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Photo by Anders Björling '58

*Decked in appropriate spectacles for the spectacle, elementary education major Shannon Quealy peers into the photographer's lens while, behind her, fellow seniors gather to march to Hollingsworth Field for commencement exercises. (See additional photos from the big day on pp. 6–7.) Photo by Tom Roster.*

# The excellence we value

Stan Waldhauser '71



Those of us who finished college “some time ago” might fondly remember our academic experience mostly as a set of classroom and laboratory experiences punctuated by quiet study time in the library. I don’t know that it actually was that simple for us then, but that pattern most certainly does not hold true for students today. I hope that the snapshots of Gustavus’s current academic program in this *Quarterly* will illustrate for you just a bit of the breadth and depth of the student experience here. These academic experiences are the core of what we do.

These snapshots capture some of the varieties of academic excellence we value. The Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Faculty Scholarly Achievement Award celebrate faculty models for the life of teaching and learning. Students are achieving high levels of success in forensics. This fall’s Nobel Conference demonstrates our commitment to using high scientific achievement to understand complex questions of environmental stewardship. On page 11 you’ll find a feature on the growing academic impact of the residency sponsored by the Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Professorship. And, finally, pages 24–26 present multiple perspectives on the value of field work in botany.

Lying behind all of these examples is an approach to undergraduate education that is outlined in an emerging “strategic directions” document, summarized in this issue. This important next step in our thinking about our future will direct the paths by which we educate “New Leaders for a New Tomorrow.” Central to this academic planning effort is a campuswide concentration on the kinds of learning I mentioned above. Those efforts will guide the faculty as they do the important work of curricular planning and will support the other key elements of our progress along the path.

Our new provost, Dr. Mary E. Morton, is now on campus. Along with our two academic deans, she will guide the academic program into the future. She also will have responsibility for coordinating planning work for the entire college. Our goal is to have the strongest academic program possible and to ensure that it is supported by the rest of a great student experience.

We have much yet to do to make this college into the very best that it can be. At the same time, let’s be clear: this is a college we can hold up with justifiable pride for strong academic programs and an extraordinary student learning environment.

All of us at Gustavus, especially the students we serve, are grateful for our alumni and friends who with their financial support make this college the academic leader it is.

James L. Peterson '64  
President

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## Claude Brew recognized with Carlson Award

by Paul Saulnier

*Editor's Note: The Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching was established in 1971 by the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees to honor former president Edgar Carlson for his years of distinguished leadership and in recognition of his commitment to academic excellence. The College's highest faculty accolade, it is awarded to a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional skill and effectiveness as a teacher and is selected by the past recipients of the award. Traditionally, the previous year's recipient announces the new honoree as part of the commencement program; the introduction by last year's winner, physics professor Paul Saulnier, is excerpted below.*

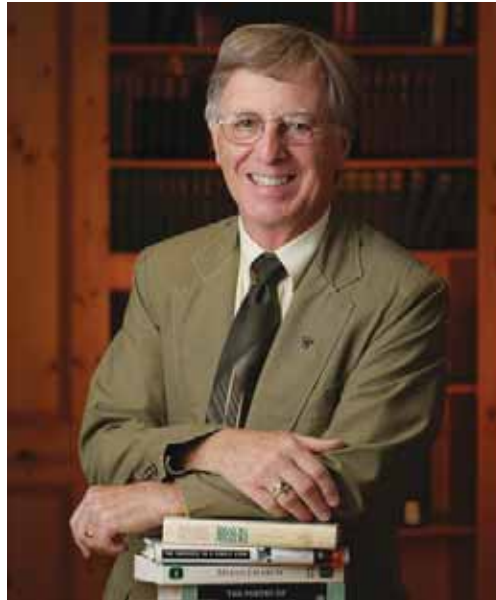
This faculty member's Gustavus teaching career got off to perhaps a less than auspicious start. As a former student tells it, when she walked into his class on the first day of school, during his first year of teaching, he was sitting in one of the student desks rather than at the front of the classroom. The first thing she thought upon seeing him was, "Oh great, another freshman." Despite this first impression, the class became one of her favorites at Gustavus and she still remembers it fondly these

many years later.

As the description of the Carlson award states, the recipient should exhibit excellence in his or her discipline and succeed in generating enthusiasm, insight, and thoughtfulness in students. This year's winner is an example which illustrates a tradition. Listen to what students say about this person: "... inspiring and enlightening"; "... an enthusiasm that permeates the class"; "... passionate about the details"; "... encourages students to have big ideas."

And colleagues? What do colleagues have to say about this year's winner? "... Deeply self-reflective about teaching"; "... his passion for what he does remains vibrant, as does his interest in stretching himself to try new teaching approaches or content."

Hear what one colleague has to say about the way he handles difficult conversations with students when discussing their assignments: "Usually these meetings are the typical discussion about paper content or writing style. But more than once in these meetings we have had, students struggle inarticulately to describe their paper, or cry, or even become agitated



2007 Edgar Carlson Award recipient Claude Brew, professor of English

about how hard the task is for them. The compassion that he brings to these situations is very inspiring. He listens carefully to what the students have to say, responds quietly, and asks careful questions—in short, he is completely *present* to the students at these times."

I would like to say that this year's Carlson award winner is "unique," but I am sure that this faculty member would correct my prose and inform me that in such a context, the word "unique" is "a varmint and should be shot on sight." Who is this Gustavus literary big game hunter? None other than Professor of English Claude Brew.

Take note of what another

former student has to say about him: "The best lesson I learned . . . was about Claude himself. He showed by example what it means to be a truly good professor—someone who is committed to academic rigor, invested in his students, and devoted to his profession. He is not only an authority in his field, but he always makes time to listen to his students, and he is constantly re-imagining his lessons and re-reading material to make sure he can still bring a fresh perspective to something

he has taught many times before. I have been privileged to know Claude as both a professor

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## Carlson Award

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sor and a friend over the past few years, and those two roles often coincided.”

Claude received his bachelor of arts degree from Hamline University with majors in English and German. He went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. from Ohio University and subsequently joined the Gustavus faculty as an assistant professor of English in 1969. During his many years at Gustavus, he has taught courses on British literature, Hemingway, Faulkner, Shelley, Tennyson, literary interpretation, poetry, modern African fiction, modern war novels, and Russian fiction of the Soviet period, among others.

Claude’s scholarly work has dealt with Shelley, Faulkner, Emily Bronte, environmental literature, and the scholarship of teaching in his discipline. Additionally, he was the principal author of and served as the project director for a five-year development program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Finally, in addition to being a teacher-scholar, Claude has consistently been an active and vital member of the Gustavus community and has served in numerous formal capacities. But perhaps more important than any of these formal duties, Claude has served as a respected campus voice and a role model to other faculty. I count myself among that group who are grateful to have such a mentor. 

*Paul Saulnier, who has taught in the Department of Physics at Gustavus since 1993, received the Carlson Award for Distinguished*

# Commencement 2007

*On Sunday, May 27, Gustavus Adolphus College graduated 595 students with bachelor of arts degrees and welcomed them as its newest alumni. Their commencement exercises were the last to be held on the old Hollingsworth Field site, as the Class of 2008 will march to the College’s new stadium—weather permitting, of course. Graduating senior Marcus Schmit, former co-president of the Student Senate (pictured below, to the right of the shot of President Peterson), spoke for his class.*







Members of the platform party—from left, President Jim Peterson '64, Board Chair Russ Michaletz '74, Academic Dean Mariangela Maguire, Dean of Students Hank Toutain, and Faculty Marshal Richard Leitch—applaud the Class of 2007.





# Of truth and beauty . . . and passion

Honors Day address 2007

by Paul Saulnier

*Editor's note: Among the other trappings that go along with being named winner of the Edgar Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching at Gustavus is the opportunity to address students and parents at the Honors Day convocation. 2006 recipient Paul Saulnier, professor of physics, presented a particularly eloquent address at the 2007 convocation. We thought a larger audience would appreciate the thoughts.*

Tradition. Besides being the opening song from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, it also plays an important part of Honors Day. I am standing here at this moment because of one such tradition. In fact, most large institutions like Gustavus have many traditions. In this respect, as in many other ways, Gustavus is very much like the United States government. The U.S. government has a President; we have a President. The government has a group of people (the Congress) who, for free, will stand up and espouse nothing but the truth. Likewise, Gustavus has a group of people (the faculty) who for no charge . . . Oops—well, at least the faculty always espouse the truuu . . . OK, so the analogy is not exact!

Nevertheless, we do have traditions at Gustavus, and here today, on Honors Day,



Tom Roster

Paul Saulnier

the most important of these is acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments of our students. It is right that we should pause and acknowledge these accomplishments, for they represent lessons learned, knowledge gained, and obstacles overcome. But today I would like to focus on the “why” behind these accomplishments. Some may think that the “why” is obvious—the need to do well in college so that you can get a good job, get into a graduate or professional program, or, perhaps, just so that your parents won’t disown you. These reasons do not represent the “why” to which I refer. Rather, I refer to the “intrinsic why”; namely, the pursuit of truth in its purest form.

Oh, come on, Paul, isn’t that just a bunch of ivory tower nonsense? No, it is not. Indeed, it is the pursuit of truth that forms the well into which the mind dips to find true beauty. Beauty and truth have often been linked throughout time. Historically, this linkage has been consid-

ered by many brilliant individuals including artists, philosophers, poets, theologians, and scientists. Today I would like to consider what the poets have to say on the subject—actually only two poets at that. The first and perhaps more well-known are these lines penned by John Keats some 200 years ago: “Beauty is truth, truth beauty—that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.”

There, we have it! Truth and beauty are, in the parlance of science, positively correlated. (Somehow this scientific expression just does not measure up to Keats, does it?) It is easy for us to see where Keats was coming from though. We all can think of examples where something is so beautiful that it just has to be true: the musical composition where altering one note would diminish it, the poem where its modification by one syllable would leave it wanting, or the equation where the rearrangement of one symbol would break the perfect symmetry. Keats sure knew what he was talking about.

Not so fast. There is another poet who lived a few years earlier than Keats—well, actually, some 2,300 years earlier—a Chinese poet named Lao Tzu. And this is what he had to say on the subject: “Truthful words are not beautiful. Beautiful words are not truthful.” Here too we can readily embrace this point of view, for today, in our world, we can all think of truthful words that

represent anything but beauty.

So, what are we to make of these two distinct perspectives? How can both of these notions be correct? These two conflicting viewpoints remind me of a principle from physics . . . (OK, here is where all of my students in the audience are saying “I *knew* it! I knew we were not going to get out of here without hearing about some physics topic.” I would, of course, gently respond with, “Well, that’s because there is physics in everything.” No, really, there is. And if one day someone challenges you on this point by proposing a counter example to which you are having difficulty responding, simply face your inquisitor—grand or otherwise—and say, “My mind is drawing a blank, which is in fact a vacuous state,” which is—you guessed it—physics . . .)

But an idea from the kinetic theory of gases is not what I have in mind here. Rather, I was thinking about quantum physics, specifically the principle of complementarity. This principle refers to a situation in which two diametrically opposed perspectives are both correct, just never at the same time. It is most often applied to the notion known as wave-particle duality. One typical example of such a situation is in an interference experiment involving light. In one part of the experiment the light behaves as a wave (a light wave) and in a different part of the same experiment the light behaves as a particle (a photon), but never





will both attributes be manifested at the same time.

Perhaps this is what these two poems separated by thousands of years are trying to tell us—that truth has a dual nature.

I hope that the students we honor here today have, during their time at Gustavus, been touched by Keats's notion of the nature of truth and beauty. And that they realize that this is THE "why" for which we are all here. I hope that, as faculty, we strive to publicly model this ideal both inside and outside of our profession. Students, pay attention to the examples you have before you. There are many. I will highlight but a few.

There is Linnea Wren from the Department of Art and Art History, who studies ancient Mayan art in Mexico and Guatemala. One day, while she was part of an archaeological project, she was examining a ceramic plate dating from about 650 A.D. She reports that, as she was looking at the painted design and its great beauty, she was suddenly overwhelmed by the realization that 1,400 years earlier, a Mayan woman had stood, as she was standing, and had held that same plate in her hands. Linnea says that in that moment she felt an extraordinary connection through her research to another person's life, dreams, and sense of beauty.

There is Brian O'Brien from the Department of Chemistry, who, in addition to corpse flowers, finds beauty for all of the senses in his discipline: visual beauty in the form of crystals and colors, olfactory experiences ranging from elegant beauty to sheer horror, gustatory experiences over the same continuum, and touch—

who can forget the feel of a cold, hard ingot of yttrium in one's hand.

There is Lisa Heldke '82 of the Department of Philosophy, whose philosophical passion is aroused most fervently by questions about the nature of reality and truth. For her, they come together in the study of objectivity, a topic that has vexed her since she was a senior in college. Like John Dewey, who inspires her, she wants to understand how the knowing activity shapes both knowers and the known.

There is truth, beauty, and passion all around this place. Let some of it rub off on you.

In closing, I would leave you with one more poem. It is by the Chinese poet Lu Ji. This poem is one of my favorites, and it speaks about the power of a poem. For me, the poem about which it speaks is a metaphor for what we try to do on this hill in Saint Peter, Minnesota, each day.

"The Power of a Poem"  
by Lu Ji (261–303 A.D.)  
(translated by Tony Barnstone  
and Chou Ping)

The function of literature is to express the nature of nature. It can't be barred as it travels space  
and boats across one hundred million years.

Gazing to the fore, I leave models for people to come; looking aft, I learn from my ancestors.

It can save teetering governments and weak armies; it gives voice to the dying wind of human virtue.

No matter how far, this road will take you there; it will express the subtlest point.

It waters the heart like clouds and rain,  
and shifts form like a changeable spirit.

Inscribed on metal and stone,  
it spreads virtue.

Flowing with pipes and strings,  
each day the poem is new.

So go out and find those pursuits and passions that, for you, make the poem new each day. As for me here today, I do not know if I have espoused any truth or revealed anything of beauty, but one thing I am sure of: there is certainly no charge. Thank you. **G**

## Briefly . . .

### Faculty promotions

Four members of the Gustavus faculty were formally granted tenure during chapel services on April 27 and promoted to the rank of associate professor. They are **Aaron Banks**, Department of Health and Exercise Science (joined the Gustavus faculty in 2002); **Eric Dugdale**, Department of Classics (joined faculty in 2001); **Loramy Gerstbauer**, Department of Political Science (joined faculty in 2001); and **Steve Wright**, Department of Music (joined faculty in 1990).

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs also announced the promotion of four faculty members to the rank of full professor: **Colleen Jacks**

'79, Department of Biology (joined faculty in 1988); **Peg O'Connor**, Department of Philosophy and Women's Studies Program (joined faculty in 1996); **Carolyn O'Grady**, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (joined faculty in 1994); and **Debra Pitton**, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (joined faculty in 1997).

### Stats winners

On May 18, mathematics majors **Dan Johnson '07** and **Tyler Kramer '07** were awarded first place in the Undergraduate Statistics Project Competition for their project, "Numbers Don't Lie," a comparison of career

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Pictured at the CAUSE awards ceremony are, from left, Gustavus faculty adviser Carolyn Dabler, CAUSE director Dennis Pearl, Dan Johnson '07, and Tyler Kramer '07.



## Briefly . . .

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homerun patterns of major league baseball players who admittedly or presumably used steroids and those who did not. **Carolyn Pillers Dobler**, professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, was their faculty sponsor. Their findings throw a little cold water on the steroid debate, showing that non-users among the sample groups of top home run hitters fared better over the duration of their careers.

The competition was sponsored by CAUSE (Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education), and the awards were presented at the United States Conference on Teaching Statistics held May 17–19 at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. There were 36 participants in the competition from 21 colleges and universities. Johnson and Kramer also received a cash prize of \$750. In addition, another math major, **Guy Davis '07**, received honorable mention for his project, "Who Is Baseball's Best Batter?" His faculty sponsor was also Professor Dobler.

### 2005 grad wins prestigious fellowship

**Kelly Younge '05**, a graduate student in physics at the University of Michigan, has been selected to receive a 2007 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship, sponsored and funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). NDSEG selections are made by five different labs and research programs within the DoD and administered by the

American Society for Engineering Education. Younge's application was selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research from more than 3,400 applications received this year.

The prestigious NDSEG Fellowship covers Younge's tuition and required fees for three years at any accredited U.S. college or university that provides advanced degrees in science and engineering. In addition, the fellowship provides a stipend of more than \$30,000 for each of the three years.

### Forensics team sets new standards

For the first time in its storied history at the College, the Gustavus forensics team has earned a top 20 ranking at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET), which is widely considered to be the most competitive competition of its kind in the country. Gustavus fielded one of the larger entries among the 83 schools from across the United States competing at the 2007 tournament, held in April at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Ten students qualified for 31 entries in the various categories by earning superior ratings in at least three tourneys during the regular tournament season.

The Gusties also earned their first-ever AFA-NIET individual events placings. **Andrea Carlile '07**, Chatham, Ill., capped her senior year by qualifying for the quarterfinals (top 24) in communication analysis among 123 entrants, and **Tasha Carlson**, a sophomore from Apple Valley, Minn., qualified for the quarterfinals in persuasive speaking among 126 entrants. With their placings in the quarterfinal

round, both ranked among the top 16 competitors in the country. Carlile was named to the 2007 AFA-NIET All-America team, becoming only the second Gustavus student to earn this prestigious honor (Rebecca Kuehl '05 was named All-America by both the AFA and Pi Kappa Delta in 2005).

A month earlier, the Gustavus team had finished second in the nation among 57 competing schools in the Individual Events Team Sweepstakes at the 2007 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament held at Central Michigan University. **Brittany Lovdahl**, a junior from St. Cloud, Minn., and **Maria Siegle**, a sophomore from Cologne, Minn., tied for national championships in their respective event categories, and **Andrea Carlile** was one of ten students named to the Pi Kappa Delta All-America team.

### Professors Rosoff and Gilbert honored

Mathematics and computer science professor **Jeff Rosoff**, who has taught at Gustavus since 1981, was recognized by the student body in May with the 2007 Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. The award, nominated by students and selected by vote of the Student Senate, has been presented annually since 1990 at the College's Honors Day convocation. It honors the memory of two student senators, Greg Swenson and Holly Bunn, who were killed in a car accident in 1989.

Political science professor **Chris Gilbert**, who joined the Gustavus faculty in 1991, is the recipient of the 2007 Faculty Scholarly Achievement Award for "publishing path-breaking re-

search moving the field of religion and politics forward [and increasing] our understanding of the way in which political values and participation in our democracy are influenced and informed by faith and participation in religious organizations." This year marks the publication of his fourth book, *Seeds Upon the Ground: The Political Influence of American Churches*. First awarded in 1986, the Faculty Scholarly Achievement Award was revived in 2004 and is now announced at the annual Honors Day convocation.

