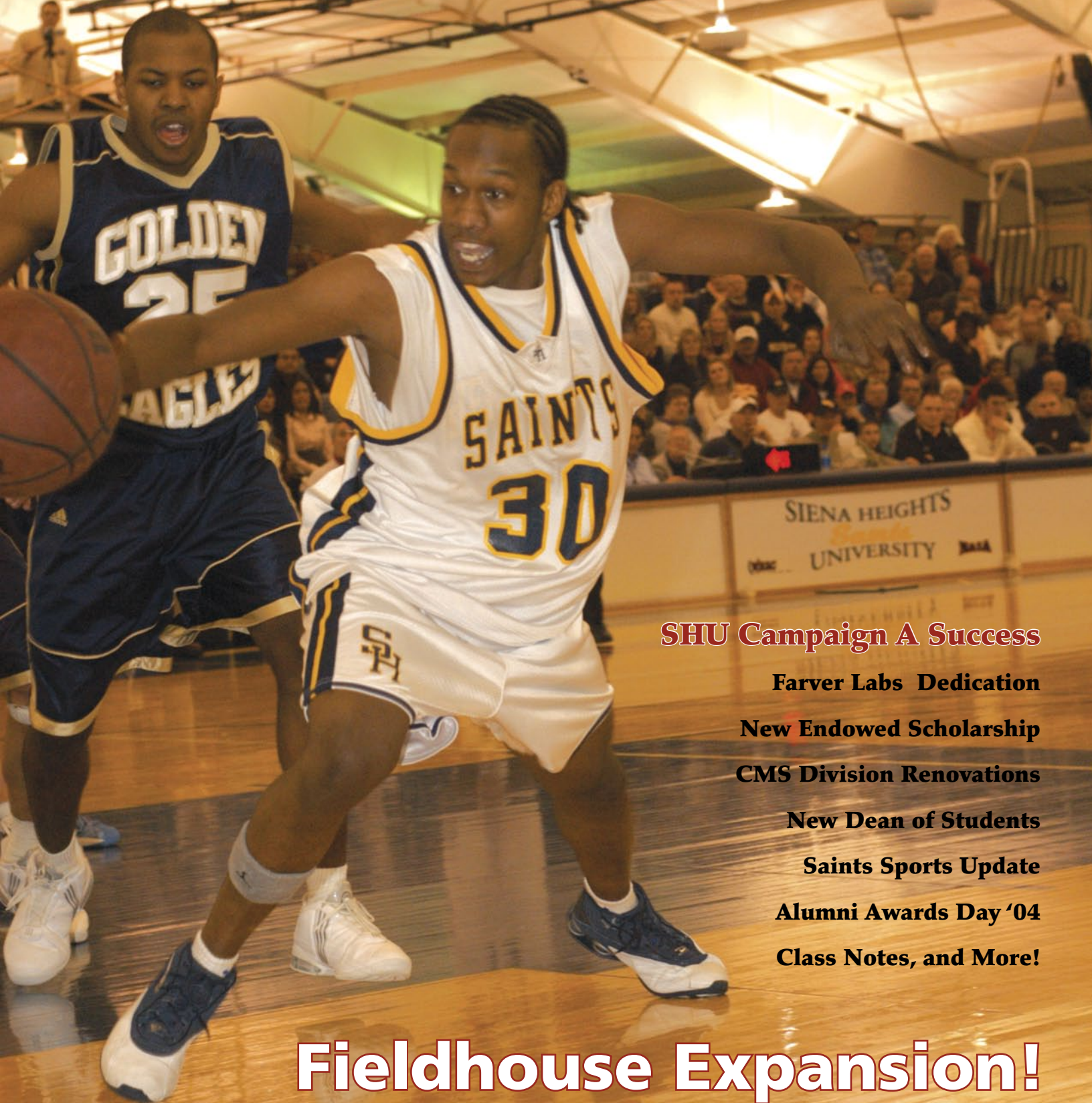


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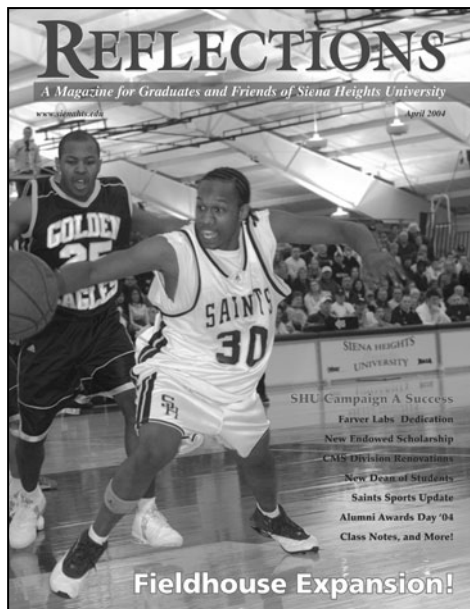
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On The Cover

Saints sophomore Rodney Williams dives after a loose ball in a game against arch rival Golden Eagles from Cornerstone University. This was a key late season matchup which resulted in an exciting 97-95 win for the Saints in double overtime, adding yet another chapter to the infamous Cornerstone and Siena Heights rivalry. The victory helped Siena reach a 29-7 overall season record and a 10-2 WHAC record. They tied for the WHAC title with Indiana Tech and advanced to their fifth consecutive WHAC tournament finals where they lost 87-83 to Cornerstone. The Saints capped off an incredible season by advancing for the ninth straight time to the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship as the 15th seed. They faced a tough second-seeded Bellevue University in round two, and lost 78-75 in overtime.

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Success!

Alumni Join Team Effort To Help Siena Achieve Goal

“Success is dependent on effort” — Sophocles (496 BC–406 BC), a Greek dramatist and politician.

It’s a simple statement that rings true today as we share the wonderful news of a successful campaign. *The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education with a Mission* ended Dec. 31, 2003, at \$13.4 million, surpassing our \$12.5 campaign goal.

Exceeding the goal was not a fluke; it was the result of great effort made by many people. Our Board of Trustees put forth quite an effort: they contributed 36 percent of the campaign total or \$4,926,488. This group supports and believes in Siena and their actions speak louder than words.

I consider them the leaders of a team of nearly 4,000 individuals who donated to the campaign. We’re grateful for the many alumni, friends and supporters who are willing to help Siena advance its mission. The generosity of each and every donor helped us reach the goal.

We’re using this issue of *Reflections* to tell you about the accomplishments made possible by the campaign. I hope you’ll join us as we celebrate our success and give ourselves a pat on the back.

As some of you may already know, we’re not planning a huge celebratory event. Instead, we’re opting for more intimate gatherings and personal visits to extend our thanks and appreciation. We cherish our relationships with each of you and look forward to staying connected.

As long as we’re talking about success, I’d also like to mention a couple of other high notes: we have a new dean of students and our first sport management majors will graduate this August.

Trudy McSorley, longtime associate professor of communication arts and director of the child drama program, accepted my invitation to become the dean of students. Trudy is on sabbatical this semester and will assume her new duties in August. Read more about Trudy and this exciting change on page 10.



We’re also pleased to graduate our first sport management majors in August. It seems like it was just yesterday that we launched this new program under the direction of Mary Beth Leibold, assistant professor of sport management. Students’ efforts and learning opportunities are not confined to the classroom thanks to the Sport Management Association. This organization, also led by Mary Beth, is an active group that works closely with the Boys and Girls Club of Lenawee. Last fall, they organized a successful sport equipment drive that netted 150 goods for club members to use.

Thank you for being a vital part of our collective effort that led to success. We hope you’ll share in our success as we continue to advance Siena’s mission.

Richard B. Artman
President,
Siena Heights University



Board of Trustees Chairman Doug Kapnick and President Artman present a celebratory campaign cake to the trustees at their winter meeting.

We Did It!

Campaign Tops \$12.5 Million Goal

The Campaign for Siena Heights University: Education with a Mission ended on a high note in December. That's because we exceeded our \$12.5 million goal by raising \$13.4 million.

We hope you – our faithful alumni and friends – will share in our excitement. We're grateful for your support of Siena Heights and our students of today and tomorrow. During the campaign, the number of alumni who donated doubled. We know that reflects how much each of you value a Siena Heights education.

The campaign raised \$13,432,928; here's a look at those designated funds:

- Endowment: \$2,693,637
- Capital Projects: \$4,472,141
- Academic Programs and Operations: \$1,836,014
- Unrestricted: \$1,833,039
- Annual Fund ('99-'03): \$2,598,097

One of the biggest projects made possible by the successful campaign is the Fieldhouse renovation and expansion. Siena met the Kresge Foundation challenge and received \$750,000 for the \$1.7 million

Fieldhouse project. We received the grant money by meeting our campaign goal by Dec. 31, 2003. Fortunately, we were able to start the project in October because we were confident the goal would be met and we wanted to get the project started ahead of the winter weather.

The project remains on schedule and will be ready by fall when our students start a new academic year. Projects that have already been completed, thanks to the campaign, include:

Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel Renovations – While the chapel looks the same, you'll be able to hear and feel the difference. The \$300,000 renovation included a state-of-the-art Bose sound system and new heating and cooling system. Be sure to experience the difference when you attend a Mass or liturgy in Lumen Chapel.

Science and Math Center Renovations – The Computing, Mathematics and Science Division features up-to-date facilities on par with its tradition of top-quality teaching. A \$1.8 million renovation to science and mathematics facilities in 2001 brought interactive classrooms, new computers, Smart boards, lab equipment and research instrumentation, refurbished ceilings, windows, floors, furnishings, and new ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Fieldhouse – The \$1.7 million facility improvement to the 25-year-old Fieldhouse will add and renovate about 10,000 square feet. The project includes a new fitness center/weight room, additional space for a training room, offices for the athletic

department, and renovated and expanded public restrooms. The new fitness center is designed to accommodate the entire Siena community and our 300-plus student athletes.

Residence Halls – Renovation of restrooms has been the main component of the \$1.4 million dedicated to our residence halls. In addition, areas have been spruced up with new carpeting and fresh paint. Upgrades in the residence halls are an ongoing project as we strive to offer vibrant, comfortable and well-maintained living spaces.

Chiodini-Fontana Endowed Lecture Series on Ethics – The series is named in memory of Emilio Chiodini and Mildred Fontana, parents of Siena Heights' friend Catherine Reuther. The well-attended lecture series has already brought three speakers to Siena: Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, a dedicated human rights activist and daughter of the late Robert Kennedy; Randy Cohen, author of a nationally syndicated newspaper column on everyday ethics; and Morris Dees, civil rights attorney and co-founder of The Southern Poverty Law Center. The lecture series is also supported by the Edward M. and Henrietta M. Knabusch Trust and other individuals.

Academic programs – Faculty development, technology upgrades and academic program support continue to be a priority. Faculty members are able to remain current by attending seminars, workshops and conferences. State-of-the-art technology enables our faculty members to use Smartboards and interactive media to engage students. The addition of the Farver Information Technology and Curriculum Room brings the library into the high-tech world with computers, a Smart board and an interactive multi-media center. The room, used by students and for class instruction, features individual work stations.

Annual Fund – Each year, gifts to the Annual Fund support general operations and scholarships, information technology, library, art, theater, athletics, etc. We are pleased with the number of alumni and other donors who contributed to the Annual Fund and the campaign.

Farver Labs A Favorite With Siena Teachers And Students



Leslie Peters, a junior marketing major from Uby, studies in the Farver Education Technology and Curriculum Labs.

Take a stroll through the Siena Heights library just about any time of the day and you'll see the Farver Education Technology and Curriculum Labs in use.

The labs, complete with computers, Smart board, classroom presentation software, collection of children's literature and comfortable furnishings, were the result of generous support from Herb and Connie '83 Farver. The Adrian couple's gift makes a difference in how we can educate our students and prepare them for their careers.

The Farvers, known for their philanthropic support in Lenawee County, chose to designate a portion of their gift to The Campaign for Siena Heights University to the curriculum labs. Not only did their gift lead to the creation of the labs, but it also provides the means for increasing the holdings in the library for years to come.

"Growing up, my mother took us to the library Saturday mornings. Every week, I took out six books – that was the limit. Going to the library was ritual," Connie Farver said when she and her husband gave their gift to the Siena.

Years later, Connie found herself routinely visiting Siena's library when she was completing her degree. "I loved studying the Siena's library. It was peaceful and quiet, just the right atmosphere for learning," she said.

The plaque outside the curriculum labs reiterates this fondness. It reads in part that "The Farvers believe a library is an essential source for teaching and learning." The frequent use of the space shows Siena faculty and students agree.

The facility is heavily scheduled for class sessions and is used by students on an individual basis.

"I use it for a lot of seminars because the environment leads to good discussion," Mary Beth Leibold, coordinator and assistant professor of sport management, said. "It's a great place to bring class together at the round tables for discussion and the technology is nice in there."

Having computers close by and the library setting are also bonuses, Mary Beth said.

Dee Crane, associate professor of teacher education and coordinator of the undergraduate teacher education program, agrees.

"Probably the most important aspect is the very large children's literature collection and K-12 curriculum that surrounds the room," Dee said. "The material is just right there when they're planning lessons. We can use it, we can play with it, and we can design lessons with it.

