married soon after commencement to Heather McBee on May 27, 2000.

boating and snow shoeing. Sherron now spends her summers painting and gardening at her cottage in a small French-speaking community an hour from Winnipeg.

John Kubicki '75 lives in N. Ogden, UT, and directs software development activity managing 120 government and contractor personnel working on 64 major data systems.

David Neubecker '75 of Palm Beach, FL, teaches high school social studies. He also has taught English and creative writing, published an award-winning magazine, and served as assistant department chairperson. "I recently had to cut back on my activities because I have become disabled due to an auto accident several years ago." David and his wife have four grandchildren and "feel that much of the success we have had in life can be traced to the education I received at Siena Heights."

Karin Kose Shell '75 and her husband, John, live in Deford in Michigan's "thumb," where they enjoy flower gardening and sharing their 40 acres with deer, quail, pheasants, wild turkeys and other wildlife, as well as two cats and a dog. Karin

and John met at the Wyandotte Adaptive Recreation Program for physically handicapped persons, where both worked until retiring in 1996. They spend a week each fall at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. Both disabled, they have surprised friends and family with their adventurous, active and full lives.

Albert Swindle '76 ran for Lenawee County Commission this fall as a candidate of the Libertarian Party.

Michael Reese '77 of Sterling Heights was promoted last summer from sergeant to lieutenant in the Sterling Heights police force, which he joined in 1978 after serving as a deputy with the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department.

William Ferich '77 of Whitmore Lake retired from Detroit Edison but still works part-time with the U. of Michigan hockey and football programs. He is "enjoying life and keeping my hand in anything worthwhile to avoid being idle!"

Ken Thompson '77 of Adrian was prominently featured in Toledo's City Paper and The Blade last fall, when his retrospective show, "Objects in Mirror May be Larger Than They Appear," was on view at Flatlanders Sculpture Supply and Art Gallery, which he runs in Blissfield. The exhibit featured small models, or "maquettes," of Ken's large stone and bronze sculptures. City Paper reporter Rebecca Golden wrote of the models, "they seem like a metaphor for an artist's mastery over limestone, steel, bronze, marble and slate. No matter how strong the artist's ability to force rough elements into pleasing shapes, in Thompson's work, the materials never lose their integrity. Nature and human design find a unique, splendid balance and tranquility in his pieces." Ken and his wife, **Mary Fitzpatrick Thompson '76, '91/MA**, have three children.

Audrey Schroeder Kast '78 reports she is doing very well following a long, hard recovery from thyroid cancer two years ago. She and her husband have one son in college and three younger children who keep Audrey running at home in Davisburg, where they moved from Saginaw last summer.

Vincent Houle '78 is a self-employed consultant in Novi where he and his wife enjoy gardening and travel. He writes: "Would like to

get in touch with some classmates to start planning a reunion for our 25th. Not doing as much art as I'd like but maybe when I retire I'll find the time."

Vandria Scott Permadhy '78 lives in Mesa, AZ, with her husband and three children (ages 14, 8 and 22 months). She is a reinsurance underwriting technician "looking for work: employer closing the office." She adds: "Seeing the Siena website and my old dorm made me misty."

1980s

Steven Schultz '80 is a branch manager for Heartland Industries and lives in Ashburn, VA, with his wife, Laura.

Pamela Cardella Alachi '80 is a property manager with Capital Associates in Raleigh, NC, where she also sings with the Raleigh Oratorio Society. She lives in nearby Fuquay Verina with her husband, Tony, and sons Gabriel (6), Anthony (3) and John (1).

Steven Braschayko '80 and his wife, Shirley, live in Warren with their two sons and two daughters, ages 16-5. Steven is a senior manufacturing engineer with General Motors, and a "former instructor for Chrysler, RETS, GMF Robotics."

Jean Forche Chafee '80 works in a Perrysburg, OH, law firm and lives in Oak Harbor with her husband, service manager for a Sandusky marina, and two daughters, ages 9 and 4. "We enjoy living near Lake Erie, boating and swimming."

Thomas Duprey '80 of Deerfield, IL, has "been happily married for 18 years. I have an 11-year-old daughter who has been swimming competitively for five years and she takes up most of my free time." Tom is an independent insurance

agent; his wife is a vice president at Bank One.

Cleophus Hayes '80 lives in East Point, GA, and is a probation officer in Atlanta. He writes: "Married college sweetheart Marcia Webb (Siena Heights student, 1974-77). One daughter, age 9. Gainfully employed in the criminal justice field for 24 years. Have not touched a basketball in 22 years!"

Kelly Girard Herta '80 lives in Arlington, TX, with her husband, Gary, and their three sons, for whom Kelly has "been lucky enough to be a stay-at-home mom." She also plays tennis, coaches junior high volleyball, and tutors junior high and high school math students.

Kathleen Cronin Jeffrey '80/AA of St. Clair Shores is a part-time probation officer in Oak Park. She and her husband, Dan, have two sons and twin daughters.

Thomas McCanna '80/AA writes from Pittsford, NY: "I lost two toes on my left foot due to complications from surgery to correct hammer toes. I walk a lot now but cannot run. This is a change from all the running I did on the cross-country and track teams in 1978-80." Tom traveled to Seoul, Korea, a few years ago to visit a childhood pen pal.

husband, Bobby, and daughter, Jill (12). "Love to travel and read."

