

REFLECTIONS



NEW AT THE SHU

from the president



“Kicking It up a Notch” at SHU

Homecoming Weekend is usually a time of celebration at Siena Heights.

It's an event that allows our faculty, staff, students and alumni to gather together for a common cause to reminisce about the past, enjoy the present and get excited about the future.

To borrow a phrase from a popular food personality, this year's Homecoming “kicked it up a notch.” We had a chance to host possibly the largest crowd ever assembled on campus. Nearly 5,000 attended Saturday's first home football game and watched us dedicate our new Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin Stadium and Dr. Mike and Lynne Dawson Field. It was truly a moving event, and a moment I'll never forget. Tears of joy flowed from my eyes as well as many others.

People flooded our campus the entire weekend. I had the privilege of moving from event to event, witnessing the excitement on the faces of the people who attended.

However, Siena Heights isn't about the anticipation of football, the much-needed upgrade of our athletic facilities and the promise of a state-of-the-art University Center. As I've said many times before, Siena Heights is not about facilities or programs. It's about people.

I'm thrilled about all the recent happenings on campus, because all these developments provide more opportunities for our students, as well as for our community. These projects and programs didn't just happen; they were the result of a lot of preparation, planning and just plain hard work from a lot of people, both present and past. Many people contributed to make this moment in our history possible. Homecoming was the Siena community's time to revel in their accomplishments and step back and enjoy the fruits of their labors. We were thrilled to see so many of our graduates and their families on campus to join us.

We also had a chance to recognize and celebrate the generosity of our donors. Our Board of Trustees made a special point to meet that weekend so they could stay in town and enjoy the Homecoming festivities. That's a testament to the direction our University is going.

We hosted a number of our benefactors on campus who also got a first-hand look at the results of their gifts. One of those people was Mary Spencer, a generous woman from Florida who was making her first visit to our campus.

Her generosity was a driving force in making projects like O'Laughlin Stadium and the Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex a reality. It was great to finally be able to show her and her family what Siena Heights is all about.

And we're not done yet. We are in the midst of our On Higher Ground Campaign and so far I am thrilled with the response. There's still plenty of work to be done, plenty of new opportunities waiting to be realized. As the exhilaration of Homecoming Weekend wanes a bit with time, I'm sure we will have many more reasons to celebrate.

These are historic times at Siena Heights University. We continue to be that transformative force for good as our footprint in the world continues to loom larger by the day.

It will be very difficult to match the joy of Homecoming Weekend 2011. But we sure look forward to trying!

God bless!

Sister Peg Albert, OP

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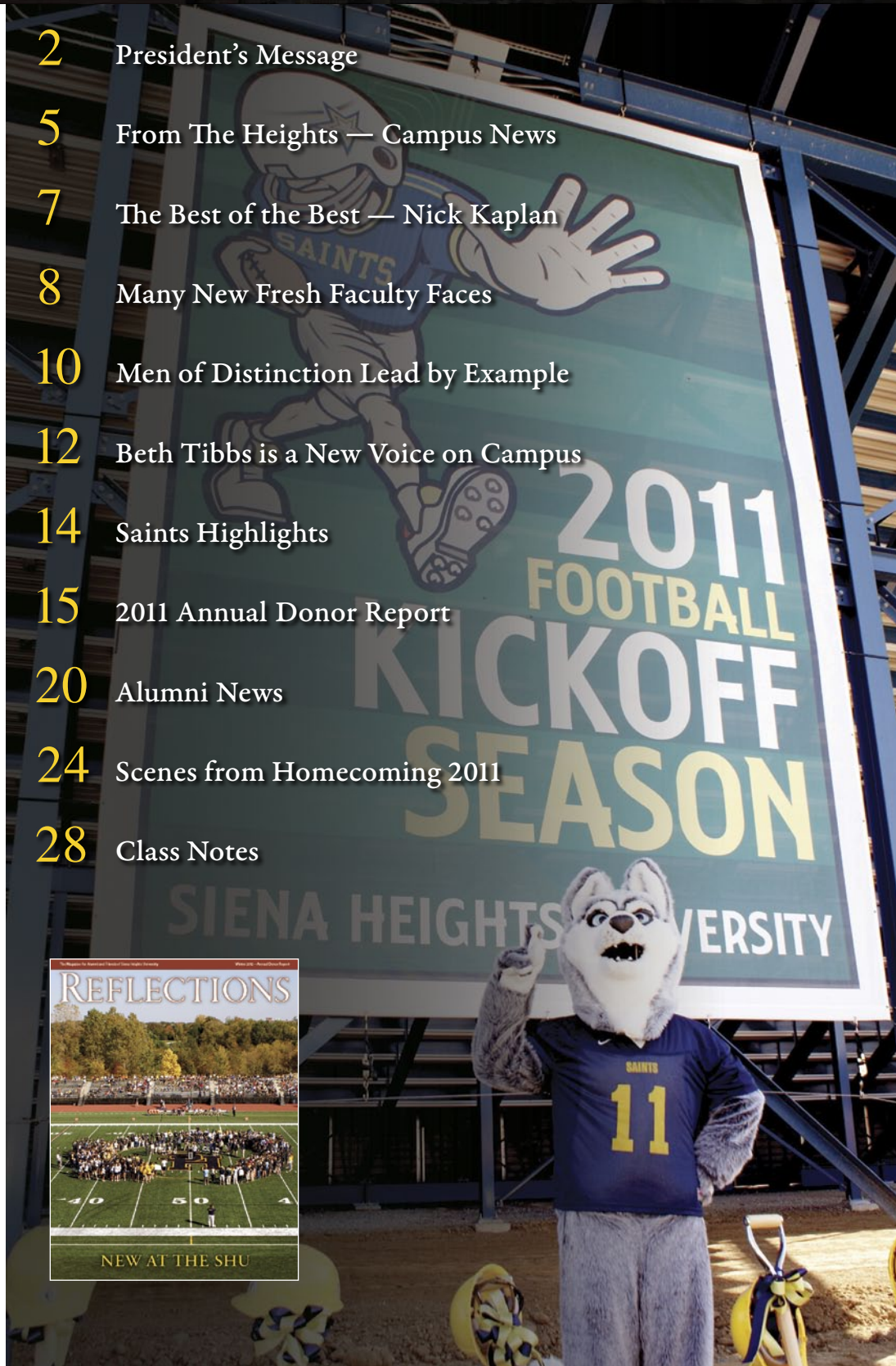
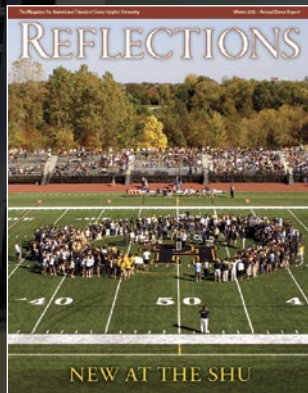
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On the Cover

Siena Heights University officially unveiled O'Laughlin Stadium and Dr. Mike and Lynne Dawson Field during Homecoming Weekend 2011. Approximately 5,000 people attended the stadium dedication ceremony and first home football game in the institution's history.

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from the editor



A Siena Heights Renaissance in Progress

I consider myself to be an idea person.

In my position here at Siena Heights, that can be a blessing and a curse. Most of my ideas probably aren't very good ones, but once in a while one actually makes it through to fruition. And when it does, I get a feeling of satisfaction in knowing that I affected a positive change. So I can only imagine how President Sister Peg Albert must have felt as she stepped to midfield during the dedication of O'Laughlin Stadium and Dawson Field Oct. 8, culminating a historic Homecoming Weekend.

As I listened to her speak to a crowd of nearly 5,000 people before kicking off the first home football game in Siena Heights history, with a backdrop of hundreds of students, faculty, staff, board members and her own Adrian Dominican Sisters, I reflected back on my early days at SHU.

I arrived at SHU in January 2006, only a few months before Sister Peg was named SHU's 10th president. At the time Siena Heights was, quite frankly, in transition. We had a president on the way out, an administration in conversion and campus facilities that, quite honestly, needed some major overhauls. Factor in an economy on the downturn, and Sister Peg had her hands full.

Now take what I just laid out and fast forward five years, and see what a remarkable transformation has occurred. Our enrollment is up, we successfully launched several new initiatives—including football, we are on the cusp of completing the most significant fundraising campaign in Siena's history, and campus facilities are now considered an asset, not a liability.

Does Sister Peg get the credit? Absolutely. She arrived at SHU with a mantra of "Be Bold. Think Higher." And that's exactly what has happened at Siena Heights. Her bold ideas and vision coupled with decisive action and a belief in the Siena community have paid huge dividends.

Want an example? When Sister Peg announced that SHU was beginning a nursing program, I had one higher education marketing expert tell me it would never succeed. Nice idea, but it would be too expensive, too labor-intensive, too much paperwork, he said. Fortunately, I never shared that conversation with Sister Peg, because Siena Heights now has a successful and growing nursing program.

My former college coach used to tell me, "You either get better or you get worse. You don't stay the same." His point was, you have to keep working, trying new things, striving to get better, because if you don't, your competition will. I believe Sister Peg has adopted a similar philosophy at Siena Heights. This issue of Reflections has a common thread of "New at the SHU." And there is plenty new. Siena Heights is in the midst of some of its most significant changes in its history. Call it a renaissance of sorts.

