

# Nun With Business Sense Knows Her Medieval Art



By MARTHA MAHAN  
For someone who earned her doctorate studying medieval art, Sister Mary Angeline has an outlook as modern as they come. Friendly and articulate, the busy, swift-moving nun this year celebrates her 25th anniversary as head of the Madonna College art department.

And you'd never guess her from the calm, unlined face, the black hair coiled over her forehead outside the veil, her vigor and enthusiasm.

She balances her entrenchment in the cultural arts with a keen business sense.

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HER WORK HAS been exhibited nationally, including painting and sculpture at the National Religious Art Exhibit and bulletin board and card designs at class as preparing students for a career in the layout of announcements and certificates as well as in illumination, the art of decorating a page or initial letter with ornamental designs.

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SISTER MARY ANGELINE, who observes her 25th anniversary this year as head of the Madonna College art department, offers some hints to Phyllis E. Fahrbach, freshman art major, on her calligraphy. Madonna is one of the few places in the nation which teaches the ancient art of fine penmanship. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).

## 182 On Dean's List

Outstanding academic achievement has been recognized for 182 Schoolcraft College students named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Each has been congratulated by personal letter from Dr. Robert Keene, vice president for instruction.

Dean's list scholars are students who carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester and earn a 3.5 (B plus) or better grade average. Thirty-five on the list earned perfect 4.0 grade averages. These are noted in the listing which follows.

**GARDEN CITY:**  
Annette K. Beam, (4.0) 28538 Bock; William R. Achtenberg, (4.0) 640 Helen; Carla M. O'Malley, (4.0) 30767 Krauter; Vickie L. Gregory, (4.0) 32760 Bock; Katherine A. Balinas, 31023 Rosslyn; Roger John DiVito, 30816 Beechwood; Maureen D. Sanderson, 31725 Windsor; Debra L. Anderson, 6370 Sharon Dr.

**FARMINGTON:**  
Patricia J. Coffman, (4.0): 32811 Heartstone; Christine M. Osmer, (4.0), 22510 Maple; Marianne L. Wilman, (4.0), 21203 Birchwood; Helene Kouzoutian, 25092 Lycenstate and Monica D. Haver, 20900 Redclaire.

**WESTLAND:**  
Kenneth M. Lannoye, 7772 Gary; Elizabeth A. Clark, 8336 Woodcrest; Frank J. Stachowski, 7915 Newburgh; Diane Swalla, 24143 Arrowhead; Frederick Coffin, 1809 Second; Rodger P. Heugel, 32431 Anita Dr.; Rolley M. Stih, 1970 Cottrill; Ann E. Corbin, 7284 E. Franklin Court and Patricia J. McWherter, 31422 Parkwood.

**PLYMOUTH:**  
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**GREETING CARDS,** note paper, posters and other items she began designing 15 years ago have led to establishment of a shop at the college with a mailing list of 4,000 customers and a profit which has run at times to as much as \$12,000 a year.

And she fought down a nun's normal reserve to grant an anniversary interview for the frank purpose of attracting more art students to Madonna.

With an eye to providing students with a money-making career, she is developing an innovative program in graphic arts to be offered this coming fall.

A class in calligraphy, one of few in the nation, also is seen by Sister Angeline as equipping students with a way to earn a living.

Many of her former students have gone on to careers as teachers. But she

welcomes, as advertising for her art department, amateur exhibits where prizes are won by ex-Madonna pupils.

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She has spent 23 summers teaching in Catholic University's Graduate School where she is professor of fine arts and philosophy of art.

Research for her extended thesis was carried out in Italy where she traveled to 25 cloistered convents dating from the time of St. Francis of Assisi to study their architecture.

She returned to Europe in 1971 to study early medieval monuments, particularly Romanesque sculpture and architecture, in southern France.

SISTER ANGELINE hopes to attract additional men students to Madonna next fall with opening of a graphic arts division leading to both associate and bachelor of arts degrees.

It will be designed, at first, as a co-op type of program, with students going into the field for on-the-job experience. Eventually, she hopes to have her own printing press. Students will learn both to run and service the presses as well as layout, design and other aspects of the graphics trade.

Calligraphy, the ancient

skill of fine penmanship, is taught at Madonna as an art, not just a craft, and more modern than medieval in form.

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## OCC To Sponsor Forensic Contest

The Orchard Ridge speech festival will hold a Forensic Festival for Oakland County high school students Saturday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at Oakland Community College, 27655 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

High School students from 20 Oakland County schools have been invited to compete in four categories of speech competition, original oratory, humorous interpretive reading, serious interpretive reading and extemporaneous speaking. Each contestant's speech will be video-taped, and the festival will be scheduled to allow each an opportunity to see a replay of his own speech.

Individual certificates of excellence will be awarded as well as first, second and third place trophies to the competing schools. Contestants will lunch at the Orchard Ridge Oakland Towers Restaurant.

The department includes Mrs. Frances Gunderson of Novi, Mrs. Joan Leiminger of Royal Oak, Wallace Smith of Detroit and Dr. Dan Greenberg of Farmington. Dr. Greenberg is the chairman.

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