Dave Green '81 and his wife, Diane, live in Raleigh, NC, where Dave is a project manager with Image Associates, Inc., managing a government contract that provides graphics and web design services to research scientists.

Barbara Herta Tinnesz '81 of Marietta, GA, wrote last fall. She and her husband, David, "have two children, Sara and Eric, both athletes like their mother. Sara just finished a travel season of fast pitch softball and has been asked to play on the club boys baseball team. Eric just finished baseball season. We are taking the winter off! Ball season starts in February here in Georgia and continues to October. I have been involved with our church's CCD program for three years now, teaching 2nd graders who make their reconciliation and their first communion. It's a lot of work but well worth it."

Paul Zdanis '81 is a self-employed photographer living in New Buffalo with his wife, Stephanie.

Ronald Floyd McClorraine '82 of Toledo, OH, retired from Toledo Edison after 27 years and now is working toward his second retirement as accounts manager at Allied

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and am working in the insurance industry. I also spent eight years as a high school cheerleading coach (for those who know me, go figure!). I am very active in the local theatre communities as a performer, choreographer and director. Would love to hear from those with whom I spent some of the best years of my life. Coming east? Drop me a line!"

Reginald Moore '83 lives in Adrian but, having recently started a new job as production and control analyst for Delphi Interior Systems in Warren, hopes to relocate to the metro Detroit area before long. He earned an MBA from Central Michigan U. several years ago.

Christine DeVries Hornby '84 of Grand Haven writes: "2000 was a year of changes and new beginnings. It was my first try at returning to the art world and I'm happy to report I was accepted into a few shows and received two purchase awards. One of those awards was a catalyst that helped me decide to leave my other job and be an artist full-time, or as much as I can

Alumni Notes from SHU in Jackson

The most recent addition to Siena Heights University is the Jackson center, located on the campus of Jackson Community College. Classes have been offered at the Jackson center since January 1998.

Shawn McKinney '00 of Seattle, WA, is now a student at Seattle University School of Law, the first Siena Heights University graduate to enroll there. Shawn married Tracy McMillan in July of 2000.

Graduates of the Lansing and Jackson centers met for a reception at Gilbert's Steak House in Jackson. (front): Nicole Benn, Jan Owen; (back l to r): Lisa Taylor, Andy Benn, Ginger Hatch, Scott Elliott, John Weed.



Jennifer Fischer Mitchell '80 is co-owner of Crosby-Mitchell Counseling Services in Griffin, GA, and is a past chairperson of the ethics committee for the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association. She has lived in McDonough, in the Atlanta area, for 12 years with her

Security.

Theresa "Teri" St. Amant '83 of Sterling Heights is employed with Flagstar Bank.

Michael Morgan '83 writes: "Greetings from Hartford, CT! Still here after all these years. Returned to my home state after graduation

while also being a full-time mom (or should I say 'chauffeur') to my two daughters, age 5 and 8. I am also a re-enactor of the 18th century and enjoy sharing the old world crafts. People thought I dressed funny before; you should see me at an event!"



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Kenneth Kops '84 lives in West Des Moines, IA, and is pursuing a second master's degree at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Chris Tucker '84 of Grove City, OH, has worked for Honda of America for almost five years and now is human resource manager at the Marysville Automotive Plant with leadership responsibility for employee relations with about 6,000 associates. He was married in November and spent a week cruising the Caribbean with his bride, Melissa, public relations director for the City of Columbus water division. Chris and Melissa enjoy sports, landscaping, karaoke and "going for countryside rides on our Harley Davidson cycle (a source of ribbing from Honda co-workers)."

Ann Belote Weir '84 of Ossineke does public relations, fund raising and programming for a non-profit substance abuse prevention organization. She has three children: Dylan (7), Jessie (19) and Nathan (21). "I had Dylan the hard way and the older two the easy way: I married their father!" Ann is also a school volunteer, has coached youth soccer and t-ball, and "recently started writing again."

Megan Bovee '85 practices Social Security disability law part-time in the Toledo, OH, area and lives in Perrysburg with her husband, Chris Cottle, and their three children, Katherine (8), Samuel (6) and Emily (3).

Eugene Campbell '85 of Canton is a cost estimator for Ford.

Ann Marie Wrubel Criger '85 works for Health Management Systems of America and lives in Sterling Heights with her husband, Tom, and their sons Joshua (2) and John (1). They enjoy spending weekends at a cottage on Stone Ledge Lake near Cadillac.

Gary Dumenev '85 is ombudsman for the City of Woodhaven where he lives with his wife. They have two daughters and four grandchildren (including a set of triplets).

Steve Emmons '85 of Brownstone

is an export traffic manager for Ford where he has worked for 13 years. He and his wife have one son, Scott (12). Steve enjoys golf, tennis, coaching Scott's hockey and basketball teams, and helping him with school.

Maria Matamoros Mennechey '85 of Winter Springs, FL, is a floral designer. She is married to Carlos Mennechey and has a son Arturo (16). She writes, "Arturo and I are living in the Orlando area with my husband Carlos and my three step daughters Katherine, Lisbeth, and Lorena. I am hoping that Arturo will consider Siena Heights as his future school."

Bob Meszaros '85 lives in Cincinnati, OH, with his wife, Patti, and kids Zach (8) and Alec (4), and works as manager of internet services for Strata-G Communications. In his free time, he coaches soccer, camps with the family, and enjoys long-distance biking to such destinations as Mackinaw Island and Niagara Falls.

