When I arrived on campus in the fall of 1958 I was scared. I had come from a small town high school, a small class, 37 members strong. Inherent in those comparatively restricted dimensions was an accompanying naivete about life, about college and certainly any understanding of the term, liberal arts. I didn’t even go to Webster to find the definition: “a term originally used to designate the arts or studies suited to freemen. It was applied in the Middle Ages to seven branches of learning, the trivium of grammar, logic, and rhetoric, and the quadrivium of arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music.”

There was always an understanding between my parents, my sister and me that college would be in our future. My sister went to Gustavus a couple years ahead of me and I would follow in her footsteps.

It took the better part of a lifetime for me to realize the value of a liberal arts foundation and how it translated to practical use in everyday community life. After four years at Gustavus we were released to the world. (I wouldn’t get my diploma for another ten years because of my bill in the Gustavus business office, but they provided everything else.) Although I wasn’t yet aware of how a liberal arts education would serve me, in time it came to light.

My path would lead me back to my hometown to take over the family business, a small town weekly newspaper. In that capacity my parents served as leaders and the same was expected of me. I was called on to work, to join, to lead; to do it responsively and responsibly. It was then that I got an inkling of how valuable a liberal arts education was and how it could be applied in helping my community.

Perhaps it is time to look back on your lives in your communities to do an assessment of the leadership that you have given to your community and the foundation and quality of life that Gustavus has blessed you with. Oh yes, that term or two on the school board, the church board or county committee may have seemed like a burden back then, but your peers looked to you for leadership and you gave because you were equipped to give. It is only now, in retrospect, that I realize how valuable Gustavus was in preparing me to help and contribute. If there was ever a time for you to reflect on the goodness you have been given and show your appreciation, the time is now.

Come and celebrate with your fellow classmates at our 45th Class Reunion on May 25-27, 2007. Celebrate Gustavus with a gift, large or small to this year’s alumni fund. It’s the least we can do to show our gratitude for a lifetime of blessings.

~Kermit Swanson

REUNION MAY 25-27
It’s almost reunion time—time to make reservations time to make your pledge time to send your gift.

Personal Notes
News continues to come in and we are DELIGHTED to report that many people are planning to attend the reunion. I just happened to speak with Dick Moody on April 10 and learned that the next day he was having surgery for an abdominal aorta aneurism. Dick said that his surgery was preventing them from taking their planned trip to Greece and Turkey. However, he and Beverly are still planning to come to the reunion. Dick, hope your recovery is quick and we do look forward to seeing you in May.

Al Henderson will be at the reunion and he reports that Gary S. Anderson, Jan Helgeson Olson, and Craig and Diana (Jacobson) Martens are coming to the reunion. Al talked with E. Fred Fischer in Austin, Texas, and Fred does not think that he will be coming. Steve Dwimoh is a dentist in Bethesda, Maryland.
Unfortunately, Steve will not be at the reunion.

Pedro and Joan Boyum Tavares, who live in Greensboro, North Carolina, will be at both the Gustavus Theatre 75-year celebration on May 11 and 12 and they will also be with us at our class reunion.

Would have LOVED to have been there but will have to wait for the big 50! “I did finally contact most of the Gusties on my calling list and there is a lot of enthusiasm for the reunion. I will be thinking of y’all (my Southerness coming through!). Best wishes for a grand reunion!”

Irene Penner Van Norman has retired from the Rochester Public Schools. Her hobby is quilting and she and her husband, Willis, just went on a quilting cruise with Norwegian Cruise Lines. She and her husband will be at the reunion.

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Aceh for the EV crisis management group. After 15 months, there were several elections and he and his mates could leave a country well on its way to “normal” conditions. (We did not visit Aceh.) Lena adds that she and her husband are the proud grandparents of “a charming wide-awake boy, called Tim, who now lives where his mother grew up.”

Lowell Anderson had a pacemaker put in on Good Friday, 2007.

Dianne Skalbeck Thunhorst writes from Ely, Minnesota, “We have been spending 2 to 3 months in McAllen, Texas since we retired. We attend Our Savior Lutheran church there. Dianne sings in the choir with a number of other Minnesotans. Sue (Hansen ’64) and Dick Rohloff ’65 are also in McAllen. We enjoy them and many new friends. We welcome company in Ely and McAllen.”

From Spokane, Washington comes a brief message from Correen Silseth Morrill. “My husband, Hardy Freeman, and I have retired from our consulting business in Chicago. We are now full-time residents of Spokane. We have six grandchildren ranging in age from four to 22.”