### Reinholtzen returns as registrar



**Kristianne Reinholtzen**, who worked as an admission representative and associate registrar at Gustavus from 1988 to 2006, returned to the College as registrar effective July 2, 2007. Reinholtzen, a 1979 graduate of Luther College, had been registrar at Willamette College, Salem, Ore., during the 2006–07 academic year.





# Experimental physics class offers something for everyone

by Dana Setterholm '07

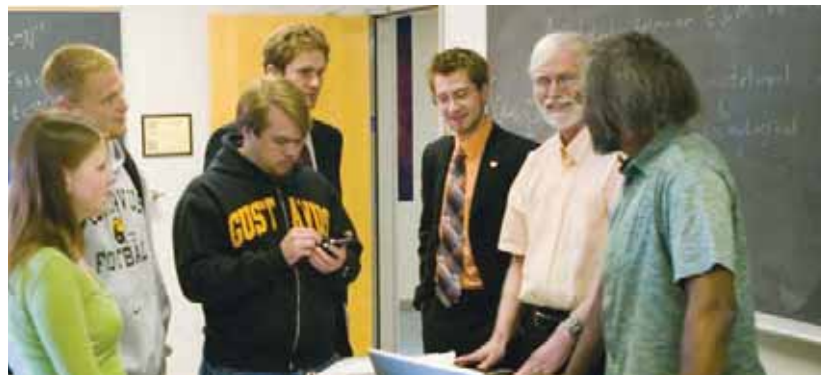
It was a case of perfect timing. Professor Sylvester James Gates Jr. had been working on an idea for a physics class for nonmajor students at his home university in Maryland, but wondered how to implement the plan. Gustavus was looking for a visiting professor and had been impressed by Gates's talk at the 2005 Nobel Conference. The invitation to be the Drs. Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College offered Gates the opportunity to conduct an experiment in the classroom—to find out whether he could teach his specialty, string theory, to a group of students with non-science majors.

The idea for the class came from what Gates calls his popular-level lectures—presentations on string theory designed for the general public. Gates estimates he's given 150 of these lectures during his career, at universities and libraries and museums all over the world, but he says there remains a common belief that most people are not interested in science or physics. Gates was invited to film a DVD series based on some of his popular-level lectures on string theory, and his goal, he says, was "to not dumb it down. The public is smarter than people think." The DVD series, which consists of 24 half-hour lectures designed to educate viewers in basic physics and string theory, made more

than half a million dollars in the first six months of sales, proving that there is a definite interest in physics among nonscientists.

Gates, who considers teaching his first love, wanted to apply this finding to the classroom. "Kids today are more media-savvy," he says, noting that they have grown up with television and video games. "Our species as a whole is becoming more visual learners." Science, on the other hand, is arguably stuck in a 19th-century model of teaching. Gates, who has more than 30 years' teaching experience, knew that this would have to change if he wanted to keep students interested.

The first thing he focused on was visual learning. In the DVD lecture series, he used computer graphics to convey complex ideas, and he does the same in the classroom, connecting his laptop computer to a projector screen. Short videos or pictures using Computer Graphical Imagery (the same CGI used to create special effects in movies) can show students representations of particles invisible to the eye, and demonstrate their motion or reactions. CGI also has another advantage—it can replace complicated mathematical equations. A string of numbers and symbols on the chalkboard means little to most nonscience students, but a video that demonstrates the application of the math helps them to understand as well as connect the math to the real world.



*Class discussion often continued after the class hour. From left, Dana Setterholm '07, Jared Sieling '08, Alex Wauck '09, Chris Hedberg '07, and Matt Bergman '07 quiz their instructors, Professors Steve Mellema '72 and Sylvester James Gates Jr. Gates was in residence on campus frequently during the spring semester as the Drs. Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College.*

The Internet has also been an invaluable resource. Gates can connect to the Net via his laptop and show the class 3D models on various physics websites (including Gustavus's own physics department site). Since string theory is a relatively new subject, it's often easiest for students to conduct research using the Internet, and Gates often challenges students to look up concepts or scientists discussed in class.

Since I had a natural science requirement to fulfill and I'd never taken physics in high school, I decided to take the class. I'm an English major, and most of my classes were geared toward reading and writing critically, so I wasn't sure what to expect from a course that promised to teach a beginner theoretical physics. I was pleasantly surprised, however, when the

class found a balance between science and the history and culture surrounding it.

When Gates planned the class to be taught at Gustavus, his goal was to develop an innovative way of teaching general science to non-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) students, using popular interest in string theory to serve an educational goal. The first half of the class was meant to give us a background in physics, so we learned the basics on everything from Newton's laws to quantum theory, as well as getting an overview on the history of the subject. The second half of the course was devoted to string theory and supersymmetry, Gates's specialties.

String theory is the idea that the most basic units of the universe are not spheres, as has

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## Experimental physics

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been previously thought, but tiny strings that vibrate. The theory has been tested extensively with math, but since the strings are too miniscule to be seen even with powerful microscopes, no physical evidence from a laboratory can prove the theory. Scientists in the field are hopeful that the Large Hadron Collider (a particle accelerator being built right now in Switzerland) will be capable of observing these strings in the near future.

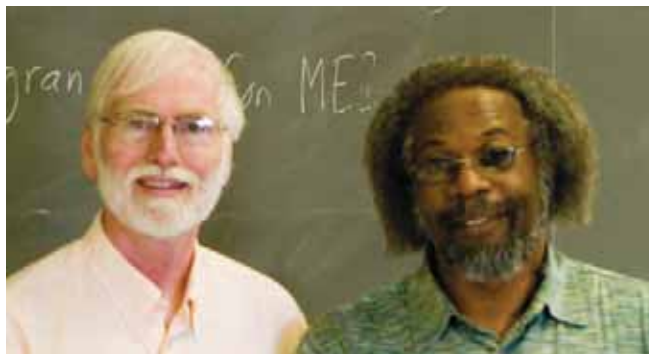
Supersymmetry is the idea that every fundamental particle in the universe has a “superpartner,” similar to a mirror image, which would explain two current puzzles of particle physics.

Gates co-taught the course with Gustavus physics professor Steven Mellema '72, and the two worked together to plan a curriculum. They based their schedule on Gates's DVD lectures, which were shown to students in class, but interspersed the lectures with hands-on laboratory activities, readings, and demonstrations. The Rydell Professorship, a scholar-in-residence program designed to bring Nobel laureates, Nobel Conference presenters, and similarly distinguished scholars and scientists to the College for enhanced learning and teaching, provides necessary funds to allow the professor to commute, so Gates split his time between teaching at Gustavus and his responsibilities at his home university in Maryland. He typically taught two days per week at Gustavus with Mellema teaching two more, and they stayed in contact by e-mail when Gates was not in Minnesota.

Commuting was difficult for Gates, but he says his family was very understanding about his hectic schedule. He was worried that the Minnesota weather might interfere with his weekly flights, and several winter storms brought snow to campus over the semester, but oddly enough, the only real problem was an ice storm on the East Coast that cancelled flights on the Maryland end. The notorious Minnesota winter was a deterrent, but it didn't affect Gates's decision to teach at Gustavus. “It's a beautiful campus,” he says, and the fact that he enjoyed it so much during the Nobel Conference influenced him to accept the Rydell Professorship.

Students and professors at Gustavus were also a part of his decision to return again. Gates says Mellema has been invaluable as a co-instructor, expanding the course in ways he couldn't himself, and that the students in the class have been “everything I hoped for and more.”

As an experiment, the course actually developed better than expected. More STEM students took the course than Gates had expected, but this turned out to be an advantage, as it led to collaboration between STEM and non-STEM students. Gates calls it “P2Pm”—Peer-to-Peer mentoring, a reference to computer filesharing—and he says he's never seen it occur on a level similar to this. “It allows majors to mix and provides different things for two different audiences,” he says, benefiting both groups. When dividing the class into lab groups, he and Mellema were able to assign a physics major to each small group. These “designated physics majors,” as we called them, were able to an-




*Joining forces to teach the experimental class were Gustavus physics professor Steve Mellema '72 (left) and visiting Rydell Professor Jim Gates.*

swer questions about laboratory or course work, acting as informal teaching assistants. This collaboration helped the non-STEM students build confidence —“Non-STEM students learn that they can ‘get it,’ contrary to their own expectations,” Gates says.

But they weren't the only ones learning. “STEM students were forced to confront issues outside of science that are important,” Gates notes. Since the class was designed for non-STEM students, assignments included essays on the ways culture, history, philosophy, and religion interact with science, which gave STEM students a chance to think and write about their chosen major in a new way. “It also helped mainstream science majors,” Gates says. “They can get isolated. And it gives them a preview of communication skills needed after college,” like the ability to write and speak well about scientific concepts.

Surveys taken by class members indicated a high degree of satisfaction with the course, and Gates and Mellema are also pleased with how well the course went. The professors plan to compile the class data into a document (or possibly even a book) to provide a guideline for other educators who want to teach science to non-majors,

and both hope to teach a similar class in the future.

I found the class both interesting and challenging. Learning almost 400 years of physics in the first seven weeks wasn't easy, and grasping some of the theoretical concepts of string theory was difficult at times, but discovering a new way to look at the world made the steep learning curve worth it. English majors don't usually get to play with anything more exciting than books or writing implements, so it was fun to do hands-on experiments in a laboratory. It was also interesting to examine physics through writing assignments. English majors are well-trained to see the impact of history and culture on literature, but it was a completely different experience to write about the impact of history and culture on science. I learned a lot in this class—not just about theoretical physics, but about science and the world around us. If my experience is anything to go by, the experiment has been a success. 

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# 2007 Nobel Conference tackles energy issues



by Tim Robinson

Fueled by rising gasoline prices, the “energy debate” is a topic about which more of us have become increasingly aware and formed strong opinions. Does global warming really exist and, if so, who is to blame? Governments and businesses are poised to invest a lot of money in alternative energy sources, but . . . can we realistically expect ethanol to replace oil and coal? Didn’t we hear this before, in the 1960s, about deuterium from seawater and the possibility of controlled thermonuclear fusion providing most of our future energy?

The annual Nobel conferences are noted for timely and constructive discussions of important scientific and social issues. This year’s conference, “Heating Up: The Energy Debate,” to be held on October 2 and 3, 2007, in Lund Arena, will focus on the looming problems

of declining fossil fuels and the global warming that results from burning them, and present a hardheaded examination of proposed alternative forms of energy and the likelihood that they will be effective and affordable.

Scheduled to present lectures are:

**Steven Chu**, 1997 Nobel laureate in physics and director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California;

**Kenneth S. Deffeyes**, professor emeritus of geosciences, Princeton University, New Jersey;

**James E. Hansen**, lead climate scientist and director, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), New York;

**Paul L. Joskow**, professor of economics and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research Management;

**Lee Rybeck Lynd**, professor of engineering at the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire;

**Joan M. Ogden**, associate professor of environmental science and policy and co-director of the Hydrogen Pathways Program at the Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis; and

**Will Steger**, polar explorer, writer, educator, photographer, and lecturer and National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence.

For those of us who remember the Earth Day movement of the early ’70s and the gas short-


ages that followed, these arguments about declining oil resources and global warming have a familiar ring. For example, we sometimes hear about the urgency for more exploratory drilling because of declining oil production, but in a 1913 special issue of the *Scientific American*, the authors concluded, “The question of the possible exhaustion of the world’s oil supply deserves the greatest consideration. There is every indication that we are face to face with this possibility.”

Although there has never been a Nobel Conference devoted solely to energy, future management of energy was described by Nobel laureate Glenn Seaborg at the 1966 Nobel Conference in an address titled “The Control of Energy.” Since he was one of the discoverers of plutonium, it shouldn’t come as a surprise that he spoke optimistically about the future of nuclear energy. However, he also left the audience with a prescient warning. He quoted a report by President Lyndon Johnson’s Science Advisory Committee in 1965: “Carbon dioxide is being added to the Earth’s atmosphere by the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas at the rate of 6 billion tons a year. By the year 2000 there will be about 25 percent more carbon dioxide in our atmosphere than at present. This will modify the heat balance of the atmosphere to such an extent that marked changes in climate, not controllable through local or even national efforts, could occur. Clearly, we need to understand this problem and follow

the details of change. Thus, it may be very important to find means of preventing or counteracting the changes, or to change our source of energy to one that produces less carbon dioxide.”

The topics in the energy debate are familiar and well documented, and there is optimism about progress. A number of states, including Minnesota, have established legislation or assembled panels to find ways to reduce greenhouse gases. And business leaders are discovering what evolutionary biologists have long known—that in the event of a changing environment there will be winners and losers. Someone stands to profit. The fact is that some large companies are taking the lead in establishing green practices while the number of smaller energy entrepreneurs also appears to be growing.

Decisions we make *today* relative to global energy sources and how they are used will affect the world for decades of *tomorrows*. I suspect that we will come away from this conference better informed about energy-related science and public policy, and what role we must play in changing how we think about our energy future.

More information on the conference and ticket orders is available by phone at 507/933-7520 or through the College’s website, [gustavus.edu/nobelconference](http://gustavus.edu/nobelconference). 

*Tim Robinson ’65, professor of psychology at the College, has been director of the annual Nobel Conference since 2000.*



# Gustavus establishes key directions for future planning

by Gwendolyn Freed

Gustavus’s institutional visioning work reached a milestone in June, when the Gustavus Board of Trustees endorsed an internal planning document titled “New Leaders for a New Tomorrow.”

The document, a framework for planning, was developed on the basis of extensive dialogue throughout the Gustavus community. It reaffirms the College’s commitment to the

liberal arts and its relationship with the Lutheran Church and identifies eight strategic areas of focus (see accompanying chart) for a more formal phase of strategic planning soon to commence under the leadership of Gustavus’s new provost and vice president of academic affairs, Mary E. Morton.

“Educating and challenging Gustavus students as ‘New Leaders for a New Tomorrow’ is a powerful vision and significant responsibility that will guide our strategic work,” said

Morton, who assumed her role in early July. She continued: “Our dynamic world calls for leadership grounded in reason, compassion, and faith in order to provide the freedom to lead and serve our communities. A Gustavus education provides both the grounding and the freedom for our students to embrace lives of leadership and service for a new tomorrow.”

Gustavus is known for cultivating students as whole people, encouraging their development as critical-thinking,



Joe Lendoni '05

Mary E. Morton, Ph.D.

grounded, creative, ethical, and emotionally intelligent adults. Responding to contemporary needs and opportunities, Gustavus will invest more in this uniquely holistic approach. Specifically, the College will build major programs in engaged learning, faith and vocation, and integrated health and wellness.

The phrase *New Leaders* recalls that Gustavus was founded by and for Swedish Lutheran immigrants, a growing minority group in 1862. Tomorrow’s Gustavus leaders, while they may not be predominantly Swedish, will bring to campus that same blend of drive, faith, and talent. The College embraces the region’s and nation’s changing demographics, and will work very hard in the coming years, in the spirit of its founders, to increase need-based scholarship aid.

Gustavus is planning for the future in a whole-world context of accelerating change and complexity. The words *New Tomorrow* suggest the global

## New board members announced

New board members were seated when the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees met on campus in June 2007. Joining the board for the first time were **Rebecca Bergman**, North Oaks, Minn., vice president of science and technology at Medtronics Incorporated, Minneapolis, and parent of 2007 graduate Matt Bergman; the Rev. **Wayne Peterson '77**, Plymouth, Minn., pastor at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth; and **Susan Engelsma Wilcox '73**, Edina, Minn., board member of the Engelsma Family Foundation. **Warren Beck '67**, Greenwood, Minn., president of Gabbert & Beck, Edina, rejoined the board after previously serving



Matt Thomas '00

New board members pose with President Peterson and incoming board chair Jim Gale; from left, President **Jim Peterson '64**, the Rev. **Wayne Peterson '77**, **Rebecca Bergman**, **Susan Engelsma Wilcox '73**, **Jim Gale '83**, and **Warren Beck '67**.

from 1986 to 1993 and 1995 to 2004. Returning to the board in an ex officio capacity after being elected president of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations earlier this year was the Rev. **Terry Morehouse**, Waconia, Minn., pastor at


Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis; he previously had been a member of the board from 1985 to 1991.

**Jim Gale '83**, Washington, D.C., was named chair of the body for the 2007–08 school year.



21st-century challenges and opportunities that will call our alumni to exercise intellect, courage, morality, and resourcefulness. Gustavus's Swedish Lutheran legacy of social justice, together with the core values of excellence, faith, service, and community, point the College toward three strategic, globally-minded initiatives: internationalization, cultural competency, and environmental stewardship.

Gustavus believes in lifelong education and is eager to provide more intergenerational opportunities for learning in community. As the post-World War II Baby Boomer cohort nears traditional retirement age, many Gustavus alumni and friends will be poised for new and productive chapters. Some will find second callings in life. For many, there will be the opportunity and desire to teach and learn together with students and faculty on campus. The College will be considering programs to more deeply and meaningfully engage learners of all ages.

The past year's preplanning discussion at Gustavus has been characteristically broad, rich, and reflective in nature. "One of Gustavus's great strengths is its vocational approach to leadership, not just for students but for the institution as a whole," said President Jim Peterson '64. "Under Dr. Mary Morton's guidance, the College will endeavor to match its greatest assets and potential with our world's greatest contemporary and future needs." 

*Gwendolyn Freed joined the Gustavus administration in December 2006 as vice president for college relations.*

## New Leaders for a New Tomorrow: A Framework for Planning

| <i>Why do we exist?</i>   | <p>Gustavus Adolphus College is a church-related, residential liberal arts college firmly rooted in its Swedish and Lutheran heritage.</p> <p>The College offers students of high aspiration and promise a liberal arts education of recognized excellence provided by faculty who embody the highest standards of teaching and scholarship. The Gustavus curriculum is designed to bring students to mastery of a particular area of study within a general framework that is both interdisciplinary and international in perspective.</p> <p>The College strives to balance educational tradition with innovation and to foster the development of values as an integral part of intellectual growth. It seeks to promote the open exchange of ideas and the independent pursuit of learning.</p> <p>The College aspires to be a community of persons from diverse backgrounds who respect and affirm the dignity of all people. It is a community where a mature understanding of the Christian faith and lives of service are nurtured and students are encouraged to work toward a just and peaceful world.</p> <p>The purpose of a Gustavus education is to help its students attain their full potential as persons, to develop in them a capacity and passion for lifelong learning, and to prepare them for fulfilling lives of leadership and service in society.</p> | <b>MISSION</b>                       |                            |                               |   |  |                   |   |
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| <i>Who are we?</i>  | We are a college that thrives at the intersection of faith and reason. We hold fast to our defining traditions: the liberal arts and Lutheran ideals of higher education.   | <b>IDENTITY</b>                      |                            |                               |   |  |                   |   |
| <i>What values do we hold?</i>  | We are a people grounded in the ideals of community, excellence, faith, justice, and service.   | <b>CORE VALUES</b>                   |                            |                               |   |  |                   |   |
| <i>What is our character?</i>   | We pursue academic rigor through a culture of close-knit relationships, serious work, spirited enjoyment of life, and uncommon mutual support.  | <b>CULTURE</b>                       |                            |                               |   |  |                   |   |
| <i>How do we see the future?</i>  | <p>We aspire to be a college committed to and known for preparing New Leaders for a New Tomorrow.</p> <p>Linking a rich immigrant past with a new demographic future, we will provide new access and opportunity for ALL students of high aspiration and promise. Our students will be fully prepared to make a difference through integrated, interdisciplinary, engaged learning.</p>   | <b>VISION</b>                        |                            |                               |   |  |                   |   |
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# Hillstrom Museum of Art receives significant donations, hosts exhibition from one of nation's oldest art schools

by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art was recently given three significant prints from Dr. David and Kathryn Rydland '71 Gilbertson, including a fine lithograph by famed Regionalist artist Grant Wood (1892–1942): his haunting, wintry image of horses on a frigid evening, titled *February* (1941).

