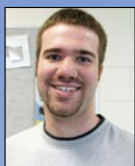


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Believe to Achieve:

Former and Present Siena Heights Students Take Different Paths to Accomplish Their Goals



Tim Fether '09



Holly Czupich '05



Ben Braun '81/MA



William Carr '75





from the president



Education Is A Marvelous Gift

As I write this column, students are already starting to trickle into the main campus, preparing for a new academic year.

The excitement is almost palpable at times, as new students are introduced to Siena Heights University for the first time, and returning students reacquaint themselves with campus.

For many, those first few days are critical to adapting to a new environment, and feeling like this is where they belong.

In my early days as an Adrian Dominican Sister, I had similar apprehensions. "Is this where I was supposed to be?" I asked myself. Fortunately, one of my fellow sisters approached me soon after and said, "I think this is where you belong." That was all I needed to hear. I just needed to be affirmed.

Our responsibility at Siena Heights over the coming days, weeks and months will be to foster a posture of openness for our students. They need that same affirmation and acceptance, to know they are in a welcoming, learning environment that respects the dignity of all.

This is more important than ever with the increased numbers of international students on campus. In fact, we expect to double our international student population this academic year, and I am delighted. Becoming more globally aware is part of my vision for Siena Heights University. I believe we can learn from other people and other cultures, just as much as these visiting students learn from us. And if we can do that in a peaceful way, it will create a ripple effect.

Dominican higher education is a critical responsibility for all of us, as well as a generous gift that we can offer to our world. The search for truth is a solemn mandate in our Catholic intellectual tradition that compels us to use both faith and reason in all of our academic disciplines. As responsible educators, staff and administrators, we must be keenly aware of how we can engage ourselves and pursue that which fuels our passion. By doing so, we all do our part by actively responding to community/world needs.

We at Siena Heights University are here for a reason. I believe education can change people's lives, and I hope you, our alumni and friends, have experienced that first-hand. Check out the stories in this issue of Reflections as evidence of that. If we live the Siena Heights mission and teach our students to do so as well, we will influence our world in good and positive ways.

Education is a marvelous gift, and we are so privileged to be part of this preaching ministry. It is a gift that most certainly keeps on giving.

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On the Cover

Siena Heights University recently unveiled a new logo for its athletic programs. The new symbol of SHU athletics is now proudly displayed on the front of the fieldhouse.



from the editor



Fostering A 'Can-Do' Attitude At Siena Heights

Ever see that commercial from a few Super Bowls ago where cowboys attempted to herd cats across the prairie?

I had a similar experience this summer – it's called coaching a youth baseball team. For the past several years, I've had the opportunity to coach a machine pitch baseball team for boys and girls in the 6-9 age range. Some of my players show up at the first practice without even a hint of baseball experience. In fact, a successful start can be just learning to grip a bat with both hands and running the bases in the right direction.

I often hear "I can't do it," to which I always respond, "Keep trying."

It's definitely a test of patience, and often will, for all of us coaches at this level. Eventually, however, the coaching seems to take hold, and it's amazing the improvement kids at this age can make in a short period of time.

Here at Siena Heights University, I have heard similar stories about our current students and graduates. Our faculty and staff serve as the "coaches," encouraging students to keep trying (attend class), practice (study/do the homework) and pay attention. Although the age and learning environment differ, the idea of improvement is a goal of higher education.

All students do not come from the same "playing field," and I believe we at Siena Heights University have a unique understanding of that concept. Siena's mission demands we approach all of our students with the same respect and dignity regardless of socio-economic background.

The goal is improvement, to strive to be the best he or she can be. This concept plays well into the theme of our current issue of *Reflections*. Our featured subjects provide an interesting cross-section of achievement:

- A former small college coach who worked his way up to college basketball's biggest stage;
- A recent graduate who is nearing her goal of earning her commercial pilot's license;
- A legally blind retired Methodist pastor who never accepted no for an answer;
- A current student who earned one of the nation's most prestigious math scholarships.

These four stories are just a small sample of our Siena achievers. Each had different starting points – and different definitions of achievement. But the common thread is their drive to achieve, to never stop improving. I think Siena Heights University does a superb job of "coaching" that mentality. My hope is that every time a student wants to give up on a goal or a dream, someone from Siena will be there to say "Keep trying."

Now, if I can only get my players to catch the ball with two hands...

Doug Goodnough
Editor

from the heights

Scholarships Created For Bahamian Students

The Bahamian American Cultural Society (BACS) and Siena Heights University recently signed a scholarship agreement open to qualified Bahamian students. The Bahamian American Cultural Society / Siena Heights University Heritage Scholarship Program will offer scholarships to those eligible Bahamians and Bahamian Americans who desire to attend Siena Heights on a full-time basis and who have received the referral and reference through BACS.

The Bahamian American Cultural Society is a non-profit civic and cultural group dedicated to the unity and support through cultural education and supportive relationships of people. Earlier this year, Siena Heights signed a similar agreement with the National Association of Yemeni-Arab Americans organization.



Live Training Exercise On SHU Campus

Siena Heights University and local emergency response agencies conducted training exercises Aug. 6 to practice their response to a residence hall high-rise fire on Siena's Adrian campus (photos below). The Adrian Fire and Police departments, ProMedica Health System, Lenawee Community Ambulance, Lenawee Sheriff's Office, emergency management and many other fire departments throughout Lenawee County participated in the exercise, which simulated the response to a residence hall fire in Ledwidge and Archangelus halls.

"Siena Heights University is so grateful to the emergency response agencies for giving us the opportunity to make this campus safer," said Cindy Birdwell, director of Public Safety at Siena Heights. Birdwell said the goal of the exercise was to simulate as realistically as possible the conditions of a high-rise fire. Firefighters and paramedics carried actors and volunteers playing "injured" and "deceased" victims from the scene to be transported to the area hospitals.

"We want it to be transparent, and if we want to test our systems, we need to keep it as real as possible," Birdwell said. "It is important to test procedures. You do not want to be working out glitches during the real thing."

Last year, Siena Heights partnered with local emergency response agencies to successfully conduct a mock shooting drill that garnered national media recognition.



Palmer Named Vice President of Enrollment Management



C. Patrick Palmer was recently appointed Vice President of Enrollment Management at Siena Heights University. Palmer, who is currently the Dean of the Graduate College, replaces Frank Hribar, who left Siena Heights to take a similar position at Kettering University in Flint, Mich.

"I look forward to the opportunity to facilitate the growth of the university," Palmer said. "Frank has established a wonderful team in admissions, financial aid and registration offices. I look forward to working with those areas to increase the university's enrollment."

Palmer, who will continue to be the Dean of the Graduate College with additional assistance, has prior experience in enrollment management while at Jackson Community College. He also was a coach, athletic director, faculty member and advisor at Siena Heights. During the Vietnam War he was a Green Beret in the U.S. Army Special Forces division. Palmer, and his wife, Carlene, a SHU faculty member, reside in Tecumseh, Mich.

Siena Heights Receives Nursing Program Grant

Siena Heights University announced that it received a \$191,593 federal grant towards the establishment of its Registered Nurse degree completion program. The grant was one of only eight projects in Michigan funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education account.

"This is a great head start to get our nursing program off the ground," said Siena Heights University President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD. "When we first announced our plans for a nursing program, we believed this would be a benefit not only to the local community, but to the entire state of Michigan. It's encouraging to see Congress recognizes our efforts. We are extremely grateful for everyone's efforts in securing this funding."

The Siena Heights Nursing Program is approved for registered nurses to return to college and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The first class of RN to BSN nursing students began coursework in August.

Siena Heights has found a new home for its nursing program – just across the street from its main campus. President Albert announced SHU and St. Joseph Academy have agreed on a five-year lease that will allow nursing classes to be housed in the middle school facility on East Siena Heights Drive adjacent to the main Siena Heights campus (photo below).



"This is a win-win for Siena Heights and St. Joseph Academy," said President Albert of the agreement that will allow classes to begin this fall at the former middle school. "As institutions sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, Siena Heights and St. Joseph have always had a very special relationship. This agreement continues that relationship, as well as meets the needs of both institutions."

Other than some minor updates and some technology upgrades, the facility will suit the nursing program's needs, according to SHU Director of Nursing Dr. Sue Idczak.

"The Siena Nursing Program is honored to be blessed with the middle school building," Idczak said. "All the people who are a part of the middle school need to know how deeply grateful I am. I know how important this building is and how special is this gift that is entrusted to nursing."

Creative Writing Program Recognized

Siena Heights University's creative writing program was honored for the second straight time as one of the top 200 creative programs in the nation by a national publication. According to the second edition of "Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians and Writers," Siena Heights' creative writing program in its English department is listed as one of the top 200 programs in the nation. Siena Heights was also listed in the first edition of this book by author Elaina Loveland.

"I think it is quite an honor to be chosen for the second edition of the book," said Nancy Seligmann, chair of SHU's English Department. "Even though we have a small program, we're doing something right."

The Creative Colleges guide is aimed at college-bound creative students and gives them the information and resources necessary to pick the right program. According to the publishers, the author meticulously researched programs from across the country and ultimately selected 200 art, drama, dance, music and creative writing programs in arts conservatories, liberal arts colleges and universities to recommend to potential students. Siena Heights recently completed a creative writing workshop on campus that featured award-winning author Philip Deaver and members of the SHU English faculty. Seligmann said about 20 students participated in the fiction and memoir programs, and ages of participants ranged from 14-92.



Siena Heights and Delta College form Degree Completion Program

Delta College and Siena Heights University formalized an agreement allowing Delta graduates to complete their bachelor's degree online through SHU's Distance Learning Programs. Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College, and Siena President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD, finalized the articulation agreement during a June 11 press conference on the Delta College campus (photo above).

"We are pleased to offer Delta College graduates the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree online with Siena Heights University," said President Albert. "We are excited about this collaboration with Delta College."

Adding Up

By Doug Goodnough

Senior One of Only Four Nationally to Win Math Scholarship

Tim Fether's love of mathematics recently added up in a big way. The Siena Heights University senior was one of only four students nationwide to receive a \$10,000 Prospective Secondary Teacher Course Work Scholarship from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Fether, a secondary education and mathematics major from Pittsford, Mich., received the award last spring at a conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. The scholarship is awarded to full-time college or university students pursuing a career goal of becoming a certified teacher of secondary school (grades 7-12) mathematics. The other scholarship recipients were Michigan Tech University's Kevin McElrath, Ohio University's Marissa Blewitt and Clarke College's Kim Kanaly.

