

## REUNIONS, Summer 2007



THE CLASS OF 1947 celebrated their 60th Reunion on Friday, June 8, at Amber Jack Alehouse. First row (left to right): Sister Rene Lawless, Johanna Toomey, Jean (Saner) Amrhein, Eleanor (Dunn) Noutnak, Marilyn (Eck) Mason. Second row: Sister Marianne Nolan, Emily (Dunham) Landgrebe, Millie (Schweska) Elshoff, Rose Marie (Gorman) Mann, Virginia (Ryan) Halloran,

Sister Norma Somers, Mary Lou (Shaughnessy) Brennan, John (Duffy) Franz, Donna (Hicks) Myers. Third row: Lourdine (Armitage) Webb, Bernice (Christy) Whalen, Dorothy (Kervin) Coady, Marie (Urban) Valenti, Elinor (Theilken) Franz, Rita (Trello) Sabo, Brother Thomas Bracco, Vincent Johnson, James Flannigan, Fred Impastato, Paul Brennan, Al Kupris and Jack Ray.



**NIFTY FIFTY.** On Saturday, June 9, over 120 alumni and their spouses gathered in the SHG Chapel and Commons for a Mass, dinner and entertainment to celebrate their Nifty Fifty Reunion. Sr. Mary Alberta Lawless OP, '46, poses here with Alvena Reiser, '27, at the Nifty Fifty Reunion.



SHG Choral Students provided some after-dinner entertainment at the Nifty Fifty Reunion.

*Save the date!*

### **NIFTY-FIFTY REUNION**

(Fifty-plus years of graduation)

**Saturday, June 7, 2008**

**at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School**

*Invitations will be mailed in the spring.*

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## **HOMEcoming 2007**

**Friday, October 5**

**7:00 p.m.**

**SHG vs. Taylorville**

— Memorial Stadium —

Members of the Alumni Association  
will be handing out black & gold beads at the gate.

**NEW THIS YEAR: All are invited to the  
5th Quarter Alumni Event**

**KC Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook, immediately following the game**

Sponsored by the Alumni Association and WFMB AM 1450

# More REUNIONS, Summer 2007!



THE CLASS OF 1977 celebrated their 30th reunion the weekend of July 27-28 at The Rail Golf Course. Pictured at left (left to right) are Vicki (Ray) Karrick, Peg Rossman, Patti (Blakely) Martin, Terry Farmer and Sandy Costa. At right: Carmen (Gonzalez) Kealey, Vicki (Mizeur) Vandever and Barb (Bick) Procter.



THE CLASS OF 1982 celebrated their 25th reunion at Boone's on Friday, August 10, and at Piper Glen Golf Club on Saturday, August 11. In honor of their 25th reunion, the Class of 1982 (SHA, GHS and UA) made a generous gift of \$350 to the 25th Annual Scholarship Scramble, which benefits the scholarships program at SHG. Shown here (left to right) at Piper Glen are 1982 grads Dave Brahler, Tom Casey, Mark Redick and Shaun Forkin.

Members of the Class of 1982 who are St. Agnes School alums (left to right): Shaun Forkin, Maureen Squires, Katie Ambrose, Shawn Gorman and Martha Karris.



Members of the Class of 1982 who are Blessed Sacrament School alums are (seated, left to right): Susan Cross, Stella Stapleton and Tim Jones. Standing: Pat Nudo, Angelynn Weihmeir, Mike Ketchum, Jerry Kratochvil, Dave Brahler, Doug Bernett and Kelly Reed.

1982 grads Tim Shea, Angelynn Weihmeir, Jerry Kratochvil and Pat Dowling at Piper Glen.

## Visions

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Check out our Website at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org)



## SHG recognized by ACT for rigorous core courses

SHG was recently highlighted in the ACT's new research report *Rigor at Risk: Reaffirming Quality in the High School Core Curriculum* as one of 382 schools in the United States for proving "that core courses can be made rigorous and that rigorous content can be effectively taught to students."

Jon Erickson, ACT's vice president of educational services, said, "[SHG] is clearly a leader in preparing all high school students for postsecondary education and workforce training programs."

SHG's ACT 2007 composite score is 24.7; the state composite is 20.5. SHG once again scored above the state standards in all content areas. SHG's English composite is 24.7, Math is 24.4, Reading is 25.2 and Science 24.0. These numbers are based on the 165 SHG students tested in 2007.



Co-chair Ben Call, '93, displays a Husquavana 125 BT Backpack Blower, one of the many great prizes raffled off at the Scholarship Scramble dinner.

## Scholarship Scramble raises \$25,000

The 25th Annual Scholarship Scramble held June 18 at Piper Glen Golf Club raised approximately \$25,000 for SHG scholarships.

A special thank you to Carrollton Bank for their second year as title sponsor of the outing. As always, a big thank you to those who volunteered, to those who sponsored scholarships, tees and greens, and to our 208 golfers.

We hope to see everyone at next year's outing on Monday, June 16. Congratulations to co-chairs, Ben Call, '93, and Jeff Taterek, '82, on another successful outing. Thank you!



Maripat Cline, '67, and Marilyn Tate, '48, of R.W. Troxell pack up and head for hole #8 where they volunteer every year!

*London & Paris*  
*Summer 2008*

*For more information on cost & itinerary, contact Rebecca Buhle at 787-9712 or e-mail [buhle@shg.org](mailto:buhle@shg.org)*

Cost includes: roundtrip air travel, 3 & 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast & dinner, tour manager, professional sightseeing guides, surface transportation, Channel transportation, basic medical and cancellation protection, 24-hour emergency helpline, admission to sites listed on itinerary.



**LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Sister Katherine O'Connor, left, and Sister Margaret Joanne, second from right, consult with Bev Neisler, vice-president for advancement, and SHG business manager, Tom Fiaush.



**TEAMWORK:** Sister Katherine O'Connor and Sister Margaret Joanne Grueter began working together in 2005.

## Mutual respect and love for mission guide the ministry of SHG's president-principal team

By Sister Philip Neri Crawford, OP

The many contemporary challenges to the ministry of secondary education would have been unimaginable 50 years ago when members of the faculty and staff at Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield were all Dominican Sisters. There are now 104 names on the faculty and staff roster at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Only eight of those names belong to Dominican Sisters. One is a diocesan priest. Dedicated lay men and women constitute the balance.

