



from the president



“Be Bold. Think Higher.”

By now, if you’ve seen the cover of this issue of “Reflections,” you’ve figured out the theme I chose for Inauguration Weekend.

What exactly does “being bold” mean in higher education? In my inaugural address, I said to be bold is an act of courage. Perhaps it is more common for individuals to be bold, but institutions such as Siena Heights University must be bold as well. Being bold is not a careless act, but rather an act that is initiated because one cares so much. Siena Heights University is an institution that cares beyond reason and is made bold by its history and its distinct mission from its founding to this present day.

Being bold means branching out into new areas, reaching out instead of pulling back, and trying out different approaches when the status quo is not working.

Branching out could mean increasing enrollment, and doing it by recruiting more local, national and international students.

Reaching out could mean collaborating more with local businesses and organizations in order to create new opportunities and improve the quality of life for all.

Trying out could mean adding new programs, like nursing, to enhance the quality and variety of the academic experience at Siena.

If that isn’t bold enough for you, I promise there are more exciting plans on the horizon!

But the other half of my inaugural theme, “Think Higher,” is just as important to the future success of Siena Heights. Thinking higher challenges our students, administration, faculty and staff on many different levels, whether achieving an elevated academic standard, focusing on a greater spiritual purpose for their lives or

striving for a better place in the professional world. Hopefully, the combination of all aspects of thinking higher will impel all of us to make a positive difference in our world.

I have seen first-hand what “Be Bold. Think Higher” can mean. When I was put in charge of a struggling law school in Orlando, Fla., several years ago, the situation looked bleak. There were less than 100 students enrolled, and the school had not yet been accredited by the American Bar Association – a major roadblock to student recruitment.

However, through some bold moves and higher thinking, today the school has more than 500 students enrolled and received provisional accreditation, with final accreditation in sight.

Since arriving at Siena Heights University in July, the reception I have received from both the Siena family and the Lenawee community has been overwhelming. As a board member, I had a chance to get a closer look at Siena, but as its president, I have fully immersed myself in the people, place and spirit that are truly Siena Heights University. Events like Alumni Weekend and Inauguration Weekend only solidified those feelings, and now that those festivities are over (but certainly not forgotten), it is time to focus even more on the task at hand.

I’m excited about being at Siena, especially when I envision what the future can hold. As the 10th President of Siena Heights University, I promise to remain true to my inaugural theme. Won’t you join me?

Be Bold. Think Higher!

Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D.
President



on the inside . . .

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On the Cover

The first Adrian Dominican Sister to be selected to the position since 1969, Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D., was installed as the 10th President of Siena Heights University Nov. 3. And with an inauguration theme of "Be Bold. Think Higher," Sister Peg is promising to build the University on a foundation of academics and innovation.



REFLECTIONS

from the editor



And I thought that was an eventful year . . .

When I arrived at Siena Heights University last January, I was told it was going to be quite an eventful year.

Boy, was that an understatement.

Here is just a brief rundown of what has occurred at Siena during the past several months:

- Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D., was named the 10th president and was inaugurated Nov. 3;
- Campus Village, a residential housing facility, was completed last August and is redefining campus life;
- Benincasa Dining Hall underwent a complete renovation and the climate-controlled environment has transformed the dining experience at Siena Heights;
- Barnes & Noble refurbished the Archangelus Ballroom and currently operates a campus bookstore that is second to none in the region.
- New roofing to most of the main campus buildings has been installed and the interiors have been revitalized with paint and new carpeting;

Is that enough? The answer is no. In fact, it's just the beginning.

Sister Peg's inaugural message of "Be Bold. Think Higher" is the springboard to bigger and better things for Siena Heights. Her job as president is to unlock the untapped potential that is Siena. Our job, as faculty, staff and administration, is to make sure that potential is realized.

While the newness of Sister Peg's arrival is wearing off, the excitement on campus is just beginning to swell. In fact, the anticipation of greater things to come is tangible.

"Be Bold. Think Higher" is more than just a catchy slogan or marketing pitch. It hopefully will become the thought process of everyone involved with the success of Siena Heights University. As one of the people who markets the university, I believe a basic premise of any successful campaign is integration – or inclusion. The message is important, but everyone has to believe in the message to make it successful.

And Sister Peg definitely wants to include as many people as possible at Siena's table. Just read about her role in the unbelievable transformation of Barry University's law school in the following pages of this issue of "Reflections." She brings that same can-do attitude to Siena.

This year will definitely be remembered as one of the most eventful in recent times at Siena Heights. However, behind the charge of "Be Bold. Think Higher," my hope is future years will make this one look pale by comparison.

Doug Goodnough
Editor

from the heights

SHU In The News

These unique stories received either regional or national attention during the past several months:



Jo Ray & Bravo

When Jo Ray (left) walked across the stage to receive her diploma last May in the Siena Heights University Fieldhouse, she was accompanied by Bravo, the faithful golden retriever who has attended every class with her for the past four years.

The 49-year-old Ray has overcome multiple sclerosis, a life-threatening degenerative back condition and several near-death experiences to earn her bachelor's degree in business administration. With Bravo by her side, Ray went back to school to earn her degree, which she says has kept her going through the most difficult time of her life. What made May's commencement even more special for Ray was that her son, Brett Cotton, also received his degree the same day. Mother and son even attended many of the same classes together. Ray, who does not have feeling below the waist but still manages to drive her minivan and mow her own lawn, has set her sites on another goal – a master's degree. Both she and son Brett have enrolled in Siena's graduate program.

Jo's story was featured in the Adrian Daily Telegram and Toledo Blade newspapers and on WNWO Channel 24, the NBC affiliate from Toledo, Ohio.

Sister Pat Schnapp

Sister Pat Schnapp (below), a member of the Sisters of Mercy congregation, is a professor in the English department at Siena Heights University. She has been teaching a variety of classes at the Gus Harrison Correctional Facility for 15 years, in addition to her full time class load at Siena.

Schnapp develops classes that address real-life issues facing prisoners; with an eye to promoting deeper thought and dialogue about where they are in life and how they may have gotten there.



The format of the class, the subject, even the questions are standard operating procedure for the 70-year-old Schnapp. Not so typical are her students, all of whom sport the blue and bright orange coveralls of prison inmates.

Sister Pat's story was first featured in the Adrian Daily Telegram, but was then picked up by The Associated Press and distributed to news outlets throughout the world.

Leslie Keane

The 2001 Siena Heights graduate serves as a City of Adrian Police officer by day, and a professional women's football player during her free time. In fact, Keane (below) was named the MVP of the Women's Professional Football League in 2005 as a member of Thee Toledo Reign football club.

Keane's story was featured in both the Toledo Blade and Adrian Daily Telegram newspapers, and a short piece on her appeared in Sports Illustrated for Kids.



Extreme MAKEOVER

Siena Heights Edition

Melissa Growden, director of Career Services at Siena Heights, decided to borrow a bit from pop culture to help Siena students prepare for the business and professional world.

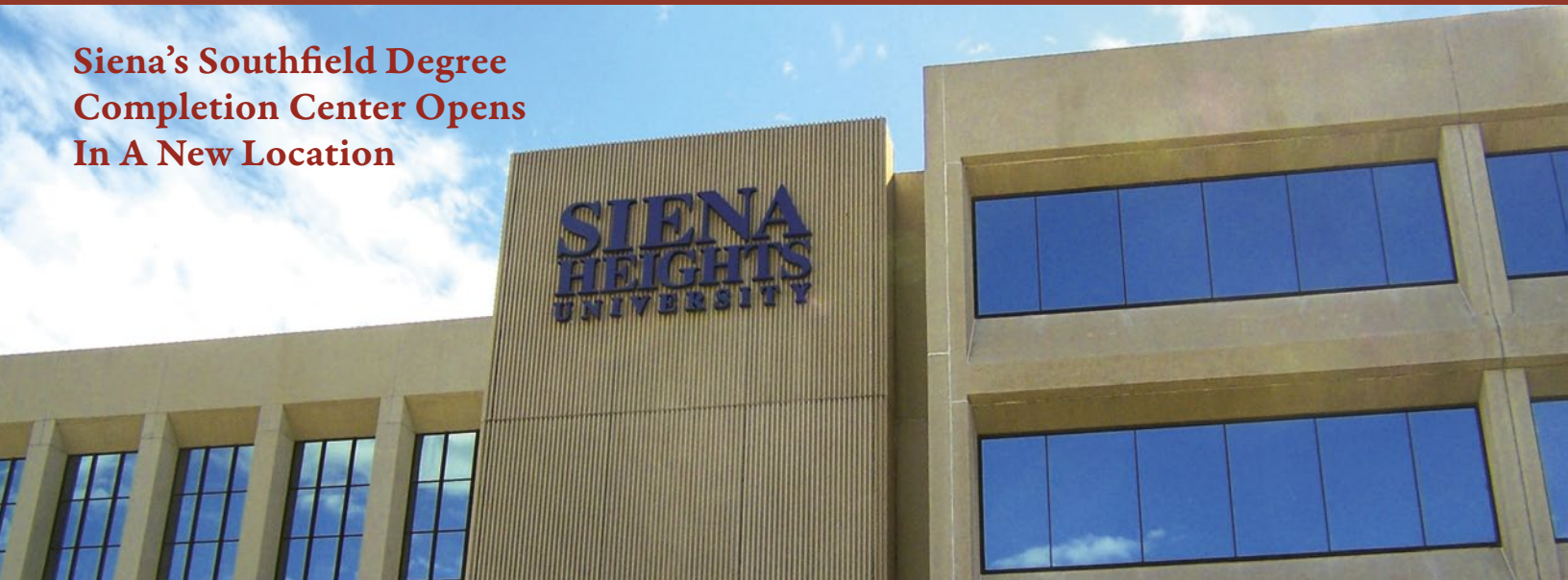
Using a theme of "Extreme Makeover: Siena Heights Edition," Growden partnered with the local business community to show how to dress properly for job interviews. Featuring "before" and "after" looks, selected students who attended were

offered fashion tips and were presented with many appropriate fashion options.

Siena's unique program was featured in University Business Magazine, a publication targeting administrators in higher education.



Siena's Southfield Degree Completion Center Opens In A New Location



The new location of the Metro Detroit Degree Completion Center may be just across the street from the old site, but the move is a significant one for Siena Heights University.

After nearly two years of planning and preparation, the Metro Detroit Degree Completion Center moved to 19675 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. The 14,000 square foot space houses nine classrooms and provides more of a "campus" learning environment. Each classroom is equipped with wireless Internet access as well as Smartboard capability.

At the new location, Siena Heights is one of only two primary tenants in a four-story complex. The move also means sufficient parking for students attending classes on busy weeknights. And the center is much more visible in one respect – a large sign bearing the Siena Heights name was added to the side of the building – something past locations did not have.

Siena Heights has had a presence in the Metro Detroit area since 1975. It first opened actual offices in 1977 in an old elementary schoolhouse. SHU moved into the Centrum building (across from the new location) in 1995. Classes began at the new site Aug. 21. Siena Heights President Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D., led the ribbon-cutting ceremony at a community open house.

Below: Students, faculty and staff attended the September 10th open house and ribbon cutting for our new space in Southfield. Pictured below are faculty: Peggy Motsch, Associate Professor of Psychology; Carol Himelhoch, Associate Professor of Management and Steve Ball, Carol's husband, and Associate Professor of Finance for Lourdes College.



SHU Launches New Website and Domain Name

After more than a year of planning, preparation and implementation, the new Siena Heights University web site was officially launched Sept. 20. While the new site is far from a finished product, it promises to further the mission of Siena Heights in a more functional and effective way.

Navigation of the new site is much easier than in the past. Users have easy access to many critical daily operations such as class registration and course information. But it promises to do much, much more.

One new feature is a News and Events section, which has the capability of posting press releases and other pertinent university information in a timely manner. The home page now has updated content on it.

Our domain name has changed as well, to www.sienaheights.edu. Be sure to adjust your browser settings, because after June '07 the old location (sienahts.edu) will no longer exist!

As a footnote, Siena alum Ben Lorenz '99, a managing partner of Human Element, a web development company, was hired by the university to plan, design, build and manage the site. Many thanks to Ben and his company for their continuing efforts.

Please browse our new site, www.sienaheights.edu, and watch it grow!

Health, Care

By Samantha Mullins '09
Staff Writer

Staff Profile

Nurse Norma Baldwin Has Kept Siena Heights Students Healthy For 21 Years

For the past 21 years, Norma Baldwin has played a large role in the health of Siena Heights University.