And that renaissance was on full display during Homecoming Weekend. The excitement during Homecoming was almost tangible. An announcer from a Toledo television station broadcasting our first home football game called the environment "a Norman Rockwell painting."

It definitely was a work of art, but I'd like to think of Siena Heights as an unfinished canvas. Keep those ideas coming, Sister Peg.

Doug Goodnough
Editor



from the heights

Davin Heckman Busy as a Fulbright Scholar



SHU Associate Professor of English Davin Heckman, who is studying and teaching this year at the University of Bergen in Norway as a Fulbright Scholar, has had the following activity over the past few months:

He published an article entitled "Inside Out of the Box: Default Settings and Electronic Poetics" in the journal *Dichtung Digital*. *Dichtung Digital* (*dichtung-digital.de*) is a journal for reviews and scholarship about digital literature and art. It was founded in June 1999. The magazine features content in both German and English (with all contributions in English).

Heckman also recently had his article, entitled "Electronic Literature as a Sword of Lightning," published in the *Leonardo Electronic Almanac*. It is the web-based counterpart to the print journal, *Leonardo*.

He also chaired a panel on literary criticism and digital media at the International Symposium for Electronic Art in Istanbul, Turkey. On Sept. 17 he presented his paper "Tagging Practices and the Disturbed Dialectic of Literary Criticism."

Davin also presented in October at the online symposium "Materialities of Text: Between the Codex and the Net." The symposium is at the University of Westminster in Great Britain. He presented on the topic, "The Politics of Plasticity: Neoliberalism, Deliberation and the Digital Text."

SHU Nursing Director Elected to CCNE Nominating Board

SHU Director of Nursing Dr. Sue Idczak has been elected to the Nominating Board of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing.

Mark Schersten Named New CAS Dean



Dr. Mark Schersten was recently named the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He began teaching philosophy at Siena 27 years ago and has served as chairperson of the Humanities division and as a member on Academic Cabinet for 15 years. Schersten co-chaired the steering committee to prepare the Higher Learning Commission self study in 2002, and has participated on numerous regular and ad hoc committees. He also served as faculty ombudsperson, chairperson of TFA, and coordinator of the annual Chiodini-Fontana Ethics Lecture Series.

Peeradina Presents at Local Arts Conference

Siena Heights Associate Professor of English Saleem Peeradina and SHU alumna Jen Letherer '02 presented "Crossing Cultures Through Poetry, Cinema and Travel" at a conference called "Convergence: What's Art Got to Do With It?" in September at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The conference was organized by the Ann Arbor Arts Alliance.

Raab Featured Speaker at Aquinas Forum



SHU Associate Professor of Religious Studies Joe Raab was the featured speaker at the Aquinas Forum Oct. 19. Raab spoke on the topic, "Fidelity and Friendship: Catholicism and the Other Religions." The Aquinas Forum is sponsored by SHU's Philosophy and Religious Studies departments and is open to the Siena community.

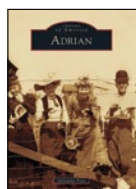
Landis Hired as Director of Residence Life

William Justin Landis was named the new director of Residence Life and Student Conduct officer in July. Before coming to SHU he had experience in residence life at Ferris State, and had been serving as a senior academic counselor at the University of Louisville.

English Faculty Member Matthew Barbee Visits University of Maryland

SHU Assistant Professor of English Matthew Barbee visited the University of Richmond Oct. 24 to speak with students and faculty studying Southern history. A class on the history of Richmond is using his dissertation as a core text. Barbee's dissertation focuses on the ways the past, especially the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, are "remembered" in Richmond. He discussed his research with the students, and gave an informal public lecture to students, faculty, and community members.

Frost Releases New Book on History of Adrian



SHU Assistant Professor of History Julieanna Frost released a new book entitled *Adrian*, which is part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. Included in the book are more than 200 collected images from the Lenawee County Historical Society, the Siena Heights University Archives and the author's private collections of the first 100 years of growth in Adrian, a community steeped in both progress and tradition. Frost's main areas of research are in the fields of public, religious and women's history. She is a member of the Lenawee County Historical Society and the Lutheran Historical Conference. She regularly volunteers at Walker Tavern State Historic site as a historical interpreter. The 128-page book is available at area bookstores, independent and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com for \$21.99.

Kallenbach is Published



Siena Heights Associate Professor of Mathematics Jeff Kallenbach had a scholarly work published. "Spectral Concentration In The Sturm Liouville Differential Equation With Large Negative Potential," was published in the September 2010 issue of the "Electronic Journal of Differential Equations."



SHU Student Ashliegh Allen Wins Miss River Raisin Festival Crown

SHU senior Ashliegh Allen captured the title at the 2011 Miss River Raisin Festival Scholarship Pageant in Blissfield, Mich (**above**). Allen, a senior art/photography major, will represent Lenawee County at the Miss Michigan Pageant in June 2012 in Muskegon, Mich. The Miss River Raisin Festival Scholarship Pageant is an official local pageant in the Miss Michigan and Miss America organizations scholarship program.

SHU Admissions Office Features New Faces

The Office of Admissions has four new faces: Rachel Loftis, Ian Iler, Adam Kiersey '09 and Jori Monnich '10. Also, Sarah Baker Korth '82, '97, who was previously the assistant director of Admissions, was named the new director of Enrollment Management.

Kelli Kusisto Appointed to HRSA Post

SHU Nursing faculty member Kelli Kusisto was chosen to serve as a grant reviewer for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Kusisto will review nursing grant applications in the Division of Nursing in HRSA. She represents SHU Nursing nationally through this appointment.

McVeigh and Schnapp Present at Conference

Siena Heights English Department faculty members Dan McVeigh and Sister Pat Schnapp, R.S.M, presented at a Christianity and Literature Conference at the University of Dayton in October. McVeigh read a paper on literary theory titled "Literature and the 'I': What Difference Does Christianity Make?" Sister Pat read some of her recent poetry.



Party Bids Farewell to Retiring SHU Faculty

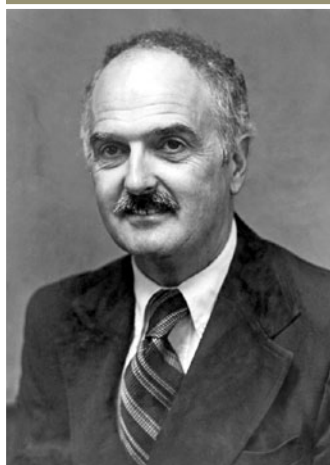
A retirement party honoring those SHU faculty members who retired at the end of the last academic year was held May 5, 2011, in the Stubnitz Lab Theater. Those honored at the party were: Sister Marilyn Barnett (Theological Studies), Robert Brady (Counseling, Graduate College), Linda Brewster (Counseling, Graduate College), Michael Lorenz (Music, **above**), Sister Sharon McGuire (Nursing) and Simone Yehuda (English).

SHU Receives Heart Safe Organization Award

Lenawee Community Ambulance presented a Heart Safe Organization Award to Siena Heights University at the annual Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards Dinner on May 17 in Ann Arbor. SHU was recognized for its cardiac emergency response program, making automated external defibrillators available on campus, training personnel in CPR and AED use, and having a cardiac emergency response plan in place that is practiced regularly. Shown below accepting the award are Assistant Director Peter Ossmann '03 and Director Cindy Birdwell '06 of SHU's Public Safety and Campus Event Management team.



Former Siena Heights University President Reflects on Life's Lessons



Following an academic career spanning more than 40 years, including serving as president of six colleges and universities and leading hundreds of international students to higher education in the U.S., Louis C. Vaccaro, Ph.D. has completed his eighth book, a memoir titled, "Around the Corner: From Shoeshine Boy to College President."

Vaccaro, who even in his eighth decade continues to teach and consult in China, recently completed his second Fulbright assignment in Indonesia. The book details his experiences growing up in a large Italian immigrant family in Los Angeles during the Great Depression and the war years, his studies at the University of Southern California, where he earned his bachelor and master degrees, and his years as a college president and international education advocate.

Vaccaro completed his doctorate at Michigan State University and began his higher education career with the Jesuits at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He was president of six colleges and universities, including Siena Heights from 1977 to 1983, and completed his final presidency at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

"I was and continue to be very devoted to the promotion of international student and faculty exchange programs," Vaccaro said. "In fact, I'm often called the 'Chinese Godfather' by many of the students I brought to the U.S. to complete their degrees."

Vaccaro estimates more than 500 international students have graduated from the colleges and universities he served since he began establishing international student programs more than 35 years ago. Some of these former students share their experiences in Vaccaro's book.

In his "retirement" years, Vaccaro has served as interim president at colleges in Vermont and New Jersey and was awarded his first Fulbright to Honduras at the age of 72. He recently returned from his second assignment in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where he worked with a Jesuit university on "internationalizing" their campus. He continues to teach, publish and consult.

Vaccaro and his wife, Linda, a retired teacher from Albany, N.Y. (**left**), divide their time between homes in Las Vegas and Old Forge, N.Y.

"Around the Corner: From Shoeshine Boy to College President" was edited by Renee Lapham Collins, a 1980 graduate of SHU and a 1982 graduate of the University of Toledo. She is an assistant professor at Adrian College and a freelance journalist.