"Lesson planning there is exceptional and it's a very teacher-friendly space. It's just beautifully designed," Dee said. "The round tables are really conducive to group work and interaction and it's right next to the library so we can use library resources. The technology lab is close by, too, so we can model technology use for our students. With the master teacher computer space, we can show it and students can try it at their computers."

Although the teacher education program schedules the space once or twice a day for classes, it's still used by individuals, too.

"The nice part about that space is K-12 teachers are coming in to borrow the materials," Dee said. "As our students share their experiences and resources, the area teachers have been coming in and actually checking out of the library many of the curriculum materials, including the children's literature."

Thus, the labs have not only proven valuable for students and their professors, but for those in the field, too.

Siena is grateful to the Farvers for giving a generous gift that has enabled the University to make a difference for our students. Not only will the library remain one of Connie's favorite places, but it's clear the curriculum labs in the library are a favorite with Siena teachers and students, too.

Fieldhouse Expansion



Hooray for the team of supporters who played a major role in funding the \$1.7 million Fieldhouse project.

Every successful team has leaders and this one is no different. SHU trustee and team physician Michael Dawson, M.D., made the lead gift to the Fieldhouse. Trustees Robert Price and the late Charles Hikes also generously supported the Fieldhouse addition and renovation, as did trustees Bruce Lee '85 and Darrell Issa '76, and friend to Siena John Schwartz of Austin, Texas.

Their contributions, along with those from other supporters and alumni, enabled Siena to receive a \$750,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation.

Confident we would successfully complete the *Campaign for Siena Heights University* and receive the Kresge grant, work began in early October on the project. During the cool days of fall and snowy days of winter, work progressed on the Fieldhouse. An unseasonably warm day in early March provided our first look at the completed front of the Fieldhouse.

The front is just a part of the new look. The entrance will feature a plaza paved in engraved bricks to commemorate donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the campaign. A new lobby will await visitors who will also find renovated and enlarged restrooms and service areas.



Photo date: 02/27/04



Photo date: 03/04/04



Photo date: 03/25/04



After 25 years the facade of the Fieldhouse is getting an update which will feature a new lobby.

The project includes an 8,945-square-foot addition to the front of the Fieldhouse and 2,531-square-foot renovation. The addition will house a fitness center for the campus community and an expanded training room. The space will also accommodate a multi-purpose conference room and offices for coaches and athletic staff.

The 58,125-square-foot Fieldhouse opened in 1978, when Siena's intercollegiate athletic program was new. Today, the Fieldhouse is home to seven varsity sports for men and seven for women that combined involve more than 300 students.

"Twenty-five years ago, Siena was way ahead of the game with a new Fieldhouse," Michael Dawson said. "Today, we have top quality academics and an athletic program to match. Our facilities should reflect that same quality."

Upgrading our Fieldhouse will ensure that our facility is on par with our athletic program. For example, the project includes a fitness and weight training room, which will be new to the Fieldhouse. Currently, coaches have

practices in the Fieldhouse, but the weight room is in the basement of Ledwidge Hall. Having everything under one roof will make it more efficient for coaches to run practice along with weight training and conditioning. And, it will put all the coaches' offices under one roof – another first.

The Fieldhouse expansion will enable Siena to continue recruiting talented students and student-athletes. The addition will dramatically increase the space available for fitness and make our fitness facility accessible to the entire Siena community. The improved restrooms, service areas and entry will be a welcome change for students, staff, fans and visitors.

Speaking of visitors, our Fieldhouse is one of the most frequently used facilities on campus. The Fieldhouse is regularly used by community groups, for sports camps and by St. Joseph Academy. These activities have not been interrupted by the project.

As alumni and supporters of Siena, we hope you'll be among our many visitors to the Fieldhouse. By fall, all the work will be complete and we're sure you'll see how your contributions to the Fieldhouse will benefit students today and in the future. Thanks for being a part of this important team of supporters.



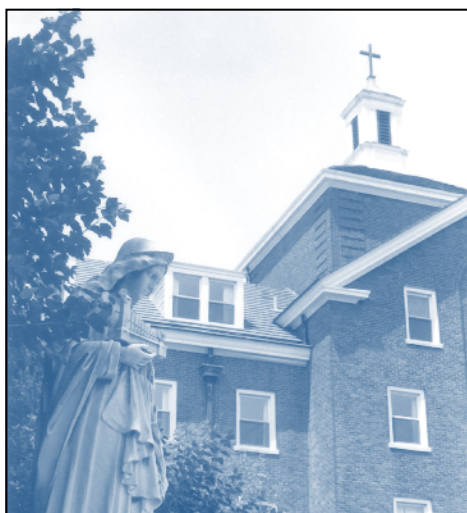
Jack Dominique builds a new fieldhouse wall. Photo date: 12/09/03.

Ensuring the Adrian Dominican Legacy



Sister Therese Craig

Update on Endowed Scholarships: New Scholarship Honors Sr. Therese Craig



For further information:

To support the Sister Therese Craig Endowed Scholarship, contribute to another existing scholarship (see list), or endow a new scholarship in honor or memory of YOUR Siena Heights mentor, contact any member of the Advancement Staff at 517-264-7140 or 800-693-0506.

In response to the last issue of *Reflections*, which reported on several new endowed scholarships named in memory of some of the legendary Adrian Dominican Sisters who helped shape Siena Heights, a new scholarship fund has been started to honor the founder of Siena's theater and child drama programs: Sister Therese Craig (formerly Sister Rose Terrance).

Lee Benish '72 chose to establish the scholarship as a way of honoring his Siena mentor—and ensuring that future generations of theater and speech communication students would know of Therese's contributions to the University.

"Siena and Sister Therese Craig have had a monumental impact on my life," Lee said recently. "It is my hope that this scholarship fund will be a living testament to the values and traditions of Therese and Siena."

Lee was a non-traditional student in the early 1970s, enrolling at Siena after four years in the Air Force. He majored in speech and theater, a decision he says has been critical to his success in international business and marketing. Today he is a vice president for AMEC, an international engineering firm.

Sister Therese lives in Regina Hall of the Dominican Life Center and currently ministers as a spiritual director. She taught theater and speech at Siena for 10 years, establishing the Child Drama Program and mentoring Trudy McSorley who succeeded her as director of that program. After leaving Siena in 1975, she spent 17 years on the faculty of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

During her years in Edmonton, Sister Therese trained student teachers at the university and trained lectors for the liturgy at the Newman Center. (She also became a huge fan of hockey great Wayne Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers!)

Lee Benish has committed enough funds to endow the Sister Therese Craig scholarship over several years. He also has committed annual fund dollars to enable Siena Heights to begin offering the scholarship immediately, beginning in the fall of 2004.

Ultimately, however, Lee points out that "the larger the endowment, the more significant the scholarship it generates—and the greater the impact of Sister Therese on current and future students." To that end, Lee invites other alumni to "recognize Therese's role in building our futures" by contributing to the endowment.

Perpetuating the Memory of Sisters Who Shaped Siena

Lee Benish has established a scholarship in the name of Sister Therese Craig, who is thrilled to be so honored. Gifts are welcome to strengthen the endowment, or to enrich any of these scholarships endowed in memory of other Adrian Dominicans:

- Sister Patricia Hogan, OP
- Sister Jean Cecile Hunt, OP
- Sister Jeannine Klemm, OP
- Sister Denise Mainville, OP
- Sister Rita Noeker, OP
- Sister Helene O'Connor, OP
- Sister Eileen Rice, OP
- Sister Mary Philip Ryan, OP
- Sister Miriam Michael Stimson, OP

The Annual Fund Is A Circle That Keeps Growing Every Year

It starts with a student who has benefited from the Annual Fund and ends with a student who has benefited from the Annual Fund. How is that possible? It's possible because the Annual Fund is supported by alumni with firsthand knowledge of the value of a Siena Heights education and by friends who believe in Siena's mission. This fund supports current students in a variety of ways.

Among the ways the Annual Fund supports and benefits students is through scholarships, new technology, library periodicals, and academic program support. We have classrooms outfitted with state-of-the-art technology and a library stocked with the best periodicals. Tuition alone does not cover this cost, that's why the Annual Fund is so important.

Speaking of tuition, scholarships become more important as many of our students face cuts in financial aid from the state. The additional financial burdens these cuts place on our students and their families are sometimes the roadblock that keeps someone from finishing their degree. At Siena,

we do our best to provide scholarships help students bridge the gap between financial aid and what they or their parents can afford. A gift from you of \$1,000 can provide a scholarship for a student in need and it's a great way to show that you support a Siena Heights education!

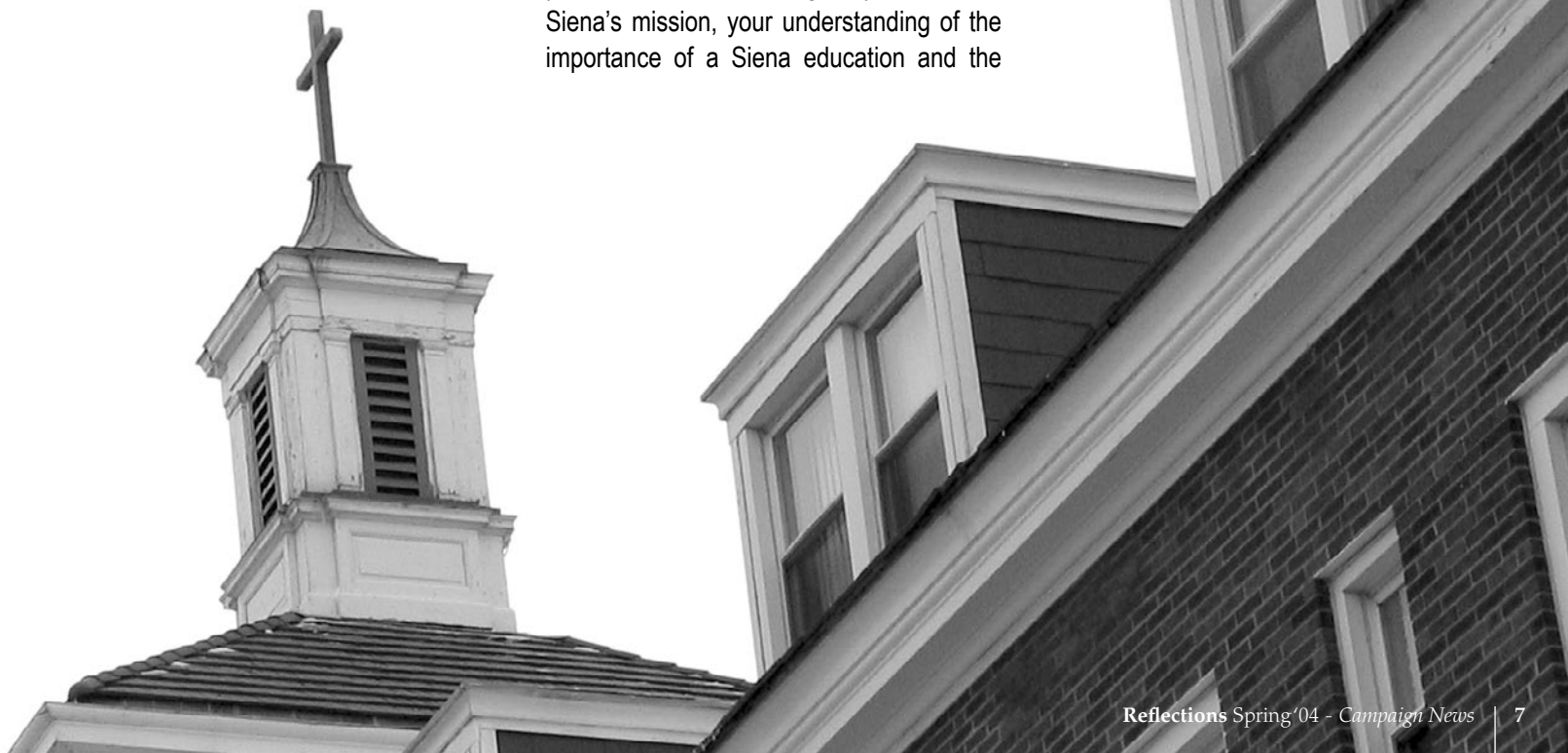
Of course, every gift to the Annual Fund is important, no matter the size! Gifts from each new generation of Siena graduates, paired with those from faithful alumni and friends, enable us to provide our current students with the same opportunities you enjoyed. In addition to maintaining our strong academic programs, we're also working to improve our physical facilities, provide academic support for our faculty and make our residence halls a great place to live.

For example, we're planning a \$50,000 project to create a centralized laundry room in the lower level of Ledwidge Residence Hall. We want to give our students a clean, bright facility that's easy to access and convenient to use.

To continue to make improvements and maintain our academic quality, we need your help. We're counting on your belief in Siena's mission, your understanding of the importance of a Siena education and the

Dominican tradition of sharing gifts, to help us reach our goal. Simply use the envelope included in this issue of Reflections to make your gift today. And remember, we can double your gift if you or your spouse is employed by a matching gift company. Check with your human resources office to see if you're eligible or contact the Advancement Office at 517-264-7140.