The Gilbertsons have been active participants in the Museum's goal of obtaining all 19 of Wood's lithographs, which constitute a major portion of the artist's *oeuvre*. In 2005, they donated funds used to purchase *Midnight Alarm* (1939), and, together with the Reverend Richard L. Hillstrom '37, were responsible for funding the Museum's 2004 purchase of Wood's hand-colored prints of *Fruits*, *Vegetables*, *Tame Flowers*, and *Wild Flowers* (1938). With the addition of *February*, the Museum now holds nine of Wood's lithos, and the Gilbertsons have promised to give an additional five that they own, which will bring the Museum's holdings to 14.

Those interested in joining the effort to acquire the remaining five of Wood's prints not currently owned by or promised to the Museum are



**Grant Wood (1892–1942), *February*, 1941, lithograph on paper, 8-7/8 x 11-3/4 inches, gift of Dr. David and Kathryn Gilbertson.**

urged to be contact [hillstrom@gustavus.edu](mailto:hillstrom@gustavus.edu).

The two other prints donated by the Gilbertsons are etchings by Kerr Eby (1889–1946). *Rough Going* and *The Last Supper* are both part of the artist's War series, a group of images based on Eby's experiences in World War I that he published as an anti-war book in 1936 (the Museum in 2005 exhibited its example of Eby's lithograph *Where Are We Going?*, also part of that series). *Rough Going*

depicts a team of horses struggling to pull a heavy caisson on a carcass-strewn battlefield, while *Last Supper* is a disturbing evocation of the Christian Eucharistic theme showing dead soldiers seated at and lying near a dining table on which a wine bottle still stands after a bomb blast.

Eby, like many artists of his era, studied at the Art Students League in New York City, which is the subject of the exhibition *The Art Students League of New York: Highlights*

from the Permanent Collection, on view from September 10 through November 4 (with an opening reception during the Nobel Conference, on October 2, 6 to 8 p.m.). A key impetus for the Museum hosting this exhibit is the fact that a large number of the artists in the Hillstrom Collection studied and/or taught at the League.

The exhibition features more than 70 paintings, drawings, and sculptures from the school's collection, ranging in date from about 1885 to





**William Merritt Chase (1849–1916), *Fish Still Life, 1908*, oil on canvas, 26-1/4 x 30-1/2 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**

2002. The Art Students League was formed by students in 1875 as an alternative to the National Academy of Design (also in New York), then the pre-eminent art school in the United States. The National Academy, which had been founded 50 years earlier, was, in the view of many, becoming inadequate and overly conservative, and the dissatisfaction became acute in 1875 when, for financial reasons, classes at the Academy were cut back. The newly-formed League filled the void. When the Academy later resumed its full course schedule in 1877, it was decided to keep the League running, and by about 1920 it had become the most prominent art school in the country. The League, which is still a vital, flourishing institution, was more open in membership than the National Academy, and it aimed to be less old-fashioned and more aware of European trends. Its academic structure reflected methods used abroad, in Paris and Munich in particular, and

featured tutelage under individual, fairly independent instructors.

The League's Permanent

Collection—which was formed by purchase, by donations from patrons, instructors, and students, and from works required of students as part of their scholarship agreements—reflects major trends in American art. It includes early works in traditional modes such as romantic landscape or still life, works of the gritty realism associated with the “Ashcan School,” works of abstract expressionism that flourished in the 1950s, and works by artists active today.

An early painting in the exhibit is *Fish Still Life* (1908) by William Merritt Chase (1849–1916), one of the country's leading artists of the time and one of the most prominent and popular of the early instructors at the league. Chase's oil

shows his typical loose, expert handling, and is likely a “demonstration piece” painted in less than an hour to instruct onlooking students. One such of Chase's students was Georgia O'Keeffe (1887–1986), whose own still life of a *Dead Rabbit with a Copper Pot*—which earned her a scholarship at the league—is also in the exhibit. O'Keeffe, in reminiscing about Chase's teaching, described how the students were to paint a new still life each day, and Chase would criticize their accumulated paintings on a weekly basis. She recalled that the works had to be “alive with paint” in order for them to make an impression on Chase. O'Keeffe would later abandon this kind of painting, since she felt others had mastered it so



**Jan Matulka (1890–1972), *Still Life with Horse Head and Phonograph (detail), 1930*, oil on canvas on board, 24 x 40 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**



**Theodoros Stamos (1922–1997), *Sounding #2*, undated, oil on canvas, 18 x 48 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**



**Frank Vincent DuMond (1865–1951), *Academic Study of a Male Nude*, c. 1885, graphite and charcoal on paper, 24 x 18 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**

well that she could not do any better, and she moved to the more abstract, more thinly-painted floral and architectural images for which she became known.

Another early work in the exhibition is *Academic Study of a Male Nude*, drawn around 1885 by Frank Vincent DuMond (1865–1951), who, like Chase, was a very influential instructor at the League (he is also represented in the exhibit by a landscape painting depicting a *Trout Stream*). This work was done during DuMond's period as a League student, and indicates the importance of figure drawing in the curriculum, following the practice of European academies. A League student would typically spend three hours each of five days working on such a drawing, an exercise repeated many times.

Given that the League was formed partly in response to the conservatism of the National Academy of Design, it is not surprising that it took steps to avoid becoming neo-

conservative. Artist John Sloan (1871–1951) noted in 1931 that one of the reasons for the League's continuing success was that it offered exposure to ultra-modern art alongside more traditional work. Sloan, in fact, resigned in 1932 from his role as League president when his proposal that the League hire German modernist George Grosz (1893–1959) as a teacher was turned down. The decision was soon reversed and Grosz became another important teacher at the League, and Sloan returned as an instructor. Grosz's 1949 oil painting titled *The Crucified Ham* is included in the exhibit, as is Sloan's 1905 etching *Connoisseurs of Print* (Sloan is represented in the Hillstrom Collection by a drawing and an etching).

Another progressive and influential instructor at the League was Jan Matulka (1890–1972), a Czech-born artist interested in surrealism and cubism. The painter was considered a principal proponent of American Modernism





along with better-known artists such as his friend Stuart Davis (1894–1964). Matulka's work in the exhibition is a Cubist-inspired oil painting titled *Still Life with Horse Head and Phonograph* (1930), which was purchased for the League's collection in 1969 by a group of dedicated former students and associates of the painter.

Figurative artists like Matulka tended to be eclipsed in the 1950s by the Abstract Expressionists, such as Jackson Pollock (1912–1956) and Mark Rothko (1903–1970), both of whom were League students, and Rothko's friend Theodoros Stamos (1922–1997). Stamos was a self-taught artist who instructed at the League for many years. His oil painting *Soundings #2* is included in the exhibit.

The most recent works in the exhibition are an aquatint print from 2001 titled *Of*

*Land and Sea*, by current instructor William Behnken (b. 1943), and a *Demonstration Portrait of Ira Goldberg*, painted in 2002 by former League instructor Daniel Greene (b. 1934). Behnken, a past president of the Society of American Graphic Artists, has also taught at the City College of New York and the National Academy of Design. Greene is known for his portraiture, which is found in the collections of the White House and the Smithsonian Institution; Ira Goldberg, his subject in the portrait, is the current Art Students League director.

On view in the Hillstrom Museum of Art concurrently with the Arts Students League exhibit is a group of *Selections from the Hillstrom Museum of Art Collection*, which includes the Grant Wood *February* donated by the Gilbertsons; a recent acquisition by American



**Georgia O'Keeffe (1887–1986), *Dead Rabbit with a Copper Pot*, 1908, oil on canvas, 19 x 23-1/2 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**

Impressionist Julian Alden Weir (1852–1919), who was hired as an instructor at the Art Students League in the early

1880s (*The Statue of Liberty* is a drypoint etching the artist made in 1893); and an oil painting titled *Mozartiana* (c. 1940) by Esther Williams (1907–1969), who studied at the Art Students League. The Williams painting is the subject of another of the Museum's *FOCUS IN/ON* projects, in which works from the Hillstrom Collection are collaboratively explored by the Museum director and a campus member from outside the visual arts area. *Mozartiana*, a still life of a vase of anemones and a piece of Mozart sheet music set on a piano, is the subject of an extended essay co-written with David Fienen, chair of the Department of Music. 



**John Sloan (1871–1951), *Connoisseurs of Prints*, 1905, etching on paper, 4-3/4 x 7-3/4 inches, Art Students League of New York, Permanent Collection.**

*Donald Myers '83 has directed Gustavus Adolphus College's Hillstrom Museum of Art since its opening in 2000. He is also an instructor in art history at the College.*

# Calendar

## Old friends, new beginnings

*From the State Fair to A Royal Affair*

### August

23–Sept. 3

**Gustavus at the Fair:** College booth in the Education building at the Minnesota State Fair, staffed 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Wear your Gustie gear to the Fair and stop by our booth!

### September

4 **Opening Convocation** for the 146th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

10–Nov. 4

Art Exhibitions: **The Art Students League of New York: Highlights from the Permanent Collection and Selections from the Hillstrom Museum of Art Collection**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Nobel Conference reception: Oct. 2, 6–8 p.m.

14 Theatre: **Teatro del Pueblo**, performing *Echoes from the New World*, Courtyard Café, 7 p.m., leading off Hispanic Heritage Month. Open to the public without charge; sponsored by OLAS and the Diversity Center.

19 **Twin Cities “Come On, You Gusties” Alumni Breakfast**, featuring President Jim Peterson ‘64, Doubletree Hotel,

Minneapolis–Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson ‘55 at 763/533-9083.

22 **Gustavus Heritage Partnership Luncheon**, C. Charles Jackson Campus Center banquet rooms, 11:30 a.m. By invitation; for more information, contact the Office of Gift Planning (800/726-6192).

24 **Gustavus Library Associates’ Membership Tea**, hosted by Jim and Susan Pepin Peterson ‘64 ‘65, Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Open to the public without charge; reservations requested.

27 **“Reading in Common” Author Visit:** Tracy Kidder, author of *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World*, Alumni Hall, 7:30

p.m. Open to the public without charge.

28 Artist Series: **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** in Concert, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

30 **Gusties Gather!** Alumni gatherings at sites throughout the country. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or [gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

### October

2–3 **Nobel Conference® 43: “Heating Up: The Energy Debate,”** Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520), see registration form inserted in this magazine, or visit the Nobel Conference website

([gustavus.edu/nobelconference/](http://gustavus.edu/nobelconference/)).

2 Music: **The Nobel Conference Concert**, The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ Chapel, 8:15 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

12–14

**Homecoming and Family Weekend:** Receptions and dinners for classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 in Mankato and the Twin Cities on Friday evening; reunion events on campus on Saturday (see schedule in Alumni section). Family Weekend concerts on Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or [gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

16 Artist Series: **The Czech Philharmonic Chamber**



*The Czech Philharmonic will perform October 16 in Björling Recital Hall as part of the Gustavus Artist Series.*



**Orchestra** in Concert, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

- 17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring a recap of the 2007 Nobel Conference with chair Jeff Jeremiason, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763/533-9083.

25–28 Theatre: The United States Theatre Project's **columbinus**, written by Stephen Karam and PJ Paparelli, directed by Henry MacCarthy, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Oct. 25–27) and 2:30 p.m. (Oct. 28). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

- 27 Gustavus Library Associates' biennial gala: **Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair**, benefiting Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Reservations required; see registration form inserted in this magazine or contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

## November

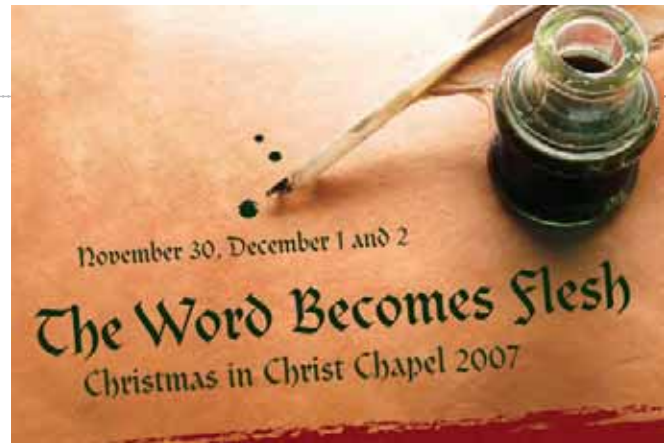
- 3 **Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction**, Alumni Hall, 6 p.m. Reservations required; see information in Alumni section or contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437).
- 3 Music/Dance: **Sumunar Indonesian Gamelan and Dance Ensemble**, Jussi

Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

- 9 Music: **The Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra** and **The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra**, Warren Friesen, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 11 Music: **The Gustavus Woodwind Ensemble** and **The Gustavus Flute Choir**, Ann Pesavento, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

15–18 Theatre: **Festival Showcase: A Celebration of Student Work**; one-acts, dance gallery, and "Late Nite Soup." Tickets required; contact the Office of Fine Arts Programs (507/933-7363) for dates and times of various events.

- 16 Music: **The Gustavus Wind Orchestra** and **The Vasa Wind Orchestra**, Douglas Nimmo, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 17 Music: **The Gustavus Jazz Ensembles' Fall Concert**, Steve Wright, director, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 18 Music: **The Gustavus Percussion Ensembles' Fall Concert**, Robert Adney and Paul Hill, conductors, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 18 Music: **The Birgitta Singers** and **St. Ansgar's Chorus**, Gregory Aune, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.



19–Jan. 13, 2008

Art Exhibitions: **Night Visions: The Secret Designs of Moths** and **Destination Anywhere: A National Juried Exhibit for Young Artists with Disabilities, Ages 16–25**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Monday, Nov. 19, 7–9 p.m.

- 21 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring coaches John Carlson '88, men's and women's swimming, Mark Hanson '83, men's basketball, and Bret Petersen, men's hockey, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763/533-9083.

30, Dec. 1 & 2

**Christmas in Christ Chapel 2007**: "The Word Becomes Flesh," Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 1 & 2 only) and 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; see registration form inserted in this magazine, or contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

## December

- 6 **Festival of St. Lucia**, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, featuring fiddler Brian Wicklund '87, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Reservations accepted following mailing of invitation in mid-October; contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

**Please Note:** Times and dates of the events listed on this page are subject to change. Please call to confirm events of interest.

## Additional schedules, information and updates

**Sports** ■ Up-to-date **sports schedules** may be found on the World Wide Web, through the Gustavus homepage (gustavus.edu). For a printed schedule of any or all of the Gustie varsity athletic squads, download from the Web or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tim Kennedy '82, sports information director, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 W. College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082-1498. Also, you can listen to selected Gustavus athletics broadcasts over the Internet through RealAudio. Broadcasts may be accessed through a link on Gustavus athletics website, where a broadcast schedule also may be found.

**The Arts** ■ To receive a more complete **fine arts schedule** or more information on fine arts events noted in the calendar, contact Al Behrends '77, director of fine arts programs, by phone (507/933-7363) or e-mail (al@gustavus.edu). Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).



# enlightenment

via a corpse flower

*by Brian O'Brien*




**I**n 1993, an event occurred in a Sumatran rainforest that would have massive consequences for Gustavus Adolphus College in the spring of 2007. Dr. James Symon, a San Francisco physician, had succeeded in his quest for seeds of *Amorphophallus titanum*—the Titan Arum or corpse flower (so named for the odor it emits when it flowers)—an endangered rarity and one of the most majestic wonders of the natural world. The seeds were to be distributed to institutions around the world to ensure preservation of this charismatic plant.

A short time later, I received a small package of seeds of the vegetable Titan. Most of the seeds germinated, and the seedlings were transferred to the Gustavus greenhouse. The most vigorous seedling was chosen for growth to flowering size, while the others, destined for donation to other institutions, were kept small.

Fast forward through the next 14 years, ever-larger pots, and assistance by many enthusiastic students, to March 2007. The enormous pot that contains the 90-pound corm has been sitting, with no obvious change, for ten months. One day in late March a crack is seen in the potting mix, squarely in the center of the pot. Frissons of anticipation crackle through the network of Gustavian *titanium* watchers. Is the plant producing a shoot? If it is, will the shoot become a leaf? Or is the Titan producing an inflorescence? A few days later a shoot emerges, and growth measurements begin. Three weeks later, the results are in—the Titan will flower! An announcement of the rare occurrence is made on the Gustavus website, and contingency plans for accommodation of massive numbers of visitors are implemented.

The ensuing corpse flower event was the most surreal experience of my life, and was a surreal educational opportunity as well. The atmosphere of the campus was deeply altered for a few weeks during the event—overheard scraps of conversation as one walked by tables in the cafeteria often included the phrase “corpse flower”; a steady stream of visitors had formed three weeks before the inflorescence opened in May; and students, faculty, staff, and visitors were transfixed by the corpse flower (aka “Perry,” short for Hyperion, one of the Titans). Some students had the webcam stream on their television sets 24 hours a day, others described themselves as “addicted” to Perry, and many made a daily pilgrimage to personally check on Perry’s growth.

Gustavus was an ideal venue for this botanical extravaganza. The campus and greenhouse are easy to access, eager student volunteers were abundant, and the late-spring botanical beauty of the campus was in full swing. The weeks-long event was an outstanding opportunity for education of a broad array of people on the importance of worldwide conservation of biological diversity, through personal tours and presentations by Gustavus faculty, students, and staff. In addition to Gustavus people, visitors included groups of schoolchildren, teenagers, and adults from all walks of life, all of whom left the Perry room smiling. Thousands of people visited Perry via the webcams and news coverage that Perry generated (including a story on CNN). Their encounters with this magnificent plant were educational, unforgettable, and uniquely associated with Gustavus. 

