

Above and beyond: Simpson graduate earns top score in Iowa on CPA Exam

By Jennifer Whitham

Taking the CPA Exam is a time consuming and stressful process. Perhaps no one knows this better than Meagan McGlade, '01.

In September 1999, she joined the Simpson student body as an accounting major and began taking courses through the college's traditional daytime program.

McGlade decided to take the CPA exam in part because she viewed it as an opportunity to make herself more marketable. Thus, McGlade began preparing herself to sit for the November 2001 Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam.

Along with 363 other individuals, McGlade took the two-day four-part test at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Waterloo.

Three months after taking the grueling test, McGlade received her scores through

the mail. Much to her surprised delight, not only had she passed, she had received at least 95 on each of the sections, making her the

trouble believing it, including Mark Juffernbruch, assistant professor of accounting.

"I was ecstatic. She prepared extremely well through all her course work here," said Juffernbruch.

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Undoubtedly, no one feels as good about it as McGlade, rightfully so. Of the 364 people who sat for the exam in Iowa last

November, only 100 passed.

She scored in the top 120 in the country, no small feat, as 58,000 people took the test nationwide.

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highest scorer in the State of Iowa, earning her the I.S.C.P.A. (Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants) Gold Award. "It was difficult to believe that I had scored that high," commented McGlade.

But there were those who had no

LaGree appoints new President's Commission

President Kevin LaGree has named an 11-member President's Commission on Multicultural Affairs.

The commission will have primary responsibility for overseeing and developing multicultural initiatives at Simpson until the college is able to hire an assistant dean for multicultural affairs, a major recommendation of last year's diversity task force. The commission will report directly to the president.

Chaired by Academic Dean Bruce Haddox, the commission will include students Lisa Anderson, a junior environ-

mental science and geology major; Gary Huynh, a junior art major and Amber Rumley, a sophomore management major.

Faculty members on the commission will include Sharon Jensen, assistant professor of education; Justin Nostrala, assistant professor of art and Nick Proctor, assistant professor of history.

Staff members include Todd Little, director of the Hawley Academic Resource Center; Rich Ramos, assistant dean of students and Medea Saunders, assistant chaplain.

Vice President of Student Development

Jim Thorius will also serve on the commission.

President LaGree has asked the commission to address a number of issues. The most immediate task is to begin a "frank and open discussion with all under-represented populations of the students currently on campus," to discover what's working and to generate creative thinking about solutions to existing problems.

: The commission will begin its work immediately.

Being and growing up

By Chris Waddle, chaplain and director of church relations



Waddle

One of the questions I most liked to answer as a child was, “What do you want to be when you grow up.” I was not wishy-washy about it. I was going to be a veterinarian. I loved animals, and I loved science. Later I learned that the job also required math. I did not like math. So I decided I would become a parapsychologist—until I learned that not only did that job not require math, but it also didn’t require science.

What was I going to do? I was nine years old, and I had no idea what I was going to do with my life. What if someone asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up? What would I say? “I’m not sure yet”? I would look like a complete slacker!

I asked my younger best friend, Josh, what he wanted to be when he grew up. He said he wanted to be a “garbage man” (his words). I think it was his fascination with trucks with forklifts on the front and compactors in the rear more than a particular fascination with trash that drew him to this field. Still, his parents discouraged his choice in occupations along with his practice of dragging metal garbage cans up and down their driveway behind his Big Wheel and pretending its hand-break was the lever for the garbage compactor.

Today I think back on this true, though admittedly embellished, account of my childhood with new insight. Why did the “grown-ups” ask us what we wanted to be

when what they really wanted to know was what we wanted to do? I believe the answer is in Josh’s parents’ anxiety over his desire to be a “garbage man.” I believe there is also a clue in the habit that we have of asking people we have just met, “What do you do?” Deep in our guts we really do believe that we **are** our occupations. And if we really are plumbers, nurses, teachers, farmers, or chaplains, then in choosing our occupations we believe that we are also choosing our worth. For some, it is only in sickness or retirement that they reach the inevitable crisis of such a values system. If I am my career, then who am I when I can no longer do my job? No matter how much we love

“teacher,” or “doctor,” but at some time in our lives it is important to realize that this question of who we will be is an essay question, and fill-in-the-blank answers will not suffice. Filling in the blank with the name of a career has little to do with the kind of people we become. We need a bigger vocabulary. We need the language of vocation.