More commonly known around campus as “Nurse Norma,” she has served as Siena’s director of Health Services, with her main responsibility being the health and well-being of Siena’s students.

However, she also prides herself on being a positive female role model for students.

“It is such a privilege to be considered with such high regard by so many of the students here,” Norma said. “It thrills me to death when students come into my office, not with a medical ailment, but rather just to talk, or confide in me, or pray with me. It is very rewarding.”

Before arriving at Siena Heights, Norma was head nurse in obstetrics for seven years; she then worked in a doctor’s office for 10 years.

“I came from a background where I never thought I would be a college health aide,” she said. “But I feel that this is where God has called me to be.”

Her favorite part of her job at Siena is obvious.

“The students,” she said. “I love being a part of their lives, and making a difference.”

And the feeling is mutual. She has become an icon among the student body.

“Nurse Norma gives the best flu shots ever,” said Jayna Katz, a junior at SHU. “She is so tender and gentle, you barely even feel it! I’ll let her give me a shot any day.”

The Pi Lambda Phi fraternity even travels to Norma’s house each year to help clean up her yard and perform other chores to show their appreciation.

“Nurse Norma is awesome,” said student and Pi Lambda Phi fraternity member Matt Erd. “I’d do anything for her if she needed it, because I know she’ll do anything for me.”

There is no such thing as a “normal day” in her office. She said it’s impossible to predict what might walk through her door next. And there have been plenty of ailments and illnesses over the years – flu, pink eye, sinus problems, urinary infections, kidney stones – Nurse Norma has seen it all.

One story in particular still brings her to tears. About seven or eight years ago during the first week of school, a male track athlete was waiting outside her office when she arrived. He had had a bad cold, and it didn’t seem to be getting any better. Just by looking at him she could tell he was in serious need of help – help she could not provide. With a fever of more than 103 degrees, she rushed him to the doctor. After blood work was done, the doctor noticed some abnormalities, which eventually was diagnosed to be a very aggressive form of leukemia. His condition worsened to the point where it was doubtful he

would even make it through the night. However, he was stabilized, but needed a bone marrow transplant. Responding to the need, his track teammates organized a bone marrow drive on campus. Although there was not a match from those who participated, ultimately, his brother was found to be a suitable donor. After the transplant, he has made a full recovery.

Nurse Norma said this story is one of the many examples of why Siena Heights is such a special place. Siena’s sense of closeness and family is what motivates her each and every day.

It certainly isn’t the paperwork.

“I am so behind in paperwork because whenever I’m working on it, and a student walks in needing my assistance, I drop everything and go to their aid,” she said. “It’s more than worth it, though.” ♦



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saints highlights



Spring Sports



Chris Hudson

Baseball

The Saints had a few bright spots despite a record of 8-45. Junior catcher Chris Hudson (Blissfield) was the lone Saint to make the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team after batting a team best .340 with three home runs and 25 RBI. Junior outfielder Mike Sepesy added a .323 average, while freshman right-handed pitcher Chris Boertje led the Saints with three wins on the mound.

Softball

Siena Heights' Julie Thomas and Jessica Nietrzeba (Erie) both made the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball first team after leading the Saints

to a 21-22 record. Thomas batted a team-high .430 with eight doubles. The junior outfielder was also named a NAIA Academic All-American and was selected to the NAIA Honorable Mention All-American Team. The native of Bowling Green, Ohio,

was picked to the Region VIII team, and carries a 3.57 grade-point average while majoring in English. Nietrzeba batted .364 with a team-high 31 RBI.



2006 Softball Team

Outdoor Track & Field

Led by LeeAnn Fleming (Coopersville) for the women and Adam Hartle (Homer) for the men, Siena Heights competed at the NAIA National Championships last May in outdoor track and field. The women, who scored 5 points, were led by All-American Fleming, who finished fifth in the hammer throw. Junior Krishawna Parker (Detroit) was eighth in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 43.7 seconds. For the men, who tied for 16th place with 13 points, Hartle, a senior, was third in the pole vault. His vault of 16 feet, 6.75 inches earned him All-American honors. Freshman Chris Bullard was tied for seventh in the high jump (6-8), while seniors Eric Brown (Jackson, long jump) and Luke Forrest (Tecumseh, hammer throw) were each eighth.



LeeAnn Fleming

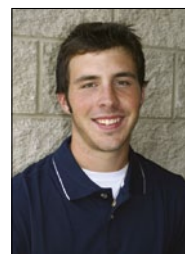


Adam Hartle

Fall Sports

Men's Golf

Siena Heights shot a team score of 317 and tied for first place in the final WHAC Jamboree of the season. Junior Josh Dixon (Onsted) was named to the All-WHAC Honorable Mention Team with an average conference score of 78.33. Dixon's average ranks him ninth among all conference golfers. Freshman Jack Garswood (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) also picked up All-WHAC Honorable Mention honors with an average score of 79.33.



Josh Dixon

Women's Golf

The Siena Heights women's golf team (below) rounded out their fall season with a historic first Siena Heights Invitational. Competing as the first ever women's golf team in the history of Siena Heights, the Saints finished 6th in the 10-team standings. Freshman Nancy Bostick (Hanover) finished in 9th place in the event followed by fellow freshman Kaendall McVicker (Temperance), who finished 26th.

2006 Women's Golf Team



Men's Soccer

The Siena Heights men's soccer team lost 2-0 to second-seeded Madonna in the semifinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament. The Saints finished the season with a 9-6-5 overall record and third place in the WHAC. Three seniors were named to the NAIA Region VII second team. Goalkeeper Jason Blickensdorf (Madison Heights), defender Aaron Chmiel (Fraser) and midfielder Matt

2006 Men's Soccer Seniors



Konopinski (Farmington Hills) were named to the squad, while Blickensdorf, Konopinski and Chmiel also made first team All-WHAC. Blickensdorf, Konopinski and junior Matt Romer (Canton) also were on the All-Academic squad, with Romer and junior Ryan Emerson (Holland) chosen second team All-WHAC.



Women's Soccer

The Saints completed a season which saw them more than double their win total of a year ago, finishing 15-7-1. The Saints finished third in the WHAC, but won the conference tournament – beating unbeaten Cornerstone in the process. Siena then went on to win the NAIA Region VIII tournament to earn their first berth at the NAIA National Tournament since 2002. The Saints were defeated by McKendree College 2-0 in the opening round. Seniors Nikki Romano and Carol Roman and sophomore Amanda Marinello garnered All-Region accolades. Romano and Roman were also honored as Honorable Mention NAIA All-Americans. Marinello was selected second team all-region. Roman (Royal Oak) and Marinello were also named first team All-WHAC, with Romano (Sterling Heights) and Allison Septer (Royal Oak) on the second team. Senior goalie Katherine Koch (Livonia) and junior Kristen Brundage (Clarkston) earned All-WHAC Honorable Mention. Marinello, a junior forward from Clinton Township, had a team high 12 goals, including four game-winners.



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Volleyball

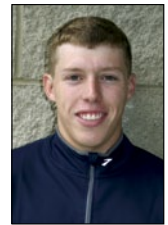
2006 Volleyball Seniors

The Saints volleyball team closed their season with a record of 9-22 overall, 6-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, good for 5th place. Sophomore outside hitter Ashley Hubbard (Adrian) was honored with second team All-WHAC accolades. Hubbard led the Saints with 322 kills and is third place on the Saints' all-time list with 582 career kills. Freshman Mariah Welke (Coldwater) was honored on the NAIA Champions of Character for the Saints, while juniors Betsy Schroeder (Blissfield) and Rachel Heinrich (Farmington Hills) earned academic all-conference honors.



Men's Cross Country

Siena Heights ran to third place at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships. Junior Robert Deo (Hudson) led the way for the Saints, taking third place overall with a time of 26:20.07. Deo was the lone Saint to qualify for the NAIA national meet, finishing third at the regional in a time of 25:11. He went on to earn All-American honors by running a time of 25:21.40, good for 19th place. Deo becomes the sixth male cross country All-American in Siena Heights history.



Robert Deo

Women's Cross Country

The Siena Heights women won a share of the NAIA Region VIII title for the first time in the program's history. As a team, the Saints tied with Spring Arbor University for first place. By winning the meet the Saints entire team automatically advanced to the 27th annual NAIA National Meet in Louisville, Ky. The Saints were led by three-time NAIA All-American senior Krishawna Parker. The senior from Detroit who placed 5th overall at last year's national meet, took second place at regionals with a time of 18:06. Three freshmen were able to finish in the top 15 and take home All-Region honors, including Rachel Ham (Hudson, 6th, 18:46), Kailah Gerig (Sand Creek, 12th) and Jennifer Belair (Erie, 14th). At the 2006 national meet, the Saints scored 351 points en route to their best finish (10th place) at a national meet in school history. Leading the way for the Saints was Parker, who finished in 15th place in 18:32.35, earning First Team All-American accolades. Parker becomes only the second student-athlete, and the first female student-athlete at Siena Heights, to earn All-American status in cross country for three years.



2006 Women's Cross Country



[Embracing] Siena Heights

Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D.

Brings A Compassionate, Collaborative Leadership Style
To The Office Of The President



By Doug Goodnough

[Counselor. Competitor. Mediator. Administrator. Collaborator. Rehabilitator. Leader.]

At some point in her life, she has worn all those titles like a comfortable sweatshirt on a cool autumn day.

As the 10th President of Siena Heights University, Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D., will apply the skills and experience associated with all those titles to her new position. Over the course of her time at Siena, she will probably collect several new titles along the way. Like Fundraiser. And Trailblazer.

But her most overarching title – that of Adrian Dominican Sister – is the one that perhaps carries the most significance for Siena Heights University, as well as herself. The first Adrian Dominican to be chosen president since 1969, Sister Peg is the visible link to Siena’s past, and its conduit to the future. The “OP” at the end of her name is short for the Order of Preachers, which identifies her as a member of the Dominican congregation. With Sister Peg, “OP” can also stand for Outwardly Passionate, Outgoing Personality and Openly Practical.

As the Siena community welcomed her with open arms, culminating with an emotional and exuberant weekend of events surrounding her Nov. 3 inauguration, Sister Peg is poised to make good on her inaugural theme of “Be Bold. Think Higher.”

A Higher Calling

The daughter of Ron and Rita Albert grew up in South Florida as the middle child of five siblings. Mary Margaret, shortened to a more informal “Peg,” was first introduced to the Adrian Dominican Sisters while a student at St. Anthony’s Grade School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

“I just loved to be with them,” said Sister Peg, recalling her first teachers. “They were fun to be with. But, they were challenging to be with at times, in the sense that they would challenge you. There was that sense of commitment to people that I liked, and that very much attracted me.”

The attraction was so strong, she decided in the second grade she was going to be an Adrian Dominican Sister – although she had to wait until she was 20 years old before entering the convent.

“I knew what I wanted to do,” Sister Peg said. “It was a call, I believe, from an early age that only solidified as I got older.”

However, it didn’t prevent her from having a “very normal” childhood. The Albert family is a spirited family, a gregarious bunch. Family functions often include plenty of laughter, and a little music, courtesy of her guitar-playing brothers. And there were no shortages of sibling rivalries.

“We have our differences at times,” said Sister Peg of her two older brothers, Bill and John, one younger brother, Paul, and one younger sister, Mary. “We can get into arguments like anyone else, but we always have a good time. You don’t get away with anything. You would never have a huge ego in my family.”

Her most difficult decision to come to Michigan and lead Siena Heights was leaving her family in South Florida, especially her father, who recently turned 86 years old.

“There were mixed emotions,” said her older brother, John, who attended Siena’s inauguration ceremony as part of a large family contingent. “We were obviously very happy for her, but we were sad to see her leave. It’s going to be a big adjustment, probably more for us than for her. But we knew it was something she wanted to do, so that made a big difference for us.”



Sister Donna Markham, Prioress of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, gives Sister Peg Albert a blessing during inauguration ceremonies Nov. 3, 2006.



The Competitive Side

Those who know Sister Peg best know better than to challenge her competitiveness. A star athlete at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Sister Peg was voted “Most Athletic” by her classmates. Her brothers raised her on a steady diet of baseball, football, basketball and golf – but tennis was her sport of choice.