Duane and Ruth (Schoephoerster) Sundin live in St Peter. She reports that their grandson, who is a senior at Lakeville North HS, has attended tennis camp at Gustavus for 4 years. He has learned much and has enjoyed the camp very much.

And an epistle from Jim Peters: “I am really sorry that I won’t be able to join you for our 45th class reunion. I’m still in active parish ministry and our reunion falls on the weekend of Pentecost and we have scheduled Confirmation for that week.

I look forward to reading about the reunion; I’m sure it will be a really great event.

Just an update on me: My wife, Elaine, and I have been married for 42 years and in June I will celebrate my 42nd anniversary of ordination.

Our children have all grown up. Amanda who attended Gustavus has 4 children; the oldest, 10 year-old twins followed by an 8-year-old daughter and the youngest a 1 year-old boy. Our son, Dietrick, is married and they have one 2 year-old son. Our youngest son, Mark, is married and he and his wife are expecting their first baby at the end of April or the beginning of May.

Elaine has retired, but I continue in my 22nd year as pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Racine. We have a special relationship with a secondary school in Tanzania and it is my hope to complete a project of bringing electricity to that school before I retire.

My memories of Gustavus are many; you may recall, I started Gustavus in 1957 but graduated with our class as I dropped out in the second semester of my second year to re-examine where I was going with my life. It was then that I felt the call to ordained ministry and after selling garden seed on the east coast for a year I returned to Gustavus and the rest is history.

God bless you all and have a wonderful reunion.”

John Northcott continues to battle health problems.

John has endured cardiac issues for thirty years. Now living in retirement in Comstock Park, Michigan, John had a torn rotator cuff that was delayed in diagnosis since he could not have an MRI (would damage his pacemaker). Upon diagnosis, potent pain killers helped a bit, until John fell, sustaining injuries to hip and ankle, and now can put no weight on his right leg. John and Mary Ann (Kern) obviously will not be joining us for the reunion.

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CHOIR

The choir will rehearse at 10 o’clock in the Chapel on Saturday of the reunion. Please contact Sharon Maurer Edberg for music so that you can prepare at home. Her email: edbergs@gmail.com
Lowell Anderson is planning a service of thanksgiving. And the choir will sing. And Lou Ann Eckberg Reese will be at the majestic organ. And we can all sing and celebrate life and friendships and honor our departed classmates.

The reunion schedule does not include the Alumni Banquet. The Alumni Banquet will, however, be noted on your reservation packet. The dinner at the Best Western is the Class '62 Dinner which everyone will want to attend. However, the reunion committee wants everyone to be aware of the time and place of the Alumni Banquet in the event that some people may wish to attend the banquet instead of the Class '62 Dinner. You may make your reservation for either (not both) on the reunion packet form.

Over the span of 45 years many have served as class agents for the great class of '62. Thanks to each of you!

Newell Nelson        1963
Dick Blenkush        1964-66
Hap LeVander         1967-69
Joan Eckberg /Lynn Rosendahl Johnson 1970-72
Joan Eckberg         1973
Matt Eckman          1974
Al Henderson         1975-76
Sandy Springer Smith 1977-82
Rick Joseph          1983-85
Audrey Kramer        1986-87
Geri Sparks Evans    1988
Geri Sparks Evans/Sandy Springer Smith 1989-90
Geri Sparks Evans/Sandy Springer Smith/Judy Flom Hill 1991
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Judy Flom Hill       1993-94
Janet Swanberg Mousel 1995-01
Judy Flom Shoemaker-Hill 2002-05
Jan Eiffert Hoomani/Sandra Luedtke Buendorf/Ben Leadholm 2006-07

Notes from Nicole

Greetings Class of ’62

I hope this letter finds everyone well. As I write this it is mid-April and snowing at Gustavus. I was fortunate enough to escape the snow this morning by flying to Arizona to visit a Gustie grad of ’06. Networking is great, even if it simply offers an excuse to find warmer weather.

I am also happy (and relieved) to report that I have plans for the upcoming summer. I will be returning to the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, with whom I interned over interim. I am very excited to go back. This summer I will have two major projects. The first is to coordinate the Coalition’s yearly convention and the second is to strategize and implement plans to build stronger bonds with current Minnesota legislators. I will admit, the work seems daunting and I am a bit nervous, but it is a great organization to work for and I know that they will give me any support that I need. In addition to interning I will be working in the Mall of America at Corda-Roy’s, a store that sells giant bean bag chairs. I found this awesome and fun position through a co-worker in the communication studies department at Gustavus.

