

# Madonna University Continues to Serve, Respond to Community

Michigan's most affordable, independent liberal arts university

## Students spend spring break building for Habitat



(l. to r.) Emily Litynski, Anne Mondro, Angie Moloney, Rachael Larose.

Angie Moloney, of Livonia, is afraid of heights, yet she managed to climb wobbly trusses and hammer nails. After building houses for low income families during spring break in Wichita, Kansas, Angie and five other Madonna University students say they are stronger for the experience.

"Helping people in need is self-satisfying. It's a great learning experience. Spending your spring break in Florida is exciting, but this combines fun with doing something for others," said Steve Dorobek of Lincoln Park.

Emily Litynski, of Redford, would recommend the trip to other students. "The experience taught us who we are, which is more than we thought we could be," Litynski said.

Kim Gyran, director of student activities at Madonna University and leader of the group said, "It's a great time! It's an opportunity to use our ability to do things we never thought we could do before. There's a real sense of accomplishment."

Gyran further explained, "We work with the local Habitat chapter every month repairing homes in the metro Detroit area. For spring break, students usually want to get away. These students have made a great sacrifice. Not only have they given their time and shared their talents, they paid to do it. Hats off to them."

The students and Gyran entered a construction site which had the basements to homes already laid. They in turn built the

frames, trusses, and hung drywall in addition to helping with the clean-up and reconstruction of other homes. "It wasn't necessary to have knowledge of construction or to be a weight lifter to perform the tasks. There were jobs for everyone," Dorobek said.

By working, living and cooking together, the "Madonna Seven" became a family for eight days. "There were no televisions or radios. We played a lot of cards and talked," Litynski said. The friendships developed were tight. "It provided for excellent teamwork (while working)," Dorobek said.

This year Habitat ecumenical Christian housing organization combined with a Menonite group on new construction. Habitat holds as its goal the wiping out of substandard housing and making decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Also participating were: Rachael Larose, of Redford; Dawn Phillips, of Detroit; and Anne Mondro, of Westland. Throughout the year, Madonna students, faculty and staff give their time and talents to help with a variety of programs in the metro Detroit area. This includes volunteering for the Coalition On Temporary Shelters (COTS); serving food at St. Christine's Soup Kitchen every month; working with Operation GET DOWN every Christmas and sponsoring approximately 30 families; and providing opportunities for students in grades seven through 12 to be exposed to higher education.

## Tuition ensures Madonna University's accessibility

During these days of public discussions on higher education related to cost-consciousness, quality, and affordability, Madonna University's Board of Trustees, determined to keep Madonna accessible and competitive, did not waver from its commitment when setting the 1994-95 tuition rates. Tuition will continue to cover only a portion, 75 percent, of what the actual cost is for a student's education at Madonna.

"It is imperative that private higher education be supported by attendance and by financial resources if the nation is to continue to provide students the freedom to be able to select the college or university which best meets their needs," says Board Chairman William T. Phillips,

chairman, Phillips Service Industries in Livonia. "By remaining the most affordable, independent liberal arts university in Michigan, Madonna University is both accessible to students from all walks of life and offers students a broad range of courses taught by quality faculty."

The Board further emphasized that the revenue from tuition will continue to be used only for operational costs which include mainly faculty and staff salaries and benefits. The University must, as it has always done, rely on additional support from corporate, foundation, and competitive government grants, fund-raising activities, earnings, on endowment and charitable gifts for funding of scholarships, building renovations, equipment and capital improvements.

### Tuition rates 1994-95 (per semester hour)

Regular.....	\$168
Nursing.....	\$212
Graduate.....	\$220

• Annual full-time tuition (based on 30 semester hours, plus a registration fee of \$40 per semester): \$5,120  
• Room and board for semi-private room and meals will be \$3,896.

### Madonna, unique in many ways

- The first and only four year, independent liberal arts university to offer a sign language studies degree in North America.
- The first university to offer a major in hospice education.
- Nationally syndicated student-crewed weekly television talk show, Madonna Magazine, is produced at the University television studio.
- Largest Catholic, Franciscan university in the nation.

## Madonna, academics and more

It is more than academics that distinguishes Madonna University. It is the nurturing, the institution's involvement in the life of its community, that enables the university to continue to reach the outer limits of excellence in the realization of its mission of its Franciscan Catholic heritage.

A unique source of strength and leadership in the institution in all of its aspects—spiritual, academic and administrative is the founding religious community of the Felician Sisters.

Responding to changing career goals, Madonna's academic programs combine a strong liberal arts foundation with solid career preparation, to ensure students' success in meeting society's needs. The undergraduate program includes over 50 majors and the expanding master's program features concentrations in diverse areas of business, education and nursing.

Madonna University is revered for its tradition of quality education with a personalized approach, featuring a student/faculty ratio of 18 to one, with 52 percent of its faculty having earned doctoral or terminal degrees.

And, Madonna University remains the most affordable, independent liberal arts institution in Michigan.

A pioneer in opening its door to both older and younger adults, Madonna has taken a leading role in promoting diversity in higher education. Having realized steady growth since its founding in 1947, Madonna now has an enrollment of over 4,300 men and women of all ages and various economic, religious, social and cultural backgrounds.

The university's ability to maintain high academic standards through its program offerings was evidenced this past summer when 98 percent of Madonna nursing students taking the State Board exam passed on the first try. The average rate of passing of first time tested students at Madonna over the past seven years is 96 percent.

All students beginning or resuming their college career at Madonna have the opportunity to benefit from the institution's international emphasis. A Center for International Studies promotes and facilitates study, work and travel opportunities and exchanges for students and faculty. Academic programs include a master's and undergraduate major in international business and a major/minor in Japanese studies. Master's courses are also offered in Taiwan and "English as a Second Language" assists Madonna's expanding international student population. "The 'Madonna Experience' strives to create an atmosphere that supports, nourishes, stimulates and energizes growth in the intellectual life, while at the same time, cultivating respect for all persons and for all of creation," says Sister M. Francilene, president, Madonna University.



## And, what do students say about Madonna University...



"I don't really think that people know the quality of education that Madonna offers. The instructors are demanding, they encourage writing and communication skills in all the courses...You get your money's worth."

Stephanie Secontine,  
Sophomore Dietetics major



"Madonna offers a sense of 'universality'. You are part of a community which shows a genuine concern for the individual student."

Attorney Thomas T. Moga  
'94 Bachelor of Science, Biology

"I'm fortunate because I have qualified for scholarship money and financial aid. Convenience and cost were priorities when I was deciding on a college to attend. I chose Madonna and I plan to complete my degree here."

Jay Dimes, freshman  
English major and student athlete



"Compared to twenty years ago, the tuition is steep, especially since I pay my own tuition, but, you get a good education at Madonna. The instructors take special care to provide quality."

Mike Zielinski,  
senior Psychology major