Fifty years ago the student body included only young women. Today's co-ed setting requires an expanded sports program and additional extracurricular clubs and activities. The demands for constantly updated computer technology stretch the financial resources even further. Planning for the multi-million dollar budget required to maintain the school places a staggering responsibility on its administrators.

Dealing with the corporate board, advisory board, Booster Club, Parent Network, various state and diocesan boards, and myriad fund raising committees; and attending planning sessions and other meetings, can tax the resources of those charged with the daily operation of a school committed to academic excellence.

These multi-faceted demands of a growing school gave birth to the president-principal administrative model that has been in place at SHG since 2000. Translating the vision of that model into reality at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School means that two women with very different personalities and gifts must collaborate to ensure that the mission and strategic plan of the school is communicated and implemented.

Their mutual respect for each other and their deep love for the mission allow Sister Katherine O'Connor and Sister Margaret Joanne Grueter to live the Dominican charism in their ministry at SHG. Drawing on the grace of community life and a spirit of interdependence, they meet daily challenges with competence and good humor. Deferring to one another's expertise, they create the order and stability that allow teachers, staff and students to be comfortable, confident in their respective roles, and connected to the school and its mission.

Easily, comfortably, from the depths of who she is and in her role as president, Sister Katherine reminds everyone at meetings big and small that the school exists for the mission of Jesus Christ. As spokesperson for SHG, she believes that advancing the mission of the school is her way of preaching the good news of Catholic education. "I am energized by my association with the

students, realizing that someday as SHG alums, they will carry on our mission to preach the Gospel and to seek the Truth with love."

As principal, Sister Margaret Joanne's focus is on the search for truth. Together with teachers who know their subjects and who connect with the students, she develops and refines a relevant, strong academic program. Realizing the importance of tradition, she encourages rituals that build spirit and keep people connected. With emphasis on the very reason for a Catholic school, she leads the school community in prayer at the beginning of each day. Her advice to teachers and students alike is "Be your best, do your best."

Two women, with very different personalities and gifts, breathe life into a school and give daily witness to the congregation's mission to be "preachers in the spirit of Dominic, sustained by our life together and nourished by study, contemplation and liturgical prayer."

— Courtesy of *Just WORDS*, a publication of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois, August 2007 issue. Sister Philip Neri is a math teacher at SHG.

2nd Annual  
*Dessert & Dazzle*  
Thursday, November 8, 2007

*Proceeds will benefit all  
SHG Fine Arts programs:  
choral, band, arts and fashion*

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SHG Advancement Office at  
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# Three inducted into SHG Hall of Fame

## VICKI DHABALT COMPTON

Vicki Dhabalt Compton graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1979. She earned a degree in elementary education from Western Illinois University and later a master's degree from the University of California. In the interim, Vicki spent several years teaching in area schools and then was accepted to teach children of military personnel, first in Japan and later in Germany, an experience that gave her a broader world view and respect for other cultures.



**Vicki Dhabalt Compton**

After living in Haiti, Vicki became more concerned about poverty and hunger in developing countries. Returning to the States, she was named director for the Office of Missions in 2002 and has since returned to Haiti and traveled to India and Angola as the Catholic Relief Services diocesan director. Her latest efforts are to raise awareness of the crisis in Darfur.

## JOHN KLEMM

John Klemm graduated from Griffin High School in 1964. He earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 1969 and a master's of business from Sangamon State University in 1973. Five years later, John started his own business and subsequently developed four upscale subdivisions and two of the best golf courses in the area.



**John Klemm**

In the early '70s, John served as a teacher and coach at Griffin High School. Beginning in 1987, he coached girls' basketball at SHA/SHG for four years. His commitment to youth sports programs included coaching at St. Agnes for 16 years and coaching T-ball and Khoury League softball for many years.

John is an active, dedicated member of the SHG Booster Club and founding member of the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame Board.

For many years John has been a volunteer at the Mostaccioli Dinner and has recently begun a long-term commitment to serve on a committee planning for the future of West Campus.

Mayor Ossie Langfelder appointed John to the Public Building Commission on which he served as chairman. He recently completed a term on the board of the Ronald McDonald House.

## New Alumni Directory to be printed in 2008

The Alumni Office is in the process of working with Harris Connect to publish an updated Alumni Directory. The directories should be ready in the spring of 2008.

If you have some new contact information to share about yourself or someone you know, please e-mail [bettis@shg.org](mailto:bettis@shg.org) or [smdiana@shg.org](mailto:smdiana@shg.org). In the meantime, you may be getting a letter or call from the folks at Harris Connect to verify your information.

## MARY JO SKUBE WASSER

Mary Jo Skube Wasser graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1967. Influenced by her mother who was a registered nurse, Mary Jo volunteered as a candy striper at St. John's Hospital and worked at a nursing home where she quickly learned, as a young teenager, how to help elderly people.



**Mary Jo Skube Wasser**

After graduating from St. John's School of Nursing, Mary Jo worked for two years as a nurse in Boston and then took a position as director of nurses at a nursing home in Godfrey. Recruited by St. John's Hospital, she was the founding supervisor of their Adult Day Care, Hospice, Home Health Care and Third-Age Living programs. She currently serves as administrative assistant for Mission Integration at St. John's.

In addition to her professional duties, Mary Jo's pioneering spirit led her to membership on the initial SHG Advisory Board and she is currently serving once again as a member of the SHG Advisory Board. She has contributed to the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Catholics for Life of the Catholic Conference of Illinois. She was a PSR teacher at Blessed Sacrament Parish and together with her husband, Stanley, assisted with Pre-Canas classes on the subject of mixed faiths.

### The Second Annual

# Black & Gold Dinner & Auction

**Saturday, December 1, 2007**  
**SHG's West Campus**

Brought to you by SHG Booster Club  
and the SHG Advancement Office

***Proceeds will benefit all SHG Athletics***

To donate items for the auction  
or to sponsor a table, please contact  
SHG's Office of Advancement at 217/787-9732

**Check out our Website at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org)**



## 10 Alumni Scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen

Seated (left to right): Sarah Kroner, St. Aloysius; Hannah Geiger, St. Joseph's; Audrey Butler, who received the Sr. M. Blanche Alumni Scholarship, St. Agnes; and Paola Trujillo Manriquez, Blessed Sacrament. Standing: Sally Iocca, Christ the King; Maggie Hall, Cathedral; Maggie Baska, Little Flower; Connor Bell, St. Agnes. Not pictured: David Garcia, who received the Sr. M. Blanche Alumni Scholarship, St. Agnes; and Kelsy Warner, Cathedral.