"Around the Corner: From Shoeshine Boy to College President" is available from Infinity Publishing in softcover format for \$10.95. To order, visit www.infinitypublishing.com.

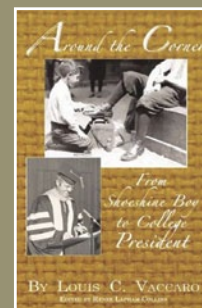


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Best of the Best

Kaplan Earns Rice Award Others Recognized at Honors Convocation

Assistant Professor of Spanish Nick Kaplan of Adrian, Mich., earned the 2011 Eileen K. Rice Award for Outstanding Teaching. Kaplan was awarded the honor at Siena Heights' annual spring Honors Convocation ceremony on April 29 (right).



He has taught Spanish at Siena Heights since 2006 and is the Spanish program coordinator and director of the Mexico Experience program, which sends students abroad to Mexico for studies. While at SHU, Kaplan has guided the Spanish program through the Michigan Department of Education review for the preparation of teacher education students.

Kaplan has served on a number of committees at SHU, including the Teacher Education subcommittee, Academic Computing Group and The Faculty Assembly. He also served as advisor to the Student Senate and received the 2011 student organization Advisor of the Year Award.

Kaplan received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and Spanish from Siena Heights University in 2003 and a Master of Arts degree in Spanish: Linguistics and Literature from Bowling Green State University in 2006.

According to one of his students, "Nick brings Siena out to the world and the world to Siena through his innovative use of technology and his intrepid travels."

Right: Nick Kaplan (front row, far left) coordinated the Mexico Experience exchange program last winter as part of the Spanish program at SHU.



Kaplan hopes to continue to expand the Spanish department and increase enrollment in the Mexico Experience. According to Kaplan, he hopes to incorporate more uses of technology in student learning and develop cost-saving measures for student textbooks in the future. Kaplan said he also hopes to incorporate a third world language, such as Chinese or Arabic, into Siena's class offerings on a regular basis. He hopes to spend next summer in Mexico and travel through Latin America. ♦

Other Award Recipients from Honors Convocation:

- Professor of Philosophy Thomas Dunne, Ph.D, of Royal Oak, Mich., earned the Jack Bologna Award for Innovative Teaching.
- Andy Switzer of Pettisville, Ohio, earned the St. Catherine of Alexandria Award.
- Kyrie Bristle '11 of Clinton, Mich., and Mary Mercer '11 of Toledo, Ohio, earned the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award.
- Ann Vano '11 of Warren, Mich., Amanda Schmidt of Tecumseh, Mich., and Kerri Judkins '06, '11 of Adrian, Mich., earned the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.
- Juniors Doug Dawson of Roseville, Mich., and Nichole Hughes of Tecumseh, Mich., earned the Thomas Emmet Student-Athlete Award.



Fresh Faculty Faces

By Michelle Blackerby—Student Writer

Alli Cipra is Part of a Host of New Faculty Members at SHU This Fall



Siena Heights University searched nationwide for a new psychology professor. They found Alli Cipra.

Cipra, a developmental psychologist with a strong research background, comes to SHU from Indiana University, where she completed her doctorate and worked as an associate instructor for five years. Her research has been centered around brain development and the impact of developmental issues on the brain's formation.

Cipra prefers teaching over research. Cipra said, "I enjoy research quite a bit, but I love teaching."

A northwest Indiana native, Cipra is an U.S. Army veteran who operated as an air traffic controller from 2001-03. She attended the Aviation Academy at Fort Rucker in Alabama and served as the PTNCOIC (physical training noncommissioned officer-in-charge).

Cipra also worked as a social worker during her educational years. She was the regional coordinator for a private company that was contracted out by the Department of Child and Family Services in the state of Indiana.

Cipra said of her time so far at Siena, “The students are really great. I love the small class sizes.” The class sizes she taught at Indiana University were much larger than any of her classes here. The change from a large university to a small one has been an adjustment.

“It’s a different atmosphere. I’m not quite used to it yet, but I’m enjoying it so far. The students seem to be pretty engaged,” Cipra said.

Another difference noticed by Cipra is the relationship with her colleagues. “I really enjoy my colleagues,” she said. “At my previous teaching institute I knew maybe 10 percent of my departmental colleagues. That was just in psychology.”

Her experience at Siena has been different. Here, she has been able to get to know colleagues in other departments such as philosophy and art, an experience she did not get to have at the larger university.

While she said she holds teaching as the highest priority, Cipra believes research is an important part of psychology. She states, “If you’re not staying current with research, you fall behind.” She believes an addition of research in the psychology program would help students transition to graduate programs. “I think that the more pointed we get with research as a secondary study field or to even bring it into the classroom, the more attractive we’ll be to prospective students,” said Cipra.

Cipra presented her own research in May on parenting quality, infant temperament and mother’s personality in Washington, D.C. “Most of my research deals with child development in the mother-child context. It’s looking at the interaction of the child’s temperament with the mom’s personality to see how that influenced parent quality at different age points,” she explained.

As a teacher, Cipra’s focus is on the future of her students.

“I think my responsibilities are to prepare students for their future outside the school,” she said. “And, as a faculty member here, I think that that is more the focus than at some other schools. It’s not just focused on trying to get students to perform well in a class, because if that class doesn’t apply to their real life, then it’s not going to matter. To be at a University like Siena Heights that focuses on teaching means that it’s my responsibility to prepare these kids for the real world and to help them apply principles of psychology to whatever they are going to do for the rest of their lives.”

According to Siena Heights Professor of Psychology Jeffrey Lindstrom, Siena Heights sought an additional psychology professor because “our psychology program has been growing and we also had a retirement from the faculty in the program.”

SHU faculty member and Division Chair Danielle Teunion-Smith ’89 said she thinks highly of Cipra’s addition to the psychology department, and that Cipra’s time in the service is a great asset.

“She is young, charismatic, educated, a veteran and is motivated to take the psychology department to a higher level,” said Teunion-Smith, also a veteran. “She is full of energy and motivation. I am excited to see what she will do for psychology and Siena. Alli is a veteran of the Armed Forces. She will bring a certain level of discipline that all students need. It is not necessarily a stern lesson, but a position on responsibility and attention to detail that is needed.”

Lindstrom believes Cipra will have a positive effect on the psychology program. “When you teach at or attend a small school like Siena, one faculty member can make a huge difference – for both good or ill. We have to be very careful about who we hire. Based on our search experience, it was very clear that Alli had the background, energy and commitment to students that we wanted in our program. We are happy to have her here and look forward to working with her,” Lindstrom said. ♦

New Full-Time Faculty for 2011–12:

College of Arts and Sciences:

- Karin Barbee—Assistant Professor of English and Writing Center Coordinator
- Alli Cipra—Instructor of Psychology
- Lori Dowell—Instructor of Nursing
- Jeffrey Engelhardt—Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- Eric Kos—Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Rita Maranowski—Instructor of Education
- Lisa McConnell—Instructor of Nursing
- Michael Miron ’81—Instructor of Mathematics
- Rebecca Scott—Assistant Professor of Nursing
- Elizabeth Tibbs—Associate Professor of Music
- Alexander Weinstein—Assistant Professor of English
- Eleanor Wollett ’76/MA—Assistant Professor of Education

College for Professional Studies:

- Mary Antonaros—Assistant Professor of Professional Communications
- Kevin O’Connor—Assistant Professor of Theological Studies

Graduate College:

- Brett Crawford—Instructor of Leadership
- David Lucas—Assistant Professor of Leadership
- Linda Sandel-Pettit—Assistant Professor of Counselor Education



LEADING BY

New Men of Distinction Program Started at SHU

By Austin Harper—Student Writer

At Siena Heights University, almost everyone has heard of the new Multicultural Student Services program.

Those who haven't, be ready for a handshake—if not a hug—from director Paul Spradley, who started in July. What Spradley is focusing on at the moment, however, is what his program will accomplish. Although a new program, there have already been some innovative initiatives he has already started. One of these is the Men of Distinction minority male mentoring program.

Focused mainly on SHU's African-American, multiracial and Hispanic male students, the program aims to assist minority young men attain their full potential, Spradley said.

"Although the ability and intelligence is there, across the board, men of color in college are more likely to be underachieving academically and less likely to be involved in student leadership positions," Spradley said.

Men of Distinction looks to take advantage of this opportunity by providing a support network for the men of color at Siena Heights that will challenge them to be better, teach them how to accomplish success and then reinforce that success with a mentoring component. Though the hope is the majority of the mentors will come from the community, the core of the mentoring team consists of SHU faculty and staff of color, Spradley said.

Spradley was involved with a similar program in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is trying to bring that same success to Siena Heights. An outgoing individual with an infectious personality, Spradley is an advocate for youth and young adults, a mentor, a public speaker, a youth minister and a husband.

Left: These five men are the core group of SHU mentors for the newly formed Men of Distinction program. **Counterclockwise from front:** Multicultural Student Services Director Paul Spradley, Admissions Representative Ian Iler, Student Support Services Coordinator Celestino Carreon, Upward Bound Director Michael Fox '09, and Coordinator of Corporate and Foundations Relations Dan Peña '01.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and his Master of Science degree in Instructional Leadership. A former television news reporter, Spradley is also the recipient of the Pittsburgh Cares Pittsburgh Hero Award and the Theodore Jones Service to African Americans Award.