A standout on her high school team, she was slated to be the squad’s No. 1 singles player. However, she had to settle for No. 2 when someone named Chris Everett – one of the all-time tennis greats – came along and bumped her from the top spot.

“Perhaps I should have taken tennis a little more seriously,” Sister Peg said, with a grin.

“I only played her once,” John said of his sister. “I was a hotshot coming home from college, playing football my freshman year. I popped off to her and told her that anybody could play tennis. She took me over (to play) one day. I didn’t know how to keep score, but whatever it was, she beat me that to nothing. So I never played tennis (with her) again. She is very competitive.”

Nowadays, that athletic competitiveness is flashed only occasionally on the golf course. But her drive to succeed suits her well as a university president.

“I just loved to be with them,” Peg says, recalling her first Dominican teachers. “There was that sense of commitment to people that I liked, and that very much attracted me. I knew what I wanted to do. It was a call, I believe, from an early age that only solidified as I got older.”

The Great Listener

As an undergraduate student at Wayne State University in Detroit, Sister Peg completed her degree in sociology with a pre-social work curriculum. She began her professional career helping people, and she still does so today – although in a different way as an administrator in higher education.

“I think I’ve been blessed with a gift of establishing good relationships,” said Sister Peg, who holds a Ph.D. in social work and brings a counseling background with her to Siena Heights. “I’ve always been able to establish healthy, appropriate relationships and have been able to use the skills and the knowledge that I have, to assist people in changing their lives.”

Above Top: Sister Peg (far right) enjoyed a festive inauguration ball Nov. 4 with family, friends, administration, faculty, staff and students.

Above Bottom: Sister Peg’s family attended her inauguration. Pictured with her are her father, Ronald (center), and her sister, Mary (right).

Drug addicts, alcoholics, battered women, marital turmoil. Sister Peg has listened to and counseled people with all kinds of troubles and turmoils during her career. First, just out of college, it was helping troubled souls from the streets of inner-city Detroit. Then it was counseling students, faculty and staff at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

“I don’t think there’s any greater joy than seeing somebody who’s suffered emotionally get to a new point in his/her life,” she said. “I was blessed to see that happen time and time again. It’s not necessarily what I did (that made it happen), but what each person was willing to do to change. I’ve listened to some difficult things people have experienced in their lives.”

At Barry, she began counseling students, and her reputation as a therapist, listener and problem-solver was so impressive that eventually she was advising the administration on how to successfully deal with issues on a university-wide level.

“I see life as relational,” Sister Peg said. “Relationships are the most important thing in my life.”

Friend and Mentor

Other than her family, Sister Peg's closest friend is Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin '58, who served as Barry University's president for 23 years. She is presently the Chancellor at Barry.

Sister Jeanne hired Sister Peg as a counselor, and noticed her potential as a problem-solver almost immediately.

"She would really help me with all the problem-solving," said Sister Jeanne, who eventually promoted her to Executive Assistant to the President. "When students had a problem that had to go beyond the vice presidential level, she would enter into it. I never once thought that a student was neglected or that a student would not get a good hearing.

"She had a way of dealing with people. When you're the president of an institution, you look for those who can do the things you can't do. I was very outward in searching for funding and directions for the university to take. And I always felt that I needed someone who was stable and was concerned about the inner side of the university."

That someone was Sister Peg.

While they worked very closely in a professional setting, a terrible incident brought them together in a very personal way.

One evening, Sister Jeanne was getting out of her car at home after a fundraising event when she was mugged and badly beaten. At the time Sister Peg was living with a mutual friend of the two, Sister Nora Leahy. The call came in that Sister Jeanne was in the hospital.

"When we found out about it, Nora and I went to the hospital," Sister Peg said. "For some reason, I don't know how I ended up staying with her, but I was with her when they were sewing her nose up that had been split. I spent that night at the hospital because she was so frightened. We didn't talk a lot because she was so miserable."

But the bond that formed couldn't be put into words.

"Peg is a strong woman," Sister Jeanne said. "Anyone who knows Peg knows that you laugh a lot. If you don't laugh at life sometimes, the tears will drown you. Peg can say something in the moment when the tension is so high that it breaks the tension."

Their friendship continued to grow, and in 1996 it was Sister Peg who needed a shoulder. Her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer and she was alone at the time. Sister Jeanne moved Sister Peg in to live with her, and the two shared the same residence until Sister Peg accepted the presidency of Siena Heights. From the Sunday night parties they hosted to "keep the spirit going" at Barry, to addressing the everyday issues at the university, the two shared the good and the bad times.

"She would really help me with all the problem-solving," said Sister Jeanne. "She had a way of dealing with people. And I always felt that I needed someone who was stable and was concerned about the inner side of the university."

Sister Jeanne, nearly 25 years Sister Peg's senior, nurtured the leadership qualities in her protégé, first by encouraging her to complete her doctorate, later by promoting her to Executive Vice President, just a step away from President.

"When I received my Ph.D. in 1970, I always thought it was important to raise up other (Adrian Dominican Sisters) to Ph.D.s," said Sister Jeanne. "(Sister Peg) was one of the women who I saw could be raised up. ... I was very anxious to advance an Adrian Dominican Sister and was very anxious to have somebody develop the skills that she had naturally, but I also wanted to be in a position to teach her the kind of skills she would need to bring her vision into reality."

First, Sister Peg had a very big test to pass.

Test of a Leader

Sister Peg settled into a comfort zone at Barry, familiar with almost every aspect of the institution, including campus ministry, career services, health services and strategic planning.

However, when the ever-ambitious Sister Jeanne decided Barry needed to branch out and purchase a struggling law school in Orlando, Fla., she had one person in mind to run it – Sister Peg.

"At first, she was not real wild about it," Sister Jeanne said.

That was an understatement.

Below: Sister Peg Albert shares an inauguration moment with her friend and mentor, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin (right).



“We’d talk about it informally. And I said, ‘I really don’t want to go,’” Sister Peg said. “My dad was here and my mom had died... I could have killed (Jeanne) one Christmas. We were going to buy the law school and Jeanne said to my father, ‘I’ve offered Peg the law school, and I think she should take it.’ My father then gets all upset because he’s feeling that I’m leaving town. So I said to him afterwards, ‘Dad, don’t worry. I’m not going.’”

Sister Jeanne and her legendary way of persuasion eventually won out.

“She said, ‘Well, I just think you’re the one to go. You understand the mission. You understand the culture,’” Sister Peg recalled. “So I said, ‘OK, I’ll go.’”

Though it was just a couple hundred miles away, Sister Peg considered running the law school more of being sent on a mission rather than a promotion.

“In the end, I prayed about what it was that I was called to do, and God let me know that I was the one who should be sent,” she said of the decision. “I felt my Dominican roots strongly during this time of discernment. In the early days of the Dominican Order, St. Dominic sent his followers out two by two. I really had the experience of being called and sent and although it was difficult to go, it felt right.”

When Sister Peg arrived in Orlando, the school had an enrollment of less than 100 students and was not accredited by the American Bar Association, a major stumbling block to its success.

“When I went up there, there were very good people, but there were a few people who were not in tune with the mission (of Barry),” she said. “And the way that things operated were sort of in the dark. There did not seem to be many reasonable processes in place in order to get things accomplished. I announced one day that we were going to operate in the light, that there were no secrets, and that we had a great number of things to accomplish. I always stressed the Barry mission.”

There were some other, deeper problems to confront.

“There were relationships and alliances that were all crazy and convoluted,” Sister Peg said. “I really had to sit down and talk with everybody individually and work things out. I asked each member of the community if they could live the mission of Barry University. I gave them time to assess whether they were able to do so. Most embraced the mission enthusiastically but some chose not to walk with us.”

Sister Jeanne was less diplomatic when discussing the challenges the school faced from the outside.

“The battle was literally a prejudice towards nuns, prejudice towards women, prejudice towards the previous history of that institution,” she said of the male-dominated legal profession. “(The ABA) did not want another law school. They particularly didn’t want one started by a woman-founded school. We really had some tough times, and I can remember standing before students and saying, ‘We did everything the ABA wanted us to do but quit.’ And Peg and I just made up our minds we weren’t going to quit.”

Finally, Sister Peg managed to change the climate, improve the academic quality and gain provisional accreditation in 2002. Currently, the law school boasts more than 500 students and is on the brink of finally receiving the accreditation that looked very improbable several years ago.

“It wasn’t an accident that they sent a social worker up to the law school in Orlando,” said Sister Peg, who still maintained her duties at Barry’s Miami Shores campus while heading the law school. “It was the hardest thing professionally that I’ve ever done in my life because of all the emotion involved.”

Below Top: Sister Peg (center) with her leadership team of (from left): Sister Sharon Weber, Trudy McSorley, Thomas Kavanagh, Lee Johnson, Frank Hribar, Pat Palmer and Deb Carter.

Below Middle: Sister Peg and Sister Jeanne O’Laughlin took in the AAA All-Star Game in Toledo, Ohio, with Siena friends.

Below Bottom: Sister Peg shows off her arm during Alumni Weekend before the Alumni Baseball Game.



“It really became her law school,” Sister Jeanne said. “She had to start at the bottom and bring everything up. There’s not a problem she’s going to face (at Siena Heights) that she probably hasn’t had to face at either Barry or the law school.”

Path to the Presidency

When Sister Jeanne decided to resign as President of Barry in 2004, Sister Peg applied for the job. However, she was not the only Adrian Dominican Sister who was qualified for the position. Sister Linda Bevilacqua, a Barry graduate and qualified in her own right, also indicated her interest in the position.

“Yes, I applied for the presidency at Barry, because I felt called by God to do so,” she said.

Faced with perhaps one of the toughest decisions in the history of the school, Barry chose Sister Linda as its next president.

“Yes, it hurt,” Sister Peg admitted of the decision. “However, I was happy to have a qualified Adrian Dominican Sister as the president, and through it all, Sister Linda and I remained sisters.”

Other opportunities became available to Sister Peg, as she was often called by search firms to submit her name in presidential searches. But she felt strongly about remaining at Barry to assist Sister Linda with her transition, and soon settled back into her familiar role until another “call” came in November 2005.

Siena Heights University, the other higher education institution sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, was looking for a new president. However, Siena was more than 1,200 miles away in a different culture, a different climate, a different challenge. Was she willing to make such a dramatic change?

“When Siena became available, I really wasn’t looking for a change necessarily,” Sister Peg said. “I realized after the Barry search that my own inner sense of fulfillment did not depend on being a president. The most important thing for me has always been that of service and how can I best serve. When I was approached (for the Siena presidency) I had some soul-searching to do, as I had to ask myself the question, is this a call to be of service in a new academic community, is this how I can best serve?”

Sister Peg, honest and transparent, sailed through the interview process and was the unanimous choice of Siena’s search committee. In fact, the firm hired to assist Siena Heights in its search called Sister Peg one of the top three candidates it had ever screened as a potential university president.



“God blessed us the day He sent Sister Peg our way,” said Margaret Scholz Noe ’75, who led the presidential search committee last spring and is the chairperson of the Siena Heights Board of Trustees. “She has already demonstrated her passion for the Siena community. True to her word she brings all the experience and skill necessary to take us into the 21st century embracing our mission with clarity of vision.”

“The future of Siena Heights University will be built upon quality academic programs with an ethical component that calls our students to responsible citizenship,” Peg said in her inaugural address. “This is our mission, this is what distinguishes us, this is Siena Heights University!”

Sister Peg was announced as the 10th President of Siena Heights University in April, started her duties July 1, and was installed Nov. 3.

“I think it’s good to have an Adrian Dominican Sister at the helm of our own institution when at all possible,” Sister Peg said. “That being said, you also have to have the professional qualifications to do it. You wouldn’t just put a Sister in charge just because she is a Sister. Our Adrian Dominican Congregation has had the foresight to prepare

Sisters educationally and experientially to serve institutions in leadership positions.”

Remaining true to her Dominican nature and relying on her experience at Barry, she believes in collaboration in the decision-making process.

“My preferred style of leadership is collaboration,” Sister Peg said. “But also as president there are times when you just need to go ahead and make a decision based on the best information you can gather from faculty, staff, students and raw data. It’s my hope that people will trust me once they have the opportunity to get to know me. People have to trust that I have done as much homework as I can do with my team and that we are making the right decisions for our future.”

Starting at Siena

Sister Peg hit the ground running at Siena. She reformed the way the administration operates, establishing an Executive Council of the Administration (ECA). And thanks to the financial support of her congregation, the campus has seen an almost immediate makeover, including new carpeting and painted walls in the hallways and Sage Student Union.