Debbie Ridgway '85 earned an MSW from Washington University in St. Louis, MO, where she is now working to promote alternative transportation development.

Jo Ann Capaul-Smallidge '85 of Ida works on a contingent basis with the Sisters of IHM in Monroe and helps run the Capaul Funeral Home in Ida. She remarried in 1995 and is back in school studying parish nursing.

Darryl Smith '85 of Woodland Hills, CA, owns Darryl E. Smith Productions, a video/film/HD production company with clients that include VH-1, Disneyland and Warner Brothers Records. He's done camera work for MTV, CBS, the Oscars, Emmys, and the NAACP Image Awards. He expects to become a grandfather in March.

Marcia Welsh '85, '88/MA lives in Goshen, IN, and works as a counselor and behavior consultant for Elkhart County Special Education Cooperative. "I keep busy biking, golfing, gardening, reading and coaching at the Boys and Girls Club.

Michael Gabert '86 is a commercial irrigation representative with Spartan Distributors. He lives in Melvindale with his wife and

three daughters.

Michael (Mick) Houser '86 of Addison joined Old Kent Bank in Hillsdale last fall as vice president, relationship manager. Previously, he spent 21 years with KeyBank in Ann Arbor where he held various vice president positions.

Robert Johnson '86 of Toledo, OH, is a juvenile correctional specialist for the state and owns Euphorias Art, a ceramic business.

Karen Opipari Zaremba '86 of Clinton Township is at home with daughter Mia (4) and son Kyle (3), having previously worked as a cytogenetic technologist at Detroit Medical Center.

Robert '86 and Liu Hua Sowa '86/MA of Maumee, OH, visited China in 1999, where they took this photo of their three children, Daniel, David and Carolyn, in traditional dress in a Sung Dynasty temple.

Barbara Ouellette '87 of Fort Lauderdale, FL, is a clinical chaplain specializing in intensive care and bereavement counseling at Holy Cross Hospital where she also chairs the ethics committee and is acting director of spiritual care services. She also has been appointed to Barry University's Bioethics Consortium, addressing issues in biomedical ethics in light of Catho-



lic moral theology and ethics.

Amy Fuller Osterfield '87 of Cincinnati, OH, went on to obtain her BE in Secondary Education from the University of Toledo. She is married to Todd Osterfield and a stay-at-home mom for her daughter Kayla Marie born in '99. Amy, who graduated from Siena Heights with an AFA in Fine Arts said, "I am currently setting up a studio in my basement to start my ceramics. I am looking to get into upcoming

Art Shows."

Sachiko Sato Pickler '87 and her husband, Gary, of Wixom traveled to China in early 2000 to complete the adoption of 10-month-old Emma. Upon returning to the U.S., they were stunned to learn that the stork had not overlooked their family after all: Bryan was born in September. "It is very cute to see Emma mothering Bryan when he is crying. As we are still new parents, we admit that taking care of two young children is sometimes stressful and requires lots of our time, but it is nevertheless an exciting challenge. Both of us feel very lucky and fulfilled."

Anne Cousineau '88 is an artist in Chicago where she lives with her husband, architect Mark Miller, and their daughter, Zoe (1).

Linda Schaller Murray '88 lives



in Ferndale with her husband, Michael, and works at Wayne State University. She also is working on a master's degree in art history and German.

Martin Moreno '88 of Laveen, AR, is a nationally recognized muralist. Last year he visited in Adrian where he was commissioned to create and paint, with assistance from community members, a mural in an East Side neighborhood.

Mary Hellner '88 is an account manager at Bell & Howell Information and Learning in Ann Arbor. She lives in Chelsea with her girls, Hannah, a kindergartner, and Sophie, an independent 2-year-old. "Working full time and raising two wonderful daughters seems to fill my time, but what a wonderful time it is!" The death of Mary's father last spring taught them all "that family changes along life's spectacular way, sometimes sooner than we expect."

Helen (Cassie) Chamberlain Veselovsky '88 has been living in Brisbane, Australia, since marrying

Ali Shakoor '99

Biology grad pursues love of the outdoors at U-M

This article by Janet Miller appeared in Feb. 12, 2001, edition of The Ann Arbor News and is excerpted by permission.

Ali Shakoor's first memory is being in a small boat on a lake with his father. He remembers the times as a young boy when his father would hoist him on his shoulders as they took walks, pointing out the flora and fauna and teaching his eldest son about miracles of nature. His father opened the world of science to him. "There were the insects, the chemistry sets, the telescopes," Shakoor said.

And then there was the fishing. Father and son spent uncounted hours on lakes next to streams fishing. Shakoor, who is from Jackson, said he learned many of his life's lessons alone with his father in a fishing boat. "I learned more from being on the lake with him than any academic class," he said.

So it was no surprise that, when it came time for Shakoor to pick a career, he turned to the outdoors. What is surprising is that Shakoor is one of so few African-Americans studying the environment.

Shakoor, 29, is one of a handful of black students enrolled in the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment. Most of those are enrolled in the school's environmental justice program, which deals with issues such as hazardous waste sites. Shakoor, however, is in the first year of a master's degree in the aquatic ecology track. That he has few peers and no role models who are African American hasn't stopped him.