*Brian O'Brien, associate professor of chemistry, has taught at Gustavus since 1985.*



*Top: Associate Professor of Biology Cindy Johnson-Groh explained the corpse flower’s inflorescence to some of the more than 7,000 visitors and community members who passed through the Nobel Hall of Science’s greenhouse as word got out about the rare event. In addition, “Perry’s” website was viewed by more than 150,000 unique visitors.*

*Immediately above: A blooming *Amorphophallus titanum*, which is native to the island of Sumatra in the Indonesian archipelago, exposes a spathe, a sheath-like structure that hides and protects the flowers inside and may grow up to eight feet tall.*

*Left: The male and female flowers are separate. The female flowers are receptive first and are on the bottom, appearing dark in color. The male flowers release pollen a day after the female flowers are receptive and are higher up the spadix (central column); they appear pearl-like (what appears to be fuzz is pollen).*

# Three views of Virginia

## A plant systematics field trip

**"On your mark, get set, go!" Professor Johnson-Groh explains the ground rules for a little competitive bio-sleuthing. The team with the most correctly identified plants wins.**



**Members of the plant systematics class identify wildflowers in the Joneses' back yard.**



**A day's work is never done. Students work on identifying plants in the comfort of the Joneses' home.**



*Editor's note: In each of the past few years, Professor Cindy Johnson-Groh's Bio 377 class on "Plant Systematics" has taken a field trip in late April to the Missouri Ozarks to explore a different ecosystem from that of southern Minnesota. In 2007, however, an alumni invitation prompted a new experience, which is presented here from the perspectives of the professor, the alumni hosts, and the students.*

### Faculty Perspective – Cindy Johnson-Groh, Associate Professor, Biology

I first met Bruce and Susan Hill Jones '64 '64 while on a Linnaeus Arboretum trip in October 2006. (Bruce had been instrumental in helping to develop wetlands for our arboretum, and one of the pond installations has been named in their honor.) I visited their home in Virginia and we immediately hit it off, spending most of our visit comparing notes on plants and touring their acreage to view the wonderful gardens and restoration work they have completed. In parting, Bruce loosely indicated a willingness to host a student or two interested in botanical study.

Back on campus I was preparing for my spring plant systematics class, a class on plant identification, evolution, and ecology. The Department of Biology strongly endorses and encourages field experiences, and I usually take this class to the Missouri Ozarks for a five-day field trip in late April to see a different ecosystem and to put into practice all that we have learned. Ready for something new, I approached Bruce and Susan about hosting a few students—well, maybe a whole class of seven students—for a few days. Almost immediately, I received a wildly enthusiastic e-mail back: "When could you come?"

So began the preparations and moments of nervousness. Would the Joneses understand that this was a "working" trip

and that students had to learn some new plants? Moreover, would the students understand this? As the professor, I needed to ensure that this trip was first and foremost educational! I needn't have worried, as they learned not only plants, but history, geology, and even culinary arts and new card games. Though the Joneses had to be coached and sometimes reminded, they quickly learned not to enthusiastically blurt out the name of a flower when I was trying to quiz the class. They soon got the hang of it and were quizzing students with the audacity of any professor!

Thanks to the Joneses' hospitality, the enthusiasm of the students, and the mission of Gustavus to maximize student experiences, we had a terrific experience in Virginia. In addition to experiential learning, the Joneses graciously modeled life-long learning as involved and committed alumni. Gusties, be they alumni, students, or professors, are eager to engage and possess a natural curiosity and desire to learn.

### Alumni Host Perspective – Bruce and Susan Jones '64 '64, Washington, Va.

I'm not sure what the seven students in Dr. Johnson-Groh's plant systematics class expected of April in Virginia. It is not quite as renowned as "April in Paris," but beauty abounds in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Rappahannock County is rural, sparsely populated, far from a bustling me-





A group photo: front, **Stephanie Erlandson** (student), **Susan Jones '64** (host), **Cindy Johnson-Groh** (professor), **Aaron Roessler** (student); back row (all students), **Ian Ruppel**, **Pam Nguyen**, **Rachel Dorr**, **Michael Lynch**, **Matt Downing**. Photo taken by **Bruce Jones '64** in Shenandoah National Park.

tropolis, and tolerates few towers, cell or Eiffel. Spring lushness usually begins here in April, and it is normally much warmer in Virginia than in St. Peter, Minnesota. In Virginia the botanicals begin to show their green heads about then. Would the students really be able to find more plants and trees to study in Virginia than would be possible in Minnesota?

I'm not sure what we expected of seven college students and one professor coming to visit us. What would it be like to share our native plant sanctuary—let alone our couches, dining room table, bedrooms/futons, and bathrooms? Would our plants be up? Would the class understand our flora and fauna? Would we have enough food? Whatever we imagined or questioned, the pleasure of their company far exceeded our expectations!

From the late-night arrival to an early-morning departure four days later, we joyously exchanged many thoughts, much laughter, and great quantities of Virginia ham. From the beginning the four guys and three women were open to learning about life here, and pitched in to help with meals and clean up. They studied late into the evenings after gathering and identifying plant specimens all day. They listened to and questioned intently a naturalist from the National Wildlife Federation who came for dinner and then talked with

them far into the night.

The students explored the woods, ponds, and meadows at our place as well as in nearby Shenandoah National Park. At the park, they followed a part of the Appalachian Trail in their quest for identification of the many native plants. They examined bud, bark, and leaf with their eyes and their loupes. They quizzed each other endlessly about plants, but especially *Mertensia virginica* (Virginia bluebells).

They shared their lives with us, and we told them about ours. We learned about rural life in Minnesota and Wisconsin, hunting and fishing customs, and also about Gustavus today—the campus, dorm life, and the college scene. They learned about our lives, including the transition that we experienced going from urban to country living. They also learned from us that attending chapel was required when we were freshmen at Gustavus, and about the ensuing pranks that occurred there.

When Professor Johnson-Groh visited Virginia in 2006, she saw that bringing her students to Virginia might expand the richness and variety of her plant systematics class studies. Because of her broad vision, our cross-generational exchange with plants and life was made possible. Total immersion in the plant/student kingdom with fellow Gustavians was an experience we'll treasure. We hope that it will happen again.

### Student Perspectives – Michael Lynch '07, Rachel Dorr '08, Pamela Nguyen '07, Stephanie Erlandson '09

**Michael Lynch:** As students in Gustavus Adolphus College's BIO 377 (Plant Systematics) class, we had spent our semester building up to this trip. Up to this moment our course work had been to learn a new language—botanical terms and Latin binomial plant names. . . . This was our level of preparation; but until this point, we hadn't had the opportunity to put it to use in a natural setting.

So off we headed. Upon leaving campus we knew we were heading to Virginia to stay with some retired Gustavus alumni, but this was about all we knew. None of us had been to Virginia; and only a few had been to any part of Appalachia. At this point we were prepared for anything; what we most wondered about were our hosts. When we got to Dulles International Airport we discussed how we would identify our host, who had volunteered to drive out to pick us up.

Well, it turned out not to be very hard. Bruce Jones introduced himself to us in the perfect way—with a Saint Olaf sign! We knew at that very moment we had nothing to worry about; they were Gusties.

That night we traveled up into the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Joneses' property



*Class members investigate a large red maple (Acer rubrum).*

... The next morning we woke up to see this place in the daylight. We were amazed to see a beautiful log home nestled within a stand of Virginia pines (*Pinus virginiana*) and flowering dogwoods (*Cornus florida*). From the porch we had an excellent perch to view, through a large picture window, an assortment of birds and mammals who came to the Joneses' feeders.

Once we journeyed outside, we realized we would not have to go far to see a wide array of native flora. The Joneses' property was ideally suited to serve as a base of operations for our exploration of Virginia's native plants. On their 80- to 90-acre parcel and an additional 100-acre lease, they have a large pond, a creek, a prairie, a mature hardwood forest, a young hardwood forest, some conifers, and a mix of native and ornamental gardens planted around the property. Due to this diversity of habitats and associated plants it took us a couple of hours to leave the front yard. As we moved through the property, Mr. Jones's enthusiasm was consuming; he could not wait to show us the next plant and was truly excited we were getting the opportunity to learn on their property.

**Rachel Dorr:** Our hosts, Bruce and Susan Jones, were very enthusiastic Gustavus alumni who shared many fond memories of their time at Gustavus with us. The Joneses not only introduced our class to the flora of the region, but also the food. I have a newfound love for Virginia ham, which I had at lunch and dinner every day during our trip.

For me and many of my classmates, this was our first visit to this region of the country. The Joneses' property was a great in-

roduction to the flora of Virginia and included habitats ranging from orchid gardens to deciduous forest. We also visited Shenandoah National Park and hiked a trail with views of the Shenandoah Valley at 4,100 feet. It was very rewarding to be able to apply what we had learned earlier in the classroom to the outdoors.

This trip wasn't all work though; the Joneses introduced the class to a new card game that brought out the competitive spirit and was a nightly activity. . . . As a class we worked together to cook and also clean up after meals; even those who felt they had little cooking aptitude did well in the kitchen!

**Pamela Nguyen:** At the beginning of the semester, our professor, Dr. Johnson-Groh, established that her main objectives were to provide her students with an environment that would foster creative hands-on learning and promote strong camaraderie among the students and the professor. She wanted us not only to develop an appreciation for flora and an inclination toward plant conservation, but also to understand the importance of working together and challenging ourselves to perform at our fullest potential.


As a class, we decided the best way for us to test our flora knowledge would be to go to an unfamiliar area. Earlier in the semester, we had received an invitation from Bruce and Susan Jones to venture out to Virginia. This decision was difficult as it was a tradition for the class to travel to the Missouri Ozarks every year. We fed our curiosity and hunger for adventure by choosing Virginia. . . .

During our time at the Joneses' property and Shenandoah Valley, observing flora and applying concepts that were learned in the classroom were not ignored. We often took breaks during our walks and hikes to sit down and observe, identify, and record the existing flora species and the nature of their habitats. In the evenings, we enjoyed the Joneses' wonderful hospitality by having our discussions, doing our assignments, and logging our journals on the Joneses' patio or in their great room. These conversations were filled with excitement, questions, and newly acquired knowledge that was both valuable and pertinent to the course.

**Stephanie Erlandson:** The Joneses had all these rare, beautiful, ephemeral wildflowers growing just yards away from the house. They were growing things like Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot, hepatica, wild ginger, golden club, trillium, and many other flowers that I knew were not common back home in Minnesota. I couldn't get over the fact that these were wildflowers growing in their garden. And then I got to see some truly rare species of orchids and lady slippers. I was overwhelmed. I saw other species I had never seen before, but only because they don't grow in Minnesota. My favorite was the sycamore tree, which was common in Virginia but which I had never seen in my life.

Not only did I get to see gorgeous wildflowers, but the Joneses and their friend Sandy showed me some of the edible plants in their garden. The eastern redbud became a favorite when I learned the flowers and young seed pods were edible. It just so happens that it's in the pea family, and the bright purple flowers are very tasty. The second day there we made tea using the buds and young twigs from the black birch tree. It tasted sweet and as good as any tea found at the grocery store.

The trip did end up feeling very much like a plant immersion course, like the immersion courses taken for languages. Yet there was definitely time for fun! Susan and Bruce taught us this amazing card game called "99," which we played just about every night. And we were able to see some night-time visitors, namely a raccoon, an opossum, and some cute little flying squirrels as they ate out of the bird feeder. I really had a good time bonding with my classmates as well. I admit that one night a friend and I stayed up until two in the morning just talking and discussing.

**Michael Lynch** summed up the feelings of the entire class when he wrote that the Virginia trip "provided an excellent capstone to this course, as it allowed us to reaffirm our knowledge of the floral terms, learn new species, see a new part of the country, and get to know each other better. But what we feel particularly fortunate about is that it allowed us meet some wonderful people—from a different generation, in a different part of the country, but all sharing a common bond. When it comes down to it, we're all Gusties." 





## Awards pile up for College's most-decorated speaker

by Dana Setterholm '07

**For Andrea Carlile '07**, forensics has been more than just an extracurricular activity—it's been a way to make a difference. Carlile, a member of Gustavus Adolphus College's forensics team for four years who has amassed a boatload of awards and certificates for her prowess, sees forensics as a forum to discuss issues she is passionate about. "It's more than just speaking well; it's about conveying a message you believe in," she says. "It's about doing good for society."

Carlile, who is from Chatham, Ill., first became interested in forensics because her older brother was on a team, and when she joined herself she loved the activity enough to stay with it through high school and all four years of college. At first, it was because speech was fun, but later Carlile realized just how valuable the experience could be. Besides learning to speak well, she has developed skills in advocacy, research, and teamwork that will be useful in a future career. But most of all, she has learned just how important one speech can be.


This is the reason she enjoys the persuasive category of speaking: "It provides a forum to talk about things I'm passionate about, and allows me to make an impact." Carlile saw this firsthand last year, when she gave a speech on the detrimental effect of water privatization, based on her experience studying abroad in India. In the speech, she encouraged listeners to stop buying bottled water, as that supports water privatization.

At the same tournament this year, organizers provided small Nalgene bottles for contestants rather than the usual bottled water. "One speech for ten minutes can impact a life and make a change," Carlile says.

This year Carlile chose a House bill that would require photo identification to vote as the topic of her persuasive speech, arguing that the bill (and similar state laws) would be disenfranchising for citizens who, due to disability, age, or place of birth, do not have any form of government-issued identification. She chose the topic because "it spoke to me—we live in a democracy, but we're stopping people from voting. That's the biggest crime to me." The speech earned Carlile first-place honors in oratory at the Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association State Championships held in February of 2007 and qualified her for competition at the Interstate Oratorical Association's National Contest. The Interstate Contest is the nation's oldest annual public speaking competition, with past speakers including the founder of the Republican Party and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. It's also Carlile's favorite tournament. This is the third time she has qualified for the Interstate Contest, making her the first person in 116 years of Gustavus forensics to attend the tournament three times—the previous record-holder, who attended twice, graduated during the 1970s.

Carlile also participated in seven other categories at the Minnesota Collegiate

Forensics Association State Championships, and competed at the 30th annual American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) with Gustavus teammates on April 6–9. There, she qualified for the quarterfinals in the Communications Analysis division and was named to the All-America team. Carlile was one of two Gusties to reach the quarterfinals (the only Gusties in school history to do so) and she was just the second student in Gustavus history to receive the All-America honor. The Gustavus team had 31 entries at the tournament, the most they've ever had, and earned a top-twenty national ranking for the first time, one of only six non-Division I schools to do so. Carlile was also one of ten students named All-America by Pi Kappa Delta (a forensics honor society for undergraduate students), which honors students who excel in community influence and academics as well as forensics, making her just the second Gustavus student in school history to receive this award.

Carlile is not sure yet how forensics will fit into her future. Her immediate plans are to attend graduate school to get a master's degree in political science, but her career plans after that are yet to be determined. No matter what the profession, forensics has provided her with skills in advocacy, research, teamwork, and speaking well, as well as valuable experience. And, most importantly, it has allowed Carlile the opportunity to make a difference. 



The stadium, circa 1939. "X" marks the room where **Bob Hansen '42, C. Eddie Johnson '42**, and their roommates lived from 1938 to 1942.

## Hidden history: Life in the 'Hilton West'

by **Bob Hansen '42** and **C. Eddie Johnson '42**,  
as told to **Steve Waldhauser '70**

“**P**retty soon it will be gone. One of the oldest buildings on the Gustavus campus, it survived all the weather hazards Mother Nature dished out for decades. Even the terrible tornado of a few years ago hardly left a mark on it. A limited-use facility most of the year, it really came to life for a few months in the fall, when it was the place to be for great football games. . . . But there is a chapter in the history of the old stadium that few people remember, that for a few years it was a kind of dormitory for thirty-some students, most of them athletes on Gustie teams.”

**C. Eddie Johnson '42**, who wrote those words, should know—he, and **Bob Hansen '42** and **Vic Gustafson '42** and **Mike Nielsen '42** and around 30 others, were “stadium rats,” living in converted handball courts in the “Hilton West” during their careers at Gustavus.

When the stadium was built in 1929, it included three handball courts, a gang shower, a couple of sinks, a couple of toilets, and a forced-air furnace under the tiered stands. However, it was never used as an athletic facility. In the mid-'30s, the administration thought of another use: put artificial ceilings in the courts, bring in beds—about 12 per court—fire up the furnace and



the plumbing, and rent it out to students who needed some financial help. But let the “rats” tell the tale:

Bob Hansen: “[There were] 12–15 of us to a room. Every two of us shared a dresser, and we had a common ‘closet’ at one end of the room. A couple of tables near the windows, a few chairs, and our individual cots made up the furniture.”

Johnson: “Some guys found wooden orange crates for book cases . . . A variety of lamps came later after a trip home. At one end of the room there was a long pole where the fellows hung their clothes. There was always plenty of space for this purpose, since sweat shirts and jackets were usually the order of the day.”

Hansen: “We had a washroom adjacent to the furnace area [with] toilets, some wash basins, and a gang shower. . . . This area also served as the location for ‘Spook’ [Bernard ’39] Atkinson’s barber shop. . . . When Atkinson graduated, he turned his barber shop over to Ralph Pernula ’42, who like Spook was a native of New York Mills.”

Johnson: “The charge per student was \$2 a month. Remember that in those days tuition was \$75 a semester, and meal tickets were \$9 for \$10 worth of tickets, but \$2 a month was still cheap for a room . . . Cost of a haircut was 15 cents in meal tickets, and Spook ate well.”

Bob Hansen remembers that, although the men who lived in the stadium were “a lot of Swedish American Lutherans” who were “a cross section of the Upper Middle West,” they shared a common desire to get


an education and to take part in athletics at the college level. “They were also perpetually hungry,” Hansen says. “And poor,” adds fellow rat Mike Nielsen.

“Our parents must have had enough money to do considerable baking,” Hansen remembers, “as we usually had a supply of cookies, pastries, and other edibles. Sharing was a cardinal rule. . . . As a group we were obsessed with food. This frequently led to excursions into the countryside in search of watermelon, cantaloupe, and apples. We lost a promising athlete one night who, while trying to avoid a hostile landowner, ran into a foundation and ended his athletic career.”

The stadium was a good distance from other campus facilities, and the sense of isolation was intensified in 1940, when the famous Armistice Day blizzard stranded the stadium occupants for days. But, by and large, the memories of life in the stadium are good ones.

Hansen recalls, “Three of us were confined to the stadium on Christmas Day 1941, as we had no place to go. A car pulled up and Arne Langsjoen ’42 entered the stadium with a complete Christmas dinner cooked by his mother. What a day brightener that was! Arne went on to become head of the Chemistry Department and spent a lifetime at Gustavus. His father, Nels Langsjoen, served as head of the Modern Language Department.”

Hansen concludes, “Living in the stadium prepared us for what was soon to follow, as most of us ended up in military service in World War II. Military life was a lark following life in the stadium. That experience [also] served us well later in life. . . . Almost all of us graduated and, strangely enough, ended up in some field of education as teachers, coaches, or administrators, many very successful.”

As the old stadium becomes another memory, there will be a few in the crowd at the new stadium who will look out and count themselves fortunate to have lived with (and in) the old one. 