## Thanks to you, the Annual Fund continues to grow

The Annual Fund lies at the heart of the advancement program at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Each year the school relies on alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff to support the programs and educational offerings at the school by giving an unrestricted gift to SHG. Participation is the key to our success. Thanks to the support of many, the Annual Fund was able to increase by \$20,000 over last year. For the second year in a row, we've had an increase of this magnitude! The 2006-07 Annual Fund generated \$234,000!

Thank you for your generosity. We hope you will continue to support the Annual Fund year after year. There will be an Annual Fund mailing going out very soon — please consider a gift to the 2007-2008 school year. (The fiscal year falls between July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008). Your gift is important no matter what the size.

On-line gifts to the Annual Fund are now possible by logging onto [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org).

## SHG Loses a First-Class Booster

The new school year has begun. The hallways are teeming with new students in new uniforms burdened with new backpacks searching for new classrooms staffed with new teachers. In the excitement it is easy to push back the memories of last year's seniors. Their gifts and talents, and the impact that they made on the Sacred Heart-Griffin community will be remembered with gratitude and thanksgiving; and they are missed.

Our community said goodbye to the class of 2007 in the natural order of things. We expect to graduate students each year, we expect to congratulate faculty on their retirements. We do not, however, expect to lose members of our community to death, and yet, each year God calls some of us home too early.

Such is the case with our dear friend and supporter, **Michele Selvaggio Nevins (SHA '75)**; sister of **Tony (GHS '78)** and **Mark (GHS '73)**, and mother of **AJ (SHG '02)**, **Tony (SHG '05)** and **Cristina (SHG '08)**, wife of Gary and friend, fan and Booster of all things Sacred Heart-Griffin.

The entire SHG community was shocked with her untimely passing the day before graduation this spring. Graduation festivities were suspended for a moment of prayer before students, including her niece, **Jessica Selvaggio, '07**, came forward to receive their diplomas.

Michele was a devoted volunteer for SHG with a particular passion for SHG athletics. Her energy and efforts were limitless. She was the ultimate team mom.

Her children are gifted athletes, excelling at football, boys' and girls' basketball, soccer and volleyball. Her van was at nearly every SHG sporting event; athletes from all teams knew her as mom — she was there with a victory hug and always an encouraging "Go get 'em" or "We'll get 'em next time." It was never about her, always about the kids.



Photo courtesy of The State Journal-Register

Michele was the ultimate booster; understanding and accepting the importance of raising funds in order for the kids to participate, enjoy, compete and whenever possible, win. She did whatever it took: selling raffle tickets at cold football games, volunteering at bingo on Thursday nights, serving as president, vice president, treasurer and head cheerleader for the SHG Booster Club for over a decade. Her passion, enthusiasm and sportsmanship earned her both the notice and respect of opponents.

A man who had talked to her once — on the sidelines of one of her daughter's soccer games — felt compelled to make the drive from Hillsboro to pay his respects at her memorial service. The Chatham girls' soccer team wore armbands in her memory at their Sectional game this spring.

Michele will be remembered by many; but mostly, she will be remembered by the SHG kids who came back by the hundreds, waiting in line for hours to say goodbye. They were blessed by her love, her energy and her support. They will remember, learn from and be grateful for her life, a life that made a difference.

— Anne Dondanville, Booster Club Board

# A fond farewell to three SHG retirees

Last spring, SHG bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Carol Morse, Mrs. Linda Monte and Mrs. Louise Michaud, who all retired after many years of service to the school.

## MRS. CAROL MORSE

Mrs. Carol Morse worked for 30 years at SHG as a counselor, registrar and teacher.

She was a Spanish teacher at Galesburg High School and Ursuline Academy prior to coming to SHG. But after being a teacher for awhile, she decided to pursue a counseling career, and had an opportunity to work at SHG.

"It was an opportunity to work in counseling, and I preferred the private school settings," she said.

Being retired, she now has some extra time on her hands. She will spend time traveling, volunteering and seeing more of her grandson.

SHG has left Mrs. Morse with great memories.

"My favorite memory comes from the [Sacred Heart] Academy days — seeing Sr. Mary Blanche standing at the foot of the 'up' staircase to make sure no one was trying to come down."

Her colleagues have fond memories of her as well.

"[Mrs. Morse] is always a great support for the teachers," said English teacher Mr. Golitko, whose classroom is right across the hall from guidance. "It's nice to know we have counselors who care about the whole student."

Just because Mrs. Morse is leaving doesn't mean that she won't miss aspects of SHG.

"I will miss the students, colleagues and those B-B-Q sandwiches from the cafeteria," Mrs. Morse said.

Mrs. Morse has been a great asset for SHG, and we will miss her dedication and guidance this school year and in the ones to follow.

— Lauren Thoele, '09



Mrs. Carol Morse

## MRS. LINDA MONTE

Mrs. Linda Monte worked at SHG in various positions for 16 years prior to her retirement. She is liked by many students and colleagues.

"Mrs. Monte is unflappable, hard working and always the kind of person you want on your side," said friend and colleague Mrs. Fuchs. "Linda Monte is a lovely person, a wonderful and giving individual, who will be sorely missed by all of us who have had the privilege to be her co-workers and friends."

Mrs. Monte began her years of dedication to SHG as a secretary in the Development Office (now the Advancement Office) and later moved to another position where her duties included (among many other things) dealing with report cards and eligibility.

In retirement, Mrs. Monte plans to spend more time with her family members who do not live in Springfield.

"I want to spend more time with them and be with them," she said.

Her plans also included an Alaskan cruise in July and a "Cardinal Baseball Road Trip" to Phoenix in September.

Mrs. Monte said that she will miss the kind and generous people she has been fortunate enough to meet and have as friends, but her kindness and generosity are what will be missed the most by everyone at SHG.

— Lauren Thoele, '09



Mrs. Linda Monte

## MRS. LOUISE MICHAUD

After working at SHG for eight years, Frau Michaud retired from her position as German teacher.

Prior to working at SHG, she taught German at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) for 20 years. Although SHG's reputation was a factor in her choice to work here, her granddaughter Christina Spa was a major reason. Her constant nagging, "Oma, du sollst hier arbeiten," which means, "Grandma, you should work here!" influenced Mrs. Michaud's decision to come to SHG.

Mrs. Michaud said working at SHG has been "the greatest." She plans to spend her time traveling in retirement.

"I will really miss Frau," said German III student Mallory Davlin. "She's part of the reason I've taken the class so long."