"When I was at Siena Heights, there weren't many black students in biology and chemistry. At Wisconsin, I was in a very large lecture hall, and there were very few black students. I was raised to be comfortable in any setting. I'm used to it," Shakoor said.

"Sometimes, I can feel lonely," he said, "but being older helps. I'm not 19 anymore. I don't need that circle of

friends around me all the time. I know what I'm out to do. I know what's No.1 on my priority list."

One way or the other, Shakoor said he's bound to be noticed. "I always try to stick out," he said. "I want to bring recognition to my family name, so I'm going to stick out, regardless."

Shakoor's research project is on muskellunge (muskie), a fish species in decline. For the summer, he will travel to the northern wilds to work from Spooner, Wisconsin.

"It's my kind of place," he said. It's a small town surrounded by hundreds of inland lakes in northwest Wisconsin, hours from anything urban. He'll spend two or three months counting and observing the fish. He'll also work on a research project on the mortality rate of muskie that are caught with live bait.

Shakoor sees himself following his own personal dream. He came to U-M as an undergraduate in 1990; but between running track for the university and his studies, he knew he wasn't focused and dropped out for five years to work.

When he returned to school, he chose Siena Heights, where he graduated in three years with a degree in biology and a chemistry minor, and again ran on the track team. He earned good grades and was accepted into a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin to study animal health and biomedical science. But after spending a year working within the walls of a lab, Shakoor realized he missed the outdoors.

So he returned to where he started: the University of Michigan. His graduate work is a return, of sorts, too: Even today, Shakoor and his father share their love of nature with each other. They still fish. And "when there's something good on the Discovery Channel, one of us will call the other and tell them to turn it on," said Shakoor. "It's my first love: the outdoors."



Paul in March 1997. They welcomed their first child, daughter Anna Cacia, in September 1999. Cassie works as operations manager for a library software company.



Molly Bailey '89 writes from Boulder, CO: "I am currently working on a master's of education in guidance counseling and employed full time at U. Colorado-Boulder. I was just officially married to my soul mate of eight years, Eric Miller. We had a beautiful and very non-traditional, outdoor ceremony in the mountains on Nov. 11, 2000. We went from the snowy mountains to the sunny beaches as we spent some time in Hawaii for our honeymoon. Life is good!"

Robin Dumas Matthews '89 was married April 28, 2000, to Arthur Matthews. She received her master's degree in organizational development in June 1999 and has been employed as Civic and Governmental Relations Manager at MGM Grand Detroit Casino since before the casino opened. The job entails managing the corporate foundation, acting as liaison to all governmental entities, while also ensuring that all employees who require a license by the Michigan Gaming Control Board are in compliance.

Roberta Sweet Bartlett '89 is an accountant for Humantech, Inc. She and her spouse Leonard Bartlett live in Tipton with their two sons Shawn (13) and Dylan (6 1/2). "I'm enjoying my new job at Humantech. I stay really busy with my son's (Shawn) hockey and showing horses," says Roberta.

1990s

Stephen Hornyak '90 owns two companies in the Toledo, OH, area: Travel Connections and Thatweddingsite.com. He lives in Oregon with his wife, Amanda, and daughters Chelsea (5), Megan (3) and Olivia (2).

Greg Miller '90 of Detroit is a recruiter for Transport Logistics in Southfield, a leasing company for truck drivers. "At the present time, I am in the process of having a book put on the



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market titled 'Patience: The Price of a Virtue.' Have also been reborn Christian for a year and a half."

Ann Marie Mollitor Abraham '90 married her high school sweetheart, Jim Abraham, in June 1992. She lives in Abington, MD, but since her marriage she has moved six times because of her husband's job transfers. But through it all she says, "We've met a lot of people, made many friends and seen a lot of neat places." Ann gave birth to a baby boy in 1998, and says, "My biggest accomplishment and joy is being a mom!"

Yvonne Austin '90 of Michigan Center is working as an auditor at the Michigan Department of Transportation. She will be receiving her CPA and CIA licenses within the next six months. Her daughter is attending Western Michigan University. Yvonne will begin her work on her master's degree in the fall.

Linda Burciaga '90 of Margate, FL, is teaching 2nd grade English as a Second Language. She recently completed a masters degree in reading. Her daughter, Amanda, will graduate this year with an associate degree in business/ technology. "We are very thankful for living my dream and have truly enjoyed all the happiness, success, and excitement the last 8 years has brought us. My best to everyone."

Tony D'Onofrio '90 of Belleville is married with two boys who are "both into music. The youngest plays a mean guitar and drums!" Tony is still employed with the same company after 10 layoff cycles and several mergers.

Scott Dienes '90 moved to Grand Rapids several years ago where he is an attorney with Dickinson Wright P.C. He married Amy Merkel on May 12.

Donna Wallace Dodge '90 of Niles and her husband, Tracy, have three children: Christopher James (11), Matthew Robert (8), and Rachelle Lynne (4). Donna has been teaching Head Start/ Early Learners in the Niles School system for the past seven years. She recently

completed her master's in early childhood at WMU.

Melissa Durbin Growden '90 of Holland, OH, is employed by SHU as an admissions representative. She enjoys serving as a member of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board.

Allen Bernard Harris Sr. '90 of Hertford, NC, is assistant principal of J.C. Sawyer Elementary School. He and his wife, Josie Wills Harris, have a daughter, Alexis Tonette, born in '99.