During her inaugural address, Sister Peg laid out the future of Siena, which includes adding academic programs, becoming more international in focus, increasing online course offerings and collaborating with the local community at every opportunity. And, of course, she promises Siena Heights will remain true to its mission.

“We are a Catholic, Dominican institution. That is our identity,” she said. “My hope is that those students who come to Siena who are Catholic will

live and learn more about what being a Catholic means. I also hope that those who come to us who are not Catholic will feel welcomed and grow in their own faith tradition. As Catholics, I believe we are called to be inclusive. The bottom line is we are all human beings worshiping the same God by whatever name we call God.”

“You can’t just have the vision and not the skills to fulfill the vision,” said Sister Jeanne, who delivered an emotional and tear-filled tribute to her friend at Siena’s inauguration ceremony. “She has the sense to get a shared vision, and she has the skills to bring it into reality. That’s the thing I’m most pleased about. I think she will be fine in what she’s going to try to do (at Siena Heights). She will find a way.”

During her inauguration, Sister Peg further laid out her future plan.

“The future of Siena Heights University will be built upon quality academic programs with an ethical component that calls our students to responsible citizenship,” she said in her inaugural address. “Our students will realize that they have a purpose in this life that is based on a relationship with God by whatever name they call God. They will have a true understanding that all life is relational and that whatever they do affects all life systems, including their brothers and their sisters. Our students will be competent not only in the skills and knowledge of their own professions, but they will believe in themselves enough to realize that they have something important to contribute to society. This is our mission, this is what distinguishes us, this is Siena Heights University!”

Can she get an “Amen?” ♦

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from the alumni office



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New Year, New Possibilities

As I write this, we have begun a brand new year full of new prospects and possibilities—including the odd notion of little or no snow in Michigan... did it all go to Denver?! After a whirlwind fall semester, I am gearing up for an equally lively winter and spring surrounded by energetic students, inspiring faculty, visionary leaders (especially our new president, Sister Peg Albert) and the interesting and accomplished alumni whose paths cross mine every day.

Here are a few highlights of Fall '06 in the Alumni Office:

Alumni Weekend brought many of you to campus for a wonderful few days. New additions to the weekend included a soccer tailgate, where fans consumed 792 White Castle hamburgers provided and grilled by Jamie Richardson '87; and an "Open Mic" event emceed by Mike Lane '05. For a complete rundown, visit the "news and events" section found in "Alumni and Friends" on our website.

Alumni came to class November 3 for Common Dialog Day, an academic celebration that kicked off the inaugural festivities for President Peg Albert. The day's theme was "Curiosity: Asking the Bold Questions" and Seyed-Jalal Hosseini '96 gave a compelling keynote address titled "Distorted Morality: Finding God, but Abandoning Love and Tolerance." A native of Iran who experienced the Iranian revolution first-hand, Jalal made a powerful case for separating the institutions of state and church—any church. When government embraces religion, he said, religion ends up promoting violence and intolerance. Other speakers included Pat Hoffman Kostell '67, Jennifer Letherer '02, Tim Blackerby '96, Joe Balusik '90, Ken Thompson '76 and Mary Jo Potter '71.

The following day, for Sister Peg's installation as our 10th President, a distinguished gathering of alumni marched as class representatives in the inaugural procession. Deb Carrington Keller '74 officially welcomed Sister Peg on behalf of the Alumni Association and several alumni spoke as "Voices of Siena" in the ceremony. Visit our website and check out the inauguration photo albums!

Best wishes to all Siena Heights alumni—and special thanks to the members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, dedicated graduates from across the University who provide leadership and support for our alumni programs.

We are always looking for new ideas, new possibilities for serving and engaging our alumni. Won't you share your ideas?

Call, write, email or visit. Any time!

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catching up

Save these 2007 dates!

Alumni Awards Day—March 15

Sister Mary Alan Stuart, OP '62
Sister Ann Joachim Award

Patricia McDonald, OP '69
Saint Dominic Award

Captain John F. Detro '85
Outstanding Alumni Award

Take SHU Out to the Ball Game—August 9

Toledo Mud Hens at Fifth Third Field

Alumni Weekend—Sept. 28–30

Fun for ALL—don't miss it!

25th Reunion—Class of 1982

Golden Opportunity Reunions:
 Classes of '57 (50th), '52 (55th) and '47(60th)



Siena Scenes: Reconnecting

1—Common Dialog Day, Nov. 2, brought a number of alumni to SHU to join the campus conversation on "Curiosity: Asking Bold Questions." Seyed-Jalal Hosseini '96 (right) delivered a moving keynote address on "Distorted Morality," subtitled Finding God, But Abandoning Tolerance. Religious studies professor Susan Conley Weeks '67 was one of several faculty respondents.

2—Distinguished alumni represented their graduating classes at the Nov. 3 Inauguration of Sister Peg Albert as 10th President of Siena Heights. Class delegates marching to Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel included (from left) Mary Small Poore '76, Dennis Reeder '78, and Ken Thompson '77.

3—A group of men's soccer alums and friends gather during alumni weekend to chat about great goals and old knee injuries. Pictured (from left) are: Scott Oliver '97, Jared Rose '90, Andrew Crawford '89, Steve Chappell '88, Joe Hall '92, '94/MA, Ted Hanosh '91, '99/MA, Ricky McQueary '92, and Jack McGurk '90, '92/MA.

4—Sister Peg Albert, SHU President, showed her Saints colors at the Alumni Weekend soccer game Sept. 30, where she chatted with Denise Zanni of Royal Oak, mother of the Saints' Anthony Zanni, a golfer, and soccer player Joe Zanni.

5—Kids and families are a big part of Alumni Weekend! One young fellow who had a good time at Siena Fest was 18-month-old Zack Moody-Czartoski, who attended his first Alumni Weekend with his mom, Heather Moody, head of Siena's new Environmental Science program.

6—Alumni and friends in southwest Michigan kicked off the Christmas season Dec. 5 at the 9th annual Holiday Gathering at Tosi's Restaurant in Stevensville. Shown from left are: Sheri Geddes, a faculty member at Siena's Lake Michigan center in Benton Harbor; Tootie Horn '68 of Kalamazoo; alumni director Jennifer Hamlin Church; and Judy Hill '74 of Vicksburg.



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Teacher of Teachers

By Doug Goodnough

Alumni Profile

Sister Therese Craig, OP Honored As One of The Top 100 Theatre Practitioners of The 20th Century by The Alberta Playwrights Network

Sister Therese Craig, OP has always had a flair for the dramatic. After all, drama has been both her passion and her profession.

The Adrian Dominican Sister who pioneered and revolutionized the theatre and drama programs at Siena Heights was recognized for a similar accomplishment during her time as a professor at the University of Alberta, Canada.

The Alberta Playwrights Network recently honored her as one of the top 100 theatre practitioners of the 20th century. The "Theatre 100" honorees were recognized with two gala parties in November, and were published in a book to commemorate their accomplishments.

However, when Sister Therese received the call about the honor, she thought they had the wrong person.

"I said to the lady, 'I think you've made a mistake,'" Sister Therese said. "I never wrote a play (for the University of Alberta). I never directed a show there. And I never told them I had directed hundreds (of shows) here in the United States because I didn't want to direct any more shows."

But make no mistake, 17 years teaching drama students and her influence on the University of Alberta was more than enough to make the list, they informed her.

A 1948 Siena Heights graduate, Sister Therese taught theatre and drama classes at her alma mater from 1965-75. But when she received a fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation, her future was supposed to be in England, not Canada.

The three-year fellowship in England at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne ended earlier than expected when she was called back to the United States after learning of the death of her mother. And when she wanted to return to England, she didn't have enough money left in her fellowship.

Instead, a colleague at Siena Heights suggested she tour Canada and visit theatre groups there, then write a comparison between her experiences in Canada and England.



Above: Sister Therese Craig, OP, who pioneered and revolutionized the theatre and drama programs at Siena Heights, was recognized by the Alberta Playwrights Network as one of the top 100 theatre practitioners of the 20th century. The "Theatre 100" honorees were recognized with two gala parties in November, and were published in a book to commemorate their accomplishments. Sister Therese, a 1948 Siena Heights graduate, was a professor at the University of Alberta in Canada for 17 years.

"In doing that I hit the University of Alberta, and was welcomed so much that when I left there, their chairman, Thomas Peacock, said to me, 'If you are ever looking for a job, we'd like to have you on our faculty,'" she said, recalling her Canadian calling.

She accepted the offer, and for the next 17 years in Alberta, Sister Therese used drama as a powerful teaching tool.

During her time at Siena Heights, Sister Therese reinvented the drama and theatre programs. In the 1960s she founded the child drama and children's theatre programs, which she started as after-school endeavors.

"Then I realized that this is wasted teacher time," she said. "(I realized) I could work with the children and have a course in which the college kids could watch for two or three weeks and then begin teaching little units to them. By the end of the term, (college students) were teaching full classes to the children. And that's what they are still doing there."

Sister Josephine Sullivan, the head of the education department at Siena Heights at the time, also realized the potential of the drama program in relation to teacher education.

After traveling with the student touring troupe, Sister Josephine said as far as she was concerned, this was the best teacher training tool she had ever seen.

"(College students) have to know questioning," Sister Therese said. "They have to know how to work with a group of children. They have to know theatre. That's when (Sister Josephine) started encouraging students of other disciplines (to take up drama). And then I was having business majors and mathematics majors taking a term of troupe work in order to learn how to teach."

She also used journaling as a teaching tool, and developed actor-teachers to create participatory drama, as well as promoting the importance of improvisation and experimental learning.

Sister Therese said she is heartened to see the programs she started at Siena still thriving. In fact, this fall, the child drama program, now called "Creative Stages," had more than 120 children enrolled.

"The people of Adrian caught on to it very fast," Sister Therese said of the child drama program. "I've seen (children) grow from shy little kids who would come into the creative drama classroom and wouldn't speak up and had no thoughts they wanted to share with anybody. But through discussion and role play, they were able to really come out of themselves."

She said creative drama's role in teaching problem-solving, critical thinking and independence are not only vital to the development of children, but to potential teachers as well.

Pushing 80 years of age, Sister Therese said she was not able to attend the galas in Alberta. But it does not dampen her enthusiasm for the award.

"It's an honor because I want the (Adrian Dominican) congregation to be honored and I want Siena Heights to be honored and I want the University of Alberta to be honored," she said. "They all had some part in the award." ♦

class notes

From The Sites

SHU@KCC—Battle Creek

Donald Viland '97 lives in Kalamazoo with his wife, Nicole. Donald recently accepted a position as Associate Controller for Kalamazoo College.

Denise Washington '00 BA, '05/MA teaches at KCC along with volunteering as a board member at the Battle Creek Community Foundation and the United Way of Greater Battle Creek. She also is a chairwoman of the board at Neighborhoods Inc., which helped her get back on her feet in the 1990s. Denise also represented the Siena Heights Class of 2000 in an alumni procession that was part of the inauguration ceremony for Siena's 10th president, Sister Peg Albert, OP, Ph.D.

Melanie Lovely '03 married Steven Tanner in September 2005. The Tanners live in Richland and Melanie is a public safety officer in Kalamazoo.

Darlene Morris '04 has recently completed the Defense Logistics Agency's Corporate Intern program. She is now working at the organization's headquarters in Battle Creek as an Information Assurance Specialist.

Shannon Topp '05 works for the Police Department in Marshall.

Deanna Herbstreit Main '06 lives in Hilton Head Island, SC, and works in accounts payable at Malphrus Construction in Bluffton. In April, she married Nathan Main, who works as assistant manager at Hilton Head Marriott Beach and Golf Resort.

SHU@LMC—Benton Harbor

Leonard Russian '00 lives in South Bend, IN with his wife, Gabriella. He is a facility/maintenance manager for United Fixtures Company in Niles, MI.

Steve Campbell '04 is director of the New Buffalo Community Youth Center. He also does crime prevention programming for elementary and middle school youth. He is working on a master's in educational leadership.

Kari Taylor '04 is an accountant at Rendel Elie and Associates in St. Joseph.



Above: Patrick Walsh, who taught economics and finance for Siena Heights in the 1990s at the Benton Harbor and Battle Creek centers, is living in Georgia where he recently was named senior vice-president and commercial sales manager at Midtown Bank in Atlanta. Previously, he was first vice-president in the commercial dealer services group at SunTrust Bank, also in Atlanta.