Mrs. Michaud will miss her time spent here as well. She would like to return as a substitute teacher.

When asked her favorite SHG memory, Mrs. Michaud responded, "Smiles on students' faces at their achievements in the German language."

— Molly Bramlet, '08



Mrs. Louise Michaud

## All Souls' Remembrance

Friends of SHG, we are happy to invite you to participate in our All Souls' Remembrance. A tradition within the Catholic Church is to remember our beloved deceased during the month of November. Our faith tells us that the bonds of friendship do not cease with death. Our deceased relatives and friends continue to inspire us in our daily lives. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will remember deceased alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and students in our All Souls' Remembrance.

Below, please list the names of the departed loved ones you would like remembered in the SHG Book of Life. These names will be written in the Book of Life, which will remain in the SHG chapel during the month of All Souls' Remembrance. Whenever Mass is offered in the SHG chapel, and each morning as the school community prays morning prayers together during November, those whose names are in the Book of Life will be included in our prayers. By remembering our deceased relatives and friends we stay connected with them. We are confident that as we pray for them, they intercede for us before the throne of God.

Please write the following names in the SHG Book of Life:

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with SHG \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: All Souls' Remembrance, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Office of Advancement, 1200 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702-4794.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

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**CORRECTION:** In the last issue of *Visions*, **Sister Imelda Suddes, OP**, was inadvertently listed as deceased. Sister Imelda recently celebrated her 100th birthday with private celebrations in the company of Dominican Sisters and her family. She is a former educator and former prioress general of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. She served a two-year stint in the business department at SHA. Most recently, she served in the archives at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield and retired in 1994.

**FOUR SHG ALUMNI** recently graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. **Dr. Catherine Gaffigan, '91**, will begin a position as a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Chicago. **Dr. Sarah Graham, '97**, will begin a pediatrics residency at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. **Dr. Brett Jones, '98**, will begin an emergency medicine residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. **Dr. Jeffrey Bradley, '99**, will begin an orthopedic surgery residency at Michigan State University and Grand Rapids Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

**1948**

**Dr. Mary L.W. (Wangard) Midden** now belongs to a newly-established group that takes (once rescued, adopted and now owned) obedient dogs and cats to nursing homes. The group is called I-HO-A (Illinois Humane Owned Animals). Most of the dogs perform small tricks which are gleefully enjoyed by the residents. They could use another cat or two especially. Dog owners are welcome. E-mail Mary at prettycheyenne75@msn.com.

**1953**

**Joseph F. Shaughnessy, Jr.** and his wife, Rosemary Eck Shaughnessy, were recently granted honorary Doctor of Law degrees from St. Louis University in recognition of their exemplary service to the St. Louis community and for their commitment to faith and family.

**1954**

**William O. (Pehlman) and Dolores (Hagelmeier) Walker** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27, 2007. They were married at St. Patrick Church in Springfield.

**1955**

Three Dominicans, **Sister M. Angelene Biderbost, Sister M. Dominica Brennan** and **Sister M. Linda Tonellato**, recently celebrated 50 years of religious profession. All three are Springfield natives and 1955 graduates of SHA. Sister M. Angelene has taught junior high school language arts at Little Flower School since 2000. She also taught at Our Lady of Lourdes in Decatur and was principal and part-time teacher at Sacred Heart/St. Joseph School in Granite City. Sister M. Dominica spent the early years of her profession teaching elementary and high school in Chicago, Springfield and Aurora, then in 1971 was elected to congregational leadership as a member of the council. In 1977, she was elected by the community as prioress general and served two terms. Sister M. Linda has been the archivist for the Dominican Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent since 1994. Her service in Central Illinois also included a period working in the religious education office for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and eight years (1977-1985) of teaching at SHA.

**1959**

**Father John Corredato, CSV**, completed his 12-year term as pastor of St. Boniface, Edwardsville, Illinois, and begins his new assignment as parochial vicar of the Guardian Angel Cathedral, Las Vegas. **Father Larry Lentz, CSV (1963)** is the rector of the Cathedral.

**1962**

**Sister Maureen O'Connor, OSF**, was recently elected provincial vicarress for the American Province at the Provincial Chapter meeting at St. Francis Convent in Springfield. The Hospital Sisters International Community was

founded in Germany in 1844. The American Province sponsors eight hospitals in Illinois, five hospitals in Wisconsin, and missions in Haiti and Africa.

**1964**

**David Erdmann** was ordained a deacon by Bishop George Lucas on June 24, 2007 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Ordaining deacons for the Diocese of Springfield is a first. David will be serving at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Springfield.

**1967**

**Patricia Glosecki Hunter**, of Seattle, on behalf of her school, received Boeing's annual John Warner Award. The corporation annually recognizes a school in the Seattle area that has overcome challenges to achieve a high level of academic success. Patricia has been principal of the winning Maple Elementary School since 2000. She graduated from Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington State. She is the wife of George Hunter.

**1968**

**Sergio "Satch" Pecori**, president and CEO of Hanson Professional Services Inc. of Springfield, is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 award in the Lake Michigan Area program. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

**1970**

**Pat Giganti** was named "Woman of the Year" by the Corner-Stone Chapter of American Business Woman's Association. Pat has been an ABWA member for 27 years and has held many offices and chairmanships. She has been a pharmacist at Walgreens for 17 years.

**1972**

**Thomas L. Farney, M.D., F.A.C.S.** has been elected president of the medical staff of Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, Oregon for 2007-2008. He is medical director of the Good Shepherd Medical Group. He is board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery, and practices a wide range of general surgical procedures. Thomas graduated cum laude from Tulane University with a degree in biology, then SIU School of Medicine. He trained in surgery at Indiana University for one year, then St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He moved to Hermiston 20 years ago with his wife, Marianne. The couple has three daughters: Annamarie, Barbara and Caitlin.

**1973**

**Tom Cavanagh** was honored with the 2006 Treasurer of the Year Award for distinguished service from the Illinois County Treasurers' Association. The award was presented at the spring legislative conference in Springfield in May. One of four to be honored in Illinois, Tom was selected by his peers among county treasurers in the 26-county region covering west-central Illinois. He has served as Sangamon County treasurer since 2002.

**1977**

**Lisa Clark** works at St. John's Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She has four grandchildren.

**1978**

**Liz Wheeler** is chief operations officer for Micato Safaris (rated the World's Best Tour Operator and Safari Outfitter four years in a row by *Travel & Leisure* magazine) and spends the majority of her time on the African continent.