Brenda Heins Perry '90 lives in Michigan Center with her husband, Jack, and daughter, Lydia.

Christal Underwood Hendricks '90 of Adrian taught math at Murieta Valley High School for six

Barbara Wilson McAuliffe '90 has been working for Daimler Chrysler for the past 10 years as a software engineer. She recently celebrated her 10th anniversary with her husband Chris. They have three children, Rachel (4), Christy (3), and Rebecca (1). "We live on White Lake in Highland and enjoy doing anything and everything."

Stacey Kramer '90 of St. Claire Shores is a volunteer at Bonsecour Hospital. In the past few years she has traveled to Ireland and England. She works at EPS.

Jeff Morrisette '90 of Greenbelt, MD, earned his Ph.D in Forestry in '97 from North Carolina State University. He married Elizabeth Lundberg in 1996 and became a father last year when his daughter Clementine Rose was born. He

the department." Maureen enjoys gardening, travel, reading, and checking out the latest restaurants. She hopes to start work soon on a master's degree.

Diane Michele Powe Reister '90 of Livonia is married to Thomas C. Reister. They have two children, Hannah and Rachael.

Ronald '90 and Barbara DeVantier Schmidt '86 of Blissfield have three children, Amy (11), Eric (8), and Anna (5). Ron teaches 5th grade at Deerfield Elementary. "In my free time I enjoy family activities and sports."

Jeffrey Taylor '90 is teaching high school in Delta, OH, where he is also head coach of both girls and boys cross country and track. "My personal interests include running

Alumni Notes from SHU in Lansing

Siena Heights began offering classes in Lansing, on the campus of Lansing Community College, in 1995. About 65 Siena Heights alumni have completed their degrees at the LCC Center.

Graduates of the Lansing and Jackson centers met for a reception at Gilbert's Steak House in Jackson. Pictured below: (front row) Linda Uhler, Richard Greenway, Carol Camilleri and daughter Maddi, Patricia Shultis, Victoria Brackney, John Woodend

(Back row) Lisa Berry, Andrew Bosworth, Craig Burgess, Ron Camilleri, Aaron Dickert, Richard Greenleaf, Robert Hudson, Jerry Peterson, Jennifer Southworth, Lynda Cowes (Lansing site director).



years, but left to open her own health nutrition business several years ago.

Craig '90 and Kris Fisher Matthews '90 of Ortonville are currently raising three boys, Craig (5), Kyle (3) and Collin (1). Craig works for Nortel. Kris loves being a stay-at-home mom but keeps her name on the substitute teacher list.

writes, "I've been able to stay in touch with a few good friends and tried not to forget the good things I learned at Siena."

Maureen Real '90 of Chicago, IL, is assistant director of radiology at the University of Chicago Hospitals. "I have been working at the U. of Chicago Hospitals for the past 8 years and moved steadily upward in

road races competitively and spending time with family."

Terri Czarney Fisher '91 lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, Mark, and their son who is "closing in on his terrible two's."

Karen McFadden Hard '91 of Charlotte, NC, is a senior claims adjuster with State Farm Insurance. Karen reports, "We wel-

comed twins, Hannah Lynn and Nathan John, into the world Oct. 13, 2000."

Kathryn (Katie) Staples Wise '91 is a Spanish teacher in Centerline public schools. At the end of last year, she was named Sam's Club Teacher of the Year for Northwest Michigan. She and her husband have relocated back to the Detroit area.

Anthony Racka '92 of Farmington works in Purchasing for Ford Motor Company. He got his M.B.A. in August 2000. He has a wife Michele and is the assistant basketball coach at Farmington H.S.

Katie Houser Rush '92 of Lake Orion is employed with the Girl Scouts of Macomb County. She and her husband, Scott, welcomed their third child, daughter Jessica, last July. With sons David (1) and Brian (4), theirs is a busy household.

Tom Kerwin '92 of Grand Rapids is a mental health social worker for Horizon's of Michigan. Tom is married to Renee Kerwin and is attending Central Michigan University in pursuit of a masters in social work.

Kara Janick Marsee '93 of Plymouth is keeping busy with her artwork. Kara belongs to the Michigan chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), and works as a website designer for Foursight Creative Group Inc. in Plymouth. Kara exhibited some of her drawings recently in a show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Kara is married to Todd Marsee '94.

John Rykert '93 of Kent City received his master's degree from Wayne State University.

Marina Hernandez Reyes '93 has returned to Siena Heights as a program coordinator in the Student Support Services department. During her eight year absence from SHU, Marina moved to California, received an MA from California State University in Mexican American Studies, and joined AmeriCorp. Her desire to help others brought her back to Siena Heights: "I was a tutor at the University for two years and that experience made me realize I wanted to help students. Having a degree isn't about getting a job, but about giving back to the community in any way you can."

Paula Miller Stone '93 is language arts/theatre teacher at Onsted High School. She and her husband, Oliver, live in Clayton.

Amir Tamiz '93 of San Diego, CA, writes, "Everything is so different than the crazy times at Siena where I guess I had some of the best times of my life." He is now a research scientist at Corvas International.

Jacob Bialik '94 of Manistee works as a quality control manager/environmental coordinator for Morton Salt International. He and LeAnne have two children, Zachary (6) and Alex (4).

Chelli James '94 of Las Vegas,

spare time I like to read and ride horses."