SHU@JCC—Jackson

Annette Watson '05 represented the graduating class of 2005 in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3. Annette is currently serving as a member of the Siena Heights Alumni Board of Directors.

SHU@MCCC—Monroe

Lynn Freshour Little '96 recently married Christopher Little. They live in Dexter, MI. She is employed by Internet2 in Ann Arbor.

Kimberly Roussey '99 was recently named vice president of sales for La-Z-Boy. She will supervise a team of 70 in Monroe, MI. Kim started with the company in 1980 as a special productions clerk, and has remained there ever since. She is also a member of Women in the Home Furnishing Industry Today, St. Michael's Church and School, and a board member of the Monroe County Opportunities Program.

Metro Detroit Program—Southfield

Phil Abele '79, Montez McDonald '01 and Karen Johnson '04 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3. Phil is a past president of the Siena Heights Alumni Board of Directors; Montez and Karen are both current members of the Board. **Shannon Bruley '04** also serves on the Alumni Board.

Shirley Toth Pickering '85 is retired from Hewlett-Packard. She lives in Dearborn, MI with her husband Richard.

Marilynn Mazur LeGrande '95 is a Tether Agent for Saginaw County where she and her husband, Coland, live.

Dymetrius Ware '97 lives in Detroit with his wife, Adrienne, and their three children. Dymetrius is a coach and Athletic Director at Cherry Hill Performing Arts in Inkster. He was named coach of the year in girls basketball and Charter School Services coach of the year.

Rory Wagner '04 is the Chief Probation Officer for the 39th District Court in Roseville, MI. He lives in Roseville with his wife, Lisa, and their three children.

Stay In Touch!

The Class Notes section is compiled from news clippings as well as your notes, letters, emails and phone calls. We welcome updates from graduates of all SHU locations. Information received after November 15 will appear in the next issue of Reflections.

Note: We gladly publish wedding and birth announcements; but we do not announce engagements or pregnancies.

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Main Campus

1940s

Rita Gleason, OP '40, Helen Duggan, OP '41, Marie Bentz, OP '42, Vera Mae Adams '43, Maris Stella Beaufait, OP '45, Jeanne Hall '46, Jeanne Olivier Riesterer '47, and Rosemary Dorr '48 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Mary Margaret Woods Wagner '44 sent the sad news that her husband passed away in March 2005 as a result of a car accident.

Mary Duggan Cassabon '48 and her husband recently moved to Shelby from their home of 45 years in Eastpointe. "The Villas of Shelby" is an independent retirement apartment complex for active seniors so Mary and Bill look forward to maintaining their busy lifestyle.

1950s

Wing Suet Leung Gee '51, Jane Korte Waldo '53, Barbara Gass, OP '54, Bernadette Pelland '55, Patricia Martin, OP '56, Valerie Apel Dryden '57, Judith Lavelle '58 and Christa Marsik, OP '59 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Mary Symphoria Boros, CSSF '51 of Adrian celebrated her 94th birthday in September! She regretted missing Alumni Weekend due to health restrictions, but promised to keep Siena Heights in her prayers.

Wing Suet Leung Gee '51 of Houston, TX, visited campus for the first time since graduation on the day of Siena's presidential inauguration! She and her husband, Henry, and their two daughters spent the day exploring today's university before continuing to Ann Arbor to visit Wing's granddaughter.

Magdalena Ezoë, OP '55 has published 16 original compositions available for sale through Alliance Publications, Inc., of Sinsinawa, WI. The pieces include two secular a capella choral works ("Cats" and "House Cat") and a variety of liturgical choral pieces with keyboard (and some handbell) accompaniment. The works include "Dominican Blessing," "Mass in honor of St. Catherine of Siena," "Responsorial Psalms for Advent" and liturgical music for Christmas, among other pieces. Magdalena also composed several new works for Sister Peg Albert's inauguration celebration. Earlier this year, she was honored with Siena's Fred Smith Award for sustained service and contributions to the University community (photo left).



Ruth Abela Barrientez '56 of Fraser taught elementary school for 36 years in Roseville. She only stopped teaching when her husband, Sergio, "promised that I would never again have to cook dinner if I retired. So far he has kept his promise!" This year, Ruth and Sergio (photo right) celebrated 50 years of marriage, which have brought them three children, nine grandchildren, and many family adventures in Mexico, Europe, South America and the U.S. Ruth enjoys volunteer work, reading, traveling, quilting and scrapbooking.



Margarita Velasco Jimenez '56 (previously known as Sister Mary Juanita) writes from her home in Canton that she retired from teaching in 1995 and began tutoring at the Siena Literacy Center and several other tutoring programs. Previously, she taught in Catholic schools in Chicago, Michigan and the Dominican Republic before beginning bilingual teaching in the Detroit public schools in the late 1960s. She and her husband also have been involved in



ministry for almost 35 years mainly in the Hispanic community in Southwest Detroit. Margarita also has enjoyed clowning (photo left) which she often did in parks with her two sons. "I have made a full circle since 1956," she writes, "as an Adrian Dominican Sister, getting married, and in 2005 I became an Adrian Dominican Associate. For all this, I thank God."

Madeline Sandona Prescott '56 of Sioux City, IA, retired in 2000 from the Crittenton Center, a nonprofit agency where she was the financial counselor for the Maternal Health Program, assisting under or uninsured women with funding for pregnancy. She and her husband Bill lived in Rockford, IL (Madeline's hometown), Milwaukee, WI and Dayton, OH, before settling in Iowa. Their five children, all married, live in Kentucky, Iowa, S. Dakota and Alabama. Madeline volunteers for a number of community and church organizations. She and Bill deliver Meals on Wheels and enjoy visiting their kids and eight grandchildren.





Martha Cabalek Temple '56 and her husband, Tom, traveled from Rochester, NY, for Alumni Weekend and Martha's 50th reunion this fall. Martha and classmate/new friend **Patricia Martin, OP '56** enjoyed showing off their 50th reunion medallions at Saturday night's alumni dinner on campus (**photo above**). Reflecting on the years since Siena, Sister Patricia observes that she has "had the opportunity to nourish the body, mind and spirit of many children and adults" through her years of ministry, first as a teacher (elementary, secondary and college including two summers at Siena), then as a registered dietician serving the elderly, and finally as a pastoral minister in Jackson. She also has traveled in Europe, the Holy Land, Peru and across the U.S. "I feel truly blessed," says Patricia.



Mary Lou Layer Chamberlain '59 represented Siena Heights as a University delegate at the inauguration of John Clark (**photo left**) as president of the State University of New York at Brockport this past spring. Mary Lou and her husband David live near Buffalo in Lockport, NY.

1960s

Renee Richie, OP '60, Marilyn Francoeur, OP '62, Dorothy Booms, OP '63, Gloria Calhoun '64, Linda Morris-Senac Chase '65, and Tootie Horn '68 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Ann Marie Ermiger Burleigh '63 and her husband, Carl, moved recently from their long-time home in Groton, CT, to nearby Mystic. Ann and Carl, a career Navy officer, lived in Hawaii and California before settling in Connecticut. Ann retired from teaching several years ago and still misses the students now and then! The Burleighs have four grown children.



Roger '73 and Ruth Dalton Scherger '68 moved to Bakersfield, CA, in 2005 after 26 years in the Dayton, OH, area. Ruth teaches biology at Bakersfield Christian High School, having previously taught 20 years in Ohio public and Christian schools and 10 years in Michigan public schools. Roger retired from Ohio's Edison Community College and is enjoying the outdoor life in southern California. With sons Chris and Benjamin nearby, they are now a California family.

1970s

Diane Moro Deveau '70, Kathleen Wersell '71, Cecilia Schwartz '73, Barb Riesterer Lawrence '74, David Johnson '75 (Metro Detroit), Mary Small Poore '76, Ken Thompson '77, Dennis Reeder '78, and Phil Abele '79 (Metro Detroit) represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Karen Dobias Rice '70 of Downers Grove, IL, teaches middle school American history at St. John of the Cross School in Western Springs. She writes: "I give credit to Siena Heights and the Adrian Dominican Sisters for my love of teaching and my preparation." She has been teaching since 1968 and continues to explore American history through workshops, travel and membership in several history organizations.

Mary Phillips '71 and her husband, Rick, enjoyed camping and fishing last summer on the Au Sable River while vacationing in northern Michigan. They live in Galesburg, IL, where Mary continues to be an active practicing artist. She exhibits her work locally and is represented in Michigan by Zazen Gallery in Charlevoix.

Cindy Doyle '72 of Three Rivers is plenty proud of her daughter, Aja Cole (**photo right**), who graduated with top honors and an M.S.W. from Western Michigan, then snagged a position as a health educator working to reduce infant mortality. "It's a job any social worker would beg for," writes Cindy, an experienced social worker herself. While recovering from numerous surgeries, Cindy has been studying Spanish and guitar.



Janet Huvaere '72, a retired teacher in Harrison Township, is an active volunteer in her parish.

Kathleen Morse '74, '75/MA is an assistant principal in Las Vegas, NV. In summer '05, she had a mini-reunion in Adrian with **Judy Wesson '76, Susan King, Jean McCullough '75, and Gale Sprow Baker '76.**

Leo Butler '75 lives in Providence, RI, works in nearby Norwich, CT, at Norwich Free Academy, an "incredible public/private school" with 2,500 students who attend at no cost. Currently director of diversity, he previously taught history. He earned his master's in history at Brown University.



Above: Frank Hribar '90 threw out the first pitch at Siena's Toledo Mud Hens alumni event in August. We will "Take SHU Out to the Ball Game" again this year on August 9, 2007. Be There!

Margaret Scholz Noe '75, a Lenawee County probate judge, was honored last spring with the 2006 Athena Lenawee Award, given annually to a woman or man who has provided leadership opportunities for women. In accepting the award, Margaret credited Siena Heights and the Adrian Dominican Sisters as key influences in her life. As vice chair of Siena's Board of Trustees, Margaret headed the University's presidential search committee last winter and spring. She became Board Chair at the November '06 SHU trustees meeting.

Darrell Issa '76, U.S. Representative from California's 49th District, was honored recently with a Kent State University Distinguished Alumni Award. Darrell attended Kent State before transferring to Siena Heights. Before entering politics, he founded Directed Electronics, a company noted for the Viper car alarm.

Jane Payeur Kelley '77, '04/MA is chief of police in Blissfield, making her the only female police chief in Lenawee County.

Janet Boyd Warren '77 of Marietta, GA, recently was promoted to Managing Director and National Claims Leader at Beecher Carlson, an insurance brokerage and risk management consulting firm in Atlanta. She joined the company in 2005 as Senior Vice President, Claims. Her 20 years of insurance industry experience also includes executive positions with the Willis and Marsh firms in Georgia. She began her career with Crawford & Company in Michigan. She and her husband, Allen, have two sons.

Susanna Sheltraw '79 is a human resource analyst for EDS, specializing in quality management and training. She works from her home in Saginaw.

Janet Trowbridge Francoeur '79 is an artist and gallery owner in New Bern, NC, where she lives with her husband, Michael. Her drawings, watercolor paintings and clay have been featured in shows throughout North Carolina, Florida, Colorado, Utah, Michigan and Ohio. She serves on the boards of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce and the Swiss Bear Downtown Redevelopment Corporation.

1980s

Renee Lapham Collins '80, Geraldine Boykin '81, Nancy Flowers '82, Kathy Cusick '84, Fred Smith '86/MA, Joe Williams '88 and Linda Arnett '89 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Thomas McCanna '80 enjoys rooting for the Green Bay Packers from his home in Rochester, NY, where he works as a sales clerk for Marshalls.

Renee Lapham Collins '80 left the newspaper business after 20 years and returned to school at Siena Heights. While pursuing secondary teaching certification in Siena's Intensive Certification Program, she also works at Lenawee United Way.

Paul Zdanis '81 is a professional photographer in Three Oaks. He shared tips for taking better photos at a seminar during Alumni Weekend, where he also visited with pal Dennis Reeder '75 (**photo below**).



Geraldine Boykin '81 of Adrian, is an active member of the Lenawee County community, serving as vice president of the Lenawee NAACP and chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast Committee. She also serves on the Domestic Violence Task Force, the Hispanic Heritage advisory board, and several other groups. She is an independent consultant with Mary Kay, a member of the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors, actively involved in her church, and “married to a handsome Christian man named Derek.”