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*Bob Hansen ’42 retired in 1981 to his lake cabin near Richville, Minn., after a career as city manager of Madison, Minn. C. Eddie Johnson ’42, who retired as public information officer for the Minnesota Community College system, has been class agent for the Class of 1942 for more than 45 years.*

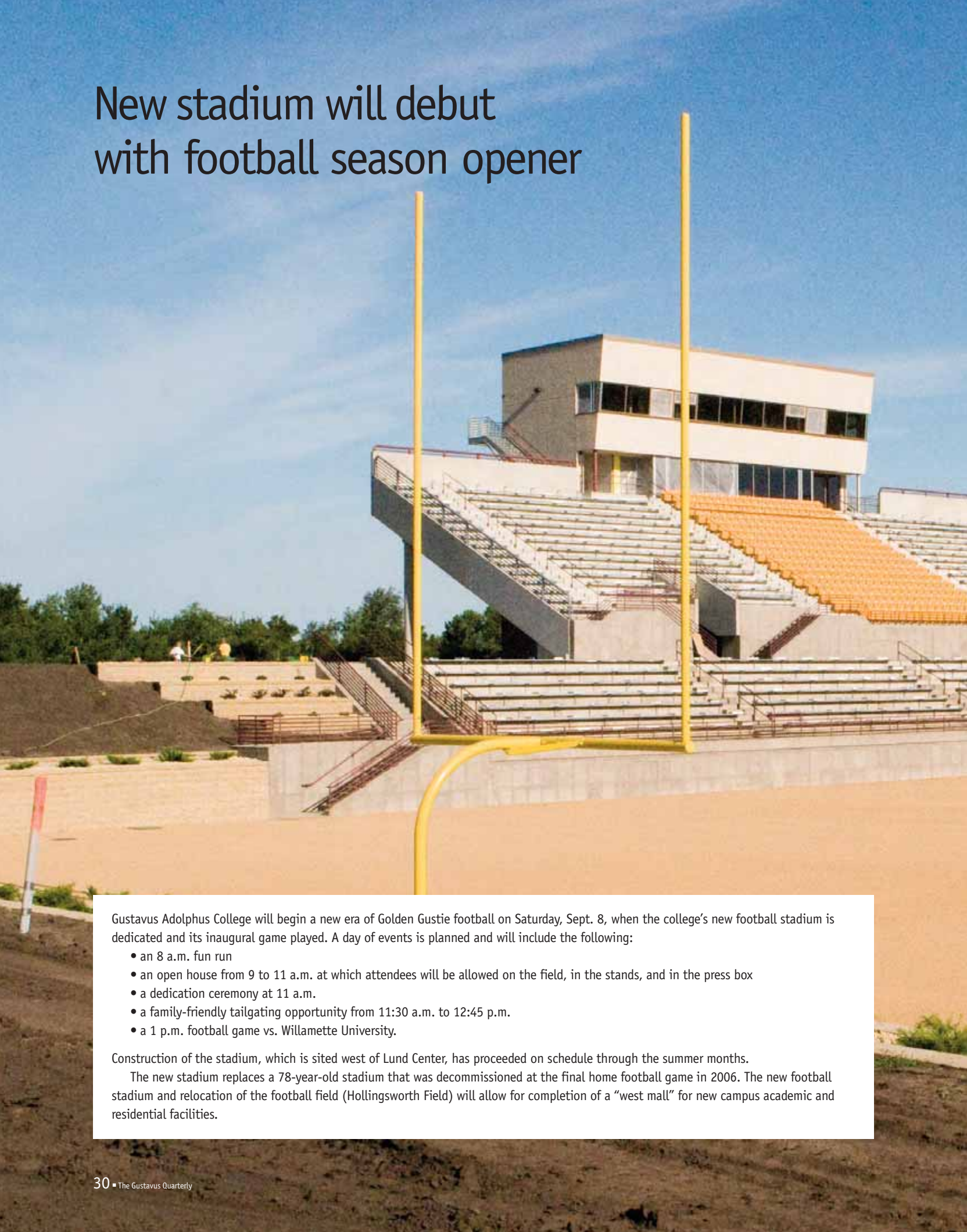


*Mike “Scooter” Nielsen ’42, Grand Rapids, Minn., and “stadium barber” Ralph Pernula ’42, New York Mills, Minn. (now living in Lancaster, Calif.), standing outside the entrance to their quarters in the stadium.*

*Left: Co-author Bob Hansen ’42 came to Gustavus from Thief River Falls, Minn. (he now lives in Richville, Minn.), and roomed in the stadium for four years.*



# New stadium will debut with football season opener



Gustavus Adolphus College will begin a new era of Golden Gustie football on Saturday, Sept. 8, when the college's new football stadium is dedicated and its inaugural game played. A day of events is planned and will include the following:

- an 8 a.m. fun run
- an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. at which attendees will be allowed on the field, in the stands, and in the press box
- a dedication ceremony at 11 a.m.
- a family-friendly tailgating opportunity from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- a 1 p.m. football game vs. Willamette University.

Construction of the stadium, which is sited west of Lund Center, has proceeded on schedule through the summer months.

The new stadium replaces a 78-year-old stadium that was decommissioned at the final home football game in 2006. The new football stadium and relocation of the football field (Hollingsworth Field) will allow for completion of a "west mall" for new campus academic and residential facilities.



The new stadium's field is synthetic for long-term and inclement weather use. It is recessed below ground level for improved sightlines and features an earthen berm, which surrounds the entire field and provides additional informal seating. Spectators enter the stadium through a visually appealing arched entryway called the "Traditions Plaza." The home section of the stadium includes bleacher seating for 2,400 spectators and a stadium tower that houses a press box and presidential suite. A visitors' seating section across the field accommodates 1,000 additional fans. The grassy berm area can hold another 1,500.



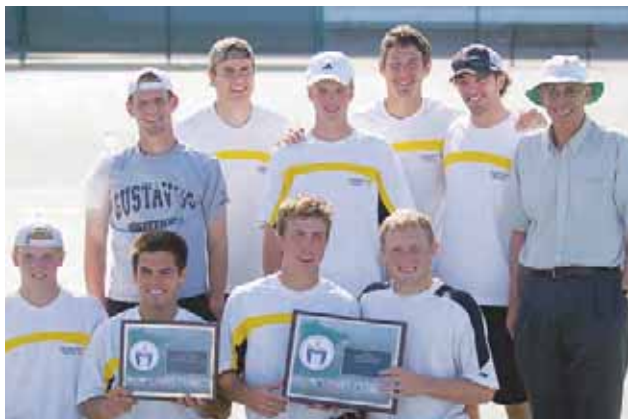


# Sports notes

**The 2007 MIAC champion women's tennis team** – front row, from left: Darcy Haubrick, Alison Utke, Kelsey Brugger, Jennie Andersen, Jill Bailey, Laura Arnebeck; middle row: assistant coach Heidi Rostberg Carlson '93, Kristina Kelly, Hannah Frericks, Haley Prittinen, Lauren Hom, Jenni White, head coach Jon Carlson '88; back row: Lisa Gruenisen, Jaime Gaard, Alex Burleigh, Jenny Anfelt, Christine Reimer, Sierra Krebsbach, Erica Dobson.



**The 2007 MIAC champion men's tennis team** – front row, from left: John Kauss, Dan Suchy, Andy Bryan, Mike Burdakin; back row: Jesse Brauer, Nick Hansen, Charlie Paukert, Ben Tomasek, assistant coach Thomas Valentini, head coach Steve Wilkinson.



## Women win MIAC All-Sports title, Men finish third

**G**ustavus has captured the 2006–07 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Women's All-Sports Award. For the Gustie women, it is their fifth All-Sports Award in the last seven sea-

sons. The traveling trophy is awarded annually to the institution that accumulates the best all-sports record during the MIAC academic year. St. John's University won its second consecutive men's all-sports title and 14th overall championship, while the Gustavus men finished third behind the Johnnies and St. Thomas.

The Gustie women edged St. Thomas by one point (104–103) to claim the Pat Wiesner Women's All-Sports Award. Gustavus captured three team titles and five second-place finishes in 2006–07, winning team championships in hockey, swimming and diving, and tennis and added seconds in volleyball, golf, basketball, outdoor track and field, and softball.

The Gustie men scored 81 points in the race for the George Durenberger Men's All-Sports Trophy. Gustavus won or shared MIAC titles in tennis and soccer and finished second in golf and swimming and diving. St. John's finished first with 96.5 points and St. Thomas placed second with 83 points.

The MIAC All-Sports trophy had its beginning in the 1963–64 school year, when Bob Schabert, a writer for the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, began determining men's all-sports results. The current men's trophy, the George Durenberger Trophy, was donated by St. John's University beginning in the 1972–73 school year. On the women's side, the Pat Wiesner Trophy was donated by Macalester College beginning in the 1983–84 school year, a year after women's sports competition began in the MIAC. **G**



## Six named to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams

Six Gustavus student-athletes were named to the prestigious Academic All-America teams administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and sponsored by *ESPN The Magazine*. The individuals honored were men's tennis player Andy Bryan (jr., Edina, Minn.), softball player Rachael Click (soph., Rochester, Minn.), hockey player Margaret Dorer (jr., St. Paul, Minn.), cross country runner Hailey Harren (sr., Cold Spring, Minn.), hurdler Tanner Miest (sr., Willmar, Minn.), and cross country and track competitor Alex Zupan (sr., Monona, Wis.).



**Andy Bryan**

Bryan, an all-conference and All-America performer who played #1 singles and #1 doubles on the men's tennis team, maintains a 3.80 GPA with a major in biology.

Click, an all-conference and all-region shortstop on the softball team, maintains a 3.85 GPA with a major in elementary education.

Dorer, an all-conference and All-America defenseman on the hockey team, maintains a 3.85 GPA with majors in Scandinavian studies and psychology.

Harren, a two-time All-America selection and 2006 NCAA



**Rachael Click**




**Margaret Dorer**

champion in cross country, earned Academic All-America honors for the second consecutive year. She graduated with a 3.80 GPA with majors in political science and financial economics.

Miest (photo on p.35), a three-time MIAC champion in the 110-meter hurdles and an All-America selection in 2006, graduated with a 3.96 GPA in biology.

Zupan, a two-time all-conference performer in both cross country and track and field, graduated with a 4.0 GPA with majors in mathematics and music.

Gustavus now ranks 14th among the more than 700 institutions in the College Division of the Academic All-America program (NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, and NAIA) in number of Academic All-Americans with 64. 



**Hailey Harren**



**Alex Zupan**

## Spring Sports Summary

by *Tim Kennedy '82*

**Baseball** – Coach Mike Carroll's squad finished fourth in the MIAC regular-season standings with a record of 14–6 and qualified for the MIAC post-season tournament. The Gusties fell to St. Olaf (9–3) and St. John's (4–3) at the tournament and ended the year with an overall mark of 21–15. Four players were named to the all-conference team: third baseman Tony Konicek (sr., Rochester, Minn.), shortstop Mike DesLauriers (soph., Minnetonka, Minn.), second baseman Nate Ruff (soph., Bloomington, Minn.), and first baseman Pat Siering (jr., Eden Prairie, Minn.). Konicek and DesLauriers also received All-Midwest Region honors.

**Softball** – The Gusties finished second in the MIAC regular-season standings with a record of 20–2 and received a bid to participate in the NCAA tournament for only the second time in the program's

history. Coach Jeff Annis's squad participated in the seven-team NCAA Central Regional in Decorah, Iowa. Gustavus, which finished with an overall record of 32–10, won one game and lost two to finish fifth out of seven teams at the regional. The squad shattered several school records, including wins in a season (32), home runs in a season (37), runs scored (268), and hits (356). Four players were named to the all-conference team: pitcher Joyce DeWitz (sr., Good Thunder, Minn.), catcher Abby Bernstein (sr., St. Paul, Minn.), second baseman Julie Mahre (jr., White Bear Lake, Minn.), and shortstop Rachael Click (soph., Rochester, Minn.). DeWitz, Mahre, Click, and centerfielder Emily Klein (soph., Red Wing, Minn.) were also named to the All-Midwest Region team.

**Men's Tennis** – Coach Steve Wilkinson's squad claimed its 19th consecutive MIAC championship by posting a perfect 9–0 mark during *continued on next page*




## Gustavus 11th in 2006–07 NACDA Directors' Cup standings

The Gustavus men's and women's athletic teams combined to score 633.5 points and finished 11th out of 435 competing NCAA Division III institutions in the 2006–07 Directors' Cup standings. The Directors' Cup competition is sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the United States Sports Academy.

Williams College (Mass.) won the Division III title for an 11th consecutive year with a total of 1,137.5 points. The Directors' Cup, which is the only all-sports competition in intercollegiate athletics, is awarded to four-year institutions in the NCAA and NAIA with the best overall athletic programs. In Division III, standings are based on national tournament finishes in 25 sports, with points awarded based on the number of teams participating in each specific national championship.

Gustavus recorded national finishes in 11 sports, including women's golf (3rd, for 85 points), men's tennis (4th, 83), women's ice hockey (5th, 25), women's tennis (5th, 73), men's swim-

ming (5th, 75), men's soccer (17th, 50), women's outdoor track and field (28th, 44), men's indoor track and field (28th, 43.5), women's swimming (30th, 44), women's basketball (33rd, 25) and softball (33rd, 25).

Gustavus is one of only seven institutions in Division III that have finished in the top 11 in the Directors' Cup Standing in five of the past six years (Williams, College of New Jersey, Emory, Gustavus, Middlebury, UW-La Crosse, and Washington University). Gustavus is also the only school from the MIAC to place in the top 20 in 2007. 

*Members of the Gustavus Adolphus College women's golf team show off their hardware after placing third in the nation at the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Tournament. Pictured from left are Coach Scott Moe '95, Rachel Roberg, Kali Griggs, Breanne Staples, Amanda Johnson, and Kimbra Kosak.*



## Spring Sports Summary

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regular-season play. The Gusties then went on to win the MIAC post-season tournament and earned an automatic berth to the NCAA team championship. Gustavus posted NCAA regional tournament wins over Luther (6–1) and UW-Whitewater (6–0) to advance to the NCAA finals. At the finals, the Gusties defeated Williams College (5–4) in the quarterfinals, but then lost to eventual champion UC-Santa Cruz (5–0) in the semifinals, and Middlebury College (5–1) in the third-place match to finish fourth nationally. Wilkinson's squad finished with an overall mark of 27–10. The Gusties' win over Williams at the NCAA tournament was the 1,000th victory in the program's history.

**Women's Tennis** – The Gusties claimed their 16th consecutive

MIAC championship with a perfect 10–0 record during regular-season play. Coach Jon Carlson's squad then went on to win the MIAC post-season tournament and earned an automatic berth to the NCAA team championship. Gustavus posted NCAA regional tournament wins over Coe College (5–0) and Carthage College (5–1) to advance to the NCAA finals. The Gusties fell to Amherst College 5–4 in the quarterfinals of the NCAA finals to finish in a tie for fifth nationally with an overall record of 26–6. Lauren Hom (sr., Stevens Point, Wis.) and Sierra Krebsbach (fy., North Oaks, Minn.) were both selected to take part in the NCAA singles and doubles tournaments. Hom and Krebsbach both lost in the first round in singles, but rebounded to win a first-round match in doubles before being knocked out in the quarterfinals.

**Men's Golf** – The Gusties saw their string of 22 consecutive appearances in the NCAA championships come to an end when they



## Gergen, Miest named NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners

**G**ustavus Adolphus College student-athletes Nicole Gergen (gymnastics) and Tanner Miest (track and field) have both been named NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners. Gergen, a spring graduate from Hastings, Minn., and Miest, a spring graduate from Willmar, Minn., will receive \$7,500 scholarships to pursue graduate study at the institutions of their choice.



*Nicole Gergen*


Since the start of the 2003–04 academic year, Gustavus ranks third for the most postgraduate scholars among all NCAA schools (Division I, II, III). Emory has the most postgraduate scholars with 22, followed by Stanford with 19 and Gustavus with 12. Gergen and Miest are the 21st and 22nd Gustavus student-athletes to receive an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in the history of the program and the third and fourth this academic year, following Hailey Harren (women's cross country) and Alex Zupan (men's cross country).

Gergen, a native of Hastings, Minn., finished 11th on the balance beam and 29th on the floor exercise at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships in March, earning Second Team All-America honors on the beam. A three-time qualifier for the NCGA Division III Championships on both the balance beam and floor exercise, Gergen finished eighth on the floor at the 2005 national meet and recorded the fourth-highest floor exercise score in school history with a 9.75 at the 2004 national meet. She was also recognized three times on the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor



*Tanner Miest*

Roll. A chemistry major enrolled in the pre-medicine program at Gustavus, Gergen graduated with a 3.81 cumulative GPA. She will attend medical school at the University of Minnesota next fall. Miest, a native of Willmar, Minn., was a three-time MIAC champion in the 110 high hurdles (2005, 2006, 2007). He finished first in the 110 hurdles in five of seven meets this season and 11 of 14 over the past two seasons. Miest placed 13th at the 2007 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships after earning All-America

honors with an eighth-place finish in 2006. He also earned 2007 MIAC Outstanding Performance of the Meet honors for winning the 110 hurdles in a time of 14.58. Miest holds the school record in the 110 hurdles at 14.53 seconds. A biology major enrolled in the pre-medicine program at Gustavus, Miest graduated with a 3.97 GPA. He has been admitted into the M.D./Ph.D. program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. To qualify for an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall GPA of at least 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale) or its equivalent and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. The student-athlete also must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a graduate student. 

failed to receive an at-large bid to the national tournament. Coach Scott Moe's squad played in four tournaments in the spring season and its top effort was a second-place finish (out of 16 teams) at the Bobby Krig Invitational. A.J. Olson (fy., White Bear Lake, Minn.) was named the Freshman of the Year in the MIAC. Erik Tone (sr., Willmar, Minn.), Mark Stuckey (jr., St. Peter, Minn.), and Jordan Hawkinson (jr., Chisago Lakes, Minn.) were honored as All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association.

**Women's Golf** – The women's golf team completed a strong spring season with a third-place finish at the NCAA championships, which were played in Orlando, Fla. Coach Scott Moe's squad finished second at the Carleton Invitational and the Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association (MWCGA) State Tournament, and won dual matches against Webber International and St. Olaf before finishing at

the national tournament. Kimbra Kosak (soph., Grand Rapids, Minn.) finished fifth individually at the NCAA championships to pace the Gusties. Two players received awards from the MWCGA—Rachel Roberg (jr., Rice Lake, Wis.), who was named Player of the Year, and Kali Griggs (fy., Burnsville, Minn.), who was named Freshman of the Year.

**Men's Track and Field** – The Gusties finished third at the MIAC outdoor championships, which were held at St. John's University. Four individuals won event titles, including Drew Hood (jr., Mankato, Minn.) in the pole vault, Andy Klaers (sr., Loretto, Minn.) in the hammer throw, Alex Zupan (sr., Monona, Wis.) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and Tanner Miest (sr., Willmar, Minn.) in the 110-meter hurdles. Klaers went on to place fifth in the discus at the NCAA championships, held in Oshkosh, Wis., while Miest placed 13th in the hurdles.