Vocation simply stated means “calling.” It is a spiritual word but not necessarily a religious word. Vocation suggests that we do not exist simply for ourselves, but that we have a relationship with and a responsibility to others, possibly even to a divine Other. It also suggests that we are more than what we do because we not only “do,” but we also (and most importantly) “belong”. We see ourselves as belonging to

a community, or to God, or to both. This awareness moves us from a self-centered point of reference to a relational one.

There is nothing wrong with the students who come to Simpson answering, “musician,” “scientist,” “accountant,” or even “chaplain” to the question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” However, before we accept their answers, I believe we have a responsibility to ask them to consider the depth of the question.

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what we do for a living, if our primary understanding of ourselves and of our worth is that we are what we do, we have diminished our humanity.

We are more than what we do, and choosing a career is not the same as growing up. But the question, “what do I want to be when I grow up?” is an important question when we ask it literally, that is, “What kind of person do I envision myself becoming as I grow?” As children we tend to write a fill-in-the-blank answer such as “firefighter,”

Senior Art Show opening soon in Farnham Galleries

Farnham Galleries will display the final art projects of 10 seniors from Saturday, April 27 through Friday, May 17.

The show features a variety of artistic styles including photomontage, illustration and drafts. Some of the student artwork includes a depiction of the inner thoughts of an athlete during competition; an illustration depicting a group of friends

preparing to graduate from college and a photomontage by a Bosnian student on being a United States immigrant.

Seniors Dustin Dooley, Kristen Erickson, Laura Hochstein, Adam Keene, Krista Larsen, Joshua Russell, Kelly Sinclair, David Stipanovich and Jasmin Zulic all contributed artwork to the show.

David Richmond, assistant professor

of art, commented on the variety offered in this semester’s exhibit. “The show is made up of a very diverse display of art,” said Richmond. “The students put a lot of time and work into this and they are making very visual statements.”

SIFE successful

The Simpson College SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team competed at the 2002 SIFE Regional Competition and Career Opportunity Fair Thursday, April 11 in St. Louis, Mo.

The Simpson SIFE team won "Rookie of the Year" honors and also received an honorable mention for their submission in The Kaufmann Entrepreneurship Competition. Teams were judged on the effectiveness of their projects during 24-minute presentations and were evaluated on creativity and innovation, results of higher education programs, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities.

SIFE students also met dozens of corporate representatives from the St. Louis business community to discuss job opportunities. Regional champions of 21 competitions held around the country will present their projects at the 2002 SIFE USA National Exposition from Sunday, May 12 through Tuesday, May 14.

This year marked the inaugural year of SIFE at Simpson College. SIFE began on the Indianola campus in September 2001, under the guidance of Dr. Thomas Schmidt, faculty advisor and Samuel M. Walton fellow. The 24 Simpson students involved in the program have been actively engaged in promoting the practice of free enterprise in the city of Indianola. SIFE encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real life situations and to use their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.

Schmidt commented on the success of the program at Simpson. "The response from the students has been overwhelming. Many of the students have put in over a hundred hours on their projects and they are talking about coming back to school early this summer to start working on projects for next year," said Schmidt.

The Simpson College SIFE team began through a grant from the Charles Sandage Charitable Trust. Two local businesses, Community State Bank and Wal-Mart helped support the trip to St. Louis through donations. Nine students attended the St. Louis competition, sophomore Jessica Fagen, juniors Justin Palmer, Christina Laughery, Jordanna Kelly and Lucy Morlan, as well as seniors Chad Severin Jay Spiess, Lacy Carroll and Todd Parson.

Simpsonian recognized

The Simpsonian has picked up more national awards -- this time from the Society for Collegiate Journalists, the nation's oldest college journalism honorary society.

The Simpsonian won third place in the nation in SCJ's Overall Excellence competition, a contest measuring the general quality of the newspapers' writing, editing, design and advertising. The Rocket of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania won the SCJ competition, followed by The Oracle of the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Also, Simpsonian editor Patrick File, a senior journalism and mass communication major from Mount Pleasant, won first place in SCJ's Best News Story competition for his in-depth investigation into the challenges Simpson faces in meeting Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

File also won second place in the nation for front-page design, an honor that went for his work in page design during his time as The Simpsonian's news editor in Spring 2001.