"I felt like I had a lot of good ideas that I have picked up from the math department here," Fether said. "Having those ideas, I think, helped in the application process."

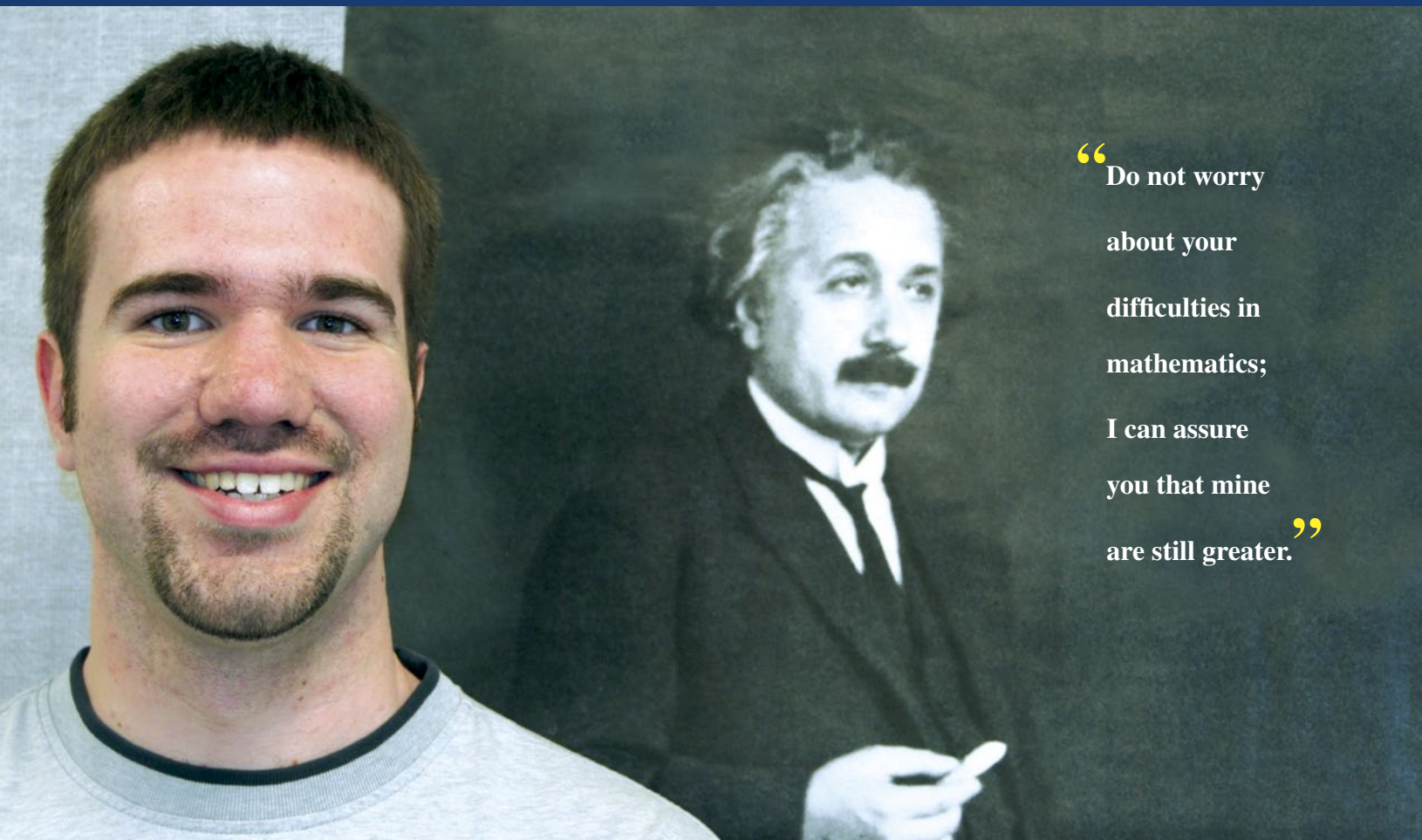
One of those ideas was creating a customized "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" game to tutor and teach area high school math students. Fether said the computer game had the same sound effects and visual qualities as the television show.

"It follows the exact same flow," he said. "It's set up so you would be playing it. I can run it, and I would be able to read the questions and be able to interact with who is there, as though as I am the host."

Fether said making math fun for students is the key to successful teaching. And today's students are very technology-oriented.

"We're very tech-oriented (at Siena Heights), and I think that is really a strength," Fether said. "I think that's a really good way to learn math. With technology, you can easily integrate and show how when one thing changes, how the others will change."

Fether said his former high school math teacher, SHU graduate Darick Clark '01, changed the way he thought about math.



“Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics; I can assure you that mine are still greater.”

“I no longer was going through step by step solving an equation,” Fether said. “He would take us through the proofs and show us exactly what was going on behind the formulas. He gave us more of a behind-the-scenes look, and that fascinated me.”

Fether also credits longtime Siena math professor Tim Husband, who he calls a mentor.

“He’s really helped get me involved in tutoring high school students,” he said. “He’s been a good resource for me.”

“Tim has been a pleasure to have in class because of his preparedness and ability to ask insightful questions that also tend to engage other students,” said Husband, chair of Siena’s mathematics department. “Tim clearly has exceptional mathematical talent, together with the personality and the desire to become a leader in mathematics education.”

Fether said after his senior year, he will begin student teaching in the fall 2009. He is anxious to begin applying what he has learned in the classroom.

“Being able to see things in different ways and present them in different ways is very important, and I really want to be able to do that as a teacher,” he said.

With calculus being his self-described favorite math genre, last spring he completed a unit plan for math in exponential functions that incorporates graphic calculators “in a very heavy way,” Fether said. “It takes a couple of different teaching methods and styles that I’ve been able to pick up here at Siena.”

Husband said Fether is one of the finest tutors he has had at Siena.

“He is one of the few tutors we have that has the ability to tutor students of all skill and motivation levels,” Husband said. “Tim’s friendliness and openness make him very approachable even by the students who have extreme anxieties about mathematics. His tutoring reputation has reached our local community. He is frequently sought after by parents to tutor middle school and high school students who are struggling in their mathematics courses.”

Fether served as president of SHU’s Student Senate last academic year and is also minoring in Spanish. He serves as a resident assistant and carries a 4.0 grade point average.

“I’ve just seen a tremendous amount of growth in myself since taking on the (RA) position,” he said. “It’s a great leadership experience that’s been invaluable. It should benefit my teaching career.” ♦



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SAINTS

Athletic Department Unveils New Logo

On June 27, the Siena Heights University Athletic Department unveiled a new logo that is the new standard bearer for all Saints athletic programs. The new logo (**above**), unveiled at a special ceremony in front of the Siena Heights Fieldhouse, both modernizes the look of the athletic program and better represents the university's nickname, according to Saints Athletic Director Fred Smith.

"This process took nearly a year to complete and was truly a collaborative effort between our athletic and marketing departments," Smith said. "I'm very pleased with the result, and believe this logo will allow us to better market and brand our athletic programs here at Siena Heights."

Siena Heights' new primary athletic logo is the "SAINTS" lettering with a star imbedded in a halo as the graphic mark above the wording. The halo represents the University's "Saints" nickname, while the star can symbolize "one university" or the institution's tagline of "Think Higher."

"At birth, Saint Dominic was said to have a star appear on his forehead," said SHU President Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD, of the founder of the Dominican order. "It's a subtle, yet appropriate, reference to our Dominican, Catholic heritage."

Smith said the new logo and its several variations will become the official mark on the University's athletic uniforms, apparel and signage. It will also be used on the athletic department's redesigned website, which is scheduled to launch later this summer under the address www.shusaints.com.

"We have had so many different logos for our athletic programs over the years, it's nice to finally have a more unified look," Smith said. "This logo will hopefully enhance what is already a strong tradition of athletics at Siena Heights."

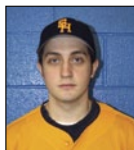
SHU competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), sponsoring six men's and seven women's intercollegiate programs as well as two men's club programs. The Saints are a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.



Mike Sepesy

Baseball

SHU senior center fielder Mike Sepesy was selected as a member of the 2008 Rawlings NAIA Gold Glove Team by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association. Sepesy, from Ida, Mich., (**below left**) had previously won recognition on the WHAC Gold Glove Team and the NAIA Region VIII Gold Glove Team as well. For the year, Sepesy amassed 109 putouts, three assists and only one error. He was also named to the NAIA All-Region VIII team after batting .338 with three home runs and 18 RBI, and finished his collegiate career tied for fifth in doubles in SHU history. Sophomore outfielder Mark



Pauwels joined Sepesy on the All-Region Gold Glove team, while sophomore first baseman Spike Holliday (**left**) earned a spot on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete team with a 3.5 grade-point average. The Saints finished 14-26 overall, 8-16 in the WHAC.

Men's Golf

Jack Garswood shot a final round of 72 at the NAIA Region VIII golf tournament to finish in a tie for third place. The third



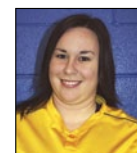
place finish by Garswood (**left**) is one of the two best finishes by a Siena Heights men's golfer in a regional competition in the history of the program. Siena Heights Hall of Famer Jacob Bialik is the only other golfer to make the All-Region Team. Garswood is a sophomore from Trenton, Mich. SHU placed 10th as a team at the regional meet.

Women's Golf

The Siena Heights women's golf team finished in sixth place at the NAIA Region VIII tournament. The Saints shot a day one score of 412 and a day two score of 419 for a total of 831. Kelly Sawyer led the Saints with a 178 (85-93), good for 11th overall.

Softball

Catcher Jess Singletary and third baseman Liz Harrison were selected to the All-WHAC team for the Saints. Singletary had a breakout sophomore season, batting .341 with seven home runs and 34 RBI, all team highs. She also set the Siena Heights single-season record for home runs. Harrison, a senior, batted .296, led the team in triples and was third in RBI and slugging percentage. The Saints also placed three members on the WHAC All-Academic Team. Seniors Sarah Beaubien and Tina DePew and sophomore Ashley Wrobel all received recognition (**photos below**). The Saints finished 16-32 overall, 8-16 in the conference.