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# Ten awarded All-America honors in spring sports



Andy Klaers

A very productive spring sports season that saw the men's tennis team, the women's tennis team, the softball team, the women's golf team, and both the men's and women's track and field teams participate in NCAA championship events led to an impressive group of ten individuals receiving All-America honors. This special group includes Andy Klaers (men's track and field), Sari Lindeman and Lisa Brown (women's track and field), Lauren Hom and Sierra Krebsbach (women's tennis), Andy Bryan and Jesse Brauer (men's tennis), Breanne Staples and Rachel Roberg (women's golf), and Tony Konicek (baseball). More than 500 athletes (505 to be exact!) representing the Gustavus athletic program have now received All-America recognition since 1937, when football player Wendell Butcher was the first Gustie to be honored.



Sari Lindeman

Andy Klaers (sr., Loretto, Minn.) finished fifth at the NCAA championships in the discus. Klaers is a two-time All-America selection.



Lisa Brown

Sari Lindeman (jr., Cannon Falls, Minn.) finished eighth in the triple jump at the NCAA championships. Lindeman received All-America honors for the first time.

Lisa Brown (soph., Lake Crystal, Minn.) finished second in the javelin at the NCAA championships. Brown is a two-time All-America selection.



Lauren Hom

Lauren Hom (sr., Stevens Point, Wis.) and Sierra Krebsbach (fy., North Oaks, Minn.) advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA women's doubles championship. Hom was honored for the fourth consecutive year, while Krebsbach was honored for the first time.

Andy Bryan (jr., Edina, Minn.; photo p.33) and Jesse Brauer (sr., Mankato, Minn.) advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA men's doubles championship. Bryan and Brauer are both two-time All-America selections.



Sierra Krebsbach

Breanne Staples (sr., Windom, Minn.) played the #2 position for the #2-ranked Gustie golf team all season and received All-America honors by virtue of a vote of the National Golf Coaches Association. Staples is a first-time All-America selection.


Rachel Roberg (jr., Rice Lake, Wis.) played the #1 position for the #2-ranked Gusties all season and received All-America honors by virtue of a vote of the National Golf Coaches Association. Roberg is a first-time All-America recipient.



Breanne Staples



Rachel Roberg

Tony Konicek (sr., Rochester, Minn.; photo p. 37) played third base for the baseball team and led the squad in hitting for the second straight year. He was selected by a vote of the American Baseball Coaches Association. Konicek, who was also a first-team selection last year, is the first Gustavus baseball player to receive All-America honors in multiple years. 



Jesse Brauer

## Spring Sports Summary

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**Women's Track and Field** – Coach Tom Thorkelson's squad posted a strong second-place finish at the MIAC championships. The Gusties, who were in first place after the first day of the two-day competition, had four individuals win event titles: Ashley Clemens (sr.,

Appleton, Minn.) in the discus, Sari Lindeman (jr., Cannon Falls, Minn.) in the long jump, Lisa Brown (soph., Lake Crystal, Minn.) in the javelin, and Janna Castellano (sr., Blaine, Minn.) in the pole vault. Brown went on to finish second in the javelin, Lindeman eighth in the triple jump, and Castellano 18th in the pole vault at the NCAA championships, which were held in Oshkosh, Wis.



## Konicek honored for second straight season




Tony Konicek

For a second consecutive season, Gustavus Adolphus College third baseman Tony Konicek (sr., Rochester, Minn.) has claimed conference, regional, and national honors for his baseball prowess. He received the Max Molock Award as the Most Valuable Player in MIAC baseball for the second consecutive year, was honored as the Midwest Region Position Player of the Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) for the second year in a row, and was also named for a second

time to the NCAA Division III All-America First Team by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA).

A three-time All-MIAC selection, Konicek made the transition from center field to third base midway through the 2007 season. He led the league in hits (38), RBI (38), and slugging percentage (.986), and finished second in batting average (.535). Konicek also added 25 runs scored, 11 doubles, 3 triples, 5 home runs, and 12 walks in 20 MIAC games.

Konicek finished as the Gustavus career leader in batting average (.440), hits (228), triples (12), RBI (178), and runs scored (135, tie) and ranks second all-time in home runs (31), doubles (53), and at-bats (518). He is Gustavus's single-season record-holder in at-bats (171 in 2004) and hits (74 in 2004) and has posted the top three marks for RBI (55 in 2007, 54 in 2004, and 48 in 2006).


Konicek is only the fourth player to be named the league's MVP twice and he is the first player from Gustavus to receive the honor in multiple years. 



Tom Thorkelson '70

## Thorkelson repeats as MIAC Coach of the Year in women's track and field

Tom Thorkelson '70, head coach of the Gustavus women's track and field team, has been selected as the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's 2007 Coach of the Year for women's outdoor track and field. This is the second consecutive year that Thorkelson has been chosen by his peers to receive this prestigious award.

Thorkelson directed the Gustavus women to a second-place finish at the MIAC outdoor championships. Four Gusties won individual event titles and 12 others received all-conference honors by virtue of placing in the top three in their events. Thorkelson, who has directed both the men's and women's track and field teams for the past nine years, has led the women's program to second-place finishes in each of the past three seasons. 

## Harren named MIAC Senior Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the *College Sporting News* website

Hailey Harren (photo on p. 33), a senior cross country runner at Gustavus, has been named the *College Sporting News* website's MIAC Senior Female Student Athlete of the Year for the 2006-07 school year. Kirby Carr, a football and baseball player at Bethel, was named the Men's Student Athlete of the Year. Harren is the first student-athlete from Gustavus to receive this award.

A selection committee comprising coaches, administrators, and former MIAC athletes chose Harren and Carr from a group of 23 seniors nominated by the schools. They were honored for excellence on the playing field, coupled with superior academic performance and involvement in community service. This is the second year that *College Sporting News* has selected a Senior Student-Athlete of the Year from the MIAC.

Harren, a native of Cold Spring, Minn., finished eighth at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships last fall after winning the national individual title in 2005. She claimed the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCAA Central Region individual titles this past fall and was named both the MIAC and NCAA Central Region Runner of the Year. A political science and financial economics double major, Harren has compiled a 3.80 cumulative grade point average. Harren has also been very active in the community, working as a Study Buddy at a local elementary school and visiting local nursing homes as a part of the Elders program. 

## Gustavus Fund announces challenge grant



The Gustavus Fund is pleased to announce the Greater Gustavus Fund challenge grant for 2007–08. In May, the Greater Gustavus Fund Board of Trustees approved a \$50,000 challenge grant for unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 and above to the Gustavus Fund made during the 2007–08 fiscal year, ending May 31, 2008.


The Greater Gustavus Fund has been a long-time supporter of the College. Since its inception in 1927, the Greater Gustavus Fund has made gifts totaling over \$3 million for numerous projects.

Here's how the grant works: The Greater Gustavus Fund challenge grant will match new and increased gifts at a 1:1 ratio. The challenge grant emphasizes acquisition of new donors who make an initial gift of \$1,000 or more, and donors who increase their giving to the \$1,000–\$4,999 (Ren Anderson Society) or \$5,000+ (President's Circle) levels.

"The Greater Gustavus Fund wants to support significant unrestricted giving to the College," says Rob Linner '74, president of the Greater Gustavus Fund. "We are in the business of making gifts that not only support the College but also help donors think about their personal giving in a more significant way."

"Not only will this grant generate new revenue, but it helps us create a culture of philanthropy that celebrates habitual and significant

giving to the Gustavus Fund," states Teresa Harland '94, associate vice president for advancement.

Help the College meet and exceed the \$50,000 challenge grant for 2007–08 by leveraging your Gustavus Fund gift! Go online to [gustavus.edu/giving](http://gustavus.edu/giving), call the College at 866/487-3863, or mail your significant gift. Make your gift now! 


## Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation leadership grant supports arboretum prairie restoration

Gustavus is pleased to announce a matching grant of \$200,000 from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation in St. Peter to help restore a 70-acre prairie in an undeveloped area of Linnaeus Arboretum.

The restoration of a 70-acre parcel due west of the currently developed arboretum will provide a prairie that is larger than other restorations in the region (Kasota, Ottawa). It also will increase both the nature and extent of outreach activities, educational opportunities for Gustavus faculty and students, and ecological diversity and conservation, thereby expanding upon the long-standing commitment of the Linnaeus Arboretum to serve both on- and off-campus constituencies.

Given the extreme loss of prairie in the southern and western portions of the state, restoring a large prairie tract in the arboretum not only serves as an educational, recreational, and historical linkage for people of all ages, but also is an act of good stewardship that, among other things, will promote ecological diversity and provide erosion control, nutrient cycling, and water purification.

**Carl Schmidt '25** was a Gustavus graduate who was very interested in projects relating to conservation. He and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation have had a long history of involvement in and support of the Linnaeus Arboretum.

This leadership award and the restoration project are part of a new vision for the arboretum that views the entire campus as a natural space for education. This new, integrated plan includes the proposed prairie restoration, the development of the south and west malls on campus, enhancement of the hardwood and coniferous forests of the arboretum, and endowment of the naturalist program. 



### Class of 1957 Reunion Class Gift

President Jim Peterson '64 accepted the Class of 1957 reunion class gift of \$631,115 during Reunion Weekend. The class's reunion committees of class gift, communication, and event generated, respectively, their class gift, 10 class letters, and 40 percent reunion attendance. Pictured from left are class gift co-chair Roger Anderson '57, Susan Pepin Peterson '65, class gift co-chair Judy Lund Erdman '57, and Jim Peterson '64.



# A Royal Affair will indeed be a family affair ...

**G**ustavus Library Associates and a cadre of enthusiastic volunteers are busy preparing for yet another significant fundraising event, the widely anticipated biennial Royal Affair to benefit Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library.

As a guest at a family reunion two summers ago, Susan Engelsma Wilcox '73 was listening to the Steele family, entertainers for the evening, when the idea hit her, "Why not expand our entertainment for the next Royal Affair from the Steele sisters, Jearlyn and Jevetta, to include the entire Steele family and celebrate the Gustavus family connection."

And that's how it will be at *Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair*, say Wilcox and Nacia Dahl '92, co-chairs of the 2007 event, scheduled for Saturday, October 27, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, Minn.

## Volunteer opportunities

There are still opportunities for anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with the party.

To donate auction items, contribute financially, or for tickets and/or information, call the Gustavus Office of College Relations, 507/933-7520. Watch the website, [gustavus.edu/gla](http://gustavus.edu/gla), for posting of online auction items, too.



*The John and Mignette (Anderson '50) Najarian family, honorary chairs of the 2007 A Royal Affair.*

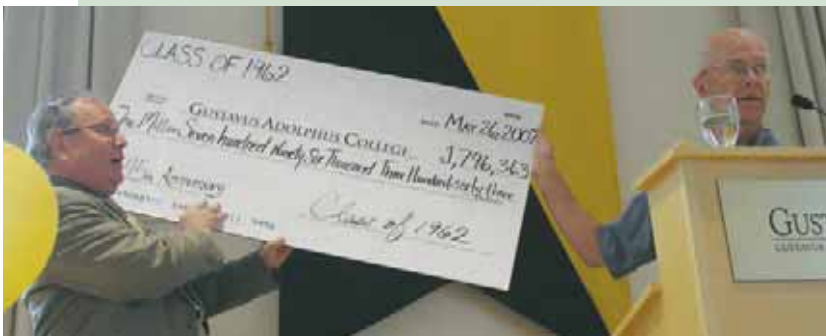
The concept of the Gustavus family extends beyond the purely literal definition of family to include alumni, parents, extended family, friends, and friends of friends who know and love the College.

Whether you are a family of one or many in number, you are important to us. That's why an underlying family theme for the October Royal Affair seems fitting and a reason to celebrate.

It seems only appropriate then that we designate a family as honorary chairs. Exemplifying a generational family of Gustavus is that of John and Mignette (Anderson '50) Najarian. Grandparents, parents, and children all share in support of the College. And their involvement with the design and production of each Royal Affair through the years is legendary. At almost every Royal Affair, Mignette's famous baklava has brought a king's ransom from the top bidder. Her sons could usually be found effortlessly lifting and toting—whether items from her store-rooms or auction items for display. And, in recent years, Dr. John could be observed rehearsing his lines for his role as emcee or auctioneer for the event. Whatever the call, this family answered.

Join with the Najarian and Steele families in celebration of yet another library benefit gala, *Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair*.

## Centennial class gives nearly \$1.8 million to the College



**Ben Leadholm '62** (right), representing the Centennial Class of 1962, presented a check for \$1,796,363 to President **Jim Peterson '64** on behalf of his classmates as they celebrated their 45th anniversary reunion on campus in May. Co-chairs of the class gift committee were **Sandy Luedtke Buendorf '62**, **Jan Eiffert Hoomani '62**, and Leadholm. The class's reunion committee generated their class gift (a total as of May 31, 2007, of \$546,390, with cumulative Gustavus Heritage Partnership commitments of \$1,298,111), six class letters, and 38 percent reunion attendance.

# Younger alumni establish scholarships in gratitude

by *Randall Stuckey '83 and Tom Young '88*

Younger alumni of the College are proving that it's possible to assist in enabling others to afford the cost of a college education while raising their own families and realizing their own goals and priorities. Here are two great examples.

Annual Alumni Fund giving has been an important part of **Brad Somero's** lifestyle since his graduation in **1983**. After marrying his wife, **Paige**, in 1998, it became part of their lifestyle together. "Giving back is important to us," says Paige. "Brad and I believe the Lord has blessed us and we wish to return his blessings."

After the birth of their daughter, Madison, in 1999, they began to think deeply about the future, and that led to a discussion about the past. Brad and Paige wanted to do more for Gustavus and give above and beyond their regular Annual Fund giving. About three years after the birth of their son, Caleb, Brad and Paige started an endowed scholarship in their name to enable students of high ability and need attend Gustavus. "With our scholarship, we hope to educate and motivate others to do the same, especially the Class of 1983, for our 25th class reunion."

"I benefited so much from my time at Gustavus," says Brad, "got a great education, sang in a great college choir, established lifelong relationships, and developed a sense of family and connectedness—all these things have helped me to this day. The liberal arts education helped me learn to experience and appreciate a variety of things leading to lifelong growth."

"A good deal of my tuition was paid with scholarships and grants," says Brad. "Paige is the economist and has made it possible for us to give." Knowing the value of time and compounding, the Someros started their scholarship with an initial gift and add to it each year.



*Brad '83 and Paige Somero*

Disbursement of the funds will begin when the fund reaches \$25,000.

In addition to their annual and scholarship giving, Brad serves the College as co-class agent for his class and is co-chapter agent in Phoenix. Brad and Paige are active in their church, Esperanza Lutheran Church, with Brad serving as council president, leading committees, and singing in the choir, while Paige and their children perform in musicals and choirs.

**Brian Bowers '87** grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota. He

enjoyed great teachers, but the class offerings at his smaller school were not as extensive as some larger schools. Entering Gustavus in the fall of 1983, he focused on business, economics, and political science. He credits his Gustavus instructors for the extra time and energy they gave to enable him to develop as a student. With their help he secured a double major in accounting and political science.



*Brian Bowers '87*


He leveraged the education and friendships he developed at Gustavus to excel in business. Together with **Wade Davis '88**, he founded Financial Recovery Services, Inc. (FRS), in Edina, Minn., which has grown to be a nationally recognized leader in the debt collection services field.

"I recognize the role that my four years at Gustavus plays in my life and the lives of those around me," he says. "It gives me great joy to be able to help others attend Gustavus, and especially to support those with rural backgrounds to have an opportunity for a great education like I did."

Brian has established an endowed scholarship that provides annual financial support for students from southern Minnesota for whom financial aid is essential in order to permit them to attend Gustavus. His scholarship, together with many others, is a piece of the financial backbone of the College.

"What is more important than education and giving?" Brian asks. "This scholarship enables me to do both at the same time. I encourage everyone who is passionate about what Gustavus offers to consider focusing their philanthropic investments there for the students of the future."

Why not make the "gift of Gustavus" one of your philanthropic priorities? The success of Gustavus has been and will always be anchored by the generous support of its alumni and friends.

If you wish to join Brian Bowers and the Someros in providing scholarship support to today's Gustavus students, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 800/726-6192 and ask to speak to Teresa Harland '94. 

Co-author *Randall Stuckey '83*, who interviewed classmate *Brad Somero '83* for this article, is director of alumni relations at Gustavus. *Tom Young '88*, who contributed the profile of *Brian Bowers '87*, has been a gift planner for the College since 2005.





## Honor Roll of Donors

If you haven't had a chance to find yourself online, please go to [gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll](http://gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll) to check out the 2006–2007 Honor Roll of Donors. The honor roll recognizes those who made gifts to Gustavus between June 1, 2006, and May 31, 2007. To find your name or check out your class results, just point and click from your home or office computer. For those who do not have access to a computer, you may call toll-free 866/487-3863 to receive a copy in the mail (supplies are limited). To be included in the 2007–2008 Honor Roll of Donors, go to <https://secure.gustavus.edu/giving/giving.cfm>

to make a gift online, or call 800/726-6192 by May 31, 2008.



## Seniors meet 50th-anniversary class challenge

Seven members of the Class of 1957 challenged the Class of 2007 to up their senior class gift with a matching gift up to \$1,000. The 2007 seniors responded with a class gift total of \$3,776.21 (\$4,776.21 with the Class of '57's addition). Pictured with the 2007 senior class gift committee are the seven alumni from the 50th-anniversary class: front row from left – Travis Michelson '07, Judy Lund Erdman '57, Tommy Elton '07, Megan Tepper '07, Roger Anderson '57, Erica Brown '07, Chris Skordahl '07; middle row – Nancy Reiter Grimes '57, Kara Knutson '07, Marlys Mattson Nelson '57; back row – Clem Nelson '57, Vada Peterson Carlson '57, Dennis Carlson '57.

## ONLINE information, resources, ideas

Have you looked at the “Giving to Gustavus” website lately? Just enter [gustavus.edu/giving](http://gustavus.edu/giving). The list of resources includes:

- Staff to contact for personal assistance
- Secure online giving and other electronic giving options.
- Matching gift database—will your company match your gift?
- Information on giving stock and other appreciated assets
- Suggestions on giving for scholarships, both annual and endowed
- Planned and estate giving resources—everything you need at [gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving/index.cfm](http://gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving/index.cfm)
- Recommended language for including Gustavus in a will or estate plan
- Financial and estate planning ideas, and gifts that pay you (with a “gift calculator” to help your planning)
- E-brochures on planned gifts, wills, estate planning, to study on your own or to take to your financial adviser
- *The Honor Roll of Donors*, at [gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll](http://gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll).



# 2006–2007 Alumni Fund report

Results through May 31, 2007.