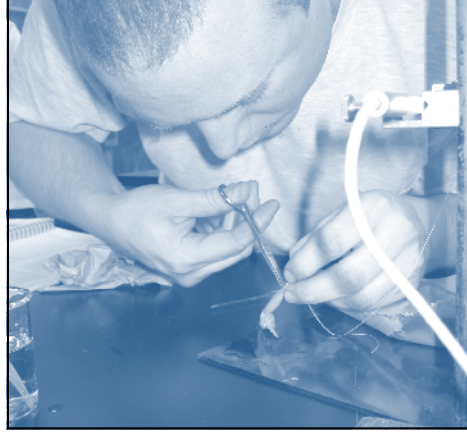
[Thank you for being an important link in our circle by supporting Siena Heights University.](#)





Campaign Helps CMS Go High Tech

Sophomore Aaron Danison displays an important resident of the Siena biology community. Hissing cockroaches are used by students for behavioral studies in the lab.



Waylon Jones, a Sand Creek biology major, ties a string to the Achilles tendon of a frog's gastrocnemius (calf muscle). Then, he and fellow biology students used needle electrodes to determine the threshold of voltage needed to make the muscle contract. All of the students are in a biology class taught by Carl Kaster, Ph.D., biology professor and coordinator of the science program.

The renovations to the computing, mathematics and science division were among the first capital projects to be completed during *The Campaign for Siena Heights University*, which ended in December.

The much-needed improvements totaling \$1.8 million were completed in 2001. Upgrades, all possible with donor support, included overhauled classrooms, laboratories, offices and equipment. State-of-the-art improvement brought interactive classrooms, new computers, Smart boards, laboratory equipment and research instrumentation along with refurbished ceilings, windows, floors, furnishings, ventilation and air conditioning.

The renovated facilities were dedicated during alumni weekend in September 2001. During the dedication, the leadership contributors were recognized. They are permanently recognized with plaques outside of some renovated spaces.

Those contributors are:

- Anderson Development Co.
- Brazeway Inc.
- Consumers Energy Foundation
- Thomas Gross, M.D. '78 and Susan Kessler Gross, M.D., '78
- Donita B. Sullivan, M.D., '52
- John P. and Barbara Tierney
- Wacker Silicones Corp.
- The late Barbara C. Wojtyzewski '47

Drs. Thom and Susan Gross and Donita Sullivan also spearheaded a special fundraising campaign among fellow CMS graduates and other alumni in allied health careers to help Siena meet the Alden Trust challenge. The George I. Alden Trust of Worcester, Mass., offered Siena \$50,000 for the CMS renovation if it raised \$150,000. In the end, Siena raised \$218,996 in qualifying gifts and pledges from 86 alumni and other supporters.

And, we can't talk about this exciting project without mentioning some of the other supporters who contributed before and after the September 2001 dedication. They are:

- Dana Corporation Foundation, October 1998.
- Herrick Foundation, October 1998.
- Warren Reuther, Catherine Reuther, and Bay Corrugated Container, Inc., September 1997.
- Larry and Nancy Mason Erhardt '58, October 2002. The Erhardts funded the renovation of the microbiology lab, which was named in honor and memory of Nancy's parents, M. William and Grace H. Mason. The Erhardts also gave funds for CMS professors to engage in professional development.

Waylon Jones, a Sand Creek senior, from left, Jennifer Ireland, an Adrian senior, and Jessica Bennett, a Crosswell sophomore conduct an experiment with a frog leg. They are all majoring in biology.



Siena Heights News

Art Professor Arranges Exhibition

Barbara Cervenka, OP, associate professor of art, in October arranged the exhibit "Cuadros of Pamplona Alta: Textile Pictures by Women of Peru" at University of Michigan's Lane Hall. The show was sponsored by the U-M women's studies program. The exhibit consisted of more than a dozen cloth pictures, known as cuadros, made by women living in shantytowns around Lima, Peru. The exhibit has been shown at about 30 locations over the past 14 years, including the Field Museum in Chicago. Barbara has been traveling frequently to Pamplona Alta since 1989. She informally sells small numbers of the cuadros in the United States and sends the money to the women's workshops in Peru. In December 2002, she offered the cuadros for sale during the annual art sale on Siena's campus.

Music Professor Presents At Conference

Michael Lorenz, professor of music and director of the jazz program, gave a presentation in January. Mike's presentation, "Three Methods to Audio-Record Your Events," was presented at the Michigan Music Technology Conference held Jan. 22 at the Washtenaw Intermediate Learning Center in Ann Arbor. Mike can often be seen at Murphy's Place in Toledo as the pianist for the Murphy's Place Jazz Orchestra.

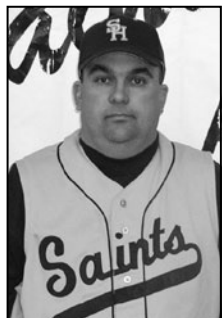
Professor, Students Share Information

Linda Easley, associate professor of anthropology, and three students presented their findings at the Eighth Annual Institute on Service-Learning program, "Inspiring Citizenship through Service-Learning." The event, sponsored by Michigan Campus Compact and Michigan Community Service Commission, was Feb. 5-6 at Grand Valley State University, Allendale. Linda, along with students Jacqueline Thompson, Kia Tolbert and Jennifer Brock, described the methods and findings of a community-based research project which involved an informal evaluation, based on the "insiders' perspectives" of the Boys and Girls Club of Adrian. Their presentation offered information intended to help educators design and implement a similar evaluation project with students in advanced social science courses and their community partners using rapid assessment processes. In addition, they provided suggestions on student orientations, community partner input and use, interview questions to elicit stories and formats for final reports.

Professor Shows Recent Works

John Wittersheim, art professor, exhibited his recent works in "Perpendicular To A Point" at Flatlanders Art Galleries in Blissfield. The show closed April 16. John is known for the plumb bobs he creates. He and his wife, Jamie Goode, who also teaches art at Siena, recently completed commission work of more than 100 pieces for a new church in Naperville, Ill. The couple designed and created steel candleholders and other liturgical appointments.

Baseball Coach Joins Siena



John Kolasinski, former head baseball coach at Husson College in Bangor, Maine, became the head baseball coach at Siena in December. John was head coach at Husson for 15 years and director of residential life for 16 years. He is a two-time NAIA Northeast Region coach of the year, a five-time New England coach of the year, and a five-time Maine Athletic Conference coach of the year. His team won its conference twice and was runner-up five times.

Longtime Theater Professor Named Dean Of Students



Come August, Trudy McSorley's duties will change as she leaves her longtime role as a faculty member and becomes the dean of students.

While her duties will change, one thing remains the same: She'll continue to work closely with students.

Trudy brings 30 years of experience working with SHU students to the post that was vacated by Carolyn Brightharp in August 2003. Carolyn had served as dean since August 1999.

Trudy, associate professor of theater and speech and director of the child drama program, is on sabbatical during the winter 2004 semester.

As dean of students, Trudy will continue to interact with students. The dean is responsible for overseeing residence life, extracurricular programs and student services, and student groups and organizations.

"I believe in 'call,' in this case my response is to serve in a different way than I have in the past," Trudy said. "The highest profession in my mind is to teach; I'm just going to do it differently. To teach is the most significant thing I can do and have done."

The new dean along with Siena's team of student development professionals will be working to enrich the total experience of Siena students. "We're looking at the whole experience, not just academics or student life."

McSorley has been a faculty member at Siena Heights since 1973 and is the chair of the theater and speech communication department. During her tenure, she has directed numerous shows and for 13 years led a drama-education troupe that visited Lenawee County schools.

In 1995, she was awarded the Sage Foundation Endowed Professorship in Child Drama. She has been leading Siena's Child Drama program for 30 years. As director, she has organized an annual summer workshop and fall and winter program for area youth. Annually, more than 100 local and area children participate in each of the programs. Some of the children in the program are the second generation to explore theater with Trudy.

Trudy is a graduate of Siena Heights University and earned her master's degree in theater and speech from Eastern Michigan University. She has also completed graduate work at Arizona State University.

During sabbatical, Trudy will be pulling together the 40-year history of Siena's child drama program and putting it on a DVD format.



Madrigal Dinner Silver Anniversary

A royal time was had by all at the 25th Annual Madrigal Dinner and All-cast reunion in December.



Jester Tim Husband, mathematics professor, Drew Staton '03, and jester Brian Genalsky '04, of Lansing.



Mary Gibson '03 and Susan Matych-Hager '68, associate professor of music and director of Madrigal Dinner Concert, at reception before 25th anniversary performance of Madrigal Dinner.



Melissa Yekulis '03 and jesters Brian Gemalsky '04, and Tim Husband, mathematics professor.



Kathryn Houser '92 and Daniel Romzek at reception before 25th anniversary performance of Madrigal Dinner .

Winter Sports Generate Excitement at Siena

By Scott Oliver '97
Sports Information Director

The addition to the Fieldhouse has created a ton of excitement, but so have winter sports – especially the men's basketball team.

The men's basketball team didn't disappoint as it won its fifth consecutive Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference title. And, the team made its ninth consecutive appearance – an NAIA record – in the NAIA Division II national championship. One difference this year is the team is being cheered on by a new squad of cheerleaders under the direction of Rhiannon Lees, cheerleading coach.

The Saints finished the regular season with a 27-5 overall record and were 10-2 in the WHAC.

Five Saints were named to various All-WHAC teams for their accomplishments in 2004. Senior Doug Gray was named the player of the year and was named to the first team. Doug, a 6-foot-5-inch forward from Adrian, averaged 14.6 points per game and 7.01 rebounds per game.

Senior Jason Rennie and junior Lloyd Cowles were both named to the second team, with junior Greg McPherson going on the third team.

Andre Johnson and Lloyd were both named to the all-defensive team.

And, the top players managed to score in the classroom, too. Doug Gray and Jason Rennie were both named to the Academic All-Conference for their accomplishments. Doug has a 3.96 grade point average and Jason has a 3.25 gpa; both are business majors.

The women's basketball team finished with an 8-21 overall record and finished sixth in the WHAC. In their first game of the WHAC Tournament, the Saints upset the third-seeded Aquinas College Saints 83-78 and advanced to the semi-finals.

Junior Nicole Coffey picked up a Second Team All-WHAC honor for her accomplishments on the 2004 season. Nicole, a 5-foot-7-inch guard from Bowling Green, Ohio, averaged 12.9 points per game to go along with her 5.96 rebounds per game.

Freshman Laura Panozzo was named as a third team selection and to the All-Newcomer Team. Laura is a 5-foot-10-inch forward from Berkley who averaged 10.3 points per game with 7.0 rebounds per game.



The men's and women's indoor track teams posted another successful year. The teams annually compete on NCAA Division I and Division II levels and again produced excellent results.

Eleven men and nine women competed in the NAIA Indoor National Track & Field Championships in early March. Highlighting those performances was Lee Ann Fleming, who set a new SHU record in the weight throw. Fleming threw 53 feet 5.5 inches for fifth place and was named to the All-American team.

The men's 800 relay team of Eric Walter, Jon Kleinow, Jameel Jones, and Cole Monaghan qualified first in the preliminaries and came close to becoming national champs with a time of 7 minutes 43.91 seconds. Their time in the finals was two seconds faster than their qualifying time, but they came in third. The relay team was also named to the NAIA All-American team.

Cole Monaghan placed seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.87. Cole was also named an All-American.

In the long jump, Eric Brown missed All-American by two spots as he finished eighth with a mark of 23'2.5".

The women's 800 relay team (Leonie Vanderhoff, Marie VanZandt, Becky Riddle, and Krishawna Parker) finished 10th with a time of 9:51.32. Gretchen Shoup tied for 11th in the high jump with a mark of 5'3.75".

Rounding out the highlights was Luke Forrest in the weight throw. Luke threw 52'4" – tying for 13th place.

The meet ended the indoor track season and the Saints outdoor season began in late March.

The Saints volleyball team finished the season with a 12-18 overall record. They finished fourth in the WHAC and advanced into the WHAC Tournament. In round one, the Saints beat Spring Arbor University 30-18, 30-23, and 33-31. In the semi-final round, the Saints fell to the sixth-ranked Madonna Crusaders 30-11, 30-21, and 30-23.

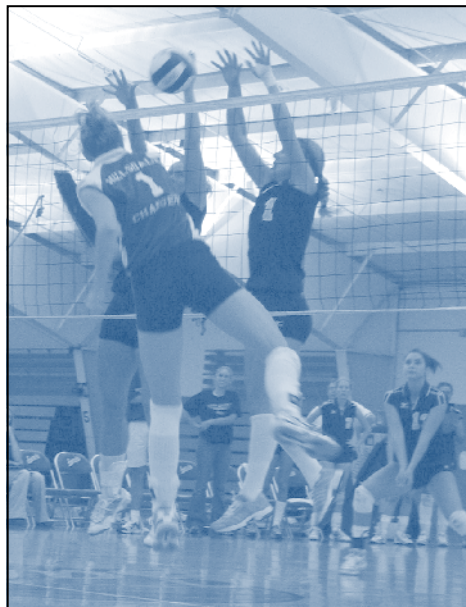
Four Saints were named to 2003 All-WHAC teams. Patty Horal, who led the Saints in kills, was named to the All-WHAC first team. Cassia Antos and Kelly Abdo were named to the second team and Amanda Harrall was named to the all-freshman team.