Sarah Beaubien



Tina DePew



Ashley Wrobel

Outdoor Track & Field

The Siena Heights outdoor track & field teams ended their seasons at the NAIA National Meet in Edwardsville, Ill. For the men, the indoor national champion 4x800 meter relay team of Robert Banks, Kent Laskowsky, Adrian Simmons and Luke Pawlaczyk finished third in the outdoor meet in a time of 7 minutes, 34.75 seconds. In the long jump, Caden Conley was eighth, while Erving Warren and Chris Bullard tied for 14th in the high jump. Greg Burns finished seventh in the pole vault and Robert Deo ninth in the 5000 meter run. For the SHU women, Trashonda Atkins was seventh in the 100 meter hurdles, while JoRanda Chapman was 12th in the 400 meter run. The 4x100 meter relay was 11th. Despite a limited number of athletes qualified for the meet, the Saints had a strong showing, with the men finishing in 34th place and the women placing 51st.

BRAINS AND

BRAUN

One of College Basketball's Winningest Coaches Remembers His Roots

By Doug Goodnough

It's been nearly 25 years since he left for college basketball's biggest stage, but Ben Braun '81/MA said he still thinks about Siena Heights University quite often.

Of course, it is Siena Heights College he remembers. It's the place where he cut his college basketball coaching teeth. He spent eight years establishing Siena Heights' fledgling men's basketball program, learning a little about small-town life and the value of community along the way.

Eventually, he received the call many in his profession wait for – a Division I coaching opportunity. After leaving Siena Heights, Braun quickly built Eastern Michigan University's program into a Mid-American Conference power, then spent 12 years helping the University of California-Berkeley become one of the most successful programs in one of the nation's toughest conferences.

This spring, he accepted a new challenge. He will try to rebuild a struggling Rice University program that won just three games a season ago. Now known as one of college basketball's best teachers, Braun is still learning lessons despite his more than 30 years and 900 games in collegiate coaching. The competitive fires still burn bright for arguably Siena's most well-known alum, and he is grateful his collegiate coaching spark started at Siena Heights.

Siena Who?

In 1977, Braun was content as a young high school basketball coach in Racine, Wis., when then Siena Heights athletic director Orby Moss called.

“He had just taken the job (at Siena Heights) and was somebody I knew back in Racine,” Braun said. “I didn’t have any interest in becoming a college coach. But he kept trying to recruit me to (Siena Heights). He said, ‘It’s a great opportunity.’ I said, ‘I’m happy coaching in high school.’ He said, ‘You can always go back to high school, so try college.’ He must have been a heck of a recruiter, because he convinced me to go to Adrian.”

When Braun arrived at Siena Heights, he realized the immediate challenge at hand. For starters, Siena did not have a gym, except for the archaic half court in the basement of Sage Union. That meant practice and home games were played at the Piotter Center a few blocks from campus.

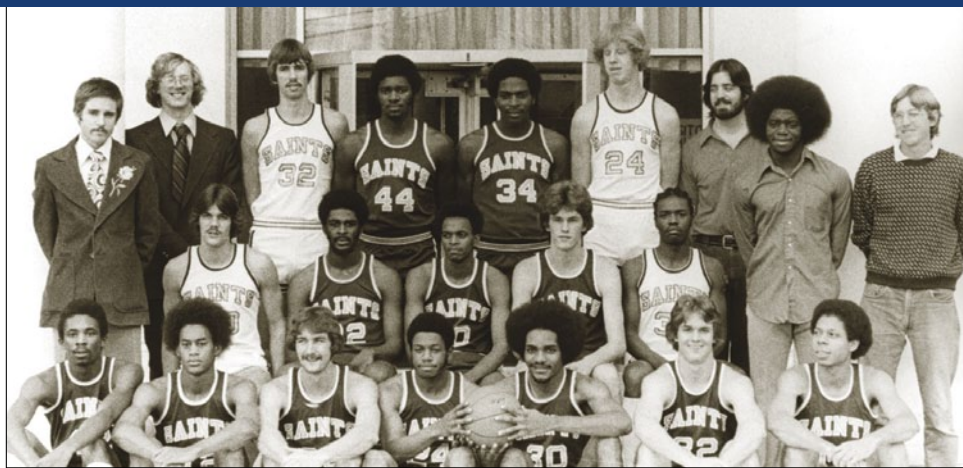


“We played in a bingo hall. We practiced in a bingo hall. We recruited out of a bingo hall,” said Braun of the Piotter Center, which had a maximum capacity of about 200 people. “They were hanging off the stage there. When you talk about crackerbox, that was an all-time crackerbox.”

However, help was on the way, courtesy of the newly constructed fieldhouse.

“That was huge,” Braun said of Siena’s current athletic complex. “Our program kind of turned around in conjunction with that.”

The results on the scoreboard proved that. Braun was 8-21 in his first season with the Saints, but Siena finished 24-6 the next. In fact, Braun did not have a losing season again, winning at least 20 games four times in compiling a 148-103 record with the Saints.



Becoming a Saint

Once he got a taste of coaching college basketball, Braun was hooked. In fact, he thrived in the Siena environment, and not just on the basketball court.

“Siena had a real nice feel about it. It had a real warm atmosphere,” Braun said. “Every day somebody would come up, stop by the office and say hi. One of the Sisters would come by and give us a blessing for the day, and they would tell us how happy they were that I was there, which was unique. I just felt at home there.”

Braun also got a chance to teach not only on the court, but in the classroom.

“A coach usually didn’t have to teach classes then, and that was unique back in the day,” said Braun, who was an English instructor at Siena Heights. “I even had some of my own players in class. Today, they wouldn’t allow that, because they would say the coach could have a temptation to give favor to his players. I think it was the opposite for me. I was always tougher on my players than I was on the rest of the class. I didn’t want to cheat them. I didn’t want them to think that life was about giving them breaks or giving them something for nothing.”

And he said the relationship between academics and athletics was another distinctive aspect of Siena Heights.

“There’s some tremendous people who are still associated with Siena Heights who not only were great for the community academically, but they were very supportive of basketball,” said Braun, rattling off familiar Siena names such as Doug Miller, Pat Palmer and Bob Gordon. “That’s something a lot of big colleges miss. These are people who had hard jobs on the academic side, but they would always manage to get over and were big supporters of our program.”

And he still misses meals at those “mom and pop” restaurants in Adrian. “You felt like you were sitting down to a home-cooked meal,” Braun said.

Leaving Siena

The man who was reluctant to even get into college coaching was now being courted by larger schools. One of those schools was Eastern Michigan, which offered Braun an associate head coaching position in 1985.

“It was hard,” Braun said of his decision to leave Siena. “I had been the head coach for eight years at Siena, and I felt I could finish my career there, that’s how much I enjoyed coaching there. But when the opportunity came to become an associate head coach at Eastern Michigan, which was only down the street at a Division I level, I thought it would be another challenge for me.”

Handing over the Siena Heights head coaching reins to a young assistant named Fred Smith, Braun quickly went from associate head coach to interim head coach at Eastern. Making the most of the opportunity, Braun guided Eastern to a 14-15 record in his first full season in 1986-87. The next season Braun won the first of his three MAC titles and earned a NCAA tournament berth with a 22-8 record. The three-time MAC Coach of the Year won three conference titles, and in 1991, Eastern became the darling of the NCAA tournament by making the prestigious Sweet 16.



After another MAC title in 1995-96, Braun was a hot commodity in the coaching ranks. He admitted he fielded a few offers from larger Division I programs, including a couple from the Big Ten Conference, but finally chose to coach the University of California-Berkeley.

He was a California boy now.

California Dreamin'

Braun was entering the pinnacle of college coaching at Cal, which was in the prestigious PAC-10 Conference, arguably the nation's best. The Golden Bears routinely faced the likes of UCLA, Arizona and Stanford.

Braun and Cal hit the ground running in his very first year, finishing 23-9 and garnering an appearance in the NCAA's Sweet 16 for the second time in Braun's coaching career. That season also earned Braun PAC-10 Coach of the Year honors. During Braun's tenure with Cal, the Golden Bears had seven winning seasons and earned five NCAA tournament bids to go with a 219-154 record. That mark ranked second among active PAC-10 coaches in overall wins.

"I never tried to change my basic philosophy," Braun said of his coaching style. "I think you get in trouble if you change your philosophy too often. You can tweak it along the way, but you have to have some core values about preparation and coaching character players." Braun said he looks for the "hungry" player, not necessarily the most talented.



"There's certain characteristics players have to have, just what I call being a winner," he said. "You're a winner in life, and if you have those characteristics, then you can talk about winning games. I've tried to carry that philosophy at every level. It doesn't matter how big the level, how many people you play in front of, you don't change how hard you work."

"It goes back to my days of recruiting non-scholarship players," Braun continued. "I think you can win a lot of games with the hungry player, the guy that might not be the star on this team, but the guy who is willing to sacrifice to make his teammates better and is proud and loyal to his school."

An added bonus for Braun during his time in Berkeley was meeting his wife, Jessica. They are expecting their first child this summer.

However, after last season that had the Bears battling injuries to reach the semifinals of the PAC-10 tournament and making the second round of the NIT, Braun learned the harsh reality facing major college coaches: win big, or you're out.

A New Challenge

Braun didn't have to wait long for his next coaching opportunity. On April 7, he was named head coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas. The Owls, a member of Conference USA, finished just 3-27 last season.

A coach who says he always likes a challenge has yet another one.



"When Rice University and (Rice Athletic Director) Chris Del Conte called, that was a perfect fit," Braun said during his press conference. "I've got a lot of passion and energy in coaching. To do that at Rice is huge. Rice represents everything I believe a university should have."

His Greatest Accomplishment

With a career coaching mark of 552-389, Braun is currently one of the top 10 winningest coaches in Division I college basketball. Despite all those wins, titles, tournament appearances and individual accolades, he considers none of those things his greatest accomplishment.

"My greatest coaching moments are to see the players after they have finished their basketball careers and how successful they are," said Braun, who has coached more than a dozen players who went on to play in the NBA. "I feel that means I did a good job coaching. I didn't just teach them how to shoot a jump shot. I encouraged them and my staff encouraged those players to take their winning principles and their winning characteristics and apply it to life, so they are successful beyond basketball. ... That's my proudest moment."

His coaching "tree" includes former and current Siena Heights coaches Fred Smith and Al Sandifer, as well as Keith Dambrot (Akron), Stan Heath (South Florida) and Charles Ramsey (Eastern Michigan).