In the future, the program will not be limited to the young men of Siena Heights; once established at the University, Spradley said he hopes to reach out to the community as well.

"If we have something that works, we don't want to keep it to ourselves," Spradley said.

One way the program will reach out to the community is by providing an opportunity for the mentees to give back by mentoring local high school students.

"Then we will take the model to other colleges and universities," he said. "And within the next few years, I see us hosting a much larger weekend institute where we will have influential men of color provide positive messages and discussions to high school and college men of color from Detroit to Toledo, and everywhere in between."

Currently, the program is looking for mentors to participate. He said he has enlisted some mentors from the community, but is searching for more.

"We are hoping for upwards of 30 men of color, but we also realize it is more important for the guys to have a mentor than no mentor at all. So we're open to all interested men, including grad students, alumni, current professionals or retired professional mentors," Spradley said.

Celestino Carreón, program coordinator for Student Support Services at Siena Heights, is one of the five core mentors already dedicated to the program. Carreón said, "When I heard what Paul was doing, I was glad to be a part of it."

Spradley said the Men of Distinction program could be a whole new beginning for minority male students by providing resources and support that will strengthen their belief in themselves and change their outlook on life.

"It's exciting, because we are changing lives," Spradley said.

To volunteer as a mentor in the Men of Distinction program, contact Spradley at pspradle@sienaheights.edu or 517-264-7175. ♦



EXAMPLE

A New Voice

Beth Tibbs Has High Hopes for Music at SHU

By Michelle Blackerby—Student Writer



In a large, white room filled with mementos of the retired faculty member who preceded her, Elizabeth Tibbs, Ph.D., assesses her new surroundings. Tibbs, the new full-time music faculty member at Siena Heights University, is working to remake not only her office, but SHU's music program as well.

The Lenawee County native has had ties with Siena Heights since her childhood. She was trained on piano by now-retired Sister Magdalena Ezoe '55, a longtime Siena Heights faculty member, and had been neighbors with previous Siena Heights art faculty member, the late Father David Van Horn.

Most recently, Tibbs comes to SHU from Arizona Western College, where she taught piano, voice, music history and the choirs as a professor of music. While teaching in Arizona, Tibbs created a non-profit organization called the Yuma Youth Choir.



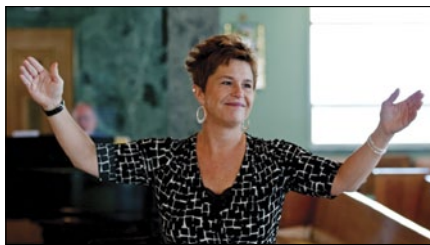
“There was a real need in the community for quality arts,” Tibbs said of creating the choir. The Yuma Youth Choir is made up of members from 6 years old to the early 20s and conducts three international tours. It even performed for a Mass in the Vatican in 2010.

While at the Vatican, Tibbs met the head of its music department, Themistocles Capone. She met with Capone again this spring while in Rome and was invited to bring another group to perform. Tibbs plans on taking the SHU mixed ensemble to perform at the Vatican in the summer of 2012. The group will spend two weeks in Italy, performing not only at the Vatican but also at the Children’s Hospital of Rome.

On the SHU campus, she is equally as ambitious. Another highlight of the upcoming academic year for the mixed choir is performing a piece of music written by Dale Warland, a world famous choral conductor. Warland specifically wrote the piece for the Siena choir. Titled “Sed Amore (But by Love),” the piece has already been performed at a December 2011 concert.

Tibbs said a key is encouraging more student involvement in the music program. She has been able to provide music scholarships already to use as an extra incentive.

“I want the students to realize that music and the arts are a really important part of a well-rounded life, which fits in well with a liberal arts education,” Tibbs said.



Currently, music is considered a minor, however, she hopes to bring back the major some day. She also hopes to connect to SHU’s thriving theater/musical theater program.

She also intends to integrate the music program into other areas on campus. She wrote a new spirit (fight) song in conjunction with SHU’s first football team this fall. Tibbs also wants to be involved in alumni events and student recruitment efforts. She is also heading the search committee to bring in a band director that will begin a marching band on campus next fall.

Besides organizing the mixed choir this past fall, she also coordinates the jazz ensemble, youth symphony and acapella choir. Tibbs directs the mixed choir, while veteran jazz musician Christopher Smith leads the jazz ensemble. Linda Deatrack conducts the SHU Youth Symphony, which enters its 24th year. Michael Yuen again leads the acapella choir.

“We don’t want people to be intimidated at all. I encourage everyone to come, no matter what their background,” Tibbs said of getting involved in the SHU music program. “Even if you don’t think you have a good voice—If you love to sing, please come. I know I can bring out the best in everyone and help them sing well.” ♦

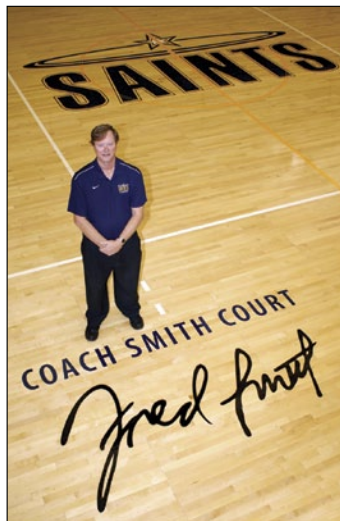


Siena Heights Music Director Beth Tibbs leads the new SHU Choir during a performance for Homecoming Weekend.



Tibbs congratulates Siena Heights football player Paul Jacobs after his performance of the National Anthem before SHU’s first home football game on Oct. 8.

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New Basketball Court Honors Fred Smith

Siena Heights University honored longtime athletic director and hall of fame basketball coach Fred Smith during a special ceremony during halftime of the Nov. 11 men's basketball game between Siena Heights and Marygrove in the SHU Fieldhouse. This fall SHU replaced its hardwood court with a new one, and officially named it "Coach Smith Court."

Smith joined the SHU coaching staff in 1977 as an assistant men's basketball coach. He was named athletic director in 1983, and in 1984 was named head coach of the Saints men's program. Before retiring as coach, he led one of the winningest small-school programs in the country, recording five 30-win seasons, 12 appearances in the NAIA National Tournament and eight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles. His 1996-97 squad finished as the NAIA Division II national runner-up.

In March 2006, he was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame. The Adrian native currently oversees a department that has 10 men's and 9 women's intercollegiate programs. Over the past three years his leadership has been instrumental in the process of adding new sports such as football, men's and women's lacrosse and men's and women's bowling.

Baseball



SHU Junior shortstop Cory Lehman (**left**, Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic) was named to the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference First Team and the WHAC All-Academic Team. Lehman

led the Saints in several offensive categories including batting average (.336), runs (26), doubles (14) and hits (51). Two other Saints, junior pitcher Brett Kuebler (Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic) and junior first baseman Josh White (Brooklyn, Mich./Columbia Central), were honorable mention all-conference. Senior pitcher Steve Strom (Onsted, Mich./Onsted), senior outfielder Kenny Sutter (Saginaw, Mich./Arthur Hill) and Lehman were also named NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athletes. Sophomore pitcher Jacob Sperry (Inkster, Mich./Westland John Glenn) was the team's Champions of Character recipient. The Saints finished 8-37 overall, 1-16 in the WHAC.

Softball



SHU Junior third baseman Brittany Rhodes (**left**, East China, Mich./Marine City) was honored for her performance both on the field and in the classroom. Along with her All-WHAC

Honorable Mention honors, she was named to the WHAC All-Academic Team, and she also earned NAIA Scholar Athlete status. Others who received All-WHAC honorable mention honors were sophomore outfielder Tonya Berta (Ida, Mich./Ida), junior first baseman Tearra Donovan (Fowlerville, Mich./Fowlerville), freshman pitcher Katie O'Hotzke (New Boston, Mich./New Boston Huron) and Chelsea Slovinski (Willis, Mich./Lincoln). Slovinski, a senior second baseman, set the career home run mark for the Saints. For the season, she led the team in home runs (11) and RBI (38) while tying for the team lead in hits (53) and ranking second in batting average (.323). Senior Tami Ross (Clawson, Mich./Clawson) was the team's Champions of Character recipient. The Saints finished 14-40 overall, 3-21 in the WHAC.

Outdoor Track & Field



Men: Senior high jumper Erving Warren (**left**, Benton Harbor, Mich./Coloma) earned NAIA All-American honors at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Indiana

Wesleyan. Warren cleared 6 feet, 8 3/4 inches and tied for fourth place. Also for the Saints, David Weeks (Eaton Rapids, Mich./Eaton Rapids) was 12th in the steeplechase, Ryan Hopson (Albion, Mich./Albion) 13th in the long jump and Will Hinton (Sylvania, Ohio/Sylvania Northview) 19th in the discus. The men won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championship. With the win, Siena Heights swept all three WHAC cross country/track and field championships for the first time since 1997. Head coach Tim Bauer was named WHAC Coach of the Year, and as a team, SHU won six individual events. Jesiah Rodriguez (Erie, Mich./Mason Consolidated) won the 1,500-meter run, Roger Chambers (Crestline, Ohio/Crestline) the hammer throw, Ryan Hopson (Albion, Mich./Albion) the long jump and the triple jump and Marcus Bridget (Leroy, Mich./Pine River) the pole vault. Bridget was joined on the WHAC All-Academic Team by seniors Chance Lauer (Adrian, Mich./Adrian), Mike Moore (Crestline, Ohio/Crestline) and Joel Young (Durand, Mich./Durand) and juniors Kyle Armstrong (Coldwater, Mich./Coldwater) and Jared Pirckle (Deerfield, Mich./Deerfield). Warren was the team's Champions of Character recipient.