To make your 2007–2008 gift, go online to [gustavus.edu](http://gustavus.edu) or call 866/487-3863 prior to May 31, 2008.

| Decade                     | Alumni Fund  |              |                       |                         |   |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|
|                            | Class        | Donors       | % Part.               | Alumni Fund             | Class Agent(s)                                |
| First Decade (1997–2006)   | 2006         | 81           | 11.6%                 | \$2,477.56              | Eckman/Forbes/Olson/Parks/Peterson/Swenson    |
|                            | 2005         | 76           | 11.8%                 | \$4,993.01              | Hansen/Lewis/Michaletz/Neitzke/Nelson/Shipley |
|                            | 2004         | 89           | 14.3%                 | \$4,840.01              | Frie/Michael/Nelson/Williams                  |
|                            | 2003         | 109          | 17.1%                 | \$10,199.81             | Bakke/Beer/Gusenius/Wilcox                    |
|                            | 2002         | 105          | 16.5%                 | \$14,723.56             | Katherine Oleson and Karen Warkentien         |
|                            | 2001         | 101          | 18.1%                 | \$5,902.32              | Hal DeLaRosby and Cassie Larson               |
|                            | 2000         | 105          | 17.6%                 | \$9,752.50              | Corey Bartlett and Bonnie Dahlke              |
|                            | 1999         | 87           | 15.5%                 | \$15,751.76             | Phil Eidsvold and Jesse Torgerson             |
|                            | 1998         | 94           | 17.9%                 | \$13,011.01             | Dobosenski/Halverson/Peterson                 |
|                            | 1997         | 140          | 24.7%                 | \$16,796.07             | LeVesque-Piela/Peterson/Swanson/Tucker        |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>987</b>   | <b>16.5%</b>          | <b>\$98,447.61</b>      |   |
| Second Decade (1987–1996)  | 1996         | 132          | 25.3%                 | \$17,863.54             | Shawn Mayfield and Allie Newman               |
|                            | 1995         | 128          | 24.4%                 | \$15,600.43             | Sara Tollefson Currell and Amy Seidel         |
|                            | 1994         | 125          | 26.2%                 | \$38,455.55             | Munsterman/Ripken/Zinsli                      |
|                            | 1993         | 127          | 25.6%                 | \$12,251.00             | Craig Anderson and Kris Lamont                |
|                            | 1992         | 182          | 34.7%                 | \$19,945.30             | Annie Marshall                                |
|                            | 1991         | 148          | 25.2%                 | \$37,532.82             | Kim Osland                                    |
|                            | 1990         | 123          | 23.8%                 | \$18,835.28             | Batz/Michel/Miller/Nelson                     |
|                            | 1989         | 108          | 21.1%                 | \$30,152.50             | Anderson/Dueber/Mocchi                        |
|                            | 1988         | 112          | 23.3%                 | \$93,335.99             | Ericson/Hagen/Pieper/Quackenbush              |
|                            | 1987         | 151          | 37.3%                 | \$67,508.94             | Fahrenz/Harstad/Koch/Pearse                   |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>1336</b>  | <b>26.7%</b>          | <b>\$351,481.35</b>     |   |
| Third Decade (1977–1986)   | 1986         | 149          | 30.9%                 | \$20,353.94             | Batz/Meyers/Murray/Rekow                      |
|                            | 1985         | 114          | 25.2%                 | \$30,485.00             | Susan Chwalek                                 |
|                            | 1984         | 149          | 29.8%                 | \$115,506.22            | Carole Arwidson and Ken Ericson               |
|                            | 1983         | 167          | 33.2%                 | \$80,909.54             | Brad Somero and Karin Stone                   |
|                            | 1982         | 171          | 36.7%                 | \$129,963.61            | Anderson/Olson/Wasson                         |
|                            | 1981         | 166          | 36.2%                 | \$63,004.52             | Steve Heim and Leslie Nielsen                 |
|                            | 1980         | 171          | 35.7%                 | \$89,238.26             | Steve Sayre and Kent Stone                    |
|                            | 1979         | 121          | 27.4%                 | \$59,393.17             |   |
|                            | 1978         | 125          | 29.5%                 | \$19,806.50             | Mike Stanch                                   |
|                            | 1977         | 135          | 31.3%                 | \$51,047.50             | Al Behrends and Terri Delebo                  |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>1468</b>  | <b>31.6%</b>          | <b>\$659,708.26</b>     |   |
| Fourth Decade (1967–1976)  | 1976         | 132          | 32.0%                 | \$59,419.56             | Ginny Leppart and Bruce Olson                 |
|                            | 1975         | 130          | 33.5%                 | \$121,680.80            | Paul Heckt                                    |
|                            | 1974         | 98           | 29.6%                 | \$128,335.00            | Rob Linner and Jan Michaletz                  |
|                            | 1973         | 135          | 32.9%                 | \$49,122.25             | Matt Peterson                                 |
|                            | 1972         | 127          | 33.8%                 | \$28,768.69             | Todd Dokken and Melanie Thornberg             |
|                            | 1971         | 116          | 31.2%                 | \$26,977.05             | Bruce Johnson                                 |
|                            | 1970         | 119          | 37.3%                 | \$44,473.90             | Karol Greupner and Lindy Purdy                |
|                            | 1969         | 151          | 40.5%                 | \$80,052.17             | Dave and Jane Leitzman                        |
|                            | 1968         | 139          | 40.8%                 | \$26,155.00             | John and Kris Moorhead, Paula Navarro         |
|                            | 1967         | 101          | 45.3%                 | \$75,825.79             |   |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>1248</b>  | <b>35.7%</b>          | <b>\$640,810.21</b>     |   |
| Fifth Decade (1957–1966)   | 1966         | 106          | 43.6%                 | \$57,178.53             | Engman/Ramseth/Slinde                         |
|                            | 1965         | 116          | 47.2%                 | \$28,230.09             | Bev Hedeon and Elaine Stenman                 |
|                            | 1964         | 139          | 58.2%                 | \$44,087.85             | Linda Hallman and Joanna Swanson              |
|                            | 1963         | 154          | 62.1%                 | \$65,315.00             | William Lahti and Paul Tillquist              |
|                            | 1962         | 150          | 62.5%                 | \$492,700.36            | Buendorf/Hoomani/Leadholm                     |
|                            | 1961         | 134          | 65.1%                 | \$67,524.39             | Virgene Sehlin                                |
|                            | 1960         | 145          | 65.6%                 | \$105,079.20            | Dennis Johnson                                |
|                            | 1959         | 132          | 61.7%                 | \$54,087.50             | Carol Heyl                                    |
|                            | 1958         | 126          | 67.4%                 | \$38,035.72             | Owen Sammelson                                |
|                            | 1957         | 143          | 79.0%                 | \$118,843.94            | Nancy Grimes, Clem and Marlys Nelson          |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>1345</b>  | <b>61.2%</b>          | <b>\$1,071,082.58</b>   |   |
| Sixth Decade (1947–1956)   | 1956         | 106          | 65.0%                 | \$62,343.02             | Carolyn Brusseau and JoAnn Lundborg           |
|                            | 1955         | 97           | 68.8%                 | \$91,231.13             | Dick DeRemee                                  |
|                            | 1954         | 91           | 65.0%                 | \$29,380.09             | Forrest Chaffee and Helen Hokenson            |
|                            | 1953         | 103          | 58.2%                 | \$48,071.77             | Thomas Boman and Marv Larson                  |
|                            | 1952         | 96           | 62.3%                 | \$32,515.79             | Barb Krig                                     |
|                            | 1951         | 142          | 60.7%                 | \$85,210.86             | Dorothy Lutz                                  |
|                            | 1950         | 123          | 67.2%                 | \$128,280.54            | Gloria Benson                                 |
|                            | 1949         | 79           | 56.8%                 | \$18,630.00             | Peter Erickson                                |
|                            | 1948         | 38           | 48.1%                 | \$23,710.00             | Lorrie Leaf                                   |
|                            | 1947         | 29           | 50.0%                 | \$11,880.12             | Bob Wieman                                    |
|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>904</b>   | <b>60.2%</b>          | <b>\$531,253.21</b>     |   |
| Seventh and Eighth Decades | 1946         | 36           | 54.6%                 | \$135,661.61            | Arlene Higgins                                |
|                            | 1945         | 34           | 72.3%                 | \$6,072.50              |   |
|                            | 1944         | 23           | 53.5%                 | \$2,007.86              |   |
|                            | 1943         | 57           | 78.1%                 | \$9,286.50              | Elmer Anderson and S. Bernhard Erling         |
|                            | 1942         | 33           | 51.6%                 | \$1,171,291.79          | C. Eddie Johnson                              |
|                            | 1941         | 24           | 58.5%                 | \$18,931.00             | Charles Lusk                                  |
|                            | 1940         | 14           | 46.7%                 | \$11,941.00             | Carl Lofgren and Evelyn Pearson               |
|                            | 1939         | 13           | 61.9%                 | \$4,527.50              | Carl and Miriam Manfred                       |
|                            | 1938         | 9            | 56.3%                 | \$72,217.45             | Frank Gamelin                                 |
|                            | 1937         | 8            | 42.1%                 | \$22,932.45             | Frank Gamelin                                 |
|                            | 1936         | 0            | 0.0%                  | \$0.00                  |   |
| 1935                       | 6            | 66.7%        | \$2,675.00            |                         |   |
| 1934                       | 5            | 62.5%        | \$53,035.00           |                         |   |
| 1933                       | 2            | 66.7%        | \$430.00              | Ruth Larson             |   |
| 1932                       | 1            | 16.7%        | \$0.00                |                         |   |
| 1931                       | 0            | 0.0%         | \$0.00                |                         |   |
| 1930                       | 2            | 40.0%        | \$6,195.00            | Hildur Anderson Swenson |   |
| 1929                       | 1            | 33.3%        | \$100.00              |                         |   |
| 1928                       | 1            | 33.3%        | \$0.00                |                         |   |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>269</b>   | <b>47.1%</b> | <b>\$1,517,304.66</b> |                         |   |





## Decade Leaders



**Ren Anderson '34** was a creative leader and administrator in the development of Gustavus. He launched the first Alumni Fund in 1954, the initial phone campaign in 1959, and the G-1000 program in 1966.

### Total Dollars – Ren Anderson Award

| Decade                       | Class Year | Amount      |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| First (1997–2006)            | 1997       | \$16,796    |
| Second (1987–1996)           | 1988       | \$93,336    |
| Third (1977–1986)            | 1982       | \$129,964   |
| Fourth (1967–1976)           | 1974       | \$128,335   |
| Fifth (1957–1966)            | 1962       | \$492,700   |
| Sixth (1947–1956)            | 1950       | \$128,281   |
| Seventh & Eighth (1928–1946) | 1942       | \$1,171,292 |



**Cecil Eckhoff '56** retired from Gustavus in 1994 after serving 31 years as head of alumni affairs. With his high energy, enthusiasm, and love for the College, he led Gustavus to national recognition for percentage of participation in alumni giving.

### Number of Donors – Cec Eckhoff Award

| Decade                       | Class Year        | Number |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| First (1997–2006)            | 1997              | 140    |
| Second (1987–1996)           | 1992              | 182    |
| Third (1977–1986)            | 1980 & 1982 (tie) | 171    |
| Fourth (1967–1976)           | 1969              | 151    |
| Fifth (1957–1966)            | 1963              | 154    |
| Sixth (1947–1956)            | 1951              | 142    |
| Seventh & Eighth (1928–1946) | 1943              | 57     |

### Participation Percentage – Cec Eckhoff Award

| Decade                       | Class Year | Percentage |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| First (1997–2006)            | 1997       | 24.7       |
| Second (1987–1996)           | 1987       | 37.3       |
| Third (1977–1986)            | 1982       | 36.7       |
| Fourth (1967–1976)           | 1967       | 45.3       |
| Fifth (1957–1966)            | 1957       | 79.0       |
| Sixth (1947–1956)            | 1955       | 68.8       |
| Seventh & Eighth (1928–1946) | 1943       | 78.1       |

## Top Six Participation Rates by Class Size

| Class Size 601–700 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 2003               | 17.1       |
| 2002               | 16.5       |
| 2004               | 14.3       |
| 2005               | 11.8       |
| 2006               | 11.6       |

| Class Size 501–600 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 1992               | 34.7       |
| 1983               | 33.2       |
| 1996               | 25.3       |
| 1991               | 25.2       |
| 1997               | 24.7       |

| Class Size 401–500 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 1987               | 37.3       |
| 1982               | 36.7       |
| 1981               | 36.2       |
| 1980               | 35.7       |
| 1973               | 32.9       |

| Class Size 301–400 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 1968               | 40.8       |
| 1969               | 40.5       |
| 1970               | 37.3       |
| 1972               | 33.8       |
| 1975               | 33.5       |

| Class Size 201–300 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 1960               | 65.6       |
| 1961               | 65.1       |
| 1962               | 62.5       |
| 1963               | 62.1       |
| 1959               | 61.7       |

| Class Size 101–200 |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Class Year         | Percentage |
| 1957               | 79.0       |
| 1955               | 68.8       |
| 1958               | 67.4       |
| 1950               | 67.2       |
| 1956               | 65.0       |

## 'Time to go'

# Bruce Gray '61 tries to retire . . . again

**D**uring a career with Gustavus that has spanned more than 40 years, Bruce Gray '61 has taken on a variety of responsibilities and projects for the College. His latest project is trying to retire.

Gray was first hired as an admissions representative and is credited with formalizing the school's program to recruit minority students and with helping to establish the Black Student Organization (now the Pan Afrikan Student Organization) at Gustavus. In 1966 he accepted an assignment as financial aid director and in this position helped to successfully lobby the Minnesota State Legislature to establish the framework for what is now the Minnesota State Scholarship and Grant Program.

After a stint as dean of students, he joined the institutional advancement staff in 1986 as a senior development associate, becoming a national figure in the area of planned giving. Two specific IRS rulings, with favorable implications for all of charity, are direct results of his work. He also developed a pioneering venture with Lutheran Brotherhood (now part of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans) that promoted a multi-million dollar Pooled Life Income Fund with Gustavus as the sole beneficiary.

A *Quarterly* staffer sat down with Bruce recently for a quick interview.

**How long have you been at Gustavus?** I arrived on campus in 1958 with a wife, child, and the GI bill. My adviser, John Kendall '49, counseled me to graduate in three years and continue on to graduate school. After graduate school, Howard Holcomb '49 and Edgar Carlson '30 [then admissions director and president, respectively] invited me to begin working in the Admissions Office. In 1966 I became the College's first director of financial aid. In 1975 I became dean of students, a position I held for 11 years. In 1986 Bob Peterson '58 and John Kendall—now the president—invited me to join the Development Office staff to work with foundations and corporations. The next year I began to work with individual donors and also traveled part-time interviewing and recruiting minority students for the College.

**When had you planned to retire?** A few months before the 1998 tornado I announced that I would retire at the end of the 1997–98 school year. After the tornado President Axel Steuer asked me to stay on to assist with the rebuilding effort. I agreed to a half-time position, which turned out to be a nine-year stint!

**What has been the College's best gift?** Bob Peterson received the best gift many years ago when, on the day before Christmas, a Gustavus cleaning lady came to his office with a crumpled five dol-



Bruce Gray '61

lar bill and said, "I want to help support the College." Every gift is important.

**What types of gifts have donors given the College?** We have received homes, farms, businesses, stock, IRAs, mutual funds, stamp and coin collections, cattle, soy beans, farm machinery, automobiles, cash, paid-up insurance policies, and just about anything you can imagine. We never say "no" to a gift until we have to. Once we said no to a gasoline station in Illinois—contaminated land.

**What types of planned gifts has the College established?** We have many different types of trusts including educational trusts for grandchildren and a variety of specialized trusts for individuals. Many donors have Gustavus annuities. Planned gifts provide an immediate tax benefit and income for the rest of the donor's life. There are many different

ways to support Gustavus.


**What has been the most significant gift you've been involved with?**

In 1989 Bob Peterson and I traveled to New York City to meet with the president of the Olin Foundation to present our case for a major gift. The meeting resulted in a \$5.1 million gift to build, furnish, and landscape Olin Hall. It was a major factor in strengthening our science program.

**What was your most exciting gift?** Establishing the "Rawhide Trust," which placed cattle into a trust, was my most creative gift. It had not been allowed until we received an IRS private letter ruling. The same trust has also been funded using soy beans. It turned out to be a creative opportunity for the donor and the College.

**In your 44 years of working at Gustavus how has the campus changed?** Great changes have taken place. The physical plant is spectacular, our faculty superb, and our administrative leadership excellent. Thanks to the Admission Office we attract fine students. With the support of our alumni and friends of the College we will continue to educate leaders of the future. The wind is at our back.

**What will you do in retirement?** Volunteer for the college! Our relationships with donors have turned into friendships. Sue and I love golf and travel. We also will begin the research to write the history of the minority movement on our campus.

**Any advice for Gusties and friends?** Include Gustavus in your estate planning and support the Gustavus Fund! If you have questions, call or e-mail the Advancement Office. "Sue and I love this place!" 





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## Gustavus Alumni Association

*The mission of the Alumni Association is to facilitate among former students lifelong relationships with Gustavus and with each other to enable alumni to actively advance and engage in the mission of the College.*

**Class news and information to be included in the Alumni section of the *Quarterly* should be sent to:**

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### Life on two wheels

In 2006 Karl Olson '94 and his wife, Pam (Bendtsen '93), opened a bicycle shop, The Spoke, in the old Kohnsbruck Hotel building in St. Peter. A year later, they were featured in the Mankato Free Press (April 21, 2007) as they opened their second shop outside the River Hills Mall in Mankato. "I don't settle," Olson explained to Free Press staff writer Shane Frederick. "I feel more settled doing this [opening the second, and larger, shop] than I do actually being settled."

The Olsons, who live in rural St. Peter with their two sons, had thought a lot about opening a second store—they just didn't expect it to be this soon. Their two stores have different atmospheres: the St. Peter location is quaint and cramped while the Mankato location is more open and modern to hold its own with two other independent bike sellers in town and a major sporting goods store with a full-service bicycle department. The Mankato location also allows the Olsons to expand into downhill and cross-country skiing and snowboarding, as well as adding clothing and equipment lines. They have hired experts in sales, repair, and fitness, including some former bike- and ski-shop owners and managers, and now sponsor races, group rides, and clinics.

"That's what it's all about," Karl maintains. "The bike is the best toy ever invented."

John Cross, Mankato Free Press





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## Fourth-generation Gustie

When Katelyn Johnson '10 enrolled at Gustavus for last fall she became a fourth-generation Gustie. Pictured from left are all four generations: **Katelyn Johnson '10**, **Kelly Rome Johnson '84**, **Connie Wold Rome '57**, and **Marguerite Herberg Wold Schmidt '32**. This spring Marguerite celebrated the 75th anniversary of her graduation and Connie her 50th. Connie and her husband, Dick, are also the parents of **Stuart '82** and **Amy '88**, and Marguerite also the mother of **Norman Wold '60** (father of **Kristin Collins '88**) and **Stephen Wold** (father of **Allison '04** and **David '08**).