"That's what it's all about," Braun said of his former players and assistants. "It's like a family."

Looking Back and Moving Forward

He said he often reflects fondly on his time at Siena Heights.

"As a coach, when you go back to your core values and your core teaching, you got to go back to where it started," Braun said. "And it started for me at Siena Heights. My early days at Siena Heights were really my first days of coaching. I know along the way I probably made a few mistakes that I couldn't get away with today. But I was able to learn from those mistakes."

He is also pleased to see one of his former players, Al Sandifer, as Siena's head men's basketball coach.

"Fred Smith obviously, and Al now, have taken (Siena Heights) to even another level," Braun said. "I am so happy for them and happy for the school. They kept it in the family, which is great."

At age 54, Braun is still as competitive as they come. A self-described "fitness fanatic," he enjoys a good game of tennis. Books and reading, as well as listening to jazz music, are other interests. He said those things, along with his family, help put basketball in perspective.

"Longevity (in coaching) is hard today," he said. "I want to make sure I still have a passion for coaching. I don't want to coach past when I lose my passion for coaching or my passion for the players I coach or for the university that I coach at. I won't coach my whole life. There will be a day where I will step back." ♦



Finding the . . .



By Doug Goodnough

Sun



Female Pilot Discovers Her Passion for Flying

What do art and airplanes have in common? Holly Czupich is still trying to figure that out.

When Czupich graduated in 2005 from Siena Heights University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in art history and photography, she thought her future would be sifting through documents as a library archivist.

In the meantime, she was working for a temporary agency at USA Jet Airlines near Ypsilanti, Mich. That's where she "caught the bug" as she refers to her love of flying. Less than two years after her first takeoff, the resident of Milan, Mich., is just a few hours from earning her commercial pilot's license.

"I never dreamed of flying myself," said Czupich, who did not view herself as the risk-taking type. "A few people at work told me I should start flying. I said, 'You don't know me. I can't do that.' ... It's like a disease, and I caught it."



Ironically, it was art that led her to the runway. A co-worker asked if she would use her artistic ability on a project. In return, he would give her free flying lessons. That's all it took.

Starting in December 2006, Czupich juggled work and graduate school enough to fit in her newfound passion. Overcoming the customary motion sickness and a self-admitted lack of mechanical know-how, Czupich successfully completed ground school, which taught her aspects of flying like aerodynamics, signage and fuel conservation.

"I didn't know the first thing about an engine," said Czupich, who now can change her own oil and wants to be a flight instructor one day. "I went to art school, for goodness sake."

She earned her private pilot's license in September 2007, and currently has approximately 220 hours of the 250 needed to earn a commercial license.

Now a full-time employee with USA Jet as an assistant to the company's executive vice president, she said working in the aviation business fuels her passion. In fact, she recently flew solo from Michigan to Albuquerque, N.M., in a single-engine, four-seat airplane. That's 15 hours in the air — one way.

"You don't zone out," Czupich said of her in-the-air experience. "But the time goes by so fast. You are focused on the aircraft."

She said the toughest part about learning to fly was landing. In fact, she said 80 percent of aviation accidents occur attempting to land.

Another challenge at times is her gender. With just 6 percent of all pilots being female (including just 2 percent who are commercial rated), Czupich said she is often aware of the quizzical looks and stares when she gets out of the cockpit.

"Especially being a tall blonde," she said.

To help encourage more female fliers, Czupich helped organize an Ann Arbor chapter of Women in Aviation International, which recently met for the first time.

"We get together and try to support each other," Czupich said of the initial 17-member group. "There's still some people out there who think women shouldn't fly."

What about the connection between art and aviation? She said her BFA coursework at Siena challenged her to move out of her comfort zone. And she is considering doing some aerial photography, which would allow her to combine her two passions. Her ultimate goals include flying either commercially or for the government, as well as being a flight instructor.

"It's amazing to fly where the birds go every day," Czupich said. "I get to see the sun. The sun's up there somewhere. You just got to go find it." ♦



Blind Ambition

William Carr Uses Can-Do Attitude to Reach His Goals

By Doug Goodnough

Want to get William Carr to do something? Tell him he can't.

Over the years, many people have tried advising the legally blind 70-year-old that he can't earn a college degree, can't become a Methodist pastor, can't ride a bicycle, can't operate a computer, can't climb mountains, can't pay his bills.

When he was born, the doctor couldn't even promise his mother he would live.

"I was born dead. I was purple," Carr said. "The cord was wrapped around my neck twice. The doctor slapped me across the bottom. I took a deep breath, and I cried. I haven't stopped making noise since."

He has accomplished everything on the above-mentioned list and more. Carr, sitting at his kitchen table with a view of Lake Allegan behind him, recounts his still-in-progress life story like Perry Mason delivering a closing argument.

First, the story behind his eyesight. Carr lost the sight in his left eye at the age of 9, and only has about 18 percent vision in his right eye since the age of 18. That means Carr views the world through Coke-bottle lenses with the help of a large magnifying glass he always has nearby.

He managed to complete two-year degrees in civil engineering and automotive design engineering in the 1950s, but then put his continuing education on the back burner while he worked and raised a family.

However, while working as city manager for the City of Hillsdale in 1972, he noticed a newspaper ad for Siena Heights College. Because of its close proximity, he decided to try to return to school to earn his bachelor's degree.

"And when I start something, I don't want to quit," he said.

Being a nontraditional student who had not taken a college course in nearly 20 years, Carr had to talk his way into Siena Heights.

“They told me they were not going to accept me because I didn’t have the mechanical engineering qualifications,” said Carr, remembering his conversation with Siena’s then-admissions director, Sister Mary Alice Brown. “She said I didn’t have all the subjects to apply at Siena. I just sat there and smiled. And finally I said, ‘I can do it.’ She said, ‘OK, we’ll give you a chance.’”

That was all he needed to hear. Taking night classes and driving approximately 40 miles one way from Hillsdale to Adrian, Carr earned his bachelor’s of science degree in mechanical engineering from Siena Heights in 1975.

“They did not have the appliances they have today for those who are visually impaired,” Carr said of his time at Siena Heights. “The only way I could do it is read through my (magnifying) glass to study. If a professor gave the class an hour’s worth of reading, it took me four hours. You can imagine what it was like to make and meet the deadlines that were given to me.”

With bachelor’s degree in hand, Carr thought it would change his career path. It did, but not in the direction he thought. In 1980, Carr felt a call to become a pastor in the United Methodist Church. Despite having no undergraduate coursework in theology, Carr was accepted into theological school. Not surprisingly, he completed the

four-year master’s program in three years with a 3.2 grade-point average. But Carr still faced resistance from the committee, who had the final vote on whether he would be accepted as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

A 25-pastor committee voted unanimously to accept Carr, but he later found out how he earned their votes.

“They began to discuss among themselves why they voted yes, and almost every one of them said, ‘I felt sorry for him, and I didn’t want to have everybody say no, so I said yes.’” Carr said, smiling. “That’s the hand of the Lord working with me.”

“If a professor gave the class an hour’s worth of reading, it took me four hours. You can imagine what it was like to make and meet the deadlines that were given to me.”

He spent the next 25 years pastoring in the church’s West Michigan Conference before recently retiring to Allegan, Mich. He still teaches Bible study classes and offers his services as a counselor and motivational speaker from time to time.

Carr is also writing a book about his life titled, “Where in Hell is Heaven?” which will be finished in two years.

Below: Carr, a retired Methodist minister living in Allegan, Mich., earned his bachelor’s of science degree in mechanical engineering from Siena in 1975 while working as a city manager in Hillsdale, Mich.



“It’s a connection of someone who goes through a lot of hard times in their life and says ‘there is no God,’” Carr said. “But my last chapter shows that there is a God.”

In his younger days, Carr traveled the country, using his engineering skills to build flood control dams in places like Hawaii. He is also an accomplished artist, and designed and built the home where he and his wife currently reside.

“For having nothing, we have a lot,” said Carr’s wife, Carolyn, a Roman Catholic who attends Mass Saturday evenings so she can support her husband on Sunday morning.

Showing no signs of slowing down, Carr carries a 185 average in bowling, and competes each year in several bicycle races, including a 100-mile ride in Holland, Mich. He drove a car up until five years ago, before doctors officially diagnosed him as legally blind.

Ever the motivator, he hopes his story will inspire others to continue their education.

“I hope my story can give a teacher or professor some hope that students will succeed,” Carr said. “I know there’s a lot of professors and teachers who wonder about their students. I know, because I was one of them. They didn’t know if they were qualified or would make it, but I did.”

“When I counsel somebody, I tell them ... do not be afraid to shoot for the moon,” he continued. “If you make that your goal, then you have to become one of the most stubborn people in the world. Let nothing change your mind. ... When people tell me I can’t do it, it’s the wrong thing to say. ... I didn’t find a way. I was given a way. That’s how you have to look at things.” ♦

Below: Bill Carr, who is legally blind, shows a special magnification tool he uses to read and view documents on his computer monitor.



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from the alumni office



Faraway Places At Home At Siena Heights

When Sister Peg Albert, OP, became President two years ago, she immediately set a goal of increasing international enrollment and global awareness at Siena Heights. Right away, things began to happen.

Last year, Siena welcomed 15 new students from 10 different countries. This fall, Jennifer Hanson, Coordinator of International Student Services, expects about 50 international students from Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East and the Caribbean. Without a doubt, the internationalism of our community is on the rise!

This is not a new thing at Siena Heights; it's a revival of a cherished value. The University has a wonderful history of enrolling students from faraway places. In the '40s, '50s and '60s, many young women came to Siena from places like Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Guam. The 1980s saw a surge in international enrollment, thanks especially to the efforts of then

President Louis Vaccaro. In recent years, our Lake Michigan Center in Benton Harbor has been enriched by students from many African countries. It is exciting now for the Adrian campus, once again, to nurture a diverse mix of cultures, nationalities, languages and perspectives.

As alumni director, I have had the opportunity to meet many of our international alumni and I have been impressed with positive impact these Siena graduates are having in our world: Marco Pinheiro '82 is a successful businessman in Brazil; he returned to campus last fall for the first time in 25 years, accompanying his son, Raphael, to freshman orientation at Siena Heights. Marco's son returned this year—bringing a friend from Brazil. Canadian entrepreneur Iqbal Roshd '83 travels often between Toronto and his native Bangladesh. Known for a leadership style that is sensitive, humane and wildly successful, Iqbal shared insights with SHU students two years ago while on campus to receive the Outstanding Alumni Award. Another alumni award winner, Iranian Seyed-Jalal Hosseini '96, is working with the Harvard School of Public Health to fight the spread of AIDS in Nigeria; he inspired our students as a speaker at a recent Common Dialogue Day.