Women: Senior Lyndsay Payne (**left**, Perry, Mich./Perry) and junior Morgan Choszczyk (Webberville, Mich./Webberville) earned All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

accolades on both the academic and athletic fronts for the Siena Heights women's outdoor track and field team. Payne was also the Saints' Champions of Character recipient. Payne won the 1,500 meter run and the 3,000 steeplechase at the WHAC outdoor championships. Choszczyk (**left**) placed first in the javelin. The Saints' 4x800 relay team of sophomores Harmony

Mead (Quincy, Mich./Quincy) and Carrie Zubke (Adrian, Mich./Madison) and freshmen Sarena Anderson (Ida, Mich./Ida) and Jasmine Caldwell (Sylvania, Ohio/Southview) won their event. Senior Karen Judd (Alto, Mich./Lowell) and juniors Kelly Ferguson (Perrysburg, Ohio/Perrysburg) and Cassie Keeping (Vancouver, B.C./Prince George) were also named to the WHAC All-Academic Team. Payne also placed 10th in the steeplechase at the NAIA National Track and Field Championships and is the school record holder in the event.

Men's Lacrosse

The Saints finished their first season as a member of the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association with a 3-9 overall mark, 1-5 in conference play. Mike Cleary (Romulus, Mich./New Boston Huron) and Ryan Gumbleton (Troy, Mich./Bishop Foley) tied for the team lead in goals (14) while Tyler Condron (Wheeling, Ill./Bishop Foley) had 11 goals and 14 assists.

Women's Lacrosse

For its first season of intercollegiate competition, the Siena Heights women's lacrosse team has joined the National Women's Lacrosse League. The NWLL, which is the only women's lacrosse league in the NAIA, has six charter members from five states. In its inaugural season, Indiana Tech defeated regular season champ Tennessee Wesleyan in the 2011 NWLL Tournament championship game. Other league members are Missouri Baptist, Reinhardt (Ga.), Robert Morris (Ill.) and Shorter (Ga.). The Saints begin regular season play in the spring of 2012 under head coach Cindy Hill.

Sports Information Director



In May 2011, Josh Reilly was named the first full-time Sports Information Director at SHU. He oversees all public relations duties for the University's 19 athletic teams. Reilly spent the past

year as Assistant Sports Information Director at the University of Mount Union, and was the Assistant Director of Athletic Communications and Marketing for two years at Allegheny College. A native of Dunkirk, N.Y., Reilly has a bachelor's degree in history from St. Bonaventure University.

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Homecoming Connections— and an Unexpected Visit with a Champion Saint

I love meeting alumni for the first time, and reconnecting with them again and again. That's the best part of Homecoming.

Some people register for the weekend long in advance, and I'm watching for them—waiting to meet a 50-year reunion alumna returning to campus for the first time in decades, or looking for a past Alumni Board member or Alumni Award winner I haven't seen in awhile.

Others never register; they just come, deciding at the last minute to take a chance on Homecoming. Running into those alumni is a delightful surprise. Sometimes they are people whose names I've known for years, whom I've emailed, written or called but never seen face to face. Suddenly, there's a face and a smile to go with the name. I love that.

This year's Homecoming—which brought almost 5,000 (!) people to the Heights on a spectacular fall day—provided more than the usual number of person-to-person reunions. Of course, there were lots more people here whom I would have liked to see and never did; but with 5,000 on campus, you don't run into everyone.

Sometimes, though, I run into alumni in completely unexpected circumstances.

That happened one day this past summer at, of all places, the Detroit Gun Club. An old friend, passing through with bird dog puppies for sale, took me along on a visit to the club to reconnect with his old friend, a fellow skeet shooter, multi-year world champion, and National Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Famer. This friend, "one of the best women shooters ever," was a gracious, attractive woman in her 80s who could talk target averages and barrel gauges and the differences between Olympic and American skeet with the best of them.

Imagine my surprise when she said, upon learning I worked at Siena Heights University, "Oh, that's my school!"

Ila Hill of Birmingham (**above right**), a nurse anesthetist, took up target shooting when she was 40, because she was bored and didn't like golf or bridge. It turned out, she was a natural. It was 1969 and she rocketed to the top of the sport. Ila dominated women's shooting throughout the '70s, nationally and internationally, and was named to the U.S. shooting team for nine years from 1973 through 1981. Her list of honors and awards, in every gauge from 12 to .410, goes on for pages.



When Ila stopped shooting competitively in the 1980s, she turned her attention to her career—and went looking for a college where she could build on her associate degree and nursing experience. Enter Siena Heights in Southfield. Ila earned her B.A.S. in Allied Health in 1987.

We shared a great lunch at the Detroit Gun Club that day. Meeting Ila was a reminder that there are champions of many stripes among our Saints alumni. And you never know where or when you might cross paths.

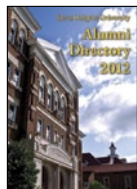
I hope your path leads back to the Heights before long. And here's a tip: Wear a Siena Heights shirt on the journey; you never know who you might meet!

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Siena Heights Alumni Directory Update



As this issue of *Reflections* goes together, the University's publication partner, PCI (Publishing Concepts) of Dallas, TX, is wrapping up the information-gathering phase for the new SHU alumni directory. Final production takes place this winter and early spring. Many thanks to all alumni who took the time to update their information as part of this process.

Having the printed directory (and/or the CD version of the directory) will help many of you stay in touch and network with other Siena Heights graduates. Even more important, having updated records will help the University keep YOU informed about news and events at the Heights; as well as reunions, alumni activities and volunteer opportunities available to you as alumni.

If you ordered the directory in book form or on CD: expect delivery in April.

If you ordered the airline voucher, it should have been sent to you 4-6 weeks after your final payment for the directory. If you believe it should have come by now and has not, please call: (800) 982-1590.

If you ordered any Siena Heights gear, you should receive it very soon.

Again, many thanks to all who participated in this massive update of our alumni database.

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, March 31:

Alumni Dinner & Theater Event— In conjunction with the Theater Siena production of "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"— A Musical Directed by Mark DiPietro '83.

Monday, August 13:

"Take SHU Out to the Ball Game"— 9th Annual Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Event at Fifth Third Field.

Friday–Sunday, October 5–7:

Homecoming 2012!— Reunion Weekend for Classes ending in "2" and "7".



Siena Travelers Explore Greek Heights!

A hearty band of faculty, staff, alumni and friends headed to Greece in October just as Greece was shutting down for a general strike! But the strike ended, the trip went off as planned, and the SHU travelers enjoyed an amazing 10 days exploring islands, highlands and incredible ruins, some dating back 3500 years. Following the journeys of Paul the Apostle, our traveling Saints visited Ephesus, Patmos, Corinth, Phillipi and Thessaloniki; but we also walked in the footsteps of Socrates and Plato, King Minos and the Delphic oracle. Travelers included (above): Dean Deb Carter, Becky Schersten '90/MA, Dean and Professor Mark Schersten, Anne Carrier '58, Alumni Director Jennifer Hamlin Church, and other friends of Siena Heights!



Above—50th Reunion links past and future—Recalling graduation 50 years ago, Rosemary Corrigan Kleis of Solon, OH, Pauline Kelley of Adrian, and Marlene Delisle Govang of Seven Hills, OH, pose in front of a drawing of Siena's new O'Laughlin Stadium and the future Spencer Athletic Complex.

Below—Homecoming family affair—2011 Outstanding Alumni Award winner Matt Schwartz '88, '97, '02 (seated center) celebrates at the Alumni Banquet with wife Laura Paul Schwartz '86; children Hannah and Jacob; sisters Ceal Schwartz '73, Marian Schwartz Echelbarger '90 (and Wayne) and Barb Schwartz Gallatin (and Richie); in-laws Jim and Nora Paul; and nieces/nephews Dan Schwartz, John Viers, Sarah Viers.



Right—Alumni Artists celebrate with spirit—SHU's Klemm Gallery hosted a Homecoming exhibition of works by printmaker Robin Wagner '87 of Novi, MI, painter Nick Ford '02 of Adrian, and ceramic sculptor Brooke Hine '00 of Philadelphia, PA, shown enjoying the Friday evening gallery reception.





2011 SHU Alumni Award Winners Honored

They are the best and brightest.

Perfect examples of what Siena Heights is all about.

2011 Honorary Alumni Award

Michael H. Dawson, MD

Back row, left

"Doc" Dawson, Saints fan and long-time team physician, is the first-ever recipient of this award. Mike has been a dedicated member of the Siena Heights Board of Trustees since 1999 and a leading supporter of the University's programs and mission. He contributed generously to the improvement of our athletic locker rooms and the expansion of the Fieldhouse, which now includes a multi-purpose Fitness Center bearing his name. Most recently, he has shared his time, talent and treasure with SHU by serving on the football task force, volunteering as a line-backer coach for the football team, and gifting our community with the new Dr. Mike and Lynne Dawson Field, commemorating his commitment to both Siena Heights and his beloved late wife, Lynne.