**1979**

**Louise Phipps Senft** was recently inducted into the Top 100 Women of Maryland in Baltimore. She is the founder, mediator, facilitator and trainer at the Baltimore Mediation Center, and adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law. She also taught at the University of Baltimore

# A L U M N I N E W S

Law School. Louise is a former associate attorney with Whiteford, Taylor and Preston in Baltimore. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University School of Law, and resides in Baltimore with her husband and five children.

1981

**Chris Hembrough** has been selected as the executive director of the Illinois Capital Region of Big Brothers Big Sisters. He brings over 17 years of successful leadership to the agency along with a strong background in staff and team building, administration, volunteer recruitment and fund raising. Chris has a BBA from the University of Miami, and a master of divinity degree from Union Technology Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

1983

**Lisa (Hendricks) Buckley** and her husband, Conk, announce the birth of their first child, Ella Grace, on May 16, 2007.

1984

**Jim Sullivan** is serving in Iraq as a physician. This photograph was taken on May 9th after a car bomb attack.



1985

**Lara Dennis Willoughby** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their third child, Stella Rose, on February 25, 2007. Stella joins her brothers, Jackson Blackwell (9) and Lincoln (2). The family lives in Springfield.

1986

**Michelle (Mills) Londrigan** has accepted a position with Girl Scouts Central Illinois. She will run their six shops and do the buying and merchandising for the councils.

1991

**Lori (Egizii) Cadden** and her husband, Mike, welcomed a new son, Declan Peter, on May 16, 2007.

1992

**Angelique (Mizeur) Stacy** and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of a son, Thomas Walter, on April 24, 2007. The family resides in Downers Grove.

1993

**Carri (Long) Richardson** and her husband, Shane, welcomed a new daughter, Kennedy Joan, on June 30, 2007. She joins her big brother, Keenan, at home.

1994

**Clay Snyder** and his wife, Laura, announce the birth of their first child, Emmeline Elizabeth, born August 21, 2007. Grandparents are **Jane (Denk) (1969)** and **Bill Snyder (1969)**.

1995

**Mark Dennis** married Rachel Snow on July 21, 2007. They reside in Ithaca, New York, where Mark attends the Cornell University Johnson Graduate School of Management. Mark was awarded the Park Leadership, which carries a full tuition waiver and a stipend. The award provides opportunities for fellows to develop leadership skills in business, and to apply these skills through school and community service projects.

1998

**Sara (Snyder) Killion** and husband, Greg Killion, announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Nichole, born March 13, 2007. Grandparents are **Jane (Denk) (1969)** and **Bill Snyder (1969)**.

**Erin M. Wilderson** and **Jeffrey M. Bradley (1999)** were married on April 21, 2007. The couple resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Erin recently graduated from St. Louis University School of Law with a Health Law Certificate, and completed a master's in health administration (MHA). She will be taking the Michigan bar exam. Dr. Jeffrey Bradley will begin an orthopedic surgery residency at Michigan State University and Grand Rapids Medical Center in Grand Rapids.

1999

**Dr. Kelly Clarke-Knolhoff** graduated May 18, 2007 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis with a doctorate in audiology. She has accepted a position with Carolina Hearing Group and will be practicing in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Lisa Clotfelter** was united in marriage to Jason Killday in June 2007.

**Peter Christofilakos**, former kicker for SHG and the University of Illinois, has been added to the roster of the Arena Football League's Arizona Rattlers. This is his first stint with an arena team after previous tryouts with Orlando and Los Angeles. The Rattlers are fourth in the five-team Western Division of the American Conference with a 2-7 record.

**Dr. Amy Dinardo** recently graduated from Ferris State University (Michigan) College of Optometry with high distinctions. She received the George N. Holcomb Memorial Scholarship, Michigan College of Optometry Senior Research Award in Clinical Optometric Science, and the GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award. She was accepted to a one-year residency program at Ferris State University, specializing in contact lenses and corneal diseases.

**Katie (Hil) Osborn** and her husband, **Tom**, recently welcomed a daughter, Lucy Jennifer.

2000

**Andrew Boyer** graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a doctor of dental surgery degree in May 2007. He was the recipient of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship Award, which is awarded to a graduating dental student who has demonstrated potential for developing into a leader for the profession. Andrew moved to Indianapolis to complete a residency in hospital dentistry at Indiana University.

**David "DJ" Crickard** graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. He has accepted a position with CVS in Springfield.

**James W. Doerfler** married Megan L. Leonard on June 2, 2007. The couple resides in Springfield.

**Breanna Peebles** received her master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix, Tampa, Florida campus on May 5, 2007.

**Matthew R. Von Behren** recently graduated from St. Louis University School of Law. He is a 2004 graduate of St. Louis University.

2001

**Brian R. Benanti** recently earned a bachelor of science in physics from Illinois College and a bachelor of science in manufacturing engineering from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He has accepted an engineering position with Boeing at its Integrated Defense Systems in Huntsville, Alabama.

**Rachel M. Schuck** and Gregory E. Bettis were united in marriage on May 5, 2007. They live in Dubuque, Iowa.

# A L U M N I N E W S

## 2002

**Zackary DeBrun** recently graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in business and finance. He has accepted a position with IndyMac Bank Corporation, a top tier conglomerate bank. Zac will be in the wholesale mortgage lending division based in Schaumburg, Illinois.

**Katherine Grace Lim** was recently named a recipient of the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's 2007 Leadership Award. This award provides medical students, residents/fellows, young physicians and international medical graduate physicians from around the country with special training to develop their skills as future leaders in organized medicine. Katharine is a fifth year medical student in the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) six-year BA/MD program who is actively involved in the AMA as well as her chapter and state medical societies.

**Brad O'Brien** recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelor of arts in political science with a specialization in Middle East and North Africa, and a bachelor of arts in international studies with a specialization in peace studies.

**J.T. Wise** has signed a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears. J.T. was All-Gateway Conference selection at fullback last fall during his senior season at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

## 2003

**Sarah E. Becker** recently graduated with high honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in elementary education. She was a William Chandler Bagley Scholar, a Chancellor's Scholar, and a member of the Senior 100 Honorary, the Mortar Board National College Honor Society, the Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the dean's list. She has accepted a teaching position at Washington Middle School in Springfield.

**Corey Farrar** received his bachelor of arts in political science with an emphasis on international relations from Beloit College in Wisconsin. In April, Farrar presented a research paper at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago.