Mary Boneville '95, who earned her MA in English from Eastern Illinois U., now lives in Grand Rapids where she is a computer software instructor for New Horizons Computer Learning Center. "I enjoy taking frequent road trips with my Siena buddy, Chris O'Neill."

Lori Schliesser Daniels '95 of Brighton works at William Beaumont Hospital in Nuclear Medicine for P.E.T.Net Pharmaceuticals Services. She and her husband, Casey, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Marie, June 26, 2000.

Alumni Notes from SHU in Benton Harbor

Established in 1982, the Siena Heights Benton Harbor center, located on the campus of Lake Michigan College, has awarded nearly 450 bachelor's and master's degrees.

Kevin T. Spitzform '91 of Houston, TX, received his MBA at the University of Dayton and is a Power Originator for El Paso Merchant Energy. He recently moved to Houston where he says, "It's TOO HOT HERE!"

NV, is a kindergarten teacher in the Clark County School District. "I have been very busy teaching kindergarten in Las Vegas the last few years. I love it here and I love my career!"

Christopher Foerg '94 of Adrian is a police officer in Ann Arbor. He and his wife, Kristin, were married last August.

Jennifer Sisson '94 of Grand Ledge works as a regional property manager for a property management company in Fenton. She travels widely in Michigan and across the country doing marketing and advertising for apartment complexes.

Lori Lackey Best '95 of Waterford is a 911 police dispatcher. "This past January, I was awarded a life-saving award, for helping to save a woman's life. This is the highest award a dispatcher can receive," she writes, but adds: "My biggest accomplishment thus far is my beautiful six year-old daughter Gabrielle. I recently became a Girl Scout Brownie leader for my daughter's first grade troop. In my

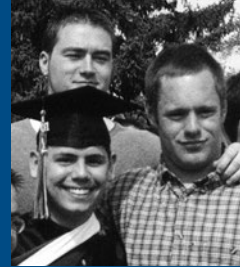
Tammy Guzcwa Carter '95 of Farmington Hills is married to her college sweetheart, **Matthew Carter '95**, who is a club owner. "Throughout our married life we've kept in touch with most of our college friends, including sorority and fraternity members. We look forward to growing old with these friends and having our children do the same."

Patrick Dowling '95 of Brooklyn is a claims adjuster for the Hartford. Patrick and his wife Tiffany have two children Kyle and Zachary.

Adam Dubay '95/MA of Wells, Maine, is a clinical supervisor at Crisis Response Services in Southern Maine. He and his wife, Jennifer Walker Dubay '95/MA, have one son, Benjamin (2 1/2). They recently bought a 115-year-old schoolhouse which they are in the process of restoring, an experience that is both a joy and disappointment, according to Adam.

Lori D'Amore Duncan '95 of Campbell, OH, has obtained her doctorate in podiatric medicine (DPM). She is a resident at the

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V.A. medical center in Minneapolis, Minn. She married Dr. James Duncan in 1998.

David McGee '95 and Catherine Ellis McGee '95 were married in 1998. They purchased a home in Harper Woods and welcomed a baby girl, Abigail Louise, Feb. 16, 2000. Dave is a designer at Pewabic Pottery and enjoys additional work as an instructor for both Pewabic and Bloomfield Birmingham Art Center (BBAC). Cathy is a computer graphic artist for EDS based out of the GM Tech Center, and provides support to the vice president and group manager of the North American Car Group.

Jill Merriman '95 of Manitou Beach has taught first grade for three years at Onsted Primary School. Her daughter is studying music and running cross country at a college in New York and her son is a high school junior playing three sports. She and her husband have spent the last several years remodeling their home.

James Henry Salenbien Jr. '95 of Onsted is a group leader/family worker at the Adrian Training School. He is working on his master's degree at Eastern Michigan University. He ended his "bachelorhood" in 2000 when he married Debbie. They live in Loch Erin with their dog, Gizmo, and "enjoy playing golf and have recently started a lawn care business."

Laurie Dawn Porath Schmidt '95 of Palmyra is director of volunteers at the Lenawee County Department on Aging, where she did a Siena Heights internship in 1992. She presently works with other SHU students completing internships. "I love my job and it's a direct result of my SHU education." She and her husband, Mike, a farmer in the Blissfield area, welcomed a little girl, Maggie Elizabeth, in 1999. "She is the joy of our lives."

Robert Williams '95 and Amy Seiser Williams '95 reside in Linden. Amy taught for two years at St. Philip Catholic Central High School in Battle Creek before



deciding to stay home with their three children, Jordan (10), Grace (4 1/2), and Cameron (1 1/2). Rob works for a biotech company, Genetics Institute, as an oncology specialist.

Jamie Shields Vervaras '95 of Eaton Rapids is employed by Michigan Farm Bureau as a computer programmer. "I have a wonderful husband of six years named Todd, a stepdaughter Gabrielle (7), and a son Hunter (5) who just started kindergarten." Jamie says hi to Toni Carroll and the rest of the faculty!

Heather L. Woodworth '95 of Sterling Heights played two years in the Midwest Professional Volleyball Association, taught three years of high school English, then joined the Peace Corps. She was a volunteer in the Philippines for three months before catching Dengue Fever and returning to the U.S. She is now a middle school counselor for the Algonac Community Schools. "If any of my old buddies are out there, email me so we can keep in touch." (htrowdoow@hotmail.com)

Larry Childers '96 of Flint is employed with EDS in Pontiac. He and his wife, Tara, were married May 13, 2000. Friends may email Larry at his new address. (Talarchi@PeoplePC.com)

Gary Newell '96 of Saranac is retired from the Michigan State Police. Gary is a past chairman of the Barry County 911 Administrative Board and is active in Kiwanis, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, and Lions Club.