The baseball and softball teams started their season during spring break. The softball team traveled to Fort Myers, Fla., for 10 games, while the baseball team ventured to Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee for a combination of 11 games. Season outlooks for both teams may be viewed online at www.sienahs.edu.

Senior Doug Gray (#40, WHAC Player of the Year) and Sophomore Perry Gilbert, #32, look to rebound a Cornerstone shot.



Photo courtesy of Lad Strayer and The Daily Telegram.



Seniors Patty Horal, #1 right, and Cassia Antos, left, go up to block a Hillsdale Charger spike in another exciting volleyball match. Freshman Amanda Harrall, #13, and the rest of the Saints bench look on with extreme interest.

Siena Grad Serves On World War II Memorial Committee



Melissa Durbin Growden '90 wears a couple of hats. By day, she serves as the director of the SHU Career Services office. Other times, she dons a hardhat as she takes a close look at the construction of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. "The WW II Memorial pays homage to the entire war effort - the home front, our allies, our veterans and, of course, those who gave the supreme sacrifice."

In 1994, then President Bill Clinton appointed Melissa to the WWII Memorial Advisory Board and she remains a key contributor to the project. Her grandfather, the late Roger Durbin of Blissfield, led the push 17 years ago for the creation of such a memorial. He approached Ohio 9th District Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and asked why there was no national WWII memorial where he and his fellow veterans could take their grandchildren.

Kaptur is the mover and shaker behind the legislative approval to erect the lasting tribute located in a prime spot on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. She has worked tirelessly to secure legislation and ensure the WWII generation will be properly remembered.

Melissa has assisted by working with the Policy and Fund Raising and Site and Design committees. She also speaks to various groups on the history, design and construction of the memorial. She credits her family and Siena Heights for her activism. "In addition to my parents and grandparents, it was my strong Dominican role models—Sister Eileen Rice, Sister Mary Louise Hall as well as Father David VanHorn—who helped me find the courage and voice to become a strong advocate and leader for the WWII Memorial project."

Melissa is the youngest member and one of only two women on the 10-member board. Most recently, Melissa's duties as a board member led to another committee appointment. Along with 15 other members, Melissa helped to oversee the creation of two ceremonial American flags that will fly over the WWII Memorial at its dedication on May 29.

One flag represents the domestic front and the other is for the U.S.'s international allies and efforts. The flags, handmade in Toledo, were dedicated in February during ceremonies at Roger Durbin's grave, his American Legion post in Sylvania, the Lucas County War Memorial and International Park in Toledo. The National Flag Truck transported the flags for the various ceremonies. Melissa and her brother, Tom Durbin '95, spoke on behalf of the family at the ceremonies.

The international flag will be flown over all foreign cemeteries where American veterans are buried. Then, both flags will be in Washington, D.C., for the national dedication events.

As a member of the advisory board, Melissa has traveled to D.C. numerous times and has been able to watch work progress on the memorial, which was scheduled to open in April. A formal dedication is planned for Memorial Day Weekend, May 29, and Melissa and Tom will be there.

Nearly 200,000 people are expected to attend and The History Channel will broadcast live from the event. "There are absolutely no words to describe what it is like to stand in the center of that memorial," she said. "It's going to be the last national salute to the World War II generation."

The Advance of Blissfield contributed to this report.

Melissa Growden '90, stitches the 17th star for the ceremonial flags for the World War II memorial as she is watched by her parents, Jan and Pete Durbin, from left, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and master embroiderer Nelda Wise, far right.





From The Alumni Office

It's a pleasure to address readers of Reflections for the first time in my new role as head of the alumni office. Greetings to all our readers: parents, friends and most of all alumni of St. Joseph College, Siena Heights College and Siena Heights University.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share my philosophy of alumni relations, and to invite your feedback. The mission statement, guiding principles and operating themes listed below explain how the Alumni Association Board of Directors and I want to work with the alumni of Siena Heights. Is this what you're looking for? Send your ideas and suggestions to the alumni office by email (jhchurch@sienahs.edu) or U.S. mail. We want to hear from you!

Jennifer A. Hamlin Church

Associate VP for Advancement &
Director of Alumni Relations

The mission of the Office of Alumni Relations is to engage, involve, cultivate and steward Siena Heights alumni in a mutually rewarding relationship with the University; and to do this work in a way that is competent, purposeful and ethical.

Guiding Principles:

- Maintain the personal touch: Always relate to alumni in as personal a way as possible, reflecting the individual care and concern that most alumni found here as students. Respond promptly and professionally to calls and correspondence.
- Be dependable: Do what we say we're going to do; don't start something we're not prepared to maintain. Try a pilot project first and/or start small rather than raising expectations we can't meet.
- Exceed expectations: Go the extra mile and remember the little things, so that alumni get more than they anticipate from every event, activity or interaction with Siena Heights.
- Don't get stuck in a rut: Be innovative, original, creative—and open to new ideas from any direction. Don't be afraid to try something new.
- Plan early, communicate often: Plan ahead, way ahead—and give alumni plenty of notice about programs and opportunities. Combat the belief among many alumni that "the only time I hear from Siena is when they want money."

Operating Themes:

- Learning: Keep learning at the heart of our relationship with alumni—that is what drew them to Siena Heights in the first place.
- Roots: Preserve and promote Siena's history and Adrian Dominican heritage.
- Service: Be alert and responsive to the needs of our alumni. Provide opportunities for alumni to serve Siena, its students, and the community.
- Connections: Help alumni connect with Siena and with each other.
- Friendship and fun: No matter what we do, we should leave our alumni smiling.

Siena Heights Honors Graduates During Alumni Awards Day

By Erin Fuller '05

As *Reflections* went into production, Siena Heights and the SHU Alumni Association honored three accomplished graduates of the University at the Alumni Awards Day celebration held March 9 on the Adrian campus. The award winners spent the day on campus, visiting classes, leading seminars and meeting with students and staff prior to the formal award presentation ceremony that afternoon. This year's award recipients are:

Sister Ann Joachim Award Emery Harlan '86

Emery Harlan is an attorney and partner in the law firm of Gonzalez, Saggio and Harlan, L.L.P. in Milwaukee, Wis. He is also a founder and chairman of the board of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), a trade association to help attorneys of color who work on their own. He also served on then-Gov. Tommy Thompson's Judicial Advisory Committee.

St. Dominic Award Sister Patricia Brady, OP '63

Sister Patricia Brady, OP of Westchester, Ill., was a teacher and administrator for 30-plus years before moving into her current position as congregational promoter of Dominican Youth/Adult Ministries in 1998. In that position, she created and now directs the Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference. She also has been interim program director of the Dominican Association of Secondary Schools, is one of the originators of the new Dominican Colleges/Universities Preaching Conference, and serves as Congregational liaison to Dominican Volunteers USA.

Outstanding Alumni Award Karen Erickson '60

Dr. Karen Erickson is a longtime professor of chemistry at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. She is an active and widely published researcher whose work has taken her to marine locations around the world as well as to the National Cancer Institute for several visiting scientist appointments. Her research has focused on two areas of organic chemistry: reaction mechanisms and structure elucidation of marine natural products. Her research has provided valuable insights in the treatment of AIDS and cancer.



President Rick Artman, left, with Alumni Award winners Emery Harlan, Karen Erickson and Sister Patricia Brady, and Alumni Relations Director Jennifer Hamlin Church. The awards were presented March 9.

As we celebrate our new 2004 Alumni Award winners, this seems an appropriate time to report on a heart-warming story that came about as a follow-up to last year's Alumni Awards program.

A few months after receiving the 2003 Sister Ann Joachim Award, Dan Malley '85 of Cleveland contacted the alumni office with a question. Dan, who was honored last year for his work with neglected and homeless boys through the Malley Foundation, asked if anyone at Siena might be interested in knitting or crocheting 40 blankets.

It seemed an unusual request in the heat of the summer, but Dan explained: The Malley Foundation maintains a year-round commitment to about 40 boys age 6-16 who live at a facility for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. Each December, Dan and his wife organize a party for the boys on Christmas Eve. For Christmas 2003, Dan wanted each boy to receive a hand-made blanket—something made especially for each one of them, something that would be theirs to keep.

Blanket Project Warms Hearts:

Alumni Help Alumni Help Others In Need

By Jennifer A. Hamlin Church

I promised to ask around for volunteers—and went straight to the desk of Sister Marcine Klemm '55, secretary to the academic dean and well-known for her beautiful afghans. Did Marcine think there might be enough crafters willing to make blankets out of the goodness of their hearts?

The answer, many weeks later, was a resounding yes. In late summer and through the fall, Marcine coordinated the efforts of more than two dozen women—some alumnae, some Adrian Dominicans, some far-away friends who just heard about the project. All were inspired by the opportunity to make a special Christmas for “Dan’s boys.”

In mid-December, I had the privilege of driving to Cleveland—my car filled like Santa’s sleigh with colorful, one-of-a-kind creations—to deliver 43 knitted, crocheted, stitched and woven masterpieces to Dan’s office at the headquarters of Malley’s Chocolates. Each blanket included a beautiful card sending the maker’s good wishes and God’s love to the young recipient.

The annual Christmas party was a success and included a tour of lights, lunch, presents and a visit from Santa. But the blanks were the highlight of the day, Dan said.

“I didn’t really know what to expect,” he admitted, “but they were the hit of the party. Once the boys realized there were no two blankets alike, they wouldn’t put them down. It looked like a room full of Linuses, each boy carrying his special blanket, making sure no one took his by mistake!”

Many of the boys had never had a blanket to call their own.

A project like this makes me proud to be head of the alumni office at Siena Heights. I can’t think of a more worthwhile alumni relations activity: alumni (and friends) helping alumni helping others in need.

To show his appreciation, Dan sent Sister Marcine and her teammates a generous check to help support the Adrian Dominicans’ community service work. Alumni helping alumni helping others in need.

Special thanks to all who assisted with the project.



Sister Marcine Klemm (front far right) and several participants in the blanket project pose with their handiwork at the Dominican Life Center, before the blankets left for Cleveland.

Class Notes

Battle Creek

SHU @ KCC & Kalamazoo

Bobby Hopewell '96 was elected to the Kalamazoo City Commission in November 2003. He is manager of community relations and the switchboard staff at Bronson Healthcare Group in Kalamazoo. He is active in the Kalamazoo community and is past board president of Pretty Lake Camp, which focuses on inner city children.

Donald Seitler '99 of Portage is employed by Exfil Corp.

Kit Danke '01 married Chris Allen on June 7, 2003. Kit is a retail field sales representative for Kellogg Co. and Chris is an engineering manager at Eaton Corp. The Allens live in Battle Creek.

Bonnie Timbs Eyre '03/MA is a clerk at Pfizer and lives in Battle Creek. She has one daughter.

Mark Your Calendar!

For further information about any of the events listed below, contact the Alumni Office at (517) 264-7143 or by email at: jhchurch@sienahs.edu.

May 1: Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting.

May 1: Torch Night ceremony – Reception hosted by the Alumni Board.

May 2: Commencement – (main campus).

May 15: Commencement – SHU @ KCC (Battle Creek center).

May 16: Commencement – SHU @ LMC (Benton Harbor center).

August 5: Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Toledo Mud Hens at Fifth Third Field. Alumni event with honorary host Bruce Lee '85, president, Fifth Third Bank.

Sept. 24–26: "Vintage Years!" Alumni Weekend '04 celebrating Siena's 85th anniversary. For more information, see inside front and back covers.

Benton Harbor Monroe

SHU @ LMC

Terry Doolen '86 is the owner and operator of Shaheen's Motel, open year round in Tupper Lake in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York. For anyone driving the scenic route on Highway 3 between Watertown and Plattsburgh, or heading to the Big Tupper Ski Area, Pat McDonald, OP '69 (associate professor and director of graduate studies at Siena's Metro Detroit Program) reports that Shaheen's Motel is "a very fine place" offering continental breakfast, pool, etc. Pat happened upon the motel by accident last summer.

Lisa Kendzora Walters '95 lives in Saint Joseph and is a demand manager for Sears.

Maria Kras '99 married Timothy Williams in August 2003 in St. Joseph. Maria is an administrative assistant at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgeman where Timothy is an equipment operator. They live in Stevensville.

Kimberly Ashley '03 of Coloma is a radiologic technologist at Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac.

Douglas Kraemer '03 of Coloma works at Whirlpool in Benton Harbor and is a reserve firefighter in Benton Township. He married Beth Rogers last June.

Alumni, faculty, current students and friends of SHU @ LMC gathered at Tosi's Restaurant in Stevensville in early December for the sixth annual Alumni Holiday Gathering. About 60 people attended the after-work event, enjoying prizes, beverages and Tosi's famous hors d'oeuvres, along with quick updates from several Siena administrators. This annual social activity has become a not-to-be-missed event—so if you missed it this year, plan to make it in 2004!

Jackson

SHU @ JCC

Emily Robb Stebing '01 is employed with Bond and Company and writes: "Jeff and I were married in September 2001 and our son Ethan was born in August 2002. Our second child, son Logan, was born in November 2003." The family lives in Jackson.