**David Kienzler** recently graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a bachelor of science in business administration with emphasis in finance and a minor in economics.

**Katie Kotowski** has graduated summa cum laude with an honor bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in accounting and finance from St. Louis University. She was the recipient of the *The Wall Street Journal* 2007 Student Achievement Award from the school's Finance Department. In addition, she was named to the Atlantic 10 Conference Commissioners honor roll for student-athletes for the Spring 2007 semester. She will pursue her master's in accounting at St. Louis University.

**Chris Loftus** is months into his Major League Soccer rookie season, and he's eager to see playing time. He trains with the New England Revolution's full team each morning, yet all of his game action has come with the reserve squad. In late May, Chris made his first start in a reserve-division game against Kansas City. He played a full 90 minutes and scored his first and only goal of the season in a 3-0 win for the Revolution, which is 3-2 in reserve matches.

**Jason M. Rudis**, a May 2007 graduate of Millikin University, has landed an internship in the Illinois Legislative Intern Program. Jason, a political science and psychology double major at Millikin, is one of 24 people selected for the program. He will start his 10-and-a-half month program in August.

**Jill Seelbach** recently graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City with honors, receiving her bachelor of science degree in integrative physiology. She will pursue her graduate studies in the doctor of physical therapy program at Washington University in St. Louis.

## 2004

**Ashley Levan** was named first-team All-Atlantic 10 Conference and chosen for the A-10's all-academic team during her junior season. She led the pitching staff with 13 wins, a 2.56 ERA and 221 strikeouts, and she ranks 13th nationally and led the A-10 with 9.8 strikeouts per seven innings. Ashley was named to the A-10 All-Championship Team after posting a 2-1 record with a 2.88 ERA and 21 strikeouts at the tournament.

## 2005

**Michael Wasser**, a labor and employment relations major at Penn State University, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester of his sophomore year and was the recipient of the 2007 Robert R. Kohler Memorial Award for outstanding academic achievement by a Penn State undergraduate student enrolled in the Labor Studies and Employment Relations Department. He also has been admitted to membership in the Penn State Schreyer Honors College.

## 2006

**Emily McHenry** was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for two-year colleges. The amount of the scholarship is \$24,000.

## 2007

**Blake Baltusevich** committed to Springfield College in Illinois/Benedictine to play golf.

**Anne Bloechle**, shortstop, will walk on to the softball team at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. **Bobby Brenneisen** was recently named the Central State Eight Conference Male Athlete of the Year. He was the third straight from SHG to be voted Central State Eight Conference Male Athlete of the Year and the fourth from SHG in the past five years.

**Bridget Helms**, who led the Central State Eight Conference in scoring with 17.8 points per game, will play basketball at Parkland College in Champaign. Bridget also was the league's second-leading rebounder at 10.3 per game.

### SHG Alumni Association

## TRIP SCHEDULE

- West Field Mall •
- West County Shopping Trip •

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007**

St. Louis, Missouri

Departs at 8:30 a.m. sharp from  
SHG Parking Lot, Monroe St. entrance  
Returns at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Cost: \$20 per person**

Over 200 shops to choose from!  
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Trips are for alumni and friends.  
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217/787-9732 or e-mailing [bettis@shg.org](mailto:bettis@shg.org).

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Matt Israel**, a lineman for SHG, has committed to Illinois Wesleyan University. Matt was a starter on the back-to-back Class 5A State championship teams in 2005 and 2006.

**Kevin Klemm** has received the Good Citizen Award from the Springfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. One outstanding senior class student from each of the Menard and Sangamon county high schools was selected on the basis of leadership, dependability, service, patriotism and cooperation.

**Zach Lloyd** is a recruit for the Springfield College in Illinois men's soccer team.

**Jason Moore** has committed to play football at Monmouth College. Jason, a lineman, was a starter on the back-to-back Class 5A State championship teams in 2005 and 2006. He posted 42 tackles, 26 solo, from the interior line.

**Maggie Schaeffer** was selected as one of two winners in the 2007 Horace Mann Employee Scholarship Program. She was selected from a competitive field of applicants and was awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship.

**Breanne Sergent**, third baseman, will walk on to the St. Louis University softball team.

**Casey Sheehan** placed first in cartooning in the 2007 Illinois Woman's Press Association High School Journalism Contest.

**Sam Steere** recently produced the first act of "The Heart of a King" at SHG, a musical which he wrote in Kosovo, where he lived with his family for five months while his father worked there. In addition to writing the musical, he wrote the score, directed the production and performed alongside a cast and crew of his classmates. Sam hopes to produce the musical in its entirety in 2008, with full orchestration.

## in memoriam



We offer our sincerest condolences and prayers to the families of our following alumni and friends who have died recently. May they rest in God's peace.

### ALUMNI

**Patricia A. (Solomon) Janssen, 1938**

**Rita A. (Cannon) Christine, 1939**

**Sister Stella M. Miller, OP, 1941**

**Rita R. Coleman, 1943**

**William E. Mayfield, 1948**

**Joann (Wendell) Denton, 1948**

**Rosemary (Harrington) Whalen, 1951**

**Brother Joseph P. Heisler, CSC, 1952**

**Helene C. (Eddington) O'Shea, 1953**

**Robert L. Hull, Jr., 1954**

**Edmund J. Capranica, 1956**

**Elizabeth (Thacker) Cockayne, 1956**

**Margurite (Besling) Schuster, 1959**

**Charles A. Cicci, 1961**

**Philip L. Schinneer, 1965**

**Sharon L. (Bortmess) Dickerson, 1968**

**Paula Poorman, 1969**

**Michele S. (Selvaggio) Nevins, 1975**

**Mary Catherine Tomko, 1976**

**Sister M. Elaine Mayfield, OP**, who served as the SHA school librarian from 1973 to 1997.

## In memory of Robert L. Hull, Jr.

Long-time Griffin and Sacred Heart-Griffin teacher Robert L. Hull, Jr. died Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at the age of 70 at St. John's Hospice after a short battle with cancer.



**Robert L. Hull, Jr.**

Mr. Hull worked for *Popular Mechanics* magazine for one year and was a journalist at *The State Journal-Register* for 38 years, where he retired as the editorial page editor. He taught part-time at Griffin and Sacred Heart-Griffin for 34 years.