This spring, I crossed paths with two other inspiring alumni. On a Siena Heights service trip to Jamaica in May, I spent nine days with our students volunteering at a residential school for homeless and delinquent boys—and I had the opportunity to meet Jamaican native Marjorie Tulloch Hobbs '58 for the first time. She and her husband live part of the year in Florida and the rest of the time in Kingston, her childhood home. Marjorie is an active lay leader in the Jamaican Catholic Church working to address some of Jamaica's complex socio-economic problems. We spent a delightful day discussing everything from Caribbean politics and Jamaican fast food to scholarships and theological studies at Siena Heights.

Later in May, I received two heart-rending poems from Maurice Chi '84, of Wrentham, Mass. Maurice, now a Boston businessman, and his brother, Jacob '85, now a symphony conductor, came to Siena from China, following in the footsteps of their aunts, Margaret '82/MA and Jane '82/MA. (The Chi sisters' journey to Siena Heights began with a scholarship offer in the late 1940s that was delayed 30 years by China's Cultural Revolution.) Following the tragic earthquake in China, Maurice was so moved by reports of the devastation that he found himself crying on a bus, composing poetry. His powerful imagery reminded me, again, of the importance of global diversity at Siena. Without a personal connection to the rest of the world, international news is just words. Without a reminder that people—people we could know—are part of those news stories, we risk treating foreign affairs as no more than a board game.

Maurice's two poems are on our website and one, "You May Go Now, My Children," is printed on page 21. Reading that poem changed my perspective. Knowing Marco and Raphael, Iqbal, Jalal, Marjorie, the boys in Jamaica—and many other alumni from backgrounds unlike my own—has broadened my perspective, too. For the better.

Nurturing a global community is good for Siena Heights—and good for the world we share.

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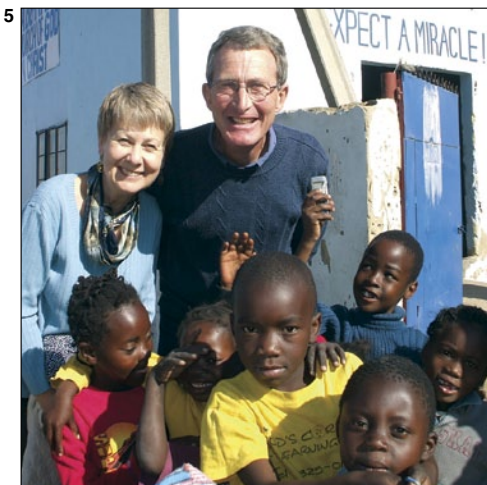
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Siena Scenes: Here and Everywhere

1—Alumni Weekend brings together long lost friends. Theresa Rahn '03 (Benton Harbor) and Dusty Farnan, OP '72 were reunited at Alumni Weekend '07.

2—Alumni Board members past and present celebrated at the Metro Detroit 30th anniversary dinner last fall. From left (Southfield alumni except where noted): Phil Abele '79, Pat Cummings Smith '01, Shannon Bruley '04, alumni director Jennifer Church, Montez McDonald '01, Mable Pye '01, '03/MA, and Dennis Reeder '78 (Adrian).

3—Gary and Christine Wofford '87 (Southfield) show off the souvenir wine stopper received at the Metro Detroit 30th anniversary dinner last fall.

4—Outstanding Alumni Award winner Susan Kelly '69 and Sr. Ann Joachim Award winner Karen Verlinden '68 raise their crystal bowls in celebration. Also honored at Alumni Awards Day in March: Mark DiPietro '83, St. Dominic Award; and Judy Krakowiak Drake '04, Recent Graduate Award.

5—Siena Heights University Chaplain Father Tom Helfrich journeyed to South Africa in summer 2007 as part of an ecumenical pastor study immersion program.

6—Theater prof Mark DiPietro congratulates his nephew, '08 theater grad Chris DiPietro, on Commencement Day.

7—Before delivering last spring's endowed ethics lecture, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (in corsage) enjoyed dinner with several Siena Heights students.

8—Rebecca Seitz '10, a participant in Siena's May service trip to Jamaica, works on a painting project with a new friend at the St. John Bosco School in Mandeville. Sister Pat Schnapp led the group of students and staff.



class notes

From The Sites

SHU—Battle Creek

Donald Viland '97 was appointed chief executive officer at Access First Federal Credit Union in Mattawan this past November; he also continues as chief financial officer. He and his wife, Niki, live in Kalamazoo with their golden retriever, Knute.

Becky Carpenter Crabill '98 in February was promoted from controller to chief financial officer at Monarch Community Bank. She works at the bank's main branch in Coldwater and lives in Howe, IN, with her husband and two sons.

Daniel Robinson '99 of Jacksonville, FL, is area sales manager for Nice Systems, Inc.

Kathleen Tarr '00, retired vice president for institutional advancement at Kellogg Community College, is president of the Franke Center for the Arts in Marshall and the Industry Council of Calhoun County.

Ray Cruse '01, '07/MA was named interim chief executive officer of Community Hospital in Watervliet last summer, handling the dual role of CEO and chief financial officer. Before coming to Community Hospital in 2005, he was chief financial officer at Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac.

Shane Horn '04 of Adrian was promoted last fall from superintendent of the city water plant, a position he'd held since 1997, to director of utilities for the city of Adrian. He received a degree in water quality/natural resources technology from Lake Superior State U. in 1994.



Marcus Glass '04 was promoted in February to manager, patient and outreach services, for Regional Medical Laboratories, an independent reference lab in southwest Michigan. He began his career with RML in 2001 and served

as technical supervisor and clinical coordinator of patient services at the Battle Creek Health System main campus laboratory.

SHU—Benton Harbor

JoAnn Phillips '93 chairs the Human Services Program at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, IN, teaching, advising and serving as liaison to community non-profit social service agencies. As a board member of the National Association of Social Workers, she also chairs the Indiana membership committee.

Michael Irones '96 of Westmont, NJ, is a real estate broker in Philadelphia, PA.

Audrey Schneck Salesberry '97 passed the CPA exam last fall and works for the public accounting firm of Schaffer & Layher in St. Joseph.

Theresa Rahn '03 of St. Joseph manages office operations and human resources for GeneGo, Inc., a global enterprise creating genetic research software for pharmaceutical and university research operations. She also serves on the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Holly Hanes-Barefield '04 is a free lance artist whose work includes a mural on the water intake tank at Weco Beach in Bridgman and a mural on the outside of the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph. She has participated for several years in the St. Joseph Today outdoor art show.

Shana Calhoun Lista '04 is administrative secretary at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. She and her husband, Andrew, have four children.

Gina Krohne '06 married Jeff Bleich in October. She is a dental hygienist in Portage.

Kara Jean Flener '07 is a store manager for Factory Card Outlet in Benton Harbor. She married George Metz, Jr. in July 07.

SHU—Jackson

Valerie Prater Schuette '02, executive director of human services at Jackson Community College, was honored in February as a 2008 Virginia Allen Young Careerist. Active with several professional human resources associations as well as the Girl Scouts and United Way of Jackson, she was recognized for achievement as a young professional by the Jackson Business and Professional Women and the Harriet A. Meyer clubs.

Shaun Laurie '06 is a parole agent for the Berrien County Parole/Probation Office.

SHU—Southfield

Francine Parker '88 is serving an eight-year term on the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents and chairing the board's finance and audit committee.

Michael Lauhoff '97/MA of Macomb was named 2007 Facility Manager of the Year by the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit. The award recognizes Michael as an outstanding leader in commercial real estate management. He is executive director of facility management services with the Albert Kahn Family of Companies, a leading provider of architecture, engineering, planning, design and management services; he joined the firm in 1999, was named associate in 2001 and senior associate in 2005, and was made a principal of the company in 2007.

Denise Baldwin '02, '08/MA is serving a two-year term on the SHU Alumni Association Board of Directors. She works at Orchard Children's Services.

Kristen Pascoe Senters '03/MA is substance abuse counselor/agency director for Odyssey House, Inc., in Saginaw.

Molly Prater '04 of Wyandotte works for Hospice of Michigan as an organizational development specialist.

Tim Roberts '06 works at Conexio Technology and lives in Monroe with his wife, Angelina.

Angela Pinkett '07, office systems administrator at the Siena Heights Metropolitan Detroit Program in Southfield for five years, was promoted last fall to advisor/recruiter.

Nikita Finley '07 works in facilities administration and management for Tech Team Global, Inc. in Southfield.

SHU—Theological Studies

Mike Dear '04 of Burton was ordained in 2007 to the permanent diaconate of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. He works and volunteers at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Genesee and also works part-time as a chaplain for a home and hospice care business. He retired from Buick in 2006 after 30 years with General Motors.

Main Campus

1940s

Eileen Britz '47 and **Rosemarie Van D'Elden Birman '47** traveled from their respective homes in Sun City and Fort Lauderdale, FL, last fall to represent the Class of '47 at their 60th class reunion. **(photo below)** Rosie's husband, Paul, also enjoyed his first visit to the Heights.



Detroit area alumnae **Mary Duggan Cassabon '48**, **Rosemary Dorr '48** and **Rita Latchney Geffert '48** enjoyed a Siena get-together last winter hosted by **Dorothy Noetzel Sullivan '48**. (Special condolences to Dorothy whose aunt, **Leonita Noetzel, OP '39**, was one of the oldest living Adrian Dominican Sisters when she died this spring at the age of 105.)

1950s

Liz Geyer '52 of East Marion, NY, keeps busy with family, friends and volunteering at, among other places, The Treasure Exchange, a local consignment shop **(photo below)**.



Joan O'Connor Panaro '52 lives an active life **(photo below)** with her husband Joe in Santa Rosa, CA. Joan writes: "Our Call To Action chapter, which pushes for justice and other reforms in Church governance, highlighted the last year with three joy-filled Mass celebrations by Womenpriests and one of our widowed male priests. No point waiting any longer for the Vatican to act. Our parish Peace and Social Justice group also sponsored frequent community presentations on immigration, microlending, end-of-life issues, worker justice and non-violence."