Monroe

SHU@MCCC

Ignazio Cuccia '96 is an insurance agent with Nationwide Insurance. He recently moved his offices into Elite Commons, a two-building commercial/office complex in Monroe that he developed with a partner. Before starting his insurance agency, he operated Holiday Pizza for about 11 years.

C. Dean Bodine '96, a licensed builder with years of residential and commercial remodeling and interior finishing experience, has opened Dean Construction Co. in Monroe.

Jennifer Pauli '99 married Sean Langenderfer on May 17, 2003. Jennifer works for Standard Federal Bank in Temperance. The Langenderfers are living in Erie.

Amanda Finley '01 is a marketing administrator for Monroe Bank and Trust. She lives in Monroe.

Justin Green '03 of Erie is employed by ABN AMRO in Ann Arbor.

Jill McCormick, a student in Siena's MCCC Center, is this year's Miss Monroe County. An education major at Siena, she kicked off her "Ready to Read: Conquering Illiteracy" platform with appearances at libraries and schools around the county to read to children. She will represent Monroe County in the Miss Michigan Pageant in June.

We Want To Hear From You!

Class Notes are compiled from letters, cards and emails from alumni, as well as news clippings from our news service. We want to hear from you—however, please note that we do not announce engagements or pregnancies, but will gladly report marriages and births after they have occurred.

Class Notes received after Feb. 1, 2004, will appear in the next issue of Reflections.

Send your news by snail mail: (Siena Heights Alumni Office, 1247 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221), email (jhchurch@sienahs.edu) or via the web (www.sienahs.edu). Or pick up the phone and call: (517) 264-7143 or (800) 693-0506.

One way or the other, stay in touch!

From the Sites

Southfield

Metro Detroit Program

Edgar Norment '80 of Lozano, Texas, is retired from the Department of Defense and writes: "I worked in the engineering field from 1958-1990, first with Military School Training, followed by a two-year RETS technical school certificate, and then with the Siena Heights College diploma. I am grateful for the opportunity Siena Heights provided and making it possible for me to earn the BAS degree in electrical engineering. Thank you."

Joyce Brown '85 lives in Southfield and is executive director for Metro Healthcare Services, Inc.

Diane Geiger-Brandon '94 was remarried in October 2003. She and her husband, Wilbur Brandon, live in Burnsville, MN. Diane works in South St. Paul as a dispatcher for Securion. She has two children, Whitney, 17, and Wyatt, 7, Geiger.

Marilynn Mazur '95 recently moved to Birch Run.

Angela Stanley Ivory '98 reports from Plymouth that she has a new baby. Daughter Mia Loring Ivory was born in October 2003.

Daniel Niebrzydowski '99 is a project engineer for Blackhawk Automotive Plastics. He lives in Canton and has two daughters.

Jean Kearney '00 of Canton is a department supervisor for Wayne County Airport Authority. She writes: "I now have two grandsons and I'm enjoying them tremendously!"

Dante Davoli '00, '03/MA lives in Waterford and writes: "I am working at CS Mott Children's Hospital as a radiologic technologist and I am an adjunct instructor at Henry Ford Community College teaching radiology courses."

Leo Dion '01 married Amy Sylvester on May 3, 2003. They live in Mundy Township. Leo is employed by GM Milford Proving Grounds.

Diane Elder McManamy '03 recently moved to Royal Oak. She is an unemployment claims examiner for the State of Michigan.

Class Notes

Main Campus

1930s

Ann Bakeman Tompert '38 of Port Huron received the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree from Siena last spring. She recently published two picture books: *Joan of Arc* and *The Errant Knight*. Asked by friends why she still works at the age of 85, she quotes writer Gore Vidal: "I simply could not NOT write. A writer is someone who writes. You can't stop it; you can't make yourself do anything else but that." Ann enjoyed a visit last fall from fellow wordsmith Anne Macmillan Eichman '67.



Ann Bakeman Tompert '38 and Anne Macmillan Eichman '67.

1940s

Sister Imelda Patrice Marx, O.P. '43 taught for 23 years until retiring because of hearing loss. She served at St. John Seminary, at St. Lucy in St. Clair Shores, and in St. Joseph. She now lives at the Dominican Life Center.

Marjorie Nunn Kluck '44 writes: "We had five new great-grandchildren this year: one boy and four girls, one each month from March to July, which gives us a total of 13 great-grandchildren." She lives in Redford with her husband, Donald.

Rosemarie Van D'Elden Birman '47 lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Long Island, N.Y., with her husband, Paul. They enjoy traveling (a recent cruise to Honduras, Belize and Guatemala was a highlight) and are active community volunteers. Rosemarie is the 2004 president of a yacht club women's group called the Anc'Hers.

Mary Jo Stolpman Fleming '47 sent word from Clermont, Fla., of the death of her husband, Ed, in December, 2003. Jo's two daughters and two sons, and several of the 11 grandchildren were together for Ed's last days.

Mary Duggan Cassabon '48 of Eastpointe is active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as recording secretary; and at St. Veronica Church as eucharistic minister at Mass and for the homebound. She just retired from the Pastoral Parish Council. She and her husband, Bill, enjoy spending February in Florida and getting together often with Siena friends.



Alumnae from the Class of '48 at Siena last fall. From left: Mary Conway Stonehill Mullins, Mary Duggan Cassabon, Estela Cintron Kuptzin, Dorothy Noetzel Sullivan and Rosemary Dorr.

Estela Cintron Kuptzin '48 retired from teaching in 1990. She has been able to fulfill some of her dreams about traveling with trips to Turkey, Israel, Spain and Portugal, along with a number of other places. She enjoys her two grandchildren and divides her time between New London, Conn., and Delray Beach, Fla.

Mary Conway Stonehill Mullins '48 and her husband Stan, of Eastpointe, welcomed their 15th grandchild in January 2003. "What a joy!"

Katherine Rink Suydam '48 lives in Adrian. She and her husband have limited mobility so "social life is mainly going to church and to medical appointments!" She is a grandmother to six grandchildren.

1950s

Marie Smith Schumacher '50 writes: "This has been a sad year for me. My husband had to go to a nursing home for dementia, God bless everyone who suffers from this 'long goodbye.'" Marie lives in St. Clair.

Shirley Cushing, OP '52 lives in Shelby Township and is a managing attorney with the legal assistance program of Macomb County. She holds master's degrees from DePaul University and University of Detroit, and earned a law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Carole Sporer Stroh '52 of Lake Bluff, Ill., had such a good time at last year's 50th reunion that she returned to Siena Heights this fall for the 50th reunion of the Class of '53—with whom she had started at Siena! "Since I was sent out by Sr. Patrick Jerome early in my senior year to teach Latin for a couple of weeks in Lansing, I am now in my 53rd year of teaching, covering every level from pre-school to university. I am retired from full-time teaching now, but am still subbing."

Gladys Maria Vivaldi '53 lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she enjoys her five children and nine grandchildren. She has been a widow since 1999.

Joyce Ferry Betz '53 of Palmyra taught elementary school in Blissfield from 1955 to 1986. She and her husband, who have two daughters, celebrated their 50th anniversary a year ago. Joyce writes, "I enjoy hunting, gardening, reading and caring for my grandchildren and great-granddaughter."

Mary Magdalen Boff '53 writes: "During my student teaching at Garfield school, I was offered a position teaching third grade. I taught in the Adrian school system for 27 years. During those years I taught third, fourth and sixth grade. While teaching sixth grade, I was asked to teach a special group of students who were 'late bloomers' and needed to catch up to the rest of their classmates. Since retiring, I have continued to teach in my home as a volunteer, working with students having difficulty with their school work and foreign students who need help learning English. This has been a great comfort since losing my best friend, my husband." She lives in Adrian.

Gloria Kapsa Doyle '53 and her husband, Jim, are savoring active retirement in South Bend, Ind. Gloria enjoyed a 25-year teaching career and still volunteers at school reading to children. The Doyles have two grown children and two grandchildren. "What a joy it is to have the whole family in the same state!"

Joyce Elaine Jacobi Gohl '53 spent many years in Michigan and Ohio, but now lives in Sun City, Ariz., where she is a member of the stained glass club and the euchre club. She and her husband have 11 children between them. "At last count, there were 42 grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Doris Heckert '53 writes: "I worked at Union Telephone Co. in Adrian, before I began my teaching career. After four years teaching third grade in Michigan, I began working for the Department of Defense, teaching on military bases. I taught elementary grades in Germany, Turkey, Morocco, the Netherlands and England. I also taught in Deerfield and Tecumseh. I am now legally blind, but otherwise in pretty good health. I have six loving nieces and one nephew, and seven great nieces and nephews. God has richly blessed me." She lives in Berthoud, Colo.

Barbaradell Way Kelley '53 lives in Hamburg, Mich., and writes: "My family seems to multiply: three children, 11 grandchildren (four in heaven), and three great-grandchildren. Doing things with my family and community have blessed my life. For over 30 years, I've been a trustee of Hamburg Township Library. Quilting, once a hobby, has become a way of life. My quilts are all over, not only with family and friends but with an Indian orphanage, flood victims, the homeless, fire victims, veterans, sick people and babies."



Pals from the '50s reunited at Siena last fall. From left: Carol Sporer Stroh, Jean Harlan, OP, Connie Winters and Barbaradell Way Kelley.

Mary Ann Senkmeyer Kitchen '53 and her husband moved to Owosso recently (with their beloved Westie, Mighty Mac) after 35 years on the lake in Waterford. Mary Ann is singing in the church choir, painting and playing duo piano for fun. During a 36-year teaching career, she taught Motown's Barry Gordy and Aretha Franklin—and directed future rock star Madonna in her high school production of "Godspell!"

Clare Wrona Marcyan '53 lives in Dearborn Heights and enjoys summers on Vineyard Lake in Michigan's Irish Hills. She and her late husband had eight children who blessed them with 15 grandchildren. In addition to raising her family, Clare taught school and worked at Jacobson's for 20 years. She has

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visited all 50 states and 56 countries, and continues to enjoy traveling. "My two single children and I go on a cruise every winter."

Celia Cintron Olsen '53 has spent most of her life since Siena in Connecticut except for a few years in Atlanta. Her late husband, Bob, worked for General Dynamics and Celia worked in retail sales along with raising three children. She now lives in Waterford and enjoys her seven grandchildren.

Jean Annette Rudolph, OP '53 enjoyed 30 years of teaching and more than 20 years in parish ministry and hospital chaplaincy. Now living in Adrian, she ministers as receptionist for the Weber Center and the Dominican Life Center where she resides. "God has walked with me throughout my years and led me in paths rewarding, fulfilling and holy. Would that every journey could be so wonderful!"

Catherine Rupp, OSM '53 recalls the summer night of her graduation from Siena: She, a Servite Sister, was the only one in black among throngs of Dominican Sisters and novices in white habits receiving their diplomas! Catherine's career since then has included high school teaching, college teaching, college administration, and 10 years in congregational and mission work in Rome, the U.S. and other countries such as Uganda. She now is a Hospice volunteer in Omaha where she lives.

Joan Chopp Scheuermann '53 of Pleasant Ridge has published a book of poetry titled "Reflections From the Wood."

Jodie Screens, OP '53 celebrated her 50th Jubilee as an Adrian Dominican a few months before celebrating her 50th reunion at Siena Heights. In those five decades, she taught first grade through college, finishing her career as coordinator of the theological studies program at Siena Heights. She now lives in Adrian and serves on the SHU Alumni Board, which "keeps me in touch with the spirit of our beloved institution."

Julianne Minck Smith '53 lives in Defiance, Ohio, where she and her husband, Orville, have farmed for 50 years. For the past 18 years, Julianne also has worked in education with severely behaviorally handicapped elementary

age children at the Independence Education Center. "I have enjoyed the challenges and rewards working with these children." Julianne and Orville have traveled through the U.S. and in several European countries—but these days they mainly visit their children and grandchildren.

Margaret (Peggy) King Vaughan '53 writes from her home in Las Vegas, Nev.: "Las Vegas is a wonderful place to visit. If anyone is in the area, give me a buzz."

Jane Korte Waldo '53 and her husband, Ron, call Hudson home now, but have lived in many places in the U.S. and around the globe. While Ron was a career Army officer, Jane taught and raised four children. "As we moved around the world," she recalls, "volunteering became a way of life"—supporting the Girl Scouts, working on behalf of disadvantaged children, teaching religious education, and serving the Siena Heights Alumni Association, among many volunteer assignments. "Now, as retired folks, we like to travel and visit grandkids." Having taught school for 20-plus years in many different settings, Jane now teaches a religion class "to keep in touch."

Connie Winters '53 lives in Jackson and is a certified "master gardener," having completed the required series of horticulture classes at Michigan State University and volunteer hours. She retired from a career as a librarian/media specialist in

Jackson Public Schools, but continues to volunteer in the medical library at a local hospital. "Retirement also has provided the time and opportunity to visit shut-ins in the parish on a regular basis—and to take the Holy Eucharist to them. This service is a real joy."

1960s

Christine Wilhelm Clark '63 lives in Deer Park, Wash., and is a transfusion services laboratory technologist in Spokane. While visiting Siena Heights for her 40th reunion, Chris enjoyed reconnecting with Julia Franko Opalek '63 of Euclid, Ohio, and with two of their Siena faculty mentors: Irma Gerber, OP '42 and Helen Duggan, OP '41 (formerly Sister Ann Charles).