Simpsonian news editor Erin Haller, a junior journalism and mass communication major from Omaha, Neb., also was honored by SCJ for her reporting on credit-card abuse by college students. Haller's story was given honorable mention in the Best Feature Story competition.

The SCJ contests featured entries from 350 member schools across the nation. The organization is headquartered at Clarion University in Pennsylvania.

The awards are the latest honors for The Simpsonian, which is the nation's oldest continuously published student newspaper.

In the fall, the newspaper won third place in the Best of Show competition at the national convention of the Associated Collegiate Press. Also, the newspaper's coverage of Simpson's response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was named best in the state by the Iowa College Media Association.

NEW FACE



Abbott

Cindy Abbott has joined the Upward Bound office as assistant advisor. Formerly, Abbott worked as a correctional counselor at the Iowa Correctional Institution for

Women in Mitchellville. Abbott earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from Iowa State University.

LIFE AFTER FIVE



Modianos Stumo

A look at life with Nicole Modianos Stumo

Title: assistant director of student activities

Family: husband Karl

Joined Simpson staff: July 2000

Likes most about job: Working with the positive and dedicated student leaders at Simpson.

Favorite authors: John Irving and Shel Silverstein

Recent vacation: Washington D.C. with husband for a conference and vacation last November.

Interests: Spending time with one-year-old yellow lab Howard '...terrorizing the local squirrels, birds and bunnies at Lake Ahquabi.'

Cancer expert to deliver 2002 Commencement address

Dr. Raymond Greenberg, a national expert on cancer research and president of the Medical University of South Carolina, will deliver the commencement address at Simpson College Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in Cowles Field House.

The author of approximately 150 scientific publications, Greenberg is nationally recognized for his research on the causes of cancer, with a particular focus on cancer among African-Americans.

His textbook, *Medical Epidemiology*, has been translated into Spanish and Japanese and is now in its third edition.

Greenberg became the eighth president of the Medical University of South Carolina in January 2000. A native of

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, he graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1976 with highest honors in chemistry. He completed his medical studies at Duke University in 1979 and received a master of public health degree from Harvard University in 1980.

Greenberg undertook pediatrics training at Boston Children's Hospital before returning to North Carolina for a Ph.D in epidemiology in 1983.

He then joined the faculty of Emory University where he conducted cancer research. In 1990, when Emory University decided to establish a School of Public Health, he was appointed as its first dean. In 1995, Dr. Greenberg was recruited to the Medical University of South Carolina as vice president for academic affairs and provost. Five years later, he was selected by the Board of Trustees to succeed James B. Edwards as president of the Medical University.

According to Kevin LaGree, Simpson's president, "One of the nation's finest young medical scientists, Dr. Greenberg has always joined his research and writing with a passion for the poor and marginalized who are often overlooked by health care systems. For him, science must serve all humans and assist in improving the quality of life for all people." More information about Dr. Greenberg may be found at: <http://www2.edserv.musc.edu/president/bio.htm>

FOOTNOTES

Tricia Calkins, assistant professor of German and **Bob Gieber**, professor of French, attended the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Kansas City March 16-18.

Cliff Meints, professor of chemistry, has been awarded the lifetime pass for free attendance at all national and regional meetings of the American Chemical Society. He also received a jeweled membership pin.

Steve Rose, associate professor of education was published in the March Iowa Educational Leadership, sponsored by the Iowa Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

The article was titled "Teaching Teachers to Teach more Effectively and Equitably: An Inservice Program for Indianola High School." Rose also attended the National Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference in San Antonio, TX. March 9-11.

He was awarded a basic certificate in William Glasser's approach to "Quality Schools" and "Choice Theory" by virtue of attending a weeklong seminar on Glasser's ideas held Feb. 4-8 in Phoenix, AZ.

Tobias Winright, instructor of religion, presented "Once, Christians were Pacifists: Christianity, Violence and Just Wars," Feb. 25 and March 4 on the Iowa Communications Network for the Des Moines Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

He gave a presentation Feb. 27 on Christian marriage for the St. Thomas Aquinas Church youth group.

Winright also conducted workshops on "Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Terrorism," at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Ankeny, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7.

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