Lynn Gaylord Harrison '81 of Ashville, OH, is a middle school and elementary substitute teacher who also works part-time for her husband’s landscape company. She and Mel and their two sons live in an 1862 brick home. In the years before marriage, Lynn managed a motel, assistant managed a bed and breakfast, and coordinated events at the Harley Hotel in Columbus. Now, in her spare time, she enjoys camping, cooking, crafts, reading, “and hanging out with my three fellas! (photo left) I often wonder about my old pals from college and would love to touch base with them again.”

Barbara Herta '81 of Marietta, GA, is a manager with Publix Supermarkets, where she has worked since 1989. “If you have visited Florida, you know about Publix,” she writes. “It’s the 4th largest privately owned company in the country and has been on Fortune Magazine’s list of the 100 best companies to work for since 1998.” Her daughter, Sara (18), and son Eric (13), are active softball and baseball players, playing on travel teams that take them (and their mom!) all over; “I am sure this is what keeps me young,” she says. Nonetheless, “when I get up in the morning, I look in the mirror and wonder, who is that old person looking back at me? I know I’m only in my mid-40s, but I still feel like I just graduated from college. I can’t believe 25 years have passed!”

Jerry Klinger '82 of Brownsville, TX, began a new career and is in his second year as a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards & Sons. After 21 years with Valley International Country Club, “now I have time to play golf.” He and his wife Martha have two sons and a daughter, aged 20-23.

Beth Opfermann '82 of Ida, graduated in 1997 from Irene School of Myomassology and in 2006 from William Beaumont Hospital’s oncology massage program. Currently, she is a self-employed massage therapist at Therapeutic Massage in Monroe.

Douglas Small '82 is senior vice president of the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. He accepted the Colorado position in June after three years in upstate NY as president of the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau and a previous position with the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority. “Denver is a premier meeting and convention destination,” Doug said. “I am thrilled at the opportunity to play a significant leadership role to take Denver to the next level.”



Bruce Swart '82 is chief financial officer and part owner at Hexabits Corporation, a toy company. His wife, **Annette White Swart '83**, has managed their family restaurant for eight years. Daughter Vivianne plays volleyball at Lumen Christie H.S. and son Jacob is a good drummer in middle school. The Swarts live in Grass Lake.

Above: Muddonna the Mud Hen-ette welcomed future Saints (and their families) to Fifth Third Field in August.

Beth Merillat '83 of Perrysburg, OH, has been a criminal investigator for the Internal Revenue Service for 19 years. She relocated to the Toledo office this past spring after a lengthy assignment in Baltimore, MD, and prior postings in Florida and Washington, D.C. This summer, she donated a kidney to a family friend in need of a kidney transplant, an experience she discussed in detail at the Alumni Weekend Prayer Brunch program on organ transplantation.

Joni Warner '83 lives in Lake Somerset with her husband Perry Patton, daughter Taylor (13) and son Jackson (8). An adjunct theater instructor at Siena Heights, Joni recently spent an inspirational week in NYC studying with Dorothy Heathcote, the pioneer of creative dramatics/process drama and the work that Siena has been doing for 43 years in child drama. (Sister Therese Craig, who pioneered Siena’s child drama program, worked with Heathcote in Michigan and in London.)

Cindy Garmon '84 married Bruce Lester June 10 in Lumen Ecclesiae Chapel. Janet teaches fourth grade in Onsted; Bruce is an engineer in Lynchburg, VA. After honeymooning in Brazil, they are living in both Adrian and Lynchburg.

Gabrielle Davis '85 teaches at the University of Toledo College of Law Professor and serves on the board of directors of the Domestic Violence Clinic. She visited Siena Heights in September to discuss "Constitutional Confrontation: the State, the Survivor, and the Accused in Domestic Violence Cases." The presentation was scheduled in celebration of U.S. Constitution Day.

John Detro '85 survived another deployment in Iraq. Army Captain Detro returned to Fort Benning, GA, this past summer and was promoted to Senior Physician Assistant (PA) for the 75th Ranger Regiment. In the position, he oversees the PAs of the three battalions located at Fort Lewis (WA), Hunter Army Airfield (Savannah, GA) and Fort Benning (where he is headquartered)—and he is "non-deployable" for at least a year. Shortly after his return, John learned that he had won the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. (AMSUS) Physician Assistant of the Year award; he was the first Army PA in memory to receive the award, which can be given to military or federal PAs. He was scheduled to receive the honor Nov. 8 in San Antonio, TX.

Deborah Poley Fett '85 lives in Okemos with her family and works as IT manager for the Leona Group, a company operating charter schools in six states.



Ping Dong '86 divides his life between Ann Arbor and Beijing, China. Much of his time is spent marketing Investeck Corporation, a company he founded in 1991 to focus on international trading and investment. Ping reports that Investeck "supplied the design, technical support, major equipment and materials for the very first privately owned power plant in Hyderabad, India." Previously, he spent 13 years in international business with AArbor International Corporation, which he and four friends founded in 1987—and which had world-wide annual revenues nearing \$20 billion when Ping left the daily operation of the company in pursuit of new lines of business in 2000. Earlier this year, Ping received his MBA degree (photo above) from China's prestigious Tsinghua University.

John Schinharl '86 of Sylvania, OH, is Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking, at Fifth Third Bank in Ohio; he is responsible for business development in NW Ohio and SE Michigan. In the community, he is board president for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer baseball coach for the Sylvania Recreation program and a member of the Welcoming Committee at Olivet Lutheran Church.

Wendy Crespo Gantos '87 lives in Flint, MI where she is an attorney at Teka, Inc.

Judy Richardson Britsch '88 was one of four "Distinguished Alumni of Morenci High School" honored last spring by the Morenci Education Foundation. A homemaker for 20 years before completing her degree, Judy taught 2nd and 3rd grade until becoming principal of Addison Wayne Gray Elementary School in 1998. The school has won several awards under her leadership.

Steve Chappell '88 and the late **Brett Steele '87** were among the athletes who were inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame this fall during Alumni Weekend '06. Steve, "a stalwart midfielder for the Saints powerhouse soccer teams of the late '80s," lives in California with his wife, Lucy, and daughter Megan. Brett, "one of the first great pitchers ever to play baseball for the Saints," was a vital member of the pitching staff that holds the lowest team ERA in school history. Killed in a 2002 auto accident, he was inducted posthumously. His widow, **Pam Schnitkey Steele '86**, accepted Brett's award.

Lisa Marie Mosley '88 lives in Atlanta with her two children, son Stephen Alexander and daughter Samantha, born January 11, 2006.

Darwin Parks '88 became city manager for Eastpointe in August. Previously, Darwin was administrator for Highland Park and city manager for Richmond. He is now certified with the International City/County Management Association.

Matt Schwartz '88/'97MA is a middle school principal in Adrian where he lives with his wife, **Laura Paul Schwartz '85**, and their children Robert (14), Hannah (10) and Jacob (5).

Charles Stewart III '88 of Adrian is supervisor of IT Infrastructure at MapInfo Corporation in Ann Arbor. He and his wife have two children.

Debi Dickson Wagner '88 of Adrian is an elementary school principal in Ann Arbor.

Below: Saints parents Ralph and Mary Ann Hensley of Holland, MI, cheer on son Andrew and the rest of the men's soccer team during Alumni Weekend.





Above: The 1993-94 men's basketball team was honored at this fall's Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet during Alumni Weekend '06. The team went 27-8 overall (9-1 in the WHAC) and won both the WHAC regular season and tournament titles, en route to the NAA National Tournament.

1990s

Peggy Kerr '91, Tracy Keevan Hribar '92, Paul Flowers '94, Jeremy Frew '95, and Marty Dwyer Frew '99 represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Frank Hribar '90 BA, '97 MA lives in Adrian with his wife, **Tracy '92**, and his children, Emily and Andrew. He was recently named vice president for enrollment management at Siena Heights. Previously, he served as associate dean of admissions and enrollment services from 1993 to 1997. After, he was at Madonna University as vice president for planning and enrollment management.

Jared Rose '90 lives in Bakersfield, CA, and works as a claim representative with State Farm Insurance. He and his wife, Lorraine, have five children, ages 15 to 1.

Brigell Bovee Vernier '91 has been teaching kindergarten for 14 years in Morenci. She and her husband Rex have three year old twins, Devon Fay and Forrest.

Eric Parker '92 returned to Adrian this fall to play the leading role of Jerry, an unemployed steelworker, in the Crowell Opera House production of the musical, "The Full Monty," directed by his former SHU theater professor, **Doug Miller '74**. A professional actor in Chicago, he also performs at Michigan's summer Barn Theater in Augusta and has made many appearances at the Crowell.

Max Sielsky '92 lives in Adrian and works for Ford Motor Company.

Eric Wilson '93 lives in Blissfield and manages a K-Mart store in Toledo, OH.

Ayana Nash '95 of Ypsilanti and **Robyn Humes '96** of Punta Gorda, Fla., were inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame this past fall during Alumni Weekend '06. Ayana was "one of the Saints' best defenders throughout her soccer career" and helped SHU win three WHAC titles and four straight regional appearances. Robyn was "one of the best pitchers ever to come through the Saints softball program" and helped the team to a combined 140-46 record and three WHAC titles during her four-year career.

Cynthia Wind Kring '96 lives in Ludlow in northern Maine, not far from the border with New Brunswick, Canada. She earned her Master's in Social Work degree in 2005 and works as a therapist at AMHC in Houlton.

Erin Nimtzt '96 works for Breckenridge Community Schools.

Tina Howell Nixon '96 enjoyed a bridal shower last summer that served as a mini-Siena reunion (**photo right**). Among the guests were **Mo Haws Freshcorn '96, Lynn Beutler '95, Lori Schliesser Daniels '95, Jen Karkoski Sower '97, Nicole Rogowski Columbo '98, Amy Houser '97, Patty McGowan Thomas '96, Kathy Peal '95 and Jen Sobocinski Jergler '95.**



Jon Bautel '97 recently was promoted to single-copy sales coordinator for the Petoskey News-Review where he has worked since 2004. He also continues to handle district manager responsibilities and is working on a master's in marketing in his spare time.

Shawn Corlew '97 MA joined the academic counseling staff at Baker College of Jackson last winter. She has been a part-time faculty member in social sciences and human services at Baker since 2001. She also has a private counseling practice.

Kerry Doerfler '97 married Patrick Zubke in March. Kerry owns Frontier Veterinary Clinic in Swartz Creek. Her husband owns Creative Water Works.

Amanda Fausnaugh Moran '97 is a social worker for the state of Michigan and is working on her M.S.W. She lives in Saginaw with her son Gabriel and daughter Kaidance.

Amanda Rhoades '97 married Jay Neaves in March. They honeymooned in Italy and settled in England. Previously, Amanda had been teaching in Southfield.

Diane Gordon Ouellette '97 of Mesa, AZ, writes: "This year has blessed me with life's greatest moments with the birth of my first child, Claire, and completing my master's degree in Curriculum and Instructional Technology at Grand Canyon University. I will always treasure SHU and think often of Sister Pat, Professors McSorley and Crane, and Brother Frank."

Kevin Williams '97 lives in Philadelphia with his partner of 10 years, Russ Barefoot. After six years in student development at Oberlin College in Ohio, Kevin is now Associate Director for University Housing and Residence Life at Temple University. The welcome mat is out in downtown Philly for visiting SHU alumni!

Kimmel Burden '98 of Jackson works for the Diocese of Lansing.

David Henry '98 lives in Burleson, TX, with his wife, Jennifer. He is a liability claims supervisor for Farmers Insurance.

Tara Severhof Pinski '98 and husband Nick welcomed their first child, Anthony Edward, in August. Tara works as an Ohio correctional officer at the Toledo Correctional Institution where she was named "officer of the year" for 2006. She recently was promoted to case manager.

Timothy Slowik '98 lives in Harrison Township with his wife, **Heather Molson Slowik '99**. Heather works for the Oakland County Health Department as emergency preparedness coordinator. Tim, a field agent at the Michigan Department of Corrections, writes: "Siena Heights has definitely given me and others a competitive edge. I have learned that many of my colleagues in the State are also graduates of SHU. I think that says a lot about the value of Siena Heights University degrees."

Joseph Detting '99 is a teacher for Trenton Public Schools. He married Melissa Marcero in June; they live in Monroe.