Sister Nancyann Turner '63 of Livonia works at the Rosa Parks Art Studio and Children's Library at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Br. Philip Armstrong '66/MA of Notre Dame, Ind., recently published "Your Own Mysteries: Praying Your Life Through the Rosary." The book includes 14 sets of new mysteries to be reflected on while praying the rosary. The object of the book, he writes, is "by explanation, example and illustration to assist the one praying to come up with personally meaningful mysteries stemming from his or her own experience." He adds that "trying new mysteries as prayer, reflec-

tive of one's own journey toward heaven, becomes very preoccupying, and those mysteries fly by like Hail Mary's." The book is available for \$8.95 from Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame.

Joyce Aarsen Cohen '66 of Morristown, N.J., is director of community support for the Veterans Administration. She received a Ph.D. in psychology in March 2003.

Rosemary Matyn '66 of Roseville is a secretary at Formidable Group.

1970s

Carol Hrit Fox '70 writes: "After 31 years of teaching in the public schools, I retired and moved to Frankenmuth. This is my second year as the director of religious education at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. We have an enrollment of 250 students in our faith formation program." Carol and her husband, Fred '73, welcome friends to look them up when visiting Frankenmuth.

Mary Phillips '71 lives in Galesburg, Ill., and works as an artist, professor and curator at nearby Monmouth College, where her husband is library director. She writes: "I have enjoyed serving on the SHU Alumni Board since 1999. Rick and I love our home in Galesburg and welcome SHU friends to come and visit! I split my time between working on my artwork in my home studio and serving as the curator of College Art Collections at Monmouth."

Christine Wilhelm Clark '63 (center) visits with Julia Franko Opalek '63 (right) and Irma Gerber, OP '42 at last fall's Alumni Weekend.



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Lee Benish '72 works for AMEC, an international engineering company, as vice president in charge of marketing and communications for the Americas. Lee also teaches marketing at the McCormick Graduate School of Engineering at Northwestern University. He lives in Chicago.

Janet Huvaere '72 lives in Harrison Township and writes: "Since retiring from teaching, I have been doing part-time work as a parish secretary and book-keeper."

Margaret (Peggy) McCaffrey Aniol '73 writes: "We just built a new home and have resided in South Lyon for over a year now." Daughter Patricia started high school this year.

Kathy Forner '73 lives in Duncanville, Texas, and teaches fourth grade for Dallas Public Schools. Kathy attended Alumni Weekend last fall, visiting son Andrew (now a SHU junior) and reconnecting with Siena pals including Denise Buck '73 and Kathy Wersell '71.



Kathy Forner '73 (left) reconnects with Siena pals Denise Buck '73 (center) and Kathy Wersell '71.

John McGuire '73/MA received the Manchester (Mich.) Optimist Club Achievement in Education Award last fall in recognition of his 31 years with Manchester Community Schools. He is now principal at Klager Elementary School, but over the years has served in a variety of roles at every school in the district. He and his wife, Karin, are the parents of two grown daughters.

William Small '73 of Defiance, Ohio, recently was named president of the Federal Reserve Board's Thrift Institutions Advisory Council for 2004. A veteran of 25 years in banking, he currently

is chairman, CEO, and president of First Defiance Financial Corp., the holding company for First Federal Bank of the Midwest and First Insurance and Investments. He previously served on the board of the Ohio Bankers League and is a past chairman of the Ohio League of Financial Institutions. He also is a trustee of Defiance College and the Defiance Area Foundation, and past president of the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce and the Defiance City Schools Foundation.

Ann Schroeder Aaronson '75 lives in Bellbrook, Ohio. She recently moved from teaching (after more than 25 years) to a job as curriculum director. "What a change! It has been wonderful to see many aspects of education!" Ann and her husband, Arthur, have two sons.

Donald Herip '75 of San Diego, Calif., recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of service. He is a doctor at the Paloma Pomerado Health Center in Escondido. Since graduating from Siena, he earned his M.D. at Wright State University and a master's in public health at University of Michigan.



Lieutenant Colonel Richard Kury '75.

Richard Kury '75 retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel last summer after a 31-year military career during which he earned numerous awards for service and heroism. As an engineer officer, he held various command, staff and teaching assignments within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and, since 1993, at the Pentagon. He and his wife live in Midlothian, Va. They have four adult children and nine grandchildren.

Marialana Branch '76 lives in Ypsilanti and works at Key Electronics Inc.

Ray Griffin '77 is board president of the newly formed Great Lakes Ethanol LLC. The company plans to build a \$60-\$70 million ethanol plant in southeast Michigan, according to The Daily Telegram. He lives in Riga with his wife, Mary Griffin '69/MA, professor of education and child development at Siena Heights.

John '76 and Barb Polus Warner '78 of Carpentersville, Ill., have three children age 16, 20 and 25. "We survived drivers ed three times, I'm not sure how." Barb works with a financial services company "helping people achieve their goals" while John works at Express Pattern, a prototype company.

Cheryl Clymer '78 is a 25-year employee of Consumers Energy, now working as a technical assistant in telecommunications at the corporate headquarters in Jackson. She enjoys small-town life as a resident of Morenci and is active in church activities, the HOSTS program, and the Consumers Energy CMS Club. Her 16-year-old daughter was part of the Morenci Homecoming court this year.

Christine Waugh-Fleischmann '78 lives in Charlotte. She and her husband, Frank, have four children, two grown and two in college. Christine opened a fine art gallery in Okemos in 1997—"a great experience"—but sold the gallery in 2002 "in favor of having time to do art work."

Patricia Collins Pattison '78 lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Peter, a native of Australia. She is an accounts payable supervisor at Medic Drug Inc., has two stepchildren, and four grandchildren. "Peter and I would like to retire to Australia in about 10 years."

Christina Elchinger Geno '78 lives in New Bavaria, Ohio. She is an employee at the Henry County Senior Center where she is the activities director. Christina and her husband, Mike, have two sons, one just out of college and one in high school. The family is active in church and in various community

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Kury '75.



activities including Boy Scouts. Christina remains grateful for "my faith foundations and academic experiences as a Siena Heights graduate."

Dorothy Gonzales '78 is director of Health and Human Services for Wayne County. She lives in East Lansing.

Vincent G. Houle '78 lives in Novi and has worked in insurance and advertising, as well as studying in seminary. Today, he works as director of sales for the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau—and is a professional clown on the side. He and his wife, Mary Jane, enjoy traveling. Vince also enjoyed helping to organize last fall's 25th reunion of the Class of '78.



Vincent G. Houle '78 in the center of this jolly reunion group. A good time was had by all!

Vandria Scott Permady '78 lives in Mesa, Ariz., with her husband, Harris and their three children. She works in insurance at Scottsdale Insurance Co.

Brenda Reau '78 is director of the MSU Extension Office for Monroe County. She has been with the extension office for 22 years and was appointed director last summer. She lives in Petersburg with her husband, Mark, and their daughter Alexandra.

Ruth Gerdeman Seggerson '78 lives in Columbus, Ohio, and has taught at St. Francis De Sales High School for 22 years. She currently teaches social studies, chairs the social studies department and coaches volleyball, basketball and a mock trial team. She and her husband, Larry, have three children.

Kathleen Schanz, OP '78/MA began work last fall as executive director of the international Athena Foundation in Chicago. A 2002 recipient of the Lenawee County Athena Award, she was active for some time on the local Athena Council.

Stephen Studnicka '78 has relocated in Blissfield where he is working as general manager of Amadori Designs. "After 25 years out and about (mostly in New York City) it is good to be back in southeast Michigan."

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1980s

Teresa Foster-Moorefield '80, '84/MA lives in Asheville, N.C.

Thomas McCanna '80 writes from Rochester, N.Y.: "I would like to wish the cross country team good luck. It has been 23 years since I had to run all those miles and train. I still miss it at times! Keep up the good work."

Amy Lillywhite Sturtevant '80 is secretary for the Division of Performing Arts and Education at Siena Heights. She and her husband, Gary Sturtevant '81, own and operate Dog Days Boarding in Addison.

Carolyn Welniak Donaldson '82 of Hollidaysburg, Pa., is news anchor for WTAJ-TV Channel 10's 5 p.m. newscast, and co-anchor of the 6 and 10 p.m. broadcasts. She also serves as "parenting reporter" and writes the weekly "Monday's Child" segment featuring a Little Brother/Little Sister story. She began at the station as weather anchor in 1982 and has been a news anchor for almost nine years. An active community volunteer, Carolyn serves on several boards and committees including United Way and the Altoona Symphony. She is a past recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Athena Award and a Humanitarian of the Year Award. She and her husband, Robert, who is deputy attorney general and a partner in the Hippo Donaldson law firm, led the county United Way Fund Drive several years ago raising over \$1.3 million. They have two daughters, both students at Penn State.

Joseph (Joey) Orange '82 is owner and president of Bearden's Restaurant in Rocky River, Ohio. (The SHU alumni director recommends the burgers and shakes for lunch!) Joey lives in nearby Westlake.

Jo Jones Rizer '82 put her law degree to work for 10 years as in-house counsel with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Cincinnati, following work at the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. She and Mike (who were married in Siena's Lumen Chapel) moved to Charlotte, N.C., in 1996, and Jo decided to be at home with their girls, Clare, 13, and Rachel, 10.

Timothy Savona '82 is vice president of operations for the Indianapolis (Ind.) Zoo. He writes: "Hello to all in my past Siena years—still carry all the memories! Since Siena, I have spent 19 years in the zoo business, 18 years coaching wrestling, and two years officiating. Pam and I are doing well in Indianapolis; we moved here from Columbus, Ohio, two years ago. We have three great kids; TJ, 20, Chelsea, 19, and Ashlea, 13. Wow, we sure get old quick, but I could still hang at a loser party."

Douglas Small '82 writes from upstate New York: "After 10 years in the warmth of southern California, a professional move to get back closer to family in Ohio brought us to snowy Syracuse, N.Y. My 4-year-old daughter isn't quite sure of the "white stuff" on the ground—all 150 inches of it! I look forward to getting back to the Heights for the alumni gatherings in the fall." Doug is president of the Syracuse Convention & Visitors Bureau. He and his wife, Kimberly, have one child, Alexandra.

Michelle Turk Leuthard '83 lives in Jackson with her husband, Gary, and daughter Leanne Noelle.

Leonardo Rivera '83AA is director at Servicios Computarizados Rivez in Merida, Venezuela and writes: "I wish to say hello to all of the members of Siena's staff, especially Sr. Sharon Weber, Sr. Helen Duggan, and Tim Husband."

Vita Jo Sinacori '83 lives in Detroit and is an administrative office assistant for Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church.

Liesa Drogmiller Szymanski '83 is a medical aesthetician in surgical skin care in Maumee, Ohio. She lives in Toledo with her husband, Randy, and two sons, Evan and Benjamin.

Martha Yeater Brytson '84 is a benefits specialist for Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, Fla., and recently received SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) certification. She and her husband have two sons.

Kenneth Kops '84 is deployed overseas working for the Combined/Joint Special Operations Task Force in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Ronald Miller, a student at Siena Heights through most of the '80s, returned recently to complete his degree. For details, see Class Notes for 2003.

Joyce James Brown '85 of Southfield is executive director of Metro Healthcare Services, Inc. in Detroit.

Robin Chadwick '85 lives in Sonora, Calif., and is back in school, studying to become a registered nurse. She also works in software quality assurance and training for Net-link Publishing Co., Inc. She has four grown children.

John Detro '85 is a physician assistant for the U.S. Army. He wrote last fall: "Well, I moved my family to Fort Campbell and redeployed to San Antonio to complete my duties as interim orthopedic physician assistant director." However, he deployed to Baghdad for a second tour in Iraq in early October. "Please pray for all our service members and for peace throughout the globe." John and his wife, Moraima, list Clarksville, Tenn., as home.

Lisa Tinkham Lambert '85 is a registered nurse for Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis. She lives in Greenfield, Ind., with her husband, David, and their four children.

Margaret Lawler Michael '82, '85/MA lives in Cranberry Township, Pa., and is a minister for the North Way Christian Community. She and her husband, Tim, have two sons.

Pat '86 and Amy McElhone Neville '86 live in Jackson with their two children, son Ben, 10th grade, and daughter Kerry, seventh grade. Amy works at Consumers Energy in IT systems planning. Pat teaches math at Lumen Christi High School, and coaches girls varsity basketball and the boys JV team, including son Ben.

Doug Peiffer '86 lives in Bellevue Hill, Australia, and is the research director for Network Ten. He and his wife, Mary Powell, have two children.

Ted Spiegler '86 just "finished filming Disney's 'Ladder 49' in Baltimore, Md. I was also elected to the office of delegate, Local 487 IATSE." He is the owner of S&S Grips in Baltimore and lives in Columbia, Md..

Mitch Behrens, a student from the mid-80s, is president of Continental Coating Corp. in Tualatin, Ore.

Mark Skelcy '87 lives in Rochester Hills and writes: "I am now into my 11th year of teaching and still love going to work. Dee and I keep busy with the family, running and work. We both teach so we get to spend a lot of time with our kids." Mark is a science specialist at Fox Elementary in the Chippewa Valley School District.