On May 26th I plan to attend the Class of ’62 luncheon. I look forward to meeting many of you there!

Sincerely,
Nicole

Nicole Blake is the current recipient of the Class of ’62 Scholarship
## Friday, May 25

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<td>Tour of tennis facilities</td>
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<td>(Set up your own foursomes or we’ll find a group for you! All classmates, spouses, significant others, bad players, good players – all are welcome! Clubs are available for rental at Shoreland.)</td>
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<td>Refreshments and Conversation</td>
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<td>Luncheon and Program</td>
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1:00  Reunion Seminar  Alumni Hall
The Woman of the House: Margaret Anderson Kelliher ’90

2:00  Chapel Service  Chapel
Organ, Lou Ann Reese
Choir, conducted by Diane Kolander Loomer
Memorial for departed classmates

3:30  Vesper Service  Chapel

5:30  Cocktails, Dinner and Program  Best Western, Mankato
Jerry Springston, MC

Sunday, May 27

7-9  Breakfast available in Market Place  Campus Center

A block of rooms has been reserved for members of Gustavus Class of ’62 at the Best Western in Mankato. Make your reservations now. This is a very busy weekend in Mankato and St. Peter. Ask for Gustavus Class ’62 Reserved Block. 507-625-9333 Hotel reservations are not a part of the registration packet.

END OF THE YEAR IS MAY 31, 2007

It is confusing to most of us that “the end of the year” is not December 31, 2007. Gustavus operates on a fiscal year which is June 1 through May 31. Usually we think in terms of the calendar year - mainly for purposes of the IRS and tax deductions for charitable giving.

This is just a reminder about your charitable giving. In order to be counted in “this year” and in our class gift and celebration, gifts must be received at Gustavus prior to May 31, 2007. (Prior to reunion weekend would be even better.) If you have not already done so, please send your pledge and gift to Gustavus now—in April and May 2007.

THE GREAT CENTENNIAL CLASS OF ’62

Once again our great class has come forth with generous gifts to Gustavus. There have been some very large gifts and many, many smaller gifts. Each one is deeply appreciated. Please read the added lines in the box score, “Deferred Gifts” and the definition of deferred gifts at the bottom portion of the box score.

We have not yet met our goal of donor participation of 50%. We are holding at 44.4%. We need 13 more people to make a pledge or send a gift. PLEASE, please send your gift to Gustavus right now. We will hear the final figures and celebrate at the luncheon on campus on Saturday, May 26. See you there……………Now turn the page and go to the BOX SCORE.
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**Class of 1962 Anniversary Gift**  
(June 1, 2006 through April 11, 2007)

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**Centennial Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship Gifts**
- Pledged amounts not yet received: $19,465
- *Deferred Gifts*: $209,000
- **Total Gifts and Pledges**: $244,690

**Anniversary Celebration Gift**
-**Gustavus Alumni Fund**: $17,904
- **Restricted (Designated) Current Gifts**: $2,832
- **Capital Gifts**: $1,550
- **Endowment Gifts**: $22,163
  - *Deferred Gifts*: $10,000
- **Matching Gifts**: $12,003
- **Pledged Gifts**: $10,650
- **Scholarship Pledges**: $19,465
- **TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES**: $96,567

- *Total Deferred Gifts*: $219,000
- **Estate Gift Declarations**: $1,288,111

**TOTAL CLASS GIFT**: $1,593,678

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**Gustavus Alumni Fund**
Unrestricted gifts used for current operating budget

**Restricted (Designated) Current Gifts**
Gifts that are designated by the donor to a specific area, i.e., athletics, Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Library Associates or a specific academic department.

**Capital Gifts**
“Bricks and Mortar” projects, i.e., Old Main, Athletic Fields or the Anderson Theatre renovation.

**Endowment Gifts**
Gifts to ensure the future of the College, i.e., unrestricted endowment, scholarship endowment, professorships, library endowment, Christ Chapel endowment, and Nobel Conference endowment.

**Matching Gifts**
Gifts received via Thrivent Financial for Lutherans or a donor’s employer.

*Deferred Gifts*
Gift vehicles such as charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts created by donor(s) at Gustavus and designated by the donor for endowment, the Gustavus Fund, or other purposes, but for which funds are not available for use until the donor(s) or other beneficiaries die. The amounts reported reflect the commitment for specific purposes by those who choose to use such gifts as part of their financial planning and charitable giving.

**Estate Gift Declarations**
Future gifts not yet received by Gustavus, but documented by donors to declare the portion of their estate intended for the College at a future date, usually death.