Melissa Miller '96 of Manchester lets us know she's up to "work, work, and more work!"

Jason Bomia '97 and **Margaret Burch Bomia '00** were married August 12, 2000. They are living in Marshall where Jason is an attorney with the Schroeder, DeGraw, Kendall, Mayhall, DeGraw and Dickerson law firm. He graduated from the University of Toledo law school in May 2000. Margaret is a kindergarten teacher in Battle

Creek.

Diane Gordon '97 writes: "I recently accepted a job teaching sixth grade in Chandler, AZ. This will be my third year teaching sixth graders; can't help loving these kids. I have lived in Arizona for almost three years and I love it, even the heat! I miss Siena very much, especially Dee Crane, Trudy McSorley, Brother Frank, Sister Pat, Sister Jean, and Jan Richard. You are all dear to me."

Kerri Webb '97 of Atlanta, GA, is employed by the Community Bank of Georgia.

Matthew Swartz '88, '97/MA of Adrian is an assistant principal in the Adrian Public Schools. He and his wife, **Laura Schwartz '86** have two children.

Eric Justice '98 of Toledo, OH, is marketing manager at Progressive Marketing. He and his wife Angela recently welcomed a new baby girl, Madison Lee.

J.D. Armstrong '98 lives in Oak Park. He is a Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Novi. Eric, who was married to Meg in 1999, had a host of other Siena Heights alumni participate in his wedding. "Siena graduates that were in the wedding included; **Scott Ortsey '97**, **Tim Slowik '98**, **Jason Fylan '97**, and **Tom Cusik '96**. Domenic DiPietro, Mark DiPietro's son, was our ring bearer."

Molly Gildey Williams '98 of Lansing is a sixth grade teacher in the Okemos Public Schools. Last year she married Sean Williams, a history teacher for Holt Public Schools. **Amanda Sill '99** was one of her bridesmaids.

Timothy Joseph Slowik '98 of New Baltimore recently earned a masters from the University of Detroit Mercy; his concentration was in security administration.

Rene Brugh Teater '98/MA lives in Adrian with her husband John.

Constance Bontomasi '99 writes, "I got married Nov. 4, 2000 to Jean-Pierre Bram from Melbourne, Australia. I plan to move to Australia as soon as my resident Visa is approved."

Brad Gross '99 of Manitou Beach works in Morenci's first grade



reading program as a half-time language arts teacher. In his free time, Brad enjoys fishing and other water sports.

Laura Sandusky-Stover '99 of Morenci was married Sept. 23, 2000 to Brandon Stover. She is employed by Credit Bureau Inc.

Roy Leathem '99 of New Port Richey, FL, is a medical records clerk at the Bonati Institute. He writes, "I am looking for anyone who remembers the times that we shared and any of my Pi Lambda Phi brothers, who better contact me."

Julie Harsh '99 of Tecumseh earned "School Foodservice and Nutrition Specialist (SFNS)", the highest credential in the profession. She is the school foodservice coordinator at the Saline Area Schools.

Jammie Cline '99 of Pinckney is the site leader for South Lyon Community Schools. She writes, "I just started a new job in the school district and am enjoying it."

Edwin Cook '99 of Tecumseh is a designer with Tecumseh Products Company and was recently promoted to Level 3 CAD Designer at Orbitec Division.

Juanita Sanchez '99 of Pittsburgh, PA, works at the University of Pittsburgh. She writes, "I am currently attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. My concentration is community organizing and social administration. I am also an intern with the HUD grant, COPC (Community Outreach Partnership Programs)."

Mike Hawkins '99 of Trenton, has been a police officer with the city of Gibraltar since May of 2000.

Micah Smith '99 of Durham, NC, is a system administrator for American Data Technology, Inc. Micah recently accepted this position and also founded an online ministry for Gay and Lesbian Christians.

Shane Kay '99 of Troy is an assistant media planner with GM Planworks. He and **Teresa LaPalme '99** were married last August and now work in downtown Detroit.

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Scott Daniels '00 of Adrian is a product support representative with Creative Solutions.

Scarlet Glaros '00 is a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho, a country about the size of Maryland surrounded by South Africa (photo left). She is a childhood care and development adviser and teaches English to high school students on Saturdays. "It is quite beautiful here in Qachas Nek," she writes. "It is "a bit lonely at times," she admits, even though the people are "very outgoing and all want to know what you're doing, how you're feeling, and all the men want to marry me! I am making up for all the time I did not receive any attention at any time in my life!!" Conditions are quite good in Lesotho "as there is peace, there is no war, and they seem to have found ways to have food without much money at all."

Scott Long '00 of Grass Lake is a teacher for the Chelsea public schools, teaching algebra and chemistry. Scott lives with his wife, Jennifer, who is a registered nurse.

Lee Lewis '00 of Tecumseh is a

reporter with the *Daily Telegram* newspaper in Adrian. Lee was married Sept. 22, 2000, to A.J. Walsh.

Jen Somers '00 of Shaker Heights, Ohio, is a full-time student at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. "Only 3 and 1/2 years left!" Jen happily notes.