—The Honorary Alumni Award recognizes non-alumni who demonstrate exceptional commitment to and support for the mission and spirit of the University. Individuals selected for honorary alumni status shall be inspirational role models who have made a significant difference for Siena Heights by sharing themselves through generous and sustained gifts of time, talent and/or treasure.

2011 Saint Dominic Award

Mary Cele Kane Doyle '64

Front row, right

Mary Cele displayed leadership qualities while still a student at Siena Heights, serving as a class officer and graduating as valedictorian. After graduation, she worked as a teacher in Joliet, IL, and a social worker in central-city Chicago before entering graduate school at Marquette University, where she earned a master's in college administration and served as Assistant Dean of Women.

Following marriage to Jim Doyle in 1971, she focused on raising her family of seven children, living in the Chicago area. Through her own commitment to serving others, she instilled in her family the importance not only of having faith but also of acting on that faith in daily life to help others. As a lay parish leader, Mary Cele facilitated prayer and study groups, coordinated service days, and led mission volunteer groups. Since 2003, she has been a member of the professional pastoral staff at St. Clement Catholic Church in Lincoln Park, working "with the highest ethical standards and with great fervor" as Director of Community Involvement.

—The Saint Dominic Award recognizes an alumna or alumnus for commitment to Christian education in family, school or community. Named for the 12th century Spanish nobleman who founded the Dominican order, the award honors persons who embody the Dominican philosophy and the spirit of Siena, and who promote pride in Christian ethics and education.

2011 Sister Ann Joachim Award

Mary Jane Lubinski, OP '73

Front row, left

Like many Adrian Dominicans, Mary Jane began her career in an elementary school classroom. For four decades, she has continued to "teach," but her "classroom" is beyond any four walls; her "students" are those who suffer from poverty, abandonment and illness. After working with the poor in Appalachia in the early 1980s, she felt God calling her to a new ministry in Atlanta, Georgia, serving those with HIV/AIDS—as both a case manager and a legal aide—at a time when AIDS discrimination was rampant and people were dying at a high rate.

In 1995, she founded "Living Room," a non-profit organization that helps AIDS patients find housing. In 2000, she moved to South Africa to develop and implement an HIV/AIDS education program for Catholic elementary schools. She also developed programs to meet the needs of children orphaned by AIDS. Moving to Swaziland in 2008, she continued her hands-on ministry with schools and teachers, raising awareness of social injustice. Today, Mary Jane is back in the U.S., working for Covenant House to meet the needs of Detroit's poor.

—The Sister Ann Joachim Award is presented in memory of a legendary Adrian Dominican faculty member. It recognizes significant contributions to the University and/or community through activities that demonstrate strong leadership, the ability to get things done, and the capacity to confront challenging issues head-on while maintaining the image and spirit of the University.

2011 Recent Graduate Award

Lacey Wilmot Rao '02

Lacey was not able to make the 2011 ceremony and will receive her award at Homecoming 2012.



—The Recent Graduate Award is given to a SHU alumna or alumnus who graduated within the past 10 years. It recognizes and honors persons who exemplify dedication to Christian values through professional achievement, community involvement and/or civic commitment; and who represent the spirit of Siena Heights University in our world.

2011 Outstanding Alumni Award

Matthew J. Schwartz '88, '97, '08

Back row, right

A three-time graduate of Siena Heights, Matt is a dedicated educator, counselor and principal who has devoted his career to serving the community where he began. Starting as a social studies teacher and coach at Drager Middle School in Adrian, he moved on to become Assistant Principal, and now Principal, at the same school. Known for his positive attitude, energy and compassion, Matt works closely with the Boys and Girls Club, to help meet the after-school needs of his students. He contributes to the community outside work as well, serving as a volunteer football coach at Adrian High School, an elected city official, and a board member for such organizations as YMCA, Associated Charities, and the Boys & Girls Club. Matt is also very active in St. Joseph Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council and working behind the scenes on many activities and committees. Matt and his wife, Laura, also a Siena Heights graduate, have three children—one of whom, Rob, is a current Siena student.

—The Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes alumni whose outstanding professional achievements and/or volunteer contributions promote Siena Heights University positively to the community. These alumni demonstrate strong leadership characteristics, serve as significant role models for others, and embody the spirit of Siena Heights University. ♦

Nominations for the 2012 Alumni Awards are due by March 30. For details, call the alumni office at (517) 264-7143.



SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2011

Below: Freshman runningback Travis Damron sprints 40 yards for a SHU touchdown. He rushed for 111 yards and 4 touchdowns overall in helping the Saints defeat The University of Michigan-Flint Kodiaks in the first football game held at O'Laughlin Stadium during Homecoming Weekend.





1—An aerial view of O’Laughlin Stadium and Dawson Field during the stadium dedication ceremony on Oct. 8. Nearly 5,000 people attended the first home football game in the University’s history.

2—SHU head football coach Jim Lyall (far left) with benefactor Mary Spencer and SHU President Sister Peg Albert after the groundbreaking ceremony for the Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex, which will be completed this fall.

3—Sister Mary Jane Lubinski, OP ’73, who spoke at the Celebration Brunch on Sunday, received the 2011 Sister Ann Joachim Award.

4—SHU Board members Iqbal “Iggy” Roshd ’83 and Stephanie Boyse at a special dinner reception during Homecoming Weekend.

5—SHU students turned out in force for the stadium dedication ceremony before the first home football game on Oct. 8.

6—More than 50 Adrian Dominican Sisters marched to midfield for the stadium dedication ceremony before the Homecoming football game.

To see more photos from Homecoming 2011 and many other events, visit the Siena Heights online photo gallery at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/sienaheights>.

Football made its debut on the Siena Heights University campus as part of Homecoming Weekend Oct. 7-9.

The Saints played the University of Michigan-Flint for their first home game in the newly completed O’Laughlin Stadium and on Dr. Mike and Lynne Dawson Field. A crowd of nearly 5,000 witnessed the Saints’ victory over the Kodiaks 42-6.

There was a special stadium dedication ceremony on the field before the game, with SHU President Sister Peg Albert leading the dedication of O’Laughlin Stadium and Dr. Mike and Lynne Dawson Field.

The weekend had many other activities and events for SHU alumni and friends, as well as the community. The weekend actually began Oct. 6 with the Theatre Siena production of “As You Like It” in Francoeur Theater. On Friday there was also an alumni welcome reception, a women’s volleyball match and women’s soccer match, an alumni veterans barbecue and an alumni artists’ talk.

Most of the other events occurred on Oct. 8. There was a homecoming brunch in Benincasa Dining Hall, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex, an alumni art exhibit featuring Robin Wagner ’87, Brooke Hine ’00 and Nick Ford ’02 in Studio Angelico, a men’s soccer match and a Stadium Fest that featured games and activities for people of all ages.

The Alumni Award winners were honored during a special ceremony in St. Dominic Chapel. This year’s award winners are highlighted on page 23.

Saturday night featured the annual Alumni Banquet and Octoberfest, as well as the SHU Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011 induction ceremony and banquet. This year’s Hall of Fame honorees were:

- Krista Purvis Forsys ’98—volleyball.
- Jeff Gullekson ’01—basketball.
- Tom Jakubowski ’90—cross country/track (photo page 26).
- Don Kleinow (posthumously)—women’s cross country coach.
- Matthew Pike ’01—baseball.
- The 1988 Women’s Soccer Team (photo top of page 21).

On Sunday the Athletic Department held its annual golf scramble at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Campus festivities concluded with Homecoming Mass in St. Dominic Chapel and an inspiring Celebration Brunch. ♦



SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2011

1—Tom Cole of BCSN, a Toledo-area sports television network, interviewed Siena Heights President Sister Peg Albert before the Homecoming football game. BCSN televised the game live and called O'Laughlin Stadium "a Norman Rockwell painting."



2—Drum major Dominic DiPietro, son of SHU faculty member Mark DiPietro '83, leads the Adrian High School marching band onto the field for the first home football game. The AHS band provided the pre-game and halftime entertainment and was the first band to ever perform on Dawson Field.



3—Tom Jackubowski (left) accepts his SHU Athletic Hall of Fame plaque from former coach and current Vice President of Enrollment Pat Palmer during the Hall of Fame Banquet Oct. 8.



4—Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, OP, a 1958 Siena Heights graduate, gives a spirited address during the dedication ceremony for the stadium that is named in her honor.



5—School spirit was at an all-time high during Homecoming Weekend, with many groups and organizations participating in the festivities.



6—SHU sophomore quarterback Matt King led the Saints to a 42-6 victory on Oct. 8 during Homecoming, and an 8-1 overall record for the inaugural football season.



7—Track and cross country coach Tim Bauer '82 (far left), SHU President Sister Peg Albert and women's lacrosse coach Cindy Hill participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex.



8—Student-athletes from the SHU men's lacrosse program showed their exuberant support of the new football program.





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From The Sites

SHU—Battle Creek

Nola Baker '04 was named director of the Hillsdale Community Library in Hillsdale, Mich., on June 20, 2011. Baker was previously employed at Branch District Library in Coldwater, Mich., for 14 years. She started her library career at Branch District Library as a library clerk and was named adult services librarian in January 2009 after she completed her MLIS Degree from Wayne State University. She and her husband, Gary, reside in Coldwater, Mich.