# Athletics Hall of Fame

November 3, 2007

Gustavus will induct new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, in Alumni Hall, following the Concordia College football game. Selection of athletes is based upon athletic achievement while a student at Gustavus and honors graduates with outstanding athletic accomplishment and significant contribution to the field of athletics.

## Inductees

- Tim DeJarlais '91**, golf
- John Erickson '81**, hockey
- Dave Hultgren '92**, baseball
- Craig Miller '91**, cross country
- Mindy Mayerchak Oosten '88**, softball, soccer
- Mike Schumacher '91**, football
- Ann Sommerness Simms '92**, swimming
- Ryan Skanse '92**, tennis

Banquet tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations are requested by October 26. Call the Alumni Office at 800/487-8437, e-mail [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu), or register online at the alumni events section of the Gustavus website at [gustavus.edu](http://gustavus.edu). Tickets for the banquet will be held at a registration desk near Alumni Hall. Tickets for the football game may be purchased at the gate.

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**Pearl Johnson**, Minneapolis, recently phoned the Alumni Office to confirm her Minneapolis address and to advise that she is doing very well considering she is 101 years old.

## 39

### Class Agents:

Carl and Miriam Peterson  
Manfred

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**John Thoreen**, Oak Park Heights, retired as chief reviewer of Tozer Foundation scholarship applications, having reviewed more than 30,000 applications and selecting about

7,000 in the 60 years he has served in the role.

## 43

### Class Agents:

Elmer Anderson,  
S. Bernhard Erling

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**Alvin Mueller**, New Ulm, received the 2006 Sertoma Club of New Ulm Service to Mankind Award ■ **Howard Olson**, Sun City Center, FL, has printed his second volume of sermons, *The Immortal Word* ■ **Leslie Peterson**, Menomonie, WI, celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Ruth, and his 60th anniversary of ordination this year.

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**Audrey Egerstrom Peterson**, Kerkhoven, spends time in Texas and Minnesota and enjoys visiting with five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## 46

### Class Agent:

Arlene Sorenson Higgins

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**Ione Knudson Dopp**, Lake Havasu City, AZ, directs the bridge co-op in Lake Havasu City.

## 50

### Class Agent:

Gloria Martell Benson

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**Ken Nelson**, Shoreview, is active at Incarnation Lutheran Church, enjoys golf, bridge, traveling and reading.

## 51

### Class Agent:

Dorothy Johnson Lutz

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**Betty Correll**, Black Mountain, NC, volunteers with North Carolina Christian Believers United ■ **Elmer Luke**, Maple Grove, was inducted into the Hopkins High School Athletic Hall of Fame ■ **Carolyn Peterson Ruggles**, Mounds View, buys, fixes, and sells foreclosed properties ■ **John Solensten**, Ames, IA, had his fourth play, *There's Talk In Town*, performed by the Lex/Ham Community Theatre in St. Paul; his novel, *Good Thunder*, has been rated a "best read" about life in South Dakota by the *South Dakota Magazine*.







## 52 **Class Agent:** Barb Eckman Krig

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**Marie Schafer Benson**, St. Peter, wrote her memories, *Marie's Memoirs—Farmer's Daughter in Africa*, in celebration of her and **Stan's ('51)** 50th wedding anniversary ■ **Vance Eckstrom**, Lindsborg, KS, teaches part-time at Bethany College and serves as interim pastor or Sunday supply pastor as needed ■ **Deane Lundell**, Minneapolis, owns and manages a grain farm near Vasa ■ **Lee Jaenson Zopff**, Minneapolis, is helping to organize the Gunflint Trail Historical Society.

## 53 **Class Agents:** Thomas Boman, Marv Larson

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**Elaine Nagel Nelson**, Albert Lea, quilts weekly for Lutheran World Relief and her church ■ **Carl Peikert**, Forest Lake, retired as a family physician at Allina Medical Clinic in Forest Lake.

## 54 **Class Agents:** Forrest Chaffee, Helen Forsgren Hokenson

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**Janet Hanson Jones**, St. Peter, and husband, **Ellis '52**, downsized after 48 years in the same house, sending many items to the Gustavus archives in the process ■ **Paul Vollan**, Spicer, is chairman at Lake Region Bank.

## 55 **Class Agent:** Dick DeReme

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**Jackie Carlson**, Minnetonka, works part-time as a hostess in model homes for home builders, volunteers at the Minneapolis Institute of Art and in the medical library at the VA Medical Center, is flutist with the Wayzata Flute Ensemble, and is an active artist ■ **Gerald Christianson**, Gettysburg, PA, debated with Ron Broad against the University of London team composed of Miss Jennifer Cooperman and Lester Borley.

## 57 **Class Agents:** Nancy Reiter Grimes, Clem and Marlys Mattson Nelson

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**Peace Johns Finlayson**, Rochester, traveled this year to Mexico ■ **Gary Gabel**, Ivanhoe, served as interim minister from 2002–2007 at Tracy Lutheran Church ■ **Barbara Carlson Glenzinski**, Eden Prairie, works at



### All in the family

**Mildred Gulberg Gilbertson '40** and her daughters—all of whom are Gusties—embarked on a “roots” trip to Småland and Skone in February 2007. Pictured at the airport from left are **Debbie Gilbertson Olberschelp '74**, **Mildred, Rebecca Gilbertson Merritt '68**, and **Rachel Gilbertson Lind '66**. Mildred's Gustavus connection goes beyond her immediate family: she taught in Clarissa, Minn., for 39 years and was responsible for sending dozens of students to Gustavus from this rural town (pop. 500). Debbie and Mildred returned to Gustavus in May for the 75th-anniversary reunion of the College's concert choir, where Mildred was recognized for being the oldest former member in attendance (she sang with the 1938–39 and 1939–40 choirs).



### Class of 1942 – 65th Anniversary Class

Alton Berg, Jeannette Anderson Eide, Vic Gustafson, Ardyce Thompson Christianson.



### Another generation of Swenson Gusties

**Jacob Erik Swenson** (son of **Josh Swenson '97** and **Jill Swenson**) and **Oskar Jon Magnusson** (son of **Amy Swenson Magnusson '97** and **Kris Magnusson '95**) were baptized together at the Mayo Clinic Charter House Chapel so that Great Grandma **Connie Swenson** (wife of the late **Wendell Swenson '42**) could be present. Performing the ceremony was Jacob's grandpa (and Oskar's great uncle), the Rev. **David Swenson '70**. Members of the extended Swenson family were there to celebrate. Pictured are, front row from left, **Connie Swenson H'42** and **Amy Swenson Magnusson '97**; back row, **David Swenson '70**, **Josh Swenson '97**, **Kris Magnusson '95**, **Becky Swenson '05**, **Jeanne Carlson Swenson '71**, and **Norm Swenson '65**.

# Tennis GALA

October 6, 2007

The 16th annual Gustavus Tennis GALA is Saturday, October 6, 2007, at the Swanson Tennis Center.

Gustie friends from across the country will attend, so join us for an exciting day of playing or watching tennis at the indoor Swanson Tennis Center courts and Brown outdoor courts.

Contact Steve Wilkinson at 507/931-1614 or [swilkins@gustavus.edu](mailto:swilkins@gustavus.edu).

12:30 p.m. Registration for alumni players and spectators

1:00 p.m. Greeting from President Jim Peterson '64 and Athletics Director Al Molde '65

1:20 p.m. Round-robin play begins

3:50 p.m. Awards ceremony

## Homecoming&FamilyWeekend2007

### Friday, October 12

- 5 p.m. **1982 Social & Dinner** – Best Western, Mankato
- 6 p.m. **1997 Class Party** – The Clubhouse at Brit's Pub, Minneapolis
- 7 p.m. **2002 Class Party** – The Hollow at The Local, Minneapolis
- 7 p.m. **1992 Class Party** – Caterpillar Lounge at Azia, Minneapolis

**Campus Class Visits** – Families are invited to attend classes throughout the day and experience firsthand the academic programs with your student. Your student should tell his or her professor(s) if you are planning to attend.

- 7 p.m. **Homecoming King and Queen Coronation** – Alumni Hall
- 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. **Weekend Movie: *Shrek the Third*** – Wallenberg Auditorium

### Saturday, October 13

- 9 a.m. **Fun Run** – Three Flags (5K run around Campus Drive; \$3 payable onsite includes a shirt)
- 9 a.m. **Cec Eckhoff Society, Ren Anderson Society, and President's Society Reception** – President's House
- 9 a.m. **Seminar: "Outsmarting the Idiot Box: A Critical Approach to TV's Impact on Our Identity"** – Heritage Banquet Room  
*Join Communication Studies professor Martin Lang '95 for a look at the impact of television on our lives, from the choices we make to how we view ourselves and others.*
- 9 a.m. **Seminar: "How Not to Hover"** – St. Peter Banquet Room  
*Admission staff share tips on how to guide your student through the college search without being a "helicopter parent" or grandparent.*
- 10 a.m. **Morning Praise and Memorial Service** – Christ Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. **Seminar: "Parenting Successful College Students"** – St. Peter Banquet Room  
*Talk with Gustavus faculty and staff about your college student's academic and personal development.*
- 10:30 a.m. **Seminar: "Paying for College"** – Heritage Banquet Room  
*College is expensive, yet it's the best investment you can make for your child or grandchild. Learn the basics of financing a college education at Gustavus . . . or anywhere.*
- 10:30 a.m. **1987 Football Championship Reunion** – Lund Center
- 10:30 a.m. **1972 Reunion Breakfast** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 10:45 a.m. **"International Memories"** – Courtyard Café  
*Special gathering of students who studied abroad and international student alumni.*
- 11 a.m.–1 p.m. **Homecoming Lunch** – Evelyn Young Dining Room  
*Souvenir photo button with Gus the mascot, "Dancing with the Profs" preview, cotton candy and popcorn, and lunch a la carte.*
- 11 a.m. **Football 50 Year Club Reunion Lunch** – Campus Center Banquet Rooms
- 11 a.m. **2002 Tailgate Picnic** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 11:30 a.m. **Homecoming Parade** – Pittman to Norelius around Campus Drive
- 11:30 a.m. **1997 Tailgate Picnic** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 11:30 a.m. **1992 Class Social** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 11:30 a.m. **1987 Pre-game Class Party** – Tent on Eckman Mall
- 11:30 a.m. **1982 Class Brunch** – Alumni Hall
- 11:30 a.m. **1967 Class Luncheon** – The Dive

- 1 p.m. **Football Game vs. St. John's** – Hollingsworth Field
- Women's Soccer vs. Bethel** – Soccer Field
- 1:30 p.m. **Discover Linnaeus Arboretum with a Gustavus naturalist** – Lind Interpretive Center
- 2:30 p.m. **Seminar: "The Global Terrorist Threat"** – Olin 103  
*Gustie parent and terrorism expert Tom Maertens will reflect on developments in the last year from his vantage point as former U.S. Department of State Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism.*
- 3 p.m. **Weekend Movie: *Shrek the Third*** – Wallenberg Auditorium
- 4 p.m. **1972 Class BBQ** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 4:30 p.m. **1987 Class BBQ** – Tent on Eckman Mall
- 5 p.m. **1977 Class Dinner** – Alumni Hall
- 5 p.m. **Homecoming/Family Weekend Banquet** – Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms  
All alumni, students, and families are invited to attend this banquet featuring a college update by President Peterson and the awarding of the 1997 First Decade Awards to Alex Hill '97 and Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97. **Pre-purchased tickets are required.**
- 7 p.m. **Chicago Comedy Company** – Jussi Björling Recital Hall
- 7 p.m. **Weekend Movie: *Shrek the Third*** – Wallenberg Auditorium
- 9–11 p.m. **Sky Watch** – Olin Observatory  
*Stop in to gaze into the stary sky*
- 10 p.m. **Weekend Movie: *Shrek the Third*** – Wallenberg Auditorium

### Sunday, October 14

- 8 a.m. **Morning Coffee and Sunday Papers** – Courtyard Café
- 10 a.m. **Holy Communion Worship Service** – Christ Chapel  
Featuring the Choir of Christ Chapel and the Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Jazz Brunch**, featuring the Gustavus Jazz Ensembles – Evelyn Young Dining Room
- Noon **Vikings vs. Bears on TV** – The Dive
- 1:30 p.m. **Music Performances** – Christ Chapel  
Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Lucia Singers, Vasa Wind Orchestra
- 4:30 p.m. **Diversity Center Banquet** – Campus Center Banquet Rooms  
*A program to celebrate and honor students and alumni involved with diversity initiatives and their families and host families for their hard work and love.*

### Prospective Gusties!

Stop by the Admission Office during Homecoming/Family Weekend with your high school-age child or grandchild to receive a FREE Gustavus T-shirt.

For more information and to register for events, go to [gustavus.edu/alumni](http://gustavus.edu/alumni).





Whimsy in the Galeria and with Gentle Transitions helping move people over age 65 ■ **Lois Knapp**, Arlington, VA, is a retired occupational medicine physician ■ **Carol Lindig**, St. Paul, retired from Children's Hospital ■ **Laurel Western Peterson**, Brush Prairie, WA, is very active traveling, this year to the Amazon and Hawaii.

## 58 Class Agent: Owen Sammelson

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**Beverly Duncan Anderson**, Sun City West, AZ, works part-time as church relations associate in the Grand Canyon Synod for California Lutheran University ■ **Bud Boberg**, Excelsior, is a lay pastor for outreach at Ridgewood Church and is a volunteer Minnetonka Police Department chaplain ■ **Dennis Erickson**, St. Peter, volunteers for Heifer International and Habitat for Humanity and enjoys attending Elderhostels and skiing in Colorado ■ **Carol Lund Garone**, Andover, MA, did a Reformation tour with her church to Europe last year ■ **Edward Gutzmann**, Inver Grove Heights, is on the board of directors at Mainstreet Bank ■ **Lois Walfrid Johnson**, Alexandria, is a self-employed author, speaker, and writing teacher and had her Viking Quest novel, *Heart of Courage*, selected as a finalist for the Retailer's Choice Award ■ **Aaron Moen**, Canastota, NY, enjoys travel to visit children and grandchildren in Minnesota, California, and Hawaii.

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## 59 Class Agent: Carol Johnson Heyl

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**Evelyn Bonander**, Cambridge, MA, traveled this year to Israel and the Palestinian territories ■ **Deone (Nordquist)** and **Larry Cartford**, Wautoma, WI, traveled this year to Bhutan and India, went on a cruise to Hawaii, and split residency between Arizona and Wisconsin ■ **Lynda Johnson Minnick**, Chicago, IL, is a student in a two-year course in ornamental plants at the Chicago Botanic Gardens.

## 60 Class Agent: Dennis Johnson

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**Lorna Chumley Berlin**, Williamsville, NY, was elected to signature mem-

bership status in the American Watercolor Society ■ **Karen Olson Brown**, Vadnais Heights, took an extended driving trip this year to the Great Smoky Mountains and farther south ■ **Jan Jensen Eilers**, Belview, enjoys spending time with her first grandchild ■ **Martha Jonson Miller**, St. Charles, IL, is active traveling and volunteers at church and the St. Charles Heritage Center.

## 61 Class Agent: Virgene Grack Sehlin

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**Virginia Gerdes**, Waite Park, is involved with prayer and Bible study groups at her church and is active visiting family ■ **Judie Brown Mortenson**, Bloomington, retired as church secretary at St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

## 62 Class Agents: Sandra Luedtke Buendorf, Jan Eijffert Hoomani, Ben Leadholm

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**Doug Anderson**, Mankato, is employed at DDD Motel Corporation ■ **Marcia Grann-O'Brien**, Wakefield, RI, is editor/general of the Diocese of Providence newspaper ■ **Judy Samuelson Hane**, Duluth, is a part-time anesthesia assistant and directs the Salem Lutheran Senior Choir and West Duluth American Legion Chorus ■ **Dick Hane**, Duluth, is a part-time visitation pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, involved in the Port of Duluth Kiwanis Club, and went on a mission trip this year to Honduras ■ **Weston Johnson**, Castle Rock, CO, is an avid bike rider ■ **Carol Harvey Schutte**, Reno, NV, is a self-employed lymphatic therapist ■ **Sandra Springer Smith**, Fountain Hills, AZ, volunteers at the Heard Museum in Phoenix and her church ■ **Irene Penner Van Norman**, St. Charles, took a quilting-themed cruise to Hawaii ■ **Pete Wold**, Bloomington, traveled this year to Sweden; he enjoys the Bloomington parks and nature center and spending time with seven grandchildren.

## 63 Class Agents: Bill Lahti, Paul Tillquist

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**Ken Abram**, Noblesville, IN, spends time in Indiana and Florida, enjoys watching the sports activities of his grandchildren and training his red Lab ■ **Dorothy Jacobson Delegard**, Minneapolis, is ac-

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### Gustie surprise

Three generations of Gusties on the Mortensen side of the family were among the 27 family members gathered in St. Paul on Easter Weekend to celebrate the life of **C. Harold Peterson '47**, who died last April, and a surprise 80th birthday party for **Jim Mortensen '49**. Pictured front row are **Duane Flink '49**, **Joanne Mortensen Peterson '44**, **Jim Mortensen '49**, and **Joyce Flink Mortensen '49**. Second row are **Dawn Flink Silvius '68**, **Millie Anderson Flink '49**, **Bill Mortensen '58**, and **Mimi Peterson Lewell '75**. Back row are **Tony Peterson '96**, **Jill Ulrich Steeves '76**, **Rick Peterson '76**, **Jill Mortensen '78**, and **Drew Peterson '68**.



### Class of 1947 – 60th Anniversary Class

**Vernis Olander Strom**, **Marion Anderson Redman**, **Betty Johnson Gove**, **Cecile Carlson Ellis**, **Paul Anderson**.



**1950 grads enjoy semi-annual luncheon**  
Twice a year—every spring and fall—five 1950 graduates gather at the Lexington Cafe in St. Paul to talk over old times at Gustavus. They met again on June 11, when they posed for this photo. Pictured front row from left are **Oliver Reimer**, **Dale Kleven**, and **Dennis Johnson**; back row, **John Myhr** and **Don Dick**.

# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## Together yet again

Four boyhood friends, who graduated from Benson (MN) High School and went on together to Gustavus and then to Augustana and Luther Seminaries to become pastors, took a cruise together with their wives to the Virgin Islands in January 2007. Pictured from left are **Chuck Jacobson '53**, **Marilyn Anderson Jacobson '53**, **Arthur Dale '53**, **Marian Dale**, **Betty Ness Dale '53**, **Fran Dale '53**, **Carole Swedberg**, and **Paul Swedberg '52**.



## Hawaiian gourmets

In March 2007, **Jo Kendall H'49** (left) and **Barb Eckman Krig '52** were guests of **Scott Jacobson** (center; son of Dr. Maynard Jacobson '52) at