Deaths

Eletha Farson Hein '31 of Harbor Beach died Sept. 4, 2000 at age 91. A retired teacher who had taught in area schools, she was active in church and other organizations.

Katharine Emery, OP '33 (formerly Sister Mary Xavier) died in January at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian. She majored in English at Siena and obtained her master's from the University of Michigan, then used this knowledge in a 60-year teaching career in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, California, and Florida.

Mary Daniel Moran, OP '36 of Adrian died April 17 at the age of 98. She spent 50 years ministering in education throughout the country.

Mary Norita McDonough, OP '37 died July 25, 2000 at age 95. She taught music in elementary schools across the country for 28 years and was principal of St. Mary's School in Rockwood for three years.

Mary Mark Healy OP '38 died Oct. 10, 2000 at the age of 88. She spent 52 years ministering in education from Florida to California and back up to Michigan.

Dolores Marie Ferguson, OP '38 died Oct. 28, 2000. She spent 53 years teaching in Michigan and Ohio.

Loretta O'Reilly Lynch '39 of Prospect, IL, died Nov. 30, 2000 at home. An elementary school teacher for many years, she founded the Ministry of Care Program for St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church, which today includes a transportation ministry, hospital, home visitation and bereavement ministries, a food pantry and a Public Action to Deliver Shelter ministry. She received the church's first and only Heart of the parish Award in 1995.

Alice Joseph Moore, OP '39 died in Adrian at the age of 86. She spent

56 years ministering in education in a number of places including Detroit, Adrian, San Francisco, and Miami Shores. She taught at Siena Heights from 1957 to 1965.

Mary Benigna Farkas, OP '42 of Adrian died Dec. 30, 2000 at the age of 98. She was a teacher for 49 years.

Jean Marion Morehouse OP '42 of Adrian died Oct. 10, 2000. She spent many years teaching across the country and was principal of St. Luke School in Flint for 6 years.

Marie Bonney, OP '43 (formerly Sister Marie Sylvester) died July 8, 2000 at age 85. She taught elementary school for many years in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Eileen June Bailey '44 of Adrian died Jan. 12. She had been a physical therapist at Children's Convalescent Home in Farmington, and a fabricator at Bohn Aluminum in Adrian where she retired in 1983, and was an active member of her church.

Betty Jane Solem Clifford '46 of Neenah, WI, died unexpectedly Sept. 21, 2000 at the age of 76. A school-lunch volunteer and CCD instructor at her church, she also was an active member of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Survivors include her husband, 13 children, 16 grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Solem '49.

Loreita Nadeau Anderson '49 of Wixom died Sept. 28, 2000. She had been a Girl Scout leader, an elections volunteer, and a "nursery school Grandma" for 11 years. She was the mother of four sons and two daughters (Kay and Jane attended Siena Heights), and grandmother of eight.

Jeannette Christmas Schultz '49 of Lansing died Oct. 10, 2000 after a brief illness.

Margaret Mary McMahon, OP '49 (formerly Sister M. Ann Martin) of Adrian died Oct. 24, 2000 at age 79. The major part of her career was spent teaching; she was a tutor for several years as well.

Mary June Secor, OP '49 (formerly Sister Patricia Ellen) died Oct. 28, 2000 at age 79. She spent 57 years ministering in education in the U.S. and internationally.

Rosemary Brennan, OP '50 of

Oak Lawn, IL, died recently at age 72. She had been a teacher and principal in Detroit, Chicago, East Lansing, and St. Clair. Her most recent accomplishment was helping immigrants learn English in Chicago.

Mary Wivell, OP '53 (formerly Sister Edward Mary) died June 17, 2000 at the age of 78. She spent 43 years ministering in education in St. Charles, Chicago, and Rockford, IL, among other locations.

Anna Creger '56 died July 4, 2000 at age 87. She taught for many years in Lenawee County and received the Lenawee County Teacher of the Year Award in 1970.

Patricia Walsh, OP '59 (formerly Sister Paul Thomas) died July 20, 2000. She was 71.. She ministered in elementary education for 40+ years in Michigan, Florida, and Illinois.

Sabina Jabour, OP '60 (formerly Sister Joel Marie) died Jan. 23 in Adrian. She was 80. Early in her career she taught in New Mexico and in Detroit. She later served as Secretary in Central Services and to the General Council in Adrian. She retired to the Dominican Life Center in the early 1990s.

Bessie Potts Greene '67 of Britton died of congestive heart failure Sept. 3, 2000. She was 92. She was a retired and dedicated teacher who once had five of her grandchildren in one class "and showed no favoritism."

Georganne Duggan, OP '69 of Santa Cruz, CA, died at age 82. A health care advocate, she spent 48 years in the nursing and hospital administration fields.

Paul "P.J." Shaffer '77 died June 25, 2000 at his home in Adrian. PJ was a life-long-learner having at-

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sities throughout his life. PJ served as Youth Officer for 27 years on the Adrian Police Department.

Robert Younglove '82 died July 14, 2000 after a brief illness. A life-long resident of the Tecumseh and Britton area, he was past president of Lenawee County Association of Realtors. After retiring from Ford Motor Company in 1986, he became part owner of the Saline Frosty Boy.

Sharon Brown '90 of Essex, Ontario died Aug.1, 2000 at the age of 55.

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