Isaac Wyatt '05 is employed as an analyst for Citrix Online in Goleta, Calif. He recently completed his MBA from Michigan State University. He currently resides in Goleta, which is about one hour north of Los Angeles.

SHU—Benton Harbor

Dianne Zielbauer '99 is employed as an accounts payable manager at AM General LLC. She currently resides in South Bend, Ind.

Aaron Bradley '10 and Denice Kinney were married July 29, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza in Madison, Wis. The bridegroom is employed at Employee Benefits Co. in Madison, where the couples resides.

SHU—Jackson

Chris Kuhl '05 was named the undersheriff for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in May 2011. Kuhl began his police career with the City of Jackson Police Department and joined the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in 1998. He previously served as a lieutenant.

SHU—Lansing

Brian Davis '06 was named fire chief of the Freeport Fire and EMS Department in Freeport, Texas.

Stephen Bush '07, '10/MA is employed as an application systems analyst for GreenStone Farm Credit in East Lansing, Mich. He currently resides in Okemos, Mich.

DeMarquis Battle '09 is currently employed at Lansing Community College. He currently resides in Lansing, Mich.

SHU—Monroe

Gail Beaufait-Farrell '93 was named business manager of Trenton Public Schools in June 2011. She previously was the business manager and technology director at Ida Public Schools. She is a certified public accountant and lives in Monroe, Mich.

Manuel Hoskins III '03, '06/MA was recently named the City of Monroe's fire chief. He is the first African American department head in the city's history. He has served as a firefighter and EMT with the department since 1989.

SHU—Southfield

Henry Bolden Jr. '81 is employed as a general supply specialist with the U.S. Army's Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich. He currently resides in Detroit, Mich.

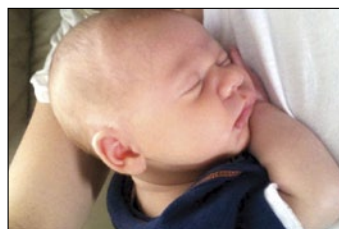
Christopher White '01 is currently serving as chaplain for Great Lakes Caring Hospice. He currently resides in Southfield, Mich.

Randy Walker '02 is seeking his second two-year term as mayor of Garden City, Mich. He is currently employed as a manager with the Ford Motor Co.

Kathy Crosby '93, '06/MA received the 2011 Athena Award from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Crosby is currently the CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids and was honored with the award for her efforts as a mentor and helping women reach their full potential.

Jennifer Cervi '10 is employed as a case manager for the University of Michigan. She created the Collegiate Recovery Program at UM, which is an innovative program based on a model from Texas Tech University to help students in recovery from alcohol or drug addiction. "Without the closure to my undergraduate career which I found at Siena, I would not have been prepared to step into this role," she said. She currently resides in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Janette Misiak Landis '11/MA recently attained her professional certifications in Lean Healthcare, Six Sigma, Black Belt and Advanced Project Management. She is a member of ACHE/MHEGA, PMI and ASQ. She resides in Birmingham, Mich.



SHU—Online

Bradley Bunch '09 and **Angela Byars '10** were married April 1, 2011. The couple met through SHU's online program. Bradley is a member of the U.S. Army while Angela works an officer in the Detroit Police Department. The couple has a son, Kain (above), who was born April 15, 2011, at Beaumont Hospital. They reside in Warren, Mich.

Main Campus

1960s

Homecoming—A Window on the 50th Reunion Class of 1961

Patricia Burgess Hyde '61 of Walnut Creek, Calif., attended Siena Heights as an Adrian Dominican, and took most of her classes from Siena in California. (Siena Heights really was a pioneer in distance learning!) She earned a master's and administration credential from the University of San Francisco, and served as principal at three Catholic elementary schools in the Oakland Diocese. After leaving the Congregation in 1982, she married and now enjoys three step-children and three grandchildren.

Rosemary Corrigan Kleis '59 of Solon, Ohio, started with the class of '61 and left after completing a two-year degree. While raising four children, she taught school for 47 years, mostly as a full-time substitute. She also has had a unique career in bridge: She taught adult bridge classes for 25 years; and for the past 24 years has been both a bridge director (running three games a week in the Cleveland area) and a travel agent (conducting bridge tours around the world). Widowed for the past 12 years, Rosemary leads a very full life. "Just came home with a group from the Canadian Rockies Train Trip," she wrote before Homecoming. "I leave in January for three weeks in Hawaii."

Pauline Kelly '61 of Adrian was a non-traditional student before the term was invented. She began teaching in the 1950s, a widow and young mother of two daughters. She then came to Siena Heights to earn a bachelor's degree in education; and went on to receive her master's from Eastern Michigan. She taught in Hudson for 30 years and became a charter member of the One Room School House Association. Pauline has traveled extensively—and adventurously—in the U.S. and abroad, and received many honors for her volunteer work. Now at 91, she lives at Grand Court Independent Living (emphasis on "independent"), where she is learning to paint, making friends and still taking side trips.

Sister Patricia Magee, OP '68 was named the new principal at St. Edward on the Lake Catholic School in Lakeport, Mich. Before coming to St. Edward she served as the associate superintendent in the Pastoral Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

1970s

Karilyn Nieman '76 recently retired as the postmaster of the Blissfield (Mich.) Post Office. She had served in that position for the past nine years.



Kenneth Thompson '77 had his limestone and steel sculpture entitled "Inverted Arch" (above) featured in the 16th annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. The exhibition will be on display through July 2012. He operates the Flatlanders Sculpture Supply and Art Galleries in Blissfield, Mich., and coordinates the Midwest Sculpture Initiative.

1980s



Andrew Koha '80 was named president and CEO of St. Augustine Health Ministries in Cleveland, Ohio, in July 2011. He currently resides in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.



Melinda Trevino Butler '82 was named the Teacher of the Year at Timber Ridge Elementary School in Marietta, Ga. She and her husband, **Glen Butler '82**, reside in Marietta.

Maureen Brady Leonard '83 is employed as special events manager for Wayne State University in Detroit. She coordinates events for WSU's alumni, WDET, the University Press and the College of Nursing. "For all of you that missed this year's awesome Siena Homecoming—hope to see you next year!" She lives in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Ann Weir Belote '84 is employed as an intake specialist with the Area Agency on Aging. She currently resides in Ossineke, Mich.

Frank Beven '84 is employed as a senior graphic designer at Versacom in Dearborn, Mich. He also owns a screen printing business, B and B Ink, in Clarkston. He sits on the board of Clarkston SCAMP and volunteers in helping special needs children and adults. Beven also volunteers for the North Oakland Marine Corps League to raise money for the annual toy drive for needy children in north Oakland County. He and his wife, Mary, recently moved to Clarkston, Mich.

Kenneth Kops '84 graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, N.Y., on June 11, 2011. He was then promoted to colonel on June 20, and was assigned as the deputy commander of the 353rd Civil Affairs Command at Fort Wadsworth, N.Y. He currently lives at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Homecoming—A Window on the 25th Reunion Class of 1986

Mary Ann Barks '86 of Blissfield works with Blissfield Community Schools where her "beautiful and intelligent sons" are in 9th and 11th grade.

Judy VanOrsdol Beckwith '86 of Scotts, Mich., graduated from SHU as a single mom the same year her daughter graduated from high school. She went to work at United Savings Bank, married Robert Beckwith, moved to Portage, and is now retired, "enjoying life with family and friends."

Scott McClure '86 and **Michelle Hellner McClure '86** attended the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet during Homecoming where Scott, a past inductee, was emcee (**below**).



Patricia Byron Burbank '86 of Horton, Mich., came to Siena in her 30s, seeking a degree that would allow her to work in the field of substance abuse. The week after finishing her last class, she did just that, starting full-time at what was then the Sage Center at Bixby Hospital. Twelve years and a counseling education master's degree at Siena later, she became program manager of Washington Way Recovery Center. Six years ago, she opened a private practice in Jackson that also allows her time to run a second business (rental vacation home) and enjoy 20 grandchildren and the "twists and turns" that life brings. She looks back "with deepest gratitude to Pat Palmer" whose encouragement on her first visit "made the rest of my life possible."

Barbara DeVantier Schmidt '86 of Blissfield began teaching elementary school in Adrian immediately after graduation. Ten years later, after the birth of their third child, she and husband Ron '90 (an elementary teacher in Deerfield) agreed Barbara would become a stay-at-home mom. It was, she says, "the best decision" they ever made. "The time spent together I treasure, and I am thankful I was able to be at home with them. When our children were grown, I ended up back teaching elementary school in Adrian" where she continues today. The Schmidts have a son and daughter at Adrian College, and a daughter in high school in Blissfield. Scrap-booking, swimming and family trips add fun to life; and faith provides the foundation.

Grant Neale '89 was nominated for a New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Solo Performance for his work in "Polanski, Polanski." The IT Awards are given annually to honor individuals and organizations who have achieved artistic excellence in Off-Off-Broadway theatre.

Judy Wernette '89 was named a partner in the Strategic Partners Firm of Canton, Mich. She has been employed with Strategic Partners since 2007 and most recently was fundraising systems and annual fund consultant. She will also be the director of operations and client service management. She currently resides in Saline, Mich.