He was a member of St. Aloysius Church. He served in the Army National Guard for six years. Mr. Hull received his master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University

in 1959. He served as secretary of the Bobby House Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors for 20 years. He coached baseball for the Joe DeLong Little League and Fairview Pee Wee Reese for 23 years.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta A. Hull of Springfield; daughter, Cheryl M. Hull (companion, Joe Wright) of Springfield; two sons, Robert L. (wife, Pam) Hull III of Decatur and Timothy J. (wife, Kathy) Hull of Sherman; eight grandchildren, Taylor, Braden, Megan, Nathan, Joseph, Justin, Joshua and Jeremy; brother, Ronald D. (wife, Marilyn) Hull of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Parts of this tribute were borrowed from Bob's obituary, which ran in *The State Journal-Register*.

## SHG wants to come to your town!

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School is blessed to have such loyal alumni all over the country and the world who are proud of their high school tradition.

We print *Visions* three times a year to keep you updated with what is going on in the lives of your fellow alums and what is new here at SHG. We hope you enjoy it and we always welcome your input and submissions.

In our quest to keep alums engaged with each other and their alma mater, we would like to have some alumni gatherings in different cities where our alums have settled.

If you are interested in hosting an alumni gathering in your town, please contact Bev Neisler, Vice President for Advancement, at 217/787-9732.

## Christ the King searches for alumni to celebrate Cornerstone Anniversary

If you are an alumnus of Christ the King School and are interested in finding out more about the Cornerstone Anniversary, please gather the following information: alumni name (maiden name included), graduation year, address, e-mail address and phone number. Send the information to: Attn: Anniversary Celebration, Christ the King School, 1920 Barberry Drive, Springfield IL 62704. Or call Katherine Franklin at 217/698-9895.



## Summer Escape 2007

As part of our student marketing program, SHG hosted the third summer of Summer Escape during the week of June 11-15, for students entering grades 5-8. Shown here are some of the participants. This summer 80 students registered and enjoyed camps for every interest from fashion, Spanish, forensics and art to theatre, baking and money management! Next summer's Summer Escape will be held June 23-27.

## Teacher Grant Program benefits from many generous donors

Each May, our teachers are challenged to compete for grants through the SHG Teacher Grant Fund. The fund, now in its fourth year, has seen tremendous growth since its inception in 2004. Generous contributions from Dave Saner, owner of Luers, and a grant from the Tracy Family Foundation gave the program the initial support that was needed; since then several generous individuals have contributed to the fund. The program is also funded through special initiatives such as the Building Foundations for Life campaign and through various bequests given to the school.

The first year, \$4,335 was awarded through the competitive grant process. In 2005, we awarded \$8,244, and in 2006, \$8,328. This year, due to the program's increasing popularity, more than \$15,000 was awarded.

The purpose of the program is to provide funding for programs and projects that go beyond the scope of the school's operating budget. The selection committee looks for unique proposals that have the greatest impact on our students.

In 2007, these teachers received grants through the program to purchase the following:

### Science

*Donna Brayfield:* \$1,800 for a thermal cycler for the Science Department.

*Michelle McHenry:* \$775.50 for a Forensic Curriculum Activity Set.

*Frank Saputo:* \$1,000 for museum mounts.

### Fine Arts

*Jane Seelbach:* \$550 for interactive software to provide experiential learning to students in Consumer Economics.

*Bill Bauser:* \$1,500 for one laptop and software.

*Heather Weeks:* \$684 for an Elmo Projector.

*Sue Metzroth:* \$1,219 for equipment to launch a lampwork beading/metals studio segment for advanced art students.

*Suzanne Berry:* \$1,588 for a standard copper Timponi for the SHG Band.

### English

*Charlie Golitko:* \$3,300 for a mobile presentation cart complete with laptop and MMP.

### Theology

*Vicki Bauer:* \$850 for an LCD projector.

*Father Steven Janoski:* \$1,500 to purchase an MMP.

### Campus Ministry

*Sister Linda Mary and Simon Cory:* \$250 for a lapel microphone system.

At SHG, our students and teachers benefit greatly from the generosity of others. Contributions to this special fund are always welcome!

13th Annual

# SHG MEGA Raffle

- 1st Prize - \$100,000
- 2nd Prize - \$10,000
- 3rd Prize - \$3,000
- 4th - 10th Prizes - \$1,000
- 11th - 20th Prizes - \$500
- 21st - 50th Prizes - \$250

**EARLY BIRD DRAWING**

Friday, September 21, 2007  
Live on AM Springfield-1450 WFMB  
20 - \$500 Prizes Awarded

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**

Sunday, October 7, 2007  
The Knights of Columbus 364  
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Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Over the past 12 years Sacred Heart-Griffin High School has awarded \$1.98 million to 922 winners. The Raffle benefits the students at SHG and the nine Springfield-area Catholic grade schools. \$1,000 will be donated to each of the nine Springfield-area Catholic grade schools.

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To purchase a ticket over the telephone, for more information or for questions, please call (217) 787-9732.  
**NEW THIS YEAR: PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.SHG.ORG**

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The SHG Mega Raffle is sponsored in part by the following underwriters: A-1 Lock; Dan & Peggy Cadigan; Harold O'Shea Builders; Quicksilver Mailing Service; Staab Funeral Home; Cavanagh, Madonia and Leahy and Michael von Behren Builders, Inc.

# AROUND SHG

## Congratulations to...

The following students, who were elected to the class councils for the 2007-2008 school year. Seniors: Katie Hamilton (president), Grant Anderson, Val Contri, Trey Dhabalt, Brittany Gvazdinskas, Danny McMahon, Jaclyn Tracy and David Wasser. Juniors: Matt Knudsen (president), Lily Criscione, Katlyn Freeman, Jonathan McHenry, Lily Stelle, Dominic Walton and Norah Yu. Sophomores: Nick Lanzotti (president), Dominic Antonacci, Peter Eck, Jessica Edwards, Caroline Nester and Alaina Selvaggio.

The Student Council Executive Board: president, Bobby Smith; 1st vice president, Edie Graham; 2nd vice president, Tim Dondanville; 3rd vice president, Anna Han; secretary, Patty Strutz.

Encore, which received a First Place Superior in the Show Choir Division at the IHSA Organization Contest this past spring.

Lauren Murphy, '08, who was named *The State Journal-Register* Outstanding Newspaper Staffer from SHG for 2006-2007.

Jill Haxel, who participated in the Illinois Symphony Guild of Springfield Summer Piano Camp Scholarship Audition this past spring. Jill was the winner of the Senior Division and won a \$200 Henry and Margaret Kirschner Scholarship.