Tracee Montgomery '99 of Farmington Hills is a traffic coordinator for Viacom in Southfield.



Anthony Staffney '99 of Detroit was inducted into Siena's Athletic Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend '06 (photo above with teammate **Byron Johnson '02** on left). He is "one of the best two-way point guards ever to wear the navy and gold" and helped lead the Saints to their runner-up finish at the 1998 National Tournament.

Darcy McFalls '99 lives in Raleigh, NC.

2000s

Denise Washington '00 (Battle Creek), **Montez McDonald '01 (Metro Detroit)**, **Matt Keller '03**, **Karen Johnson '04 (Metro Detroit)**, **Annette Watson '05 (Jackson)** and **Doris Hubbard '06/MA** represented their respective graduating classes in the Alumni Procession at Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president Nov. 3.

Kristoffer Henry '00 works for Walsworth Publishing in Jackson.



Sherri Borton '00 BA, '03 MA of Hudson spent 14 days in New Orleans providing mental health support for Hurricane Katrina victims. She traveled to various Parishes and worked in shelters, mental health clinics, trailer cities, and hospitals.

Above: Tim Bauer '82 (center) reconnected with track protégés Shawn Winter '98 and Josh Wonders '99 at the Toledo Mud Hens alumni event in August.

Scarlet Glaros Hoody '00 lives in Midland with her husband, Tanki, whom she met while in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho. They married in July 2004 in Lesotho and moved to the United States this past fall. Scarlet is a substitute teacher in the public schools and for the Midland extension service.

Erin Nimitz '00 is a teacher at Breckenridge Schools.

Betsy Strong '00 is a counselor with Eden Family Counseling in Spring Arbor.

Jamie Hallenbeck Hill '01 has lived in Tecumseh for three years with her husband **John Hill '01/MA**. They welcomed their first child, John Tyler (J.T.), in August. John teaches middle school math and coaches varsity baseball in Clinton. Jamie teaches fifth grade in Onsted and is assistant coach for girls junior varsity basketball.

Leslie Keane '01 was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame this fall. A multi-sport athlete at BHS and at Siena Heights, she now works as a school resource officer with the Adrian Police Department. In her spare time, she plays for the Toledo Reign Women's Football Organization and was named Most Valuable Player for 2005.

Michael '01 and **Sara Brondige Nelson '02** of Toledo are proud parents of daughter Joslyne Milena (photo right), born Aug. 5, 2005.



Jessica Hawkins '01 married Chris White in March 2005, becoming a stepmom at the same time to Austin and Zachary. Son Tristan was born this past winter.

The Whites live in New Port Richey, FL, and Jessica works as assistant coordinator of student activities at Pasco-Hernando Community College in Dade City. "I often think of SHU and the great teachers there."

Lisa Feltman '02 lives in Adrian and works as foster care coordinator for Family Counseling & Children's Services.

Jennifer Letherer '02 graduated with a master's degree from Boston University last summer. She visited Siena Heights in February to screen and discuss her original film, "The Lady of Shalott," which she directed for her master's project.

Joshua Lupu '02 is graphic designer for all North American operations for Webasto Product North America, Inc., an after-market automotive company with locations in 30 countries.

Paul Ferrell '02 and **Kyle Homier '02** were married Sept. 24, 2005, at Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. Among the attendants were **Tye Golden '01**, **Shawn Langton '02**, **Jaclyn Jones '02**, **Jennifer Fitzgerald '02**, **Tom Storrison '03** and **Mindy Galvan '03**. Paul and Kyle are living in Pontiac. Paul is a substance abuse counselor at Sequoia Recovery Services in Pontiac and Kyle is a customer relations representative at Golling Pontiac-GMC in Lake Orion.

Sarah Davis '02 married Jonathan Langer in June. The Langers live in Coldwater where Sarah teaches English as a second language.

Nicole Hurdis '02 married **Nathan Quenby '00** in August 2005, a month before Nicole graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School. She passed the Michigan Bar Exam in February. Nicole and Nate live in Farmington Hills.

Lacey Wilmot '02 is an orthopedic surgery resident at Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies. She received her medical degree from the MSU School of Human Medicine.

Lucas Baker '03 married Andra Scheele Aug. 20, 2005. They live in Monroe. Lucas teaches high school in Melvindale.

Dawn Edwards '03 is an art teacher in Lake Havasu City, AZ, where she lives with her children. She is promoting her artwork locally and hopes to work toward an advanced degree in art therapy.

Rebecca Dore '03 works for Walbro Engine Management in Cass City.

Stacy Barrett '03 of Hudson, OH, is a corporate recruiter for Abercrombie & Fitch.

David Slusher '03 graduated last spring from basic combat training with the U.S. Army in Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Susan Perry Sterner '03 lives in Livonia with her husband, Jeffrey and two daughters Lauren and Alexandra. She works in Medicare sales for Blue Cross Blue Shield and is working on a master's degree in management.

Kelly Hanes Yerby '03 is a full time first grade teacher in East Lansing. "It's exhausting, challenging and lots of fun—6 and 7 year olds are very interesting, busy people!" Previously, she taught art part-time. Kelly is married to Otho, a chef and father of three "who knows how to turn his work-life off and have fun. I'm very happy."

Kimberly Shaffer Alley '04 lives in Jerome with her husband Lane. She is an elementary teacher at Camden-Frontier Elementary.

Joshua Barish '04 recently was promoted to senior mortgage banker at Quicken Loans in Bloomfield Hills.



Kristi Beechy '04 MA is assistant athletic director at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, IN, where she lives.

Tony Butler '04 is living in Chicago where he is assistant director for Dominican Volunteers USA.

Allison Green '04 worked as an *au pair* in England for five months after graduation. In her spare time there, she took art classes at a local college, volunteered teaching riding lessons for disabled children, and traveled. Highlights included horseback riding through a national park in Wales, a weekend in Paris, theater trips to London, and visiting the homes of some of her favorite authors. Allison now works as an editor in Ann Arbor and lives in Saline with a new puppy.

Michelle Owen '04/MA lives in Valparaiso, IN, and works as a therapist for the Swanson Center in LaPorte.

Christina Kreger '04 teaches 6th grade Spanish at a charter school in Palm Bay, FL.

Adam Webb '04 is living in Edgewater, MD, and working for AmeriCorps as youth program coordinator at the Anne Arundel County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

Brendan Welsh '04 lives in Berkley and works as a financial analyst with Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc., in Detroit. He writes, "The job relates directly to my MBA in finance (I am currently enrolled at University of Detroit Mercy) as well as to my educational experience at Siena Heights."

Above: Workers carefully place one of the new crosses back on the top of Sacred Heart Hall during the many summer and fall renovations on campus.

Holly Czupich '05 is busy working full time for USA Jet Airlines (executive assistant to the VP of technical services) at Willow Run Airport, freelancing in graphics and drawing, studying at Wayne State for her master's in library science and archival specialist certificate, volunteering in the Toledo Museum of Art's reference library, and fixing up the house she bought in Milan. And in her spare time she's working on flight lessons for a pilot's license! "All in all, I have had an exciting year," she writes. Just recently, Holly was selling her work at the Monroe Fine Art Fair, too.

Robert Gearing '05 lives in Fort Gratiot and is director of ticketing/sales for Port Huron Flags.

Ula Krause '05 lives in Somerset Center and works as a manager for Stanton and Associates in Jackson.

Rebecca Rath '05 married Kenneth Molosky August 19. The Moloskys live in Berea, OH. Rebecca is business manager for McGowan and Co. in Cleveland.

Amber Esterline '05 of Hillsdale works at the Coleman Foundation in Hudson.

Jessica Simon '05 of Portland is a marketing and customer service representative for American Collegiate.

Sarah Jones '05 is an account manager for Phoenix Personnel in Southgate.

Quinn Nicole Stanto '05 moved to Middletown, NY, this summer after being named account executive for Conway Freight. She worked for the firm for a year in Ann Arbor prior to the promotion.

Garrett Broom '06 lives in Chapel Hill, NC, and is a team sales representative with Eurosport in Hillsborough.



Adam Hartle '06 of Adrian spent his summer taking tests—and passing them!—to become a stock broker/investment advisor.

Jason Seagraves '06 and his wife **Jessica Morris Seagraves '01** of Adrian welcomed their first child, daughter Waverly Quinn, on August 26 (photo left).

Melanie Nowak '07, Christopher DiPietro '08, Laura Butters '09 and Erin Denig '10 represented the future alumni in the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes on the main campus in an alumni procession Nov. 3 that was part of Sister Peg Albert's inauguration as Siena's 10th president.



Below: Warming up before the Alumni Weekend 5K road race are (from left): Cat Scholand '03, Michelle Macomber '05, Lauri Eisen '05 and Kaitlin Harvey.

Deaths

Jean Margaret Bowler, OP '38 died June 10 at the age of 93. She worked in education for 45 years in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois; then served as a parish minister for 20 years at St. Mary's in Durand, MI. She retired to the Dominican Life Center in 2002.

Virginia Rose Johnston '39 of Boca Raton, FL, died Aug. 10 at the age of 88. Virginia raised three children and taught school for 22 years before joining the Peace Corps as a widow in her 50s, spending two years serving in Bourkina Fasso, Africa. She later taught English at Jilin Institute of Finance and Trade in Changchung, China, and initiated an exchange program between Jilin University and Florida Atlantic University, where she had earned a master's degree and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumna. She also worked as a volunteer editor for Lighthouse for the Blind and Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic. Virginia was one of a group of about five SHU alumnae who remained lifelong friends and called themselves the "Siena Sirens." Virginia is survived by her son and two daughters and their families.

Margaret Moran, OP '40 (formerly Sister Rose William) died May 5 in Troy at the age of 88. Her 41 years in education included serving as principal at St. Mary in Royal Oak (one year), Guardian Angels in Clawson (10 years) and St. Laurence in Chicago (6 years). She also was a Congregation School Supervisor and spent 18 years as pastoral associate at St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores. She retired in 1997.

Mary Geralda Trauscht, OP '41 died May 13 in Adrian at the age of 93. Her 59-year education career included teaching at various locations including Aquinas H.S. in Chicago, Bishop Muldoon H.S. in Rockford and Regina H.S. in Wilmette, all in Illinois, and serving as principal at St. Patrick School in Escanaba, MI, and St. Laurence School in Chicago. She volunteered for 11 years at parishes in Chicago and Oak Park, IL, before retiring to the Dominican Life Center in 2000.

Kathleen Brisboe, OP '42 (formerly Sister Marie Kathleen) died June 11 at age 92 in Santa Cruz, CA. She ministered in education for 53 years as a teacher and principal in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and California. She was a resident of Villa Serra in Salinas, CA.

Dorothy Ferguson, OP '42 (formerly Sister Louis Marie) died May 21 at the Dominican Life Center. She was 91. Her 41-year education career included teaching at St. Joseph Academy, Siena Heights College, Mount St. Mary Academy, Regina H.S., Dominican H.S., and Hoban Dominican H.S., as well as other schools in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Kenya, Africa. She also worked in occupational therapy in Adrian and Cincinnati, was residence coordinator at Barry Villa in Miami Shores, and volunteered in several settings before retiring in 2001.





Bibiana Singer, OP '42 died July 18 at the Dominican Life Center at the age of 93. Ministering in education for four decades, she served in schools in Illinois, Michigan, Florida and New York; and was principal at Little Flower School in Hollywood, FL (6 years) and Mother of Divine Grace School in Buffalo, NY (6 years). She was a parish minister in Flint for 6 years before returning to Adrian in 1982.

Mary “Betty” Stewart Durfee '47 of Plymouth died May 22 after a three-year battle with cancer. She was 79. A social worker at Catholic Social Services of Wayne County for more than 40 years, she rose to the position of director of professional services. She was a leader who, in the 1980s, cut through the hysteria surrounding AIDS to place children with HIV in foster homes. After retiring in 1994, she volunteered actively at the Red Cross, the Siena Literacy Center and the Alzheimer’s Association. Betty’s survivors include daughters **Michelle Durfee Alexander '72** and **Denise Durfee Baxter '73**, three sons, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Norma McIntyre Pepper '47 died of cancer July 27 in Dearborn where she and her husband Joseph had lived for 51 years. Norma began a long and successful real estate career in 1959, eventually becoming a leader on the Board of Realtors and chair of its professional standards committee. She also volunteered at Oakwood Hospital, assisted in providing meals and support to the elderly, and served on both the City Planning and City Beautification Commissions in Dearborn. She is survived by her husband, four sons, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Beatrice Krippene Conklin '48 of Bloomfield Hills died May 14 after many years fighting cancer. Bea taught school for more than 40 years, volunteered at the Detroit Institute of Arts and other organizations, and was an active member of St. Hugo of the Hills parish. Before her 50th Siena Heights reunion in 1998, Bea celebrated her 70th birthday by making a parachute jump. She and her husband Bob raised three sons and also enjoyed the arts, traveling, and the Detroit Tigers.