Steve Sontag '88, a corrections officer and youth softball/baseball coach in Munising where he lives with his wife and three children, was inducted into the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame last fall during Alumni Weekend. He was honored as the "best pure hitter to ever play baseball" at Siena.

John Taranko '88 lives in Ludington with his wife and two daughters and teaches in Hart Public Schools.

Tom Weber '88 is merchandise execution coordinator for JCPenney in Plano, Texas. He lives in nearby Frisco with his wife and two daughters.

Molly Bailey '89 lives in Boulder, Colo., with her husband, Eric Miller. Molly works in marketing for the CU Foundation.

Mary Kloeckner Halley '89 is a teacher and coach for North Adams-Jerome (Mich.) Schools. She and her husband, Sid, bought "our dream home" last summer.

1990s

Amy Miller Aiken '91 is teaching eighth grade English at Onsted Middle School and coaching varsity volleyball at the high school. She and her husband, Anthony '90, have been living and teaching in Onsted for 10 years. Anthony coaches varsity football and they both enjoy coaching their daughters, Abigail, 10, and Ashlin, 8, in softball.

Marina DeLeon Valdez '91 is director of field education in social work for Siena Heights. "My daughter lives in California. I have a 12-year-old grandson."

Adam Benschoter '92 is athletic director at Tecumseh High School.

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Scott Dienes '90 and his wife, Amy, enjoyed Christmas at their Rockford home with their dogs, Beanie and Wally.

Colleen Mikin DeVito '92 lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Sam. She is a project manager for Progressive Insurance, where she's worked for seven years.

Tom Kerwin '92 recently graduated from Western Michigan University with a master's degree in social work. He is a therapist at Arbor Circle, working closely with Children's Protective Services, and hopes to start a private practice this year. He lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Renee.

Kimberly Hill Rodgers '92 is a claims examiner for Sedgwick Claims Management Services in Southfield. She lives in Canton.

Craig Tanis '92 of Britton was inducted into the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame last fall during Alumni Weekend. A versatile shooting guard who helped the Saints to their first NAIA men's basketball championship in 1989, Craig is president and CEO of Equity Capital Investments. He and his wife have three children.

Amelia Harlukowicz Proctor '93 lives in Grand Ledge and writes: "I am currently employed as a forensic scientist in the DNA unit at the Michigan State Lansing Forensic Laboratory. My husband, Don, is a forensic scientist in the drug chemistry unit. We celebrated our one-year wedding anniversary last spring." Amelia spent six years in Cincinnati before returning to Michigan three years ago. "I really like being close to my roots and my husband loves to take advantage of all the lakes and golf courses in Michigan."

Kim Rector '93, a volleyball and softball standout at Siena and current teacher and volleyball coach at Erie Mason Junior High School, was inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend last October.

Lori Chojnacki Shinkle '93 is a teller at First Bank Financial Center in Hartford, Wisc. She writes: "Greg and I finished building our house in March and are enjoying living in the town of Theresa with our cat, dog, and three fish. I am looking forward to finding the time to get back into theater."

Jennifer Bailey Strommer '93 of Grand Blanc writes, "I am happily living in my hometown with my husband and son. I am a stay-at-home mom who is thinking about returning to school and furthering my education. Looking at teaching in the special education field."

Don Dziuk '94 of Clinton Township, an English teacher and soccer coach at Anchor Bay High School, was inducted into the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame during last fall's Alumni Weekend. During his Siena soccer career, he was twice named team MVP and made the All-District Team all four years.

Steve J. Emmert '94 lives in Dexter and writes: "My wife and I now have three beautiful children. I'm working for Martinrea International as the director of the Daimler-Chrysler business unit."

Mark Haines '94 exhibited his forged-steel sculpture in a three-person show at the Shiawassee Arts Center last fall. Currently working on an MFA at Cranbrook, he designs and builds sculptural installations including a recent large commissioned residential project—which brought him back to Michigan from his former studio in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Carl Brown '95 placed sixth in the discus at the Weltklasse track and field meet in August. The meet was part of the Golden League series which features the best athletes in the world. Carl was the only American to finish in the top eight, with a throw of 210 feet 9 inches. He lives in Albion.

Wesley Dove '95 of Coldwater writes: "I'm finishing up my MSW (master's in social work) at Grand Valley State University. I would never have gotten this far without the education I received at Siena Heights."

Julie Bussing Goll '95 is a lender at Blissfield State Bank, where she has worked for 21 years and is a vice president.

Sara Weber '95 is on the library staff at the University of Notre Dame and lives in South Bend, Ind., with her husband and 1-year-old daughter.

Tim Blackerby '96, a graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, is currently serving as an adjunct faculty member at Siena Heights, where he is teaching two sections of introductory biology. He lives in Dearborn Heights.

Sheila Landerschier Daniels '96 lives in Macomb and is a mortgage underwriter for Quicken Loans in Livonia. She and husband, Jason, have two sons, Nathan and Dylan.

Danielle Meyka '96 is a podiatrist living in Canton: "I graduated from residency at St. John Oakland Hospital last June. I am enjoying the working world now in my new offices in Brighton."

John Murray '96 proposed to his girlfriend last fall on the TLC television series "Perfect Proposal." He lives in Novi and is director of sales and marketing at Radisson Suites.

Polly Peoples '96 lives in Royal Oak and works at the Boys and Girls Club in Gray as a youth development professional.

Michelle Romano Spence '96 is a prepress specialist for the Ann Arbor News. She writes: "I miss Zeta Phi Omega." Michelle lives in Hamburg with her husband, Jeffrey, and daughter, Madison Rose.

Tama Phillips, a student in the 90's, joined the Army in 2001 and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. When her term is completed, she plans on attending the University of Texas at Austin to study film. She is stationed at Fort Hood in Texas where she is a cook.

Heather Huffman Burns '97 received a master's in education from Grand Valley State University in August. She teaches first grade at Holy Spirit School in Grand Rapids. She and her husband, Brett Burns '97, live in Rockford.

Stephen '98 and Angela Hukill '98 have been living in Murfreesboro, Tenn., for two years. Angela teaches fourth- and fifth-grade special education and is working on a master's in special education at Middle Tennessee State University.

Stephen works for EaglePicher Hillsdale Tool Division, where he is plant controller for plants in Indiana and Tennessee.

Eric Justice '98 writes: "I recently received a promotion which involves operating the Target store in Battle Creek. As a result, Angela and I and the kids moved from Canton to Battle Creek, where we recently bought our first home. And to add to all that excitement, we just welcomed our third child to the family, Reagan Rose. She now joins sister Madison and brother Tyler."

Tina Richards '98, who set 14 team and individual running records as a member of the Saints cross country and track and field team, was inducted into the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame during last fall's Alumni Weekend. She and her husband, fellow SHU runner Brian Smith '98, have one child, Kody.

Christianna Sandifer '98 married John Kelly last spring in Lumen Chapel at Siena Heights. Christianna is a buyer for Ryder Integrated Logistics and John is a project manager for J.B. Transport. They live in Ypsilanti.

Amy Siler '98 married David Sellars on June 22, 2003, at Fordham University Church in Bronx, N.Y., and enjoyed a honeymoon in Australia. They are living in Mahwah, N.J.

Kristin Baty '99/MA writes: "I moved to Wisconsin in August to work as director of enrollment management for University Lake School, a junior kindergarten-12th grade school just outside of Milwaukee." She lives in Pewaukee.

Brian Burkardt '99 graduated in May from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine with a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree. He is a resident at Kern Hospital in Warren.

Amanda Sill '99 married Jason Fylan '97 on July 11, 2003, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington Hills, with many Siena friends in attendance. The Fylans recently bought a home in Oxford. Amanda is director of admissions at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; Jason is teaching English at Oakland Community College and plans to begin work this spring on his Ph.D.

Lea Kell '99 lives in Lincoln Park and teaches third grade at Thorn Elementary in Dearborn Heights.

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John Pass '99 of Tacoma, Wash., was approved last fall for a service dog from Paws With a Cause because he has been struggling with seizures for some time. A surgical treatment in 2001 ultimately led to an increase in seizures, so last summer he received a vagus nerve stimulator implant. The device gives an electrical impulse that can shorten seizures; also, John can prompt the device to give off a preventive electrical surge if he feels a seizure coming on.

Darcy Fitchko Schreiber '99 wrote last fall: "We just bought our first home up in the U.P., eh! Guess we'll be shoveling our roof this winter!" Darcy lives in Negaunee with her husband, Scott.

Heidie Wallace, who spent a year at Siena Heights, would like to hear from others who attended with her. She lives in Ypsilanti.

2000s

Jason Bolinger '00 married Kimberly Dockter on Sept. 20, 2003. They honeymooned in Mexico and are living in Wixom. Jason is general manager for Applebee's International.

Michael Cole '00 lives in Dundee, Mich., and is employed at Dundee Middle School.

Misty Davis '00 is a data entry clerk at Cincinnati Equitable Insurance Co. She lives in Lakeside Park, Ky.

Bonnie Brown Groves '00 lives in Jackson with her husband, Bruce, and is a full-time mother to son Dalton, born last spring. Quoting "Anonymous," she notes: "Fortunate are the persons who in this life can find a purpose that can fill their days and goals to fill their minds!"

Bridget Hite Kiser '00 and her husband, Jason, "are still enjoying married life in Saline." Bridget works for an engineering firm managing the company's website.

Liz Krukowski Risner '00 lives in Toledo where she is office manager at Auto Mart. She and her husband, Jason, have one son, Braden.

Jamie Feltman Simpkins '00 is accounts payable coordinator for Anderson Development Co. in Adrian where she lives with her husband, Marc, and two children. She writes: "The transition from SHU undergraduate to Capella

University graduate student has been an easy one for me. SHU allowed me to work full-time, raise children, get married and buy a home all while completing my undergrad degree. Now, Capella University is allowing me the same flexibility while I continue to raise my children and work full-time. I look forward to reviewing for the May 2004 CPA exam and would like to thank accounting professor Donna Kisner Baker '84 for her guidance and support during my time at SHU."

Jen Somers '00 of Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "Things couldn't be better!! I will be graduating from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in May of this year, as a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. The past three years have gone by in a flash. I am really looking forward to my upcoming residency—and, of course, returning to Michigan!"

Justin Bascom '00 married Jennifer Kunkle '01 on Sept. 27, 2003, at Peace Lutheran Church in Warren. Justin is a territory manager for Brown and Williamson Co. and Jennifer attends Oakland University. They live in Waterford.

Robert Hoshield '01 of Harrison is a report analyst at A.B.N. Amro Mortgage in Ann Arbor.

Bridget McBroom '01 is a caseworker at Job and Family Services in Toledo, Ohio. She lives in Petersburg.

Daniel Pena '01 is a manager for Garfield's restaurant in Adrian.

Katrina Peters '01 works in the finance department at Visteon in Dearborn. She lives in Monroe.

Melissa Jaecques Kempinski '02 was married last June. She and her husband, Bradley, live in Auburn Hills, where they recently renovated a condominium.

Brandon King '02 is a technology commercial underwriter for Chubb Group of Insurance in Troy.

Lindsey Baranowski Packard '02 writes: "My husband, Chad, and I were married in September 2003 and have just moved into our first house. Things are going good for us and we are excited about the future." They live in Adrian where Lindsey is a senior beauty adviser with Walgreens.

Lori Lynn Shearer '02 and Adam Kosarue were married on July 25, 2003,

and enjoyed a trip to Walt Disney World before settling in Adrian. Lori works at Sky Bank.

Genevieve Siegel '02 lives in Pittsford and writes: "I will be exhibiting my paintings of local barns in 'Barn Again' with the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibition Service in 2004."

Marney Alley '03 is pursuing a master's degree in community agency counseling through the Graduate College at Siena Heights.

Jacquelyn Clark '03 lives in Allen and writes: "I am experiencing my first official teaching position in a small charter school (Pansophia Academy) in Coldwater. I am happy to have experienced the urban education class, which is what my charter school experience seems to be mirroring. I am handling the experience with success, although my students aren't as focused academically as I would like."

Marci Hartwig '03 married Michael McIntosh on July 19, 2003. Marci is employed by Mirab USA in Taylor and Michael works for Roush Racing in Livonia. The McIntoshes live in New Boston.

Matt Keller '03 of Adrian, help desk coordinator during his undergraduate years at Siena Heights, is working for the Lenawee Intermediate School District.

Ronald Miller '03 lives in Brighton and writes: "It was great to be back on campus after a 16-year absence." Ronald started at Siena in 1982, took classes through 1989, and returned last fall to complete his degree. He is national sales manager with National Time & Signal Corp. in Wixom and lives in Brighton with his wife Mary and their two children, Marcus, 7, and Johanna, 6.

Stacy Tousley '03/MA is a job development specialist for Hostetter, Fontaine and Associates of Lansing. She lives in Jackson.

Deaths

Helen Clare Doyle, OP '33 died Dec. 14, 2003. She was 92. Her 46 years in education took her to several states, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic where she was principal at Colegio Santo Domingo in the 1950s and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Santo Domingo.