Rita Geiger Schwing '52 and her husband Fred divide their time between the family home on Long Beach Island, NJ, and a winter condo on Longboat Key, FL. Until she developed back problems last fall, Rita enjoyed daily morning walks, often with visiting daughters **(photo below)**.



Carole Sporer Stroh '53 of Lake Bluff, IL, is a new member of the Siena Heights Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Alice Allhoff '57 of St. Clair Shores is a “retired” art teacher now concentrating on creating large abstract and non-objective charcoal and mixed media drawings. Her work is regularly included in juried exhibitions and she is active in the Detroit Society of Women Painters/Sculptors and the Birmingham Society of Women Painters.

Fern “Julie” DeMattia '57 (formerly Sister Juliette Marie) of Woodhaven retired in 1994 after 21 years teaching in the public schools. She is very active—swimming, ice skating, bowling, traveling and volunteering with “Bread of Life” ministry—and enjoyed catching up with **Sr. Helen Duggan, OP '41** at last fall’s reunion (photo below).



Valerie Apel Dryden '57 of Grosse Pointe Farms tutors at her parish school, studies yoga, and enjoys biking, cross-country skiing and visiting grandchildren with her husband John.

Collette Wendt Herman '57 and her husband Gene of Plantation, FL, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall in the Florida Keys with children and grandchildren. Gene manages Herman Construction Services; Collette is an active leader in the parish and community.

Carol Caldwell Samulski '57 of Roseville works for the Archdiocese of Detroit and travels to the Southwest as often as she’s able.

Eleanor Taylor '57 of Warren has traveled extensively since retiring from teaching in 1992. Although recent arthritis has slowed her down somewhat, “I continue to enjoy the world and its fascinating people.”

Sister Paula Mary Turnbull '57/MFA (photo below) continues to work daily in her art studio at the Convent of the Holy Names in Spokane, WA, where she was on the art faculty at Fort Wright College for 25 years. A sculptor who works in wood, clay, stone and metals, her work is included in the collections of the Corcoran Gallery (Washington, DC) and the University of Oregon, and private collections in the U.S. and Canada.

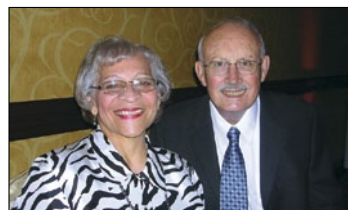


Barbara “Bobbi” Bryan '58 lives in Port Charlotte, FL, which she reports is still recovering from Hurricane Charley in 2004. She volunteers at a nursing home and at her retirement center.

Anne Carrier '58 enjoys retirement in Redford where she volunteers at church and at an adult literacy center, maintains a home and yard, and savors a good game of bridge.

Catherine DeClercq, OP '58 of West Bloomfield is Vice President, Governance and Sponsorship of Trinity Health Services. In the position, she has “developed a Collaborative Formation Program with five other Catholic health systems to train and support the persons, women religious and lay, who now have the sponsorship responsibilities for large Catholic health systems in the United States.”

Marjorie Tulloch Hobbs '58 and her husband Harrison (photo below) divide their time between Florida and Kingston, Jamaica—where Marjorie was raised and where she and Harry lived and worked while raising their two children from 1971 to 1997. (Marjorie was sorry to miss the '57/'58 reunion last fall—but Siena Heights alumni director Jennifer Hamlin Church was able to bring a little bit of Siena to her this past May, when she joined a SHU student service trip to Jamaica.)



Carole Johnson Howell '58 and her husband Gene (photo below) live in Columbus, OH, where Carole enjoyed a varied career in geriatrics in nursing homes, senior services and as a long-term care ombudsman at Catholic Social Services. Now retired, she focuses on family.



Jane Patterson Kimball '58 of East Dundee, IL, has spent several decades helping survivors of domestic violence, first at an agency and now as local coordinator of the Family Violence Coordinating Council for the 16th Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Recently, she rediscovered art and has become “an avid paper artist.”

Marjorie Wetzel Kinn '58 and her husband Gene winter in Fort Myers, FL, and spend the rest of the year in Fostoria, OH, “helping children and grandchildren, volunteering and traveling whenever possible.”

Patricia O’Reilly Rush '58 of Schenectady, NY, retired as executive director of an arboretum and now works as a fundraising and development consultant. She and her husband Charlie enjoy kayaking (including sea kayaking on whale watches) and hiking (in England, France and especially in Spain along the ancient pilgrimage routes to Santiago).

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Anne LaVallee Thousand '58 of Garden, MI, combined her interests in history and genealogy to write "Antoine Deloria, A Michigan Pioneer," published in 2000, which includes the story of her ancestors. She continues to write and do research for others. She and her husband Jack (**photo below**) enjoy life in the Upper Peninsula but now admit to spending winters in warmer locales.



Sister Grace Ellen (Marie) Urban '58 of Sylvania, OH, has been involved with peace and justice issues for many years and also works maintaining the gardens, grounds, shrines and woodland areas of the Sisters of St. Francis retirement community.

1960s

Sister Mary Alan Stuart, OP '62 this spring received the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award from Purdue University's College of Consumer and Family Sciences. In May, she was further honored with enrollment in the Foods and Nutrition Hall of Fame at Purdue.

Angie O'Neill Bidlack '64 and her husband traveled "down under" last fall. In Australia, they visited with **Beatrice McGlone Player '61** and her husband. In New Zealand, Angie took her first bungy jump at the Karawau River Bridge—about 140 feet—and did a lot of cycling. (Angie is preparing to bicycle from her Wexford, PA, home to her 45th reunion at Siena Heights in fall 2009!)



Members of the class of '66 (above) gathered at Siena Heights last fall.

Joyce Aarsen Cohen '66 of Morristown, NJ, is an advance practice nurse/psychologist who volunteers at the Seeing Eye animal hospital. "It's the only time my patients ever lick me!"

Regina Winfield Spivey '67 and her husband Jim of Green Valley, AZ, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last summer.

Mary Alice Comar '67 lives in Ossineke on the shore of Lake Huron's Thunder Bay. She retired in 2005 after 25 years in the Alpena Public Schools teaching high school art and English and now raises hay and trains horses on a farm ten miles south of her home.

Ann MacMillan Eichman '67 and her husband moved several years ago to San Diego, CA, where they "love walking everywhere, enjoying the rich cultural heritage and recreational offerings, and meeting lots of new people."

Susan Matych-Hager '68 retired in 2007 after 33 years teaching music at Siena Heights and has launched a successful new career designing and selling handmade glass art beads and jewelry. To receive her monthly newsletter about exhibitions, email her: susan@hagerstudiosglass.com.

Eileen Quinn Knight '69 of Orland Park, IL, traveled to New York recently for a special Mass celebrating the first step in the effort to canonize Dr. Knight's great uncle, the late Msgr. Bernard Quinn, founding pastor of the first parish established for black Catholics in the Brooklyn (NY) Diocese. The request for sainthood goes next to the Vatican.

1970s

Mary Phillips '71 of Galesburg, IL, was accepted into the 2008 "Art on the Grand" outdoor art fair. She showed small watercolors at the July event in Farmington.

Linda Mohr Brennan '73 of Adrian, a teacher for Adrian Adult Education, was selected from among 228 nominees as Lenawee County's 2007 WLEN Teacher of the Year.

Bill Small '73 is chairman, CEO and president of First Defiance Financial Corporation; he and his wife, **Kathy Small '74** live in Defiance, OH. First Defiance acquired Bank of Lenawee and its holding company, Pavillion Bancorp, last year.

Jerry Goodwin '74 writes from Medford, MA: "After 40 years as a radio personality in Detroit and Boston, I am now teaching digital media and communications at the New England Institute of Art in Boston."

Leo Butler '75 visited campus last fall to participate in Siena's Common Dialogue Day. Leo is director of diversity and community relations at Norwich (CT) Free Academy. He lives in nearby Providence, RI.

Condolences go to **Mary O'Toole '76** of Naples, FL, on the death of her father, Jerome O'Toole, May 28.

Steven West '79 of Scottsdale, AZ, was appointed last fall to the board of directors of Autodesk, Inc., the world's leading provider of 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media/entertainment markets. He also is a director for Cisco Systems, a position he has held since 1996. He has been a CEO or leadership executive for both large and early-stage information technology companies; and is the founder and partner in Emerging Company Partners LLC, a technology consulting firm.

1980s

Steven Blakey '81 of Rancho Mirage, CA, is an abstract painter whose work was showcased last summer at the Janssen Art Space gallery in Palm Springs. He works in oil on paper, canvas and board, often incorporating graphite and metal into the work. Most of his work is privately commissioned for residential and commercial clients.

Marco Pinheiro '82 lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, working for Global Equity. His son is in his sophomore year at Siena Heights.

Maureen Brady Leonard '83 began a new job last winter as alumni officer/special events with Wayne State University. She and her husband Tom live in Farmington Hills with their eight-year-old daughter Elizabeth.

Linda Lips '83 of Tecumseh, a financial accounting officer with United Bancorp, Inc, was recognized by United Bank & Trust as its 2007 Volunteer of the Year

in recognition of her work with groups including the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Center, the Lenawee County Fair and Relay for Life.

Bob Schrock '84 was promoted this spring to vice president at TLC Community Credit Union in Adrian. He has been with TLC since 2002.

Ken Kops '84 of Woodbridge, VA, a commissioned officer with the U.S. Army, has advanced to battalion commander.

Dick Nelson '84 moved to Ludington several years after retiring from his Detroit career as purchasing manager with General Motors. He's found a new career, however, as a hospital volunteer: He first was a patient advocate in the ER at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital of Macomb; now he is volunteer coordinator at Ludington's Memorial Medical Center, overseeing the efforts and orientation of 120 people assisting in every department of the hospital.

John Detro '85 elected to serve four more years with the U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corps instead of retiring last fall. A senior physician assistant (PA), Major Detro recently helped redevelop the curriculum of the Army's Orthopedic PA Program into a Doctorate of Science Degree. He is currently attending a new Advanced Operations Warfighting Course.

Gabrielle Davis '85, Clinical Professor at the University of Toledo College of Law, recently received the Public Interest Law Award recognizing her community service, her leadership in studying and combating domestic violence, and her law clinic work.

Patrick Irwin '86 of Dearborn has been promoted to vice president of human resources for the Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network, overseeing the HR needs of three hospitals with about 10,000 total employees.