The following students, who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Courtney Aidich, Christina Albers, Jessica Ashcraft, Morgan Atwood, Meredith Blair, Gina Braham, Sierra Campbell, Megan Canny, Philip Christofanelli, Kimberly Coakley, Mary Coats, Val Contri, John Curry, Katherine Dombrowski, Ashley Eck, Patrick Farrow, Michael Feller, Allison Fitzgerald, Emily Fletcher, Melissa Gay, Olivia Gay, Zachary Gietl, Edith Graham, Kathryn Hamilton, Cassandra Hansen, Sara Hartwig, Kendall Held, Caitlin Hoemmen, Ilsoo Hong, Zachary Jones, Christopher Kaplan, Anton Katalinich, Catherine Leatherwood, Kathleen Louis, Molly Meinhardt, Allison Midden, Lauren Murphy, Alex Nester, Abbey Rocco, Emily Rogers, Patrick Ryan, Kurtis Saladino, Nicole Scheidler, Christina Simpson, William Singh, Samuel Steere, Patricia Strutz, Madison Sullivan, Sara Thieben, Elisabeth Thieman, Anthony Uy, Ivy Vaughn, Jennifer Vorst, David Wasser, Catherine Weitekamp, William Whalen, Kathryn Withrow and Matthew Wolfson.



On Senior Awards Night, the first-ever Bob Londrigan Student Athlete Award designated for the top male and female athletes, was presented to seniors Andrew Collings and Jordan Sestak.

SHG Band students Nick Langellier (percussion) and Alison Maher (oboe), who were chosen to perform in the 22nd Annual Bradley University High School Honor Band. Students were selected from 51 area high schools.

Linebacker Leonard Hubbard, who was among 400 high school football players from across the country to be nominated for the 2008 U.S. Army All American Bowl. There are 18 players from Illinois being considered for final selection to play in the game on January 5, 2008 in San Antonio's Alamo Dome to be broadcast on NBC. Leonard has made an oral commitment to the University of Wisconsin in 2008.

The Blazers softball team, which finished second in the Central State Eight Conference. This past season saw that the SHG softball program netted 500 wins since its inception in 1982. The record took place in a win over the Jacksonville Crimsons during the regular season.

Eric Zanger, who has finished his 17th season and retired as Sacred Heart-Griffin head softball coach. He had the most coaching victories in the Springfield and Central State Eight Conference history, finishing with a 384-200-1 mark while claiming four Regional titles. Under Coach Zanger, SHG won one CS8 title, sharing it with Southeast High School in 1996, while finishing second the last six years to Chatham Glenwood High School.

Ken Leonard, SHG football coach, who was honored when he was named West Central All-Star Coach of the Year at halftime of the 19th annual All-Star game at Carlinville High School.

Helen Dulle, who was honored at a reception this spring held in the Commons of Sacred Heart-Griffin. Helen Dulle was the head volleyball coach since 1973. During this time she won 921 matches. No coach in any sport in state history has won more. At the reception, Sister Margaret Joanne, principal at SHG, said this about Helen. "Helen has worked around the clock to establish a strong volleyball program as well as a solid athletic program for all female athletes. We are grateful for all she has done. The school will still benefit from Helen's energy and dedication to the girls' sports program because she will continue serving as our girls' athletic director. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service."

The following members of the Girls' Track Team, who made it to State this spring along with their special events: Lauren Fyalka, 3200; Ivy Vaughn, 3200; Julia Wykoff, 1600.

The soccer team, which won the Regional title by beating Decatur MacArthur 2-0. SHG (16-15-2) advanced to the Sectional and lost to Edwardsville High School. The soccer team finished second in the Central State Eight standings. Lauren Brennan, a four-year starter forward, was selected as the CS8 Player of the Year by *The State Journal-Register*. Lauren was also named to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association All-State Team. Her 69 goals ranked second on the Blazers' all-time list. She also finished with 30 assists. Lauren has signed with Youngstown State University, a NCAA Division I school in Ohio.



Lauren Brennan

# AROUND SHG



Women's Athletic Director, Helen Dulle, teaches Jen Drennan how to use the new Fitness Center equipment.



## New York, New York!

In May, the SHG Music Department sponsored a trip to New York to do some sightseeing and, of course, take in the Broadway shows! Front row, left to right, are: Bev Neisler; Chloe Neisler; Taylor Fishburn; and Karen Danner, SHG Music Department chair. Back row: Stacy Kolaz; Jessica Ashcraft; and Judy Smith, SHG drama teacher.

## Fitness Center at East Campus open for business

A new Fitness Center has opened at East Campus for female athletes, all students enrolled in physical education classes, and faculty and staff. More than \$30,000 was raised last year for this new initiative, which was one of the goals brought forth in the strategic planning process. Major donors to the Fitness Center were St. John's/AthletiCare and Bob Londrigan, '46. A portion of the proceeds from the Black & Gold Gala were also directed to the Fitness Center through the Fund-a-Project.

There are still a few things to buy totaling approximately \$2,000, such as encased ceiling fans, tapes for aerobic fitness, inspirational posters, large digital wall clock and the salary for a personal trainer. If you wish to make a monetary donation toward any of these items, please send your gift to SHG Fitness Center Initiative, 1200 W. Washington, Springfield, IL 62704, or call 217/787-9732 for more information.



Photo courtesy of Terry Farmer Photography, Inc.

Members of the SHG Volleyball team in training.

## SHG welcomes new volleyball coach

Angie Riggle, a 1992 Rount High School graduate, played volleyball and softball and ran track in high school. She played volleyball at Quincy University, where she graduated in 1996 with a degree in social work.



Angie Riggle

Angie has coached girls at various levels in her coaching career, which includes three years as head coach at Lincoln Land Community College (2003-2006). Her LLCC teams enjoyed a national ranking at the NJCAA Division II level.

Angie and her husband, Ron, live in Chatham and are the proud parents of Seth (13), Noah (10), Connor (9) and Becca (1).



Sister Linda Mary and Sister Jean Patrick proudly wear red in support of the Cardinals.



Bill, '49, and Jane Vetter (left) brought their grandkids, Maddie and Max Reter (above).

## Alums and friends cheer on the Cards and Cubs

*Fifty SHG alumni and friends gathered on Wednesday, July 25, for a trip to a Cardinals vs. Cubs game in St. Louis. Friendly rivalries among Cardinal and Cub fans, great ball park food and perfect weather made this a fun time for all.*

## Help Us Update Our Mailing List

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