Clare Nicolai, OP '37 died Oct. 15, 2003. She was 88 and had retired only two years ago after 14 years working in the Office of Information Services at the Dominican Life Center where she lived. Previously, she taught at St. Edmund School in Warren, at Benedictine and St. Martin De Porres high schools in Detroit, and at St. Joseph Academy in Adrian. From 1959 to 1965, she was principal at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington.

Mary Sullivan McLaughlin '38 passed away Oct. 12, 2003, at the age of 86. Born in Boston, Mass., (and known as "Boston" to her Siena Heights friends), she had lived for 55 years in neighboring Quincy. She was certified as a social worker and had taught in both Massachusetts and Michigan. She owned and directed the Wee Folks Nursery School in South Boston for 53 years before retiring in 2001. She is survived by her four children and their families.

Francis Eileen McDonald, OP '38 died Nov. 26, 2003, at the age of 97. She spent 50 years as an educator in Deerfield, Port Huron and Detroit, and in California, Ohio, Nevada and New Mexico. She retired in California in 1976 and had lived in Adrian since 1985.

Jane Ellen Allison, OP '40 died Dec. 28, 2003, at the Dominican Life Center where she had lived for seven years. She was 91. Her 40 years in education included teaching assignments at Dominican High School in Detroit, Aquinas High School in Chicago and Hoban Dominican High School in Cleveland.

Michaela Ballard, OP '40 died June 20, 2003. She spent 17 years ministering in elementary education and 23 years in secondary education, serving in Michigan and Illinois. She retired in 1987 and came to the Dominican Life Center in 1996.

Marcella Hess, OP '41 (formerly Sister Ellen Joseph) died Nov. 30, 2003, at the age of 90. She worked in criminal justice ministry for Monroe County Jail for several years, following a 48-year ministry in education which included teaching at Dominican High in Detroit and St. Alphonsus in Dearborn, and serving as principal at St. Joseph Academy in Adrian.

Class Notes

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Georgita Horger, OP '42 died July 1, 2003, at the Dominican Life Center. She was 91. She enjoyed 28 years working in elementary education in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. She also ministered in special education in Detroit and was coordinator/supervisor at the Child Appraisal Center in the '70s.

Marie Arlene Berg, OP '43 died Nov. 27, 2003, at the age of 93. She spent 49 years ministering in education in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Florida and New Mexico.

Margaret Denis Knight, OP '43 died Sept. 2, 2003, at the age of 91. She was in the 71st year of religious profession. Sister spent 48 years ministering in education in Michigan and Illinois. She volunteered at the St. Rita Convent in Chicago from 1981 to 1995, when she retired and came to the Dominican Life Center.

Marie Brigid McDonald O.P. '45 (formerly Mary Alice McDonald), 80, died Jan. 5 in Santa Cruz, Calif. In 1946, after graduating from Siena, she entered the Adrian Dominican Sisters. After further study, she began an accomplished career in nursing that included long service at both St. Rose de Lima Hospital in Henderson, Nev., where she served 12 years in various clinical and administrative capacities, and Dominican Santa Cruz (Calif.) Hospital where she was pulmonary rehabilitation coordinator for 17 years and foundation representative for another nine years.

Ruth Cole Flere '47 died Aug. 30, 2003, at her home in Massillon, Ohio. After graduating from Siena, Ruth worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. where she met her husband, Albert. She worked at the National Shrine of St. Dymphna for 33 years, retiring last year as office manager. She also belonged to the CM-AR Society and the Cuyahoga-Portage Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lillian Marie Gadus, OP '47 died Oct. 7, 2003, in Adrian at the age of 87. Her 39 years in elementary education included service in Michigan and Ohio, including seven years as principal of St. Vincent Ferrer School in Cincinnati. From 1977 to 1995, she performed volunteer service at Weber Center and the Dominican Life Center.

Patricia Dorrian Sandbothe '47 of Northville died Oct. 26, 2003, at the age of 78. A former high school English teacher in Davison and Northville, Pat was an active volunteer at the Providence Hospital Cancer Center and the Detroit Institute of Art where she served as a docent.

Anne Ledwidge Neidhamer '48 died June 28, 2003. She taught kindergarten for 21 years in the Detroit area. She married Byron Neidhamer in 1971 and raised three children; her husband and children survive.

Marie Urban Schwartz OP '48 passed away Sept. 8, 2003, at the age of 81. She was a teacher and school administrator for 27 years in Detroit and Chicago. She earned a master's degree in special education and ministered as head teacher for the deaf at St. Mel Holy Ghost School in Chicago. She served as administrator of Maria Health Care Center in Adrian in the 1970s and in the finance office in the '80s. She became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in 1988.

Maud (Mardi) Goudswaardt DeLardi '51 died July 16, 2003, in Westport, Conn., after a battle with inflammatory breast cancer. She was active in her church as well as "Right to Life." Her book, "Seeds of Thorns," is in the process of being published. Mardi leaves her husband, Albert, daughter Monica and son Peter and his family.

Mary Clare McKiernan Harkins '51 of Farmington died Oct. 15, 2003, several months after celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary. Clare was an active volunteer at our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church where she served on the parish council and as a sacristan, Eucharistic minister, usher, catechism school teacher, Stephen minister and more. Previously, she had worked for a jewelry store, a non-profit organization, and a financial services firm. Her husband, five daughters and eight grandchildren survive.

Jean Marie Brady '53 died a couple of years ago (Dec. 24, 2001) at the age of 69. An accomplished geneticist, microbiologist, scientific writer and teacher, Dr. Brady spent her professional career in the medical field after earning a Ph.D. in genetics from New York University. She conducted research in immunology and

genetics in New York and also worked as a scientific writer for American Cyanamid in New York and for Wyeth Ayerst in Philadelphia. Her interests included travel, birding, astronomy, meteorology and Bible study.

Katharine Davis Fuller '54 died Dec. 21, 2003, in Hillsdale at the age of 109. She was a rural school teacher for many years and was a member of the Wheatland Congregational Church. She lived all her life in the Hudson-Hillsdale area.

Virginia C. Cushing, OP '55 died on Easter Sunday last spring, April 20, 2003. She was a resident of the Dominican Life Center in Adrian. Her sister, Shirley Cushing, OP '52, survives.

Janis Walden Leonard '59 of Palmyra died Dec. 18, 2003. She was 83. She served in the Women's Army Corps in England during WWII and taught in Lenawee County schools for 27 years, retiring in 1978. She was active at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Adrian.

Jeannine Schmid '59 died Nov. 17, 2003 at her home in Arroyo Grande, Calif., after a three-year battle with cancer. A member of the Glenmary Sisters for 10 years, she became an expert on Montessori education, writing several books on Maria Montessori and her methods and founding an inner-city Montessori school in Cincinnati. She served as president of the American Montessori Association, and later taught at Buffalo State University and California Polytechnic State University. In 1981 she co-founded the Laureate Private School in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and served as directress until retiring in 1998. She and her husband of 24 years, Alfred B. Olson, spent the last several years traveling and visiting friends.

Lynn Schultz '63/MA, 83, died Jan. 17 in Sebring, Fla. A longtime resident of Adrian, he worked for the Michigan Department of Social Services and was a life member of the Adrian Optimist Club. He was the first male to write a master's thesis at Siena Heights after the University (then College) was accredited to grant master's degrees.

Dorothy Baker '65 of Adrian died Nov. 10, 2003, at age 83. She was a teacher at Adrian High School and co-op coordinator for Lenawee Vo-Tech, from where

she retired. She was a life member of the Lenawee County Historical Society and the Tipton Pythians.

Alma Woodward '66 of Clinton died Aug. 18, 2003. She taught for 23 years at Clinton Elementary School and was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church.

Dorothy Thomas Dussman, OP '71 died Oct. 26, 2003, at the age of 57. Her ministry in education was spent primarily in several locations in Florida, including serving as principal at schools in Golden Gate and Miami, and as pastoral minister and director of religious education in Fort Lauderdale. She also ministered in Fort Gordon, Ga.

Connie Green Kentner '76 of White Pigeon passed away May 19, 2003. She was an elementary school librarian. She is survived by her husband, Neil.

Michael Morris '77, 47, died Dec. 28, 2003. He worked at Visteon as a senior design engineer in the climate control division. Education was important to Mike and he believed that Siena Heights was part of the reason he was so successful. He is survived by his daughter, Brittany, and his son, Shane.

Laura DuShane Rondeau '84, 42, of Adrian, died of cancer Aug. 15, 2003. She was employed as a parent educator with the Hudson school district in the Lenawee's Child program. Her husband, Will, and three daughters survive.

Marilyn Carpenter Bearss '88, 73, died Jan. 6 in Little River, Kan. She was a former employee of Siena Heights and Bixby Medical Center.

Marilyn Fabry Graham '88, 71, of Sanford died Jan. 16. She was a nurse in Midland then worked at Dow Chemical Co., retiring in 1993. She was a life member of the Midland County Historical Society and Chippewa Nature Center. She enjoyed gardening, reading and genealogy in her spare time.

Charles Hikes, longtime friend and generous supporter of Siena Heights, died Feb. 12 following back surgery. He was president of Kriehoff-Lenawee Co. He served on the first lay advisory board to Siena Heights College and thereafter as a trustee for 18 years, until being named trustee emeritus in 1997.

Vintage Years!

**Alumni Weekend 2004
September 24–26**

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 24, 2004

NEW: Alumni Learning Adventures:
Learn a little or a lot! Intriguing and fun mini-seminars led by fellow SHU alumni.

NEW: SHU Brewmaster Competition.
Contact John Lasiewicki, Jr. '88 at
0putski1@aol.com.

Men of Siena: The Early Years:
A special reunion of the men (and women) of 1970-75. Discussions. Dinner. Entertainment.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004

50th Reunion and Golden Years Reunion Breakfast.

NEW: Siena Heights Alumni Road Race!
Fun Run—5K–10K. Prizes, Fun and Glory!
Contact Athletic Department.

Anniversary Luncheon.

Varsity Men's and Women's Soccer.

Second Annual Alumni vs. Faculty/Staff
Softball Game.

Siena Fest! Bigger and Better Than Ever!
Food and fun for the whole family!

NEW: Vintage Years—The Car Show!
Polish those fenders and cruise to SHU.
Contact Joe Balusik '90 at joseph@toast.net.

Alumni Weekend Liturgy and Eucharist.
Join Father Ray Jarboe in Holy Rosary Chapel.

All-Alumni Reception.

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction:
Contact Athletic Department.

Biology Alumni Bio Bash & Bonfire.
Contact Jun Tsuji or Carl Kaster.

Reunion Buffet Dinner: Reunion Classes
from 1979 (25th) through 1949 (55th).

Beer and Brats Dinner: All Other Reunion
Classes and All Interested Non-Reunion Alumni.

SEPTEMBERFEST!

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004

Saints Golf Scramble: Contact Athletic Department.

Prayer Brunch with Father Ray Jarboe
and alumni panelists discussing "Women and
Men in the Church."

ALL WEEKEND

Registration, Campus Tours, Bookstore Bargains,
Faculty Art Exhibit: Klemm Gallery,
SHU History Building Walking Tour.

Siena Heights University: Celebrating Our 85th Birthday

Come one, come all, for an historic Alumni Weekend at Siena Heights University. Founded in Adrian in 1919, Siena Heights has reached the venerable age of 85.

And that's something to celebrate!

Watch your mail in the months to come—but mark your calendar today! And think about coming early enough to enjoy the new events planned for Friday and early Saturday morning.

Questions? Suggestions? Want to help?

Contact Jennifer Hamlin Church in the Alumni Office: 517-264-7143 or
jhchurch@sienahts.edu.

Siena Celebrities

Everyone who attends Alumni Weekend is a VIP in our book—but here are a few very very important people you'll see at our 2004 "Vintage Years!" celebration:

Special Guest: Father Ray Jarboe
Celebrating Mass at the Alumni Weekend Liturgy and moderating the Sunday morning prayer brunch.

50th Reunion of the Class of 1954!
The 50th reunion comes once in a lifetime—don't miss it!

25th Reunion of the Class of 1979!
A landmark event celebrating the first class in Siena Heights history to be equally divided between main campus alumni and off campus (Southfield) graduates. We look forward to a lively gathering of both groups. Be here!

Men of Siena: The Early Years
Remember the "Dirty Dozen"? Men moving into the dorm? Siena celebrates the early years of coeducation with a special gathering of the men (women welcome, too) of 1970-75.

Athletic Hall of Fame
Celebrating the accomplishments of this year's athletic honorees:

- Mike Smith '80 (baseball)
- Bruce Swart '82 (men's basketball)
- Michele Lourim Lichtinger '87 (women's basketball)
- Jared Rose '90 (men's soccer)
- The late Tom Weiss '94 (men's track)
- Administrator: Dr. Louis C. Vaccaro (seventh president of Siena Heights)
- Team: the 1994 Baseball Team

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For The Love of The Game!

The Saints' baseball and softball teams pitch spring sports excitement to Siena Heights fans. Under first-year head coach John Kolasinski, the baseball team is currently competing in their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play. The softball team, coached by Lynnette Overstreet, is in their last stretch of conference games and is looking forward to the conference tournament in early May. As finals approach, student-athletes like senior pitcher Brad Sroka (right), and infielder Mary Beth Neary '03 have always represented the Saints well both on and off of the field.



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