Margaret Mularoni Burns '87 lives in Farmington Hills with her husband Steven, a veterinarian, and their three sons and one daughter between the ages of 3 and 9.

Amy Rebottaro Davis '88 is a writer and editor in Chicago, where she has co-founded The Writers Workspace, a membership-based work and meeting space which also offers "complimentary work visits." Amy writes that "WWS will waive its usual \$65 initiation fee for any Siena Heights alum who mentions SHU on the membership application" (www.writersworkspace.com). Amy and her husband **Lee Nagan '88** live in Evanston, IL, with their daughter, Simone (8).

Joe Williams '88 of Adrian was named president and CEO of United Bank & Trust in December. He has been with UB&T since 2002. Previously, he served as finance director and director of the Christian Family Center in Adrian, and spent 15 years in banking with Adrian State Bank and Mid-Am Bank.

1990s

Scott Dienes '90 and his wife Amy of Stevensville welcomed the birth of their first child, son Simon Augustus, last August. An attorney and partner with DeFrancesco Dienes PC, Scott currently serves on the Siena Heights Board of Trustees.

Dawn Caner Goetz '90, '99/MA was honored this spring as Teacher of the Year by the Lenawee County Federation of Women's Clubs. Dawn has taught at Sand Creek Community Schools for 17 years, first as a physical education and art teacher and now in language arts.

Melissa Szymanski '90 is a Rochester Hills artist who works exclusively in colored pencil. She has won several national awards and was featured last fall in an exhibition at the Northville Art House titled "Wow! That's Colored Pencil?" She uses a burnishing technique, working in heavy layers to create a painterly look.

John Bruzina '91, who graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law in 2007, is an attorney in the banking practice at Cullen and Dykman LLP in New York, NY. He writes: "I live in lower Manhattan on Water Street, around the corner from my office on Wall Street. I walk three blocks to work. It's very quiet down here, which I like."

Kathleen Walsh Carlson '92 and her husband Neal live in Brooklyn, NY, with their son Quinn, who turns three in September. After more than a decade working in public relations, Kath took time off to become a yoga teacher. She now teaches vinyasa yoga part-time, while also freelance writing and taking care of her son. Her husband is a touring musician with the band, Mink. The family spent half a year living in Australia with the band. Contact Kath at kalywa@yahoo.com

Leslie Gladden Love '93 was the keynote speaker at this year's Siena Heights Kente ceremony on graduation day at the Adrian campus. Leslie is an actress and comedian who teaches theater at Marygrove College and ran for State Representative from Detroit's District 8 in the fall primary.

Rebecca Jameson-Barnett '93 and James Smith were married in September in Grand Blanc where they now live. Rebecca is a hospice social worker with Visiting Nurse Services.

Sean Jorgensen '95 was named president of St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monroe this spring, after two months as interim president. Sean, a St. Mary graduate, began working at the school in 2005 as director of advancement. He and his wife, **Lisa Lauber Jorgensen '93**, recently moved from Lambertville to Monroe with their two sons, Rory and Owen.

Amy Cousino Hinkle '96 married Sean Hinkle in April in "a beautiful ceremony at the Venetian Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas." They are enjoying married life in Ann Arbor.



Diane Gordon Ouellette '97 and her husband Robert of Queen Creek, AZ, announce the birth of daughter Claire Ann (**photo above**) in March 2006. Diane, who reports that Claire is "the greatest thing I have ever done in my life," has begun teaching Arizona teachers on-line—"one step closer to my dream of becoming a college professor."

Sherry Kirkland '99 has opened "The Learning Vault" in Hudson where she provides supplies for teachers and tutoring for K-8 students. She has been a resource room teacher for six years and spent 10 years as an instructional aide with special needs children.

Amanda Sill Fylan '99 of Oxford has opened her own business, Ticked Pink Notes & Ink, "a unique stationery and invitation store" in Romeo. The store, a life-long dream for Amanda, was nominated by Local 4 News as one of the best stationery stores in metro Detroit.

Caela (Michaela) Jenzen McGrath '99 teaches elementary and middle school art in Birmingham. She and her husband Kyle live in Commerce with their son, Brennan (photo below). Caela completed a master's degree in educational administration at Oakland University.



Jeff Kindinger '99 of Lansing is director of finance at the Michigan Bankers Association. He was senior manager at Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, a public accounting firm, before joining MBA last fall.

Anthony Roberson '99 writes: "I'm still in Detroit teaching for the Detroit Public Schools. I finished my MBA in December from Davenport University. Now I'm in the process of trying to decide what to do with it. I'm very concerned about changing careers or venturing off into something new with the economy in its current state."

2000s

Jason Bolinger '00 lives in Hudsonville with his wife Kim and two-year-old son Caden. Jason is general manager of Applebee's in Plainwell.

Amanda Holtschlag Phillips '00 married William Phillips last year and moved to Las Vegas where they both have teaching jobs.

Lindsey Morse '01 of Winterhaven, FL, is a bird trainer with Steve Martin Natural Encounters, traveling around the country for shows and training projects at such locations as the Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Phoenix Zoos; Disney World's Animal Kingdom; the Texas State Fair, and Universal Studios' Birds & Animals Unlimited. This past winter, one job took her to The Tonight Show, where she carried a bird out to talk to Jay Leno. "Nobody got to see much of me," she laughed. "I got teased a lot for not turning and looking in the camera."

Rachel Green Barrett '01 is a geriatric social worker in the Detroit area. Hoping to incorporate art therapy into her work with men and women whose average age is 89, she aims to add a master's in art therapy to her credentials, which already include her Siena BFA and a master's in social work from Wayne State.

Nathan Donelson '01 and **Carly Riegsecker Donelson '03** live near Boston in Waltham, MA.

Art Martin '01 is now Dr. Martin. He defended his dissertation on "crayfish agonistic interactions" and completed his Ph.D. at Bowling Green State University last summer; had his first paper published in *Animal Behavior* (with three more submitted for consideration); and moved to Florida to work with a biologist studying "aggression using the weak electric fields of fish as a measure."

Marlena Nichols '01 is in her seventh year teaching life sciences and coaching basketball at Jonesville Middle School. She also oversees the school yearbook.

Jen Letherer '02 is living in and renovating her great-grandmother's farmhouse while teaching film history part-time and directing occasional productions at Spring Arbor University. She also has co-directed a short film and worked on several promotional videos made by Mapreader Productions, a fledgling production company of which she is co-founder. She completed her MFA in film production at Boston University in 2005.

Lacey Wilmot '02, M.D. married Arun Rao, M.D., last year. Lacey is an orthopedic surgeon at the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, where her husband is a general surgeon.



Brian Jeffrey '02 teaches anatomy and physiology, biology, and honors biology at North Springs Charter School of Arts Sciences in Sandy Springs, GA, where he was named teacher of the month last fall. He also serves as assistant coach of the North Springs baseball team.

Megan Adkins '02 of Lincoln Park is a project engineer for special projects at Barton Malow Company.

Jake Pifer '03 and **Erin Miller Pifer '03** were married in Lumen Chapel last summer. Erin, daughter of SHU theater professor **Doug Miller '74**, teaches fourth grade; Jake is a deputy for the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department.

Orion Martinez '04 enjoys living in California's Central Valley in Stockton. He works for Wells Fargo Bank and was promoted last fall to a Service Manager 2 management position. Orion completed a master's in educational administration at the University of the Pacific.

Nancy Eaton '04 of Lansing is attending Thomas Cooley School of Law in pursuit of her law degree.

Richard Maurer '04 is a welder/fabricator with Maurer Metals/Hammer Head Studio LLC in Delta, OH, where he lives with his wife Heather and their two children, Samantha (4) and Vincent (1). His "metal sculptures with wavy details," exhibited in the Plastik Gallery in Maumee last year, were featured prominently in *The Toledo Blade*.

Annette Fischer Nichols '04 of Waterville, OH, works in pharmaceutical sales for Xanodyne Pharmaceuticals. She and her husband Kirk have a two-year-old son, Caiden.

Jeff Beyer '05 of Royal Oak, **Amy Beyer Rosas '05** and **Michael Ryan Rosas '05** of Monroe performed in Monroe last fall as the Beyer Trio. As they did when undergraduates, Jeff plays flute, Amy plays clarinet and Ryan plays piano.

Alumnus Reflects On The Chinese Earthquake

Maurice Chi '84 shared these insights with the Alumni Office in May:

"When the 7.9 earthquake struck Wenchuan, China, tens of thousands of school age children were studying in their classrooms. The quake came so quickly, and was so powerful, most of the children were buried alive as the buildings collapsed, leaving behind their weeping parents and relatives, if any survived. There was a heart broken scene where a villager collected the children's backpacks from the debris for the surviving family members to identify and claim. But no one came forward.

"This poem was composed as a song of memorial ritual for the children who died in the Wenchuan earthquake."

You May Go Now, My Children — A Lament For The Children Who Died In Wenchuan Earthquake

*You may go now, my children
Don't forget your textbooks and backpacks
Which you might still need on the other side of the sky*

*You may go now, my children
Just bring your innocence and laughter
To the classroom on the other side of the sky*

*You may go now, my children
But leave your tissues and hankies
There are only flowers, never tears on the other side of the sky*

*You may go now, my children
Not to worry the mud and dirt on your clothing
Someone will best dress you on the other side of the sky*

*You may go now, my children
Here are some of your favorite cookies and candies
Which might not be found on the other side of the sky*

*You may go now, my children
Come, say once more, "Good bye, Mom. Good bye, Dad."
Pray for us all when you reach the other side of the sky*

*You may go now.....
Go now, in peace, my children*

Maurice Chi
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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 July 10 will appear in the next issue of Reflections.

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(800) 693-0506.

Heather Cousino '05 is attending Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL, participating in a 27-month physician assistant program. She began the PA program last fall after completing a master's in medical science at Wayne State University medical school.

Peter Lohn '05 and his wife Casey live in Dallas, GA, where he is a regional account manager for Mueller Co.

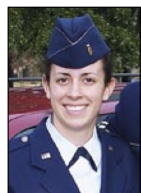
Rebecca Miller '05 of Harrison Twp. is marketing manager/patient advocate for Cook Chiropractic Clinic in Shelby Township.

Quinn Nicole Stanto '05 accepted a position with U.S. Rail Corp. last summer and relocated from New York to Toledo.