Mary Conway Stonehill Mullins '48 (photo left) died March 18 in her Eastpointe home surrounded by her large family. She and her husband, Stanley, raised 11 children and were grandparents of 15. Honored with the Siena Heights Alumni Association’s St. Dominic Award in 2003, Mary was a community activist who founded Citizens for Decency through Laws and Letters, played a key role in closing an adult movie theater in Eastpointe, and spearheaded the White Ribbon Against Pornography Drive.

She received the city of Eastpointe’s You Made a Difference Award in 2001. She was a devoted member of St. Barnabas Parish.

Marie Therese Creighton, OP '48 (formerly Sister Louis James) died Sept. 18 in Adrian. She was 83. Her 40 years in education took her to Chicago, IL; St. Clair, Detroit, Harper Woods and Riverview, MI; and Santurce and Guayama, Puerto Rico. She also served on the pastoral team at St. Anne in Detroit; and as executive secretary and translator for the Latin American Cultural Center, San Antonio, TX, and the Midwest Hispanic Catholic Community, Notre Dame, IN. She was coordinator of ministries at the University of Notre Dame before retiring to the Dominican Life Center in 1998.

Agnes Charles Spoutz, OP '48 died July 17 at age 84 in Adrian. She ministered in education for 58 years in Illinois, Michigan and Florida including serving as principal at Bishop Muldoon H.S. in Rockford, St. Alphonsus in Dearborn, St. Bridget in Loves Park and St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Taylor. She was an office clerk at St. Mary of Redford for 10 years before coming to the Dominican Life Center in 2000.

Anna Rita Sullivan, OP '48 (formerly Sister Joanne Marie) died Aug. 18 at the age of 82. After 28 years in education in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Arizona, she began a new ministry as a hospital-based clinical dietician. She worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, AZ, Frederick (MD) Hospital, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD, and Providence Hospital in Washington, DC. She then taught in the Arkansas State Adult Education program until retiring to the Dominican Life Center in 2000.

Word has been received of the death of **Genevieve Shega Perdue '49** of Salisbury, MD. She died April 10, 2003, in a car accident.

Colette Madden, OP '51 (formerly Sister Catherine James) died Feb. 6 at age 82. After 33 years as a teacher and principal in Illinois and California, she worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago as chaplain and CPE supervisor. She then spent six years as secretary/treasurer of Holy Cross Provincial House in Santa Cruz, CA, and three years as pastoral minister at Maria Health Care Center in Adrian. She came to the Dominican Life Center in 1998. Sister Colette’s survivors include her sister, **Michael Mary Madden, OP '48**.

Rosemarie Zaglaniczny Lawrence '52 of Westerville, OH, died June 25 at age 75. A Fulbright Scholar who studied at the University of Louvain in Belgium after graduating from Siena Heights, Rosie later spent 14 years living in Belgium with her family. She subsequently taught French for many years at St. Francis DeSales H.S. in Columbus, OH. She also organized parent groups for learning disabled children and volunteered in an equine-assisted therapy program for the physically handicapped. She remained active in St. Paul’s Catholic Church, singing in the choir, teaching catechism and participating in Bible study. She is survived by her husband, Tony, four children and six grandchildren.



Mary Reilly, OP '53 (formerly Sister Marie Raymundi) died April 3 at age 79. Before coming to the Dominican Life Center in 1998, she was director of the West Palm Beach Campus of Barry University for nine years, having previously been a counselor at Cardinal Newman H.S. and Rosarian Academy, both in W. Palm Beach and St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. in Ft. Lauderdale. Earlier, she was a teacher and principal in Illinois, Michigan, Arizona and Florida.

Patricia Lucey '54 of LaGrange, IL, died May 6. A teacher and instructor in the field of education, she was past director of the Kephart Center in Fort Collins, CO, and retired director/owner of BOOST.

Francis Clement Hazinski, OP '56 died in Adrian Aug. 7 at the age of 95. She ministered in education for 36 years at schools in Michigan and Illinois. She spent 15 years as registrar and office clerk at St. Agatha H.S. in Detroit. She became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in 1987.

Mary Alice Murnen '57 of Toledo, OH, died May 13 at the age of 74. A former Adrian Dominican previously known as Sister Catherine Raymond, Mary Alice was an elementary school teacher in Michigan for 20 years. After earning a master's degree in physical education at Barry University (then College), she became the first full time women's head basketball coach at Siena Heights in the 1970s, leading the Saints to the NAIA District 23-league championship. She then returned to Barry as director of intramural women's athletics and women's tennis coach. A woman ahead of her time in athletics, she also competed in several triathlons.

Joan Petz, OP '58 (formerly Sister Jerome Mary) of Boca Raton, FL, died Sept. 18 at the age of 74. Her 42-year ministry in education included assignments as a teacher and guidance counselor at schools in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Florida. She spent a combined 17 years as guidance counselor at St. Brendan School in Miami and Pope John Paul II H.S. in Boca Raton.

Maryann Schultes Sutor '61 of Manchester, NJ, died at home Aug. 17 at the age of 67. She was a long-time teacher of Latin, English and history before becoming a personal lines insurance representative, a career she enjoyed for 17 years. She was a volunteer leader with the American Red Cross and an active parishioner of St. Barnabas Church in Bayville, NJ, where she was a Eucharistic minister and member of the Adoration Society. An accomplished quiltmaker, she also enjoyed calligraphy, reading and traveling. She is survived by her husband, John, their two daughters and a son, and six grandchildren.

Patricia Marie Schade, OP '67 (formerly Sister Robert Patrice) died May 4 in Tempe, AZ. She was 65. She taught for 25 years in Sturgis, Rochester and Dearborn, MI; Wickliffe and Cleveland, OH; and Scottsdale and Tempe, AZ. She ministered at Resurrection Parish in Tempe for 30 years, serving as director of religious education and as a pastoral associate.

Bonnie Hammersley '70 died June 14 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 80 years old. Bonnie was a registered nurse who attended Siena Heights as a non-traditional student, earned a degree in art and became an artist, sculptor and photographer. She also was a member of the Adrian Garden Club. She and her late husband, Gordon, were active supporters of the community and its colleges. She is survived by her son and daughter and six grandchildren.

Irene Reppert '70/M.A. of Morenci died Sept. 29 at the age of 90. She taught school in Lenawee County for 40 years, including 20 years in Morenci where she and her husband also owned and operated Duane's Market. She is survived by her husband and extended family.

Barbara Miceli Lifto '71 of Adrian died Sept. 6 at the age of 78. Barbara was a registered nurse who worked at Bixby Medical Center for 34 years, retiring in 1993 as director of education and volunteers. She also was past president of the Bixby Medical Center Auxiliary. She is survived by three daughters and five grandchildren.

James Craig Collicott, one of the first men admitted to Siena Heights, died April 30 after battling Parkinson's disease and cancer. He was 65. After serving in the U.S. Marines from for eight years, he studied theater at Siena between 1968 and 1971. A professional actor for over 30 years, he directed and appeared in plays throughout SE Michigan, and worked with Meadowbrook Theater, the Attic Theater and the Edison Institute at The Henry Ford. In the 1980s, he was one of the top five working actors in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two granddaughters.

Word has been received of the death of **Michael Poppe '74** of Lansing in August 2005.

Doreen Lynch Katterman '80 (Metro Detroit) of Pocatello, ID, died April 22 after a lengthy battle with lupus. She was 78. Doreen was a nurse in the Detroit area for many years, working in hospital settings, for physician specialists in private practice, and as an operating room supervisor. She was an outdoorswoman who enjoyed trap and skeet shooting and deer hunting with her husband; a craftswoman who enjoyed china painting, knitting and quilting; and a devoted Catholic who volunteered in the community and founded a support group for others with lupus. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Hudson-Harold "Stone" Dodgson, a business and accounting student at Siena Heights in the late '70s and early '80s, died Aug. 18 after a brave battle with cancer. He was 49. He worked for UPS in Adrian for 31 years and was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman, sports fan, and traveler, having visited all 50 states.





Penny Mead '83 of Blissfield died May 4 at the age of 54. She was actively involved with her church and with the Women's Missionary Fellowship and Lenawee County's American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Edward Pirtle '83 (Metro Detroit) of Ypsilanti died March 12. Survivors include his wife, children and siblings.

Mary Loring Stump '91/M.A. of Horton died Oct. 31, 2005, at the age of 51. After earning her graduate degree in counseling at Siena, she pursued a career counseling those less fortunate. "She received great joy from giving of herself to others," according to her brother, and "was always willing to give sound professional advice when asked, a happy story to brighten a troubled soul, food to the hungry, and shelter for those without."

Word has been received of the death of **Marian Bernice Colestock '97 (Metro Detroit)**.

Genevieve Siegel '98 of Pittsford died March 19 at the age of 84. After raising three children and retiring from a 20-year career at Waldron Industries, Genevieve earned an art degree at Siena Heights, graduating with her granddaughter, **Jennifer Letherer '98**. A member of the Hillsdale Art League, she became well-known for her barn paintings, which were showcased throughout Michigan. She was a lifelong member of Pittsford Wesleyan Church where she was a Sunday school teacher, head of the missionary society, and active in youth activities. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Clement Irushabandi '00 died July 16 after struggling with cancer for several years. He came to Siena from his home in Dowagiac, IN, and lived in Miami Beach, FL, prior to his death. While at SHU, he played varsity soccer and majored in business. The alumni soccer game during this fall's Alumni Weekend was dedicated to Clement's memory.

Matthew Tuttle '06 (Distance Learning), 28, a captain with the Chelsea, MI, fire department, died April 13 in a helicopter crash while searching for a fugitive with the Chelsea police chief, who also died in the accident. A qualified and experienced pilot, Matt was also a reserve officer with the Chelsea Police Department and often volunteered his private helicopter in support of police work. Observers noted there was no indication of trouble until the helicopter fell from the sky. Matt was the first Public Safety Studies student in SHU's distance learning program; at the time of his death, he had just completed his degree through Siena's blended online program at Washtenaw Community College. He is survived by his wife, parents and extended family.

Lisa Spieth '06 of Reading died in October just after her 38th birthday following an extended struggle with cancer. She graduated with an art major in May having pursued her degree even while undergoing chemotherapy.



Deaths of Friends


Herbert Farver of Adrian, chairman of the board of Blissfield Manufacturing, died June 21 following complications from surgery related to congestive heart failure and diabetes. He was 78. Herb and his wife (**photo below**), former SHU trustee **Connie Farver '83** who survives, have been generous supporters of Siena Heights and other Lenawee County charities and institutions. The education curriculum center in Siena's Library is named in honor of the Farvers. For their commitment to the community, Herb and Connie received the 1997 Maple Leaf Award from the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce. In addition to Connie, Herb is survived by their three children and families.



Harold Gregg, 93, a longtime friend of the University, died June 27 at his home in Adrian. After retiring in 1967 from a career in accounting, he became secretary and treasurer for the Draw Tite Division of Hoover Universal.

Walter F. Johnson, a past trustee of Siena Heights, died July 18 at the age of 91. A longtime professor of counseling and higher education administration at Michigan State University where he received the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award, he also was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and by the University of Minnesota, where he earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. He served as a Siena trustee in the '70s and "was pleased with the development and growth" of the University, his daughter said.

Victor G. Rosenblum, a distinguished law professor and legal scholar who received an honorary doctorate from Siena Heights in 1982, died March 13 in Evanston, IL, at the age of 80. A devoted teacher and noted expert in administrative law, he taught almost without interruption for more than 50 years, including visiting professorships in China, Belgium and at numerous U.S. law schools. A week before his death, he completed an undergraduate law seminar in his home for students at the Northwestern University Law School where he was an emeritus professor. During his career, he also served the U.S. House of Representatives as associate counselor, was president of the Association of American Law Schools, and served as Midwest Chair of the Anti-Defamation League.



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