1990s

Carol Boulanger Daniels '93/MA received the Counselor of the Year Award from the American Mental Health Counselors Association. She has worked at Pines Behavioral Health in Coldwater, Mich., for many years. She currently resides in Hillsdale, Mich.

Keila Kilgore Iffland '95/MA is a certified trauma consultant for the National Institute for Trauma and Loss. She is currently the co-director of the Hillsdale (Mich.) County Child Trauma Assessment Center. She currently resides in Hanover, Mich.

Mark Ouimet '95 is currently the assistant coach and assistant recruiting coordinator for the Mississippi State University football team. Ouimet formerly was the coordinator of player development, assistant recruiting coordinator and special teams assistant for the University of Michigan football program before becoming the director of football operations for the All-American Football League.

Candis Rosansky Strine '95 currently works as an administrative assistant with the Adrian Dominican Sisters. She currently resides in Adrian.

Jessica Johnson '96 was named to the St. Joseph (Mich.) Chamber of Commerce's Forty Under 40.

Becky Martinez '96 and **Adam Benschoter '92** were both inducted into the Blissfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. Martinez was a stand-out softball player who currently serves as an assistant coach on the Siena Heights softball team. Benschoter was a baseball player.

Matt Geha '97 was inducted into the Sylvania Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 29, 2011. Geha was a standout cross country and track runner and a three-time All-American at SHU. He is currently principal at Springfield (Ohio) Local Schools.

Timothy Slowik '98 is currently attending St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Fla., to complete his Ed.D with a cognate in justice administration. He has an anticipated completion date of 2014. He is currently employed as a parole agent with the State of Michigan. He currently resides in Harrison Township, Mich.

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2000s

Jeff Gullekson '01 is employed with Pearson Education. He and his wife, Ruth, were expecting a baby girl this fall. They have one son, Griffin, and reside in Stanwood, Mich.

Jen Letherer '02, an associate professor at Spring Arbor University, debuted her film "Derelicts," Sept. 9 at the Hudson Cinema in Hudson, Mich. The 10-minute movie tells the story of three elderly people who are alone, but not lonely. The narrative stories are a mix of drama and comedy, and feature local residents.

Angela Kaufman Stiver '03/MA is employed as a teacher at Blissfield (Mich.) Middle School. She is also a trained personal wellness coach owner of Royal Nutrition, a nutrition club in Blissfield. She currently resides in Adrian, Mich.

Tim DuBuc '04, currently attending the University of Hawaii to work on his doctorate in biology, presented, "Sea Anemones, Hox Genes and Body Plan Formation," Sept. 8 on the SHU campus.

David Face '04 enjoys working on his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air with his son, Cameron (**below**). His father originally owned the car and sold it to his aunt. However, Face bought it from her when he was 21 and a student at Siena Heights. He and his wife, Allison, still drive the car, and have added seatbelts to the rear so their children can also ride in it.



Karen Hively '04 was recently promoted to senior executive assistant to the president at Michigan International Speedway. She previously was the corporate sales assistant at MIS since 2008. She currently resides in Onsted, Mich.

Keira Johnson '04 is currently employed as a web director/developer with TIS in Bloomington, Ind. She currently resides in Davenport, Iowa.

Carol Krueger '05 began a new position at the Denver (Colo.) Center for the Performing Arts in May 2011. She previously worked at the Shakespeare Theatre Company.



James Walrod '05 was named one of "12 Rising Stars" by Promotional Products Business Magazine, a national marketing publication. Those chosen were selected for "embodying the characteristics of talent, ambition, persistence, leadership, originality and an optimistic sense for what's yet to come," according to the magazine. Walrod is the national account team leader for The Image Group in Toledo, Ohio.

Kelli Campbell '06 was named the high school principal at Morenci Public Schools in May 2011.

Daniel Glinski '07 and **Melissa Beebe '04** were married June 25, 2011, at St. Lawrence Church in Utica, Mich. The bride is employed as a teacher and the bridegroom in retail sales. After a honeymoon Caribbean cruise, the couple resides in Livonia, Mich.

Jason Holubik '07 was hired as a middle school teacher at Camden-Frontier Schools. He and his wife, Kay, and their daughter, Willow, reside in Morenci, Mich.

Elizabeth Nicholson '07 married Chris McVeigh on June 23, 2011, in Estes Park, Colo. McVeigh is the son of SHU English faculty member **Dan McVeigh** and SHU adjunct **Jan Richardi**.

Sarah Beaubien '08 graduated May 7, 2011, from the University of Toledo School of Law with a juris doctorate degree. She planned to take the Ohio Bar Exam in July and will take the Michigan Bar Exam in February 2012. She plans to practice law in either Ohio or Michigan.

Patricia Galindo '08/MA married Joshua Barth May 28, 2011. Patricia is employed as a project manager for ParishSOFT in Ann Arbor, Mich. The couple currently resides in Tecumseh, Mich.



Jayna Katz '08 is currently working cabaret in the Jackson, Mich., area at the Bon Ton Room. She recently received her license in Kindermusik, which provides music education to young children.

Ryan Robinet '09 is employed as the national phoneathon director for Wilson-Bennett Technology, Inc. He currently resides in Chesterfield, Mich.

2010s

Angela Miller '10 works as a nutrition counselor for the Medifast Weight Control Centers in Orlando, Fla. She currently resides in Orlando.

Julie Graham '11 and Jonathan Seneker were married July 2, 2011, at the Faith Baptist Church in Adrian, Mich. After a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the couple resides in Plymouth, Mich.

Kaendall McVicker '11 was recently hired to teach English, social studies and career transitions at the McKinley Education Center in Adrian, Mich. She currently resides in Temperance, Mich.

Emily Nastase '11 was recently hired as the district executive with the Great Sauk Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Her territory includes Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties. She currently resides in Hudson, Mich.

Deaths

Alumni

Eileen Burns Sanford '37
Elizabeth "Betty" Theisen '44
Sister Betty Foster, OP '46
Sister Kathryn Noon, OP '46
Sister Loretta Francis Demick, OP '49
Jacqueline Riopelle Mahoney '53
Sister Geraldine Megel, OP '56
Sister Florence Marie Viaches, OP '57
Mary Ellen Burns Hinsberg '59
Sister Celine Marie Regan, OP '59
Frances deSales Stallkamp Gibson Fleeman '60
Sister Mary Alice Murphy, OLVM '60
Nina Albers Stallkamp '60
Pam Gerber Balazy '64
Nancy Glaser '67/MA
Patricia MacDonald '76/MA
Betty Leister '77
Sue Cardella '98
Heidi Brewer '03

Friends

Donald Hoyt—former faculty member.
Father Ray Jarboe—former SHU chaplain.
Shirley Constance "Connie" Farver '83—former SHU board member and benefactor.

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Be Part of this Incredible Time at Siena Heights!

“I guess you say, what can make me feel this way?” I quote Fr. Tom Helfrich at, and the classic Motown song playing before, the groundbreaking of the new Mary and Sash Spencer Athletic Complex during Homecoming.

Although timely and funny, Fr. Tom’s question seems appropriate thinking back on last year’s Homecoming festivities. Exhilarating does not begin to describe the weekend. Standing in the circle at midfield, surrounded by other alums, students, faculty/staff and a large group of Adrian Dominican Sisters as O’Laughlin Stadium and Dawson Field were dedicated, is an experience I will never forget.

The weekend ended with the annual Celebration Brunch; and the speaker this year, Sister Mary Jane Lubinski, OP ’73, inspired those in attendance to move out of our comfort zones and push our margins.

If you were among the record number of people on campus for Homecoming to applaud our theatre department and alumni artists, celebrate our Alumni Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees, and of course cheer at our first ever Homecoming Football Game (42 to 6. GO SAINTS!)—then you know how Sr. Peg Albert, our University president, is moving the margins for our beloved University. You have heard about all the exciting changes happening at the University in this and past issues of *Reflections*. During Homecoming we dedicated Dawson Field and O’Laughlin Stadium and broke ground on the Spencer Athletic Complex; and by the time this magazine reaches most of you, we will have had the groundbreaking for the new student center.

These physical changes are not the only exciting things happening at the University. As a musical theatre performer, I was thrilled by the return of music to campus. Under the direction of Dr. Beth Tibbs, the new choir added so much to the events of Homecoming. Beth’s gracious invitation to alumni, to join the choir for Mass on Sunday, made the sound even richer and fuller. If I may say so, the Alma Mater has never sounded so glorious. And it is great to hear the Alma Mater back in regular use, reminding us of our “sweet golden days of dreams.”

What an amazing time in Siena’s history! We as alumni should be proud of the direction in which Sister Peg Albert and her team are taking the University. Every time I hear Sister Peg speak I am inspired and impressed by her dedication and care for the University. With every change and addition, she makes sure we also stay true to our history and mission.

If you missed last year’s Homecoming, I encourage you to start planning your trip home for this fall. Homecoming 2012 happens Oct. 5–7.

I also encourage you to consider helping to make all these exciting changes at Siena possible by making what you feel is a meaningful donation to the University.

Most importantly, though, remember what I said in my column a year ago: “No matter the time of year, time of day, season or weather; you are always part of the Siena Community and there is always someone waiting to welcome you home.”

So to answer the question posed by Fr. Tom and The Temptations (separately, although that does sound like a great name for a group)—“What can make me feel this way?”—Siena can! Go Saints!

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