Ashley Opsal Green '06 and Aaron Green were married last fall and now live in Fenton. Ashley is a third grade teacher at International Academy of Flint; Aaron is a personal banker for Chase Bank.

Patrick Prominski '06 of Ada, a manager for Kent District Library in Grand Rapids and a graduate student in English, spoke at Siena Heights in March as part of the English Forum. His presentation traced captivity narratives of the early American republic, written by white settlers captured by Native Americans. "These stories have had an immense influence on the formation of the American novel," Patrick said.

Jennifer Ott Snyder '06 and Matthew Snyder were married last September at Hidden Lake Gardens. Jennifer is a teachers assistant at TAC Manufacturing.



Kelly Sherman '06 was commissioned a second lieutenant in January at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. She earned the commissioning through the rigorous and competitive Air Force Officer Training School. She is continuing her training at Tyndall (FL) AFB as an Air Battle Manager student with the 325th Air Control Squadron within the 325th Fighter Wing. Upon completing the training, Kelly will be either flying in the Airborne Warning and Control System or the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System.

Lindsey Geeting Terrill '06 married Nicholas Terrill last fall. They live in Blissfield with their son Blake. Lindsey earned a master's of accountancy from Bowling Green State U. and is an accountant for William Vaughan in Maumee, OH.

Chris Holton '06 and **Anne Venier '07** were married last fall in Newport. They live in Adrian. Chris is regional sales manager for Adrian Steel; Anne works for Bank of America.

Anthony Khedaywi '07 is beginning the MBA program at Michigan State this fall.

Robert Rothen '07 of Adrian is a project engineer for OG Technologies in Ann Arbor. He and his wife Cammie have two sons.

Deaths

Marguerite Libs Van Osselaer '34, 95, died Feb. 15 in Austin, TX. She was a founding member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston where she taught 8th grade until retiring in 1978. She moved to Austin in 2002. Survivors include her sister, **Rita Libs Scott '41** of Adrian.

Anysia McGovern, OP '35 died Feb. 28 in Adrian, She was 94. She enjoyed a long ministry in education and pastoral ministry and was a senior citizen tour guide for 20 years in Sarasota, FL. She came to the Dominican Life Center in 2001.

Leonita Noetzel, OP '39 died April 14 at the age of 105 at the Dominican Life Center. Her long ministry in education took her across the Midwest, New York and South Carolina, and included co-producing "The Phonetic Approach to Reading" used in Congregation schools around the country. She is survived by nephews and nieces including **Dorothy Noetzel Sullivan '48**.

Jean Rouget Good '40 of Blissfield, 86, died May 12 at home. An avid baseball fan, Jean became a familiar face at Siena's annual Toledo Mud Hens outing, where she was delighted to be honored as the oldest attending alum.

Mary Burns, OP '44 (formerly Sister Marie Joachim), resident director at Siena Heights from 1972 to 1974, died March 14. She worked in education in Illinois, Michigan and Florida including serving as principal at Detroit's Dominican High School from 1968 to 1970. Survivors include her sister, **Joan Burns Lane '44**. Another sister, **Julie Ann Burns, OP '49**, predeceased her.

Beverly Mapes Thompson '44 of Jackson died June 9 at the age of 85. A former teacher and an avid bowler, golfer and card player, she was active in Civitan, American Legion, the Red Cross and Respite Care. Among the children and grandchildren who survive are **Ken '77** and **Mary Fitzpatrick Thompson '76** and **Elizabeth Thompson '00**.

Martha Jane Gries Falcetti '45 of Sun City, AZ, died Oct. 7, 2007. A longtime teacher, she taught in Hudson before moving to the southwest.

Betty May Bressette, a member of the Class of '47 who completed her degree in 1970, died Feb. 15, 2007, in Leesburg, FL, where she had lived after retiring from the State of Michigan Health Department. She is survived by 12 children and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Loretta Ann Walsh, OP '47, 86, died Nov. 17, 2007, in Adrian. She taught in the Midwest, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico; and also worked as an activities director and driver. She came to the Dominican Life Center in 2006.

Thomas Annette Burns, OP '48 died Jan. 6 in Adrian at the age of 86. Her education career included serving as principal at St. Jude in Detroit (1954-60) and Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor, IL (1968-74); and as assistant principal at Regina Dominican in Wilmette, IL (1978-86). She also lectured on school law and was moderator of the Adrian Dominican Legion.

Mary Creighton, OP '48 (formerly Sister Mary John) died Dec. 19, 2007, at the age of 87. She had worked many years as an elementary teacher, as a religious education coordinator for 11 years, and as driver for the Dominican Life Center for 13 years.

Anita Marie Schmit, OP '48 died Nov. 18, 2007. She was 95. She worked in education for 51 years primarily in Michigan and California and later

became a hospital volunteer in Santa Cruz, CA. She returned to Adrian in 1995.

Ann Stephanie Callopy, OP '49 died Feb. 15 in Adrian at the age of 92. She was a teacher and principal for 36 years then worked for the Congregation as administrative assistant to the Midwest and Upper Midwest chapters.

Miriam Catherine Kroha, OP '49 died Dec. 28, 2007, at the Dominican Life Center. She was 88. She worked in education for half a century including 21 years as coordinator of adult religious education at St. Keiran Parish in Utica.

Mary Jo Martinek OP, '49 died April 22 at age 86. During her career, she worked as a teacher, accountant, bookkeeper, and office manager, living in Arizona and California before coming to the Dominican Life Center in 1999.

Marjorie Wickwire Barnes '50, former teacher and journalist, died March 25 in Adrian. After teaching in Lenawee County, she became publisher and editor of the Tecumseh Herald. During her tenure with the Herald, the publication was named best weekly newspaper in the state by the Michigan Press Association.

Mary Catherine Daley, OP '50 died Feb. 16 in Adrian at age 85. She lived primarily in Michigan, working in education and as a pastoral minister and volunteer. She retired to the Dominican Life Center in 2002.

Word has been received of the death on May 15 of **Maryanna Garman Frampton '50**.

Ellen Raymond Robinson, OP '50 died Aug. 25, 2007, in Hammond, IN. She was 80. After 20 years teaching in Port Huron and the Chicago area, she spent 19 years as principal at St. Emeric in Country Club Hills, IL. She retired as assistant principal in Tinley Park, IL, in 2000.

Marie Immaculata Hebestreit, OP '53 died Dec. 26 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian. She was 79. She spent 41 years ministering as an educator in Nevada, Illinois, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Elizabeth Frances Tekaucic, OP '54 died June 1, 2007, at the age of 78. She worked in education for 33 years and came to the Dominican Life Center in 1997, working as a volunteer until 2007.

Ellen Mary Ach, OP '56 died Sept. 4, 2007, at the age of 78. She taught for more than 25 years at schools nationwide including St. Mary in Adrian and St. Jude in Detroit, then spent 23 years working with seniors and children as a nurse's aide. She retired to Adrian in 2007.

Dorothy D'Haene, OP '56 died at age 83 on Dec. 27, 2007. She worked in education for more than 40 years and was principal at St. Mary School in Rome, GA, from 1963 to 1966. She moved to the Dominican Life Center in 1995.

Virginia Kleckner, OP '60 died June 5, 2007, in Adrian. She ministered as a teacher and administrator in Michigan, Illinois, California and Arizona. From 1990 to 1996, she was chapter prioress for the Southwest Mission Chapter.

Margaret Andrezik, OP '61 (formerly Sister Dennis Joseph), educator and attorney, died March 1. After 18 years in education, she held several positions with the Congregation including executive director of the Portfolio Advisory Board, then worked in law at Lakeshore Legal Services and Legal Assistance St. Clair County.

Joan Myers '63 of Cocoa, FL, died May 24, 2007, at age 76. She had suffered with rheumatoid arthritis for three decades and battled breast cancer as well.

Larry Gunter '66/MA died Oct. 21, 2007, after a long struggle with cancer. While working as a rehabilitation counselor in Jackson and Adrian, he earned a graduate degree in guidance and counseling, then became district manager of Michigan Rehabilitation Services in Battle Creek.

Esther Roe '67/MA, 90, died Sept. 28, 2007, in Midland. She taught elementary school in Adrian for many years, retiring in 1979, and was an active member and Sunday School teacher at Clayton Bible Church. She moved to Midland in 2006.

Marie Nash Orr '70 died Dec. 28, 2007, at her Madison Township home. She was 76. She taught at Madison High School where she continued as assistant athletic director after retirement. Survivors include her son, **Jack Orr '82** of Ypsilanti.

Claudia Hinds, OP '70 (formerly known as Sister James Claudia) died Oct. 31, 2007, at the Dominican Life Center at age 92. Her career in education included teaching at Siena Heights from 1963 to 1973, and serving two years (1973-74) as dean of Siena's Graduate Division.

William Kressbach '71 of Adrian died May 21 at age 65. A self-employed videographer and programmer, he was active with the American Cancer Society, Lenawee Humane Society, Lenawee Computer Users Group and Adrian College radio station. In 1988, he received the Sister Ann Joachim Award from the Siena Heights Alumni Association.

Donald Parrott '75, '77/MA of Jackson died Sept. 5, 2007, at age 83. After retiring from a 44-year career with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, he served 12 years as a Jackson County Commissioner and was an active leader in many community organizations.

M. Joan McCoy '76 of Dixon, IL, died Sept. 26, 2007, at age 78. Retired from the Dietary Managers Association, she remained active in her church and the Home Economics Association.

Margaret Ostrander-Cranick '83/MA of East China died Nov. 26, 2007. She was 68. She was a licensed counselor active in Crossroads Community Church and American Business Women's Association.

Elton Lawhead '86/MA of Coldwater, age 69, died Sept. 24, 2007, following a five year battle with cancer. A longtime program director with Community Mental Health in Branch County and the Chamber of Commerce "Health Provider of the Year" in 2002. He retired in 2004.



Linda Holley Woolwine '90 (Metro Detroit Program) of Dearborn, President and Chief Operating Officer of AAA Michigan, died May 14, 2007. Honored in Crain's Detroit Business as one of the Top 100 Black Business Leaders

and recognized as one of the "Ten Most Influential African American Women in Metropolitan Detroit," she made AAA history in her 33 years with the organization, becoming the first African-American to serve as president of the club in the AAA federation and the first female president of an AAA club with more than 1 million members. She also served on the boards of the Detroit Regional Chamber, Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network, and Crossroads for Youth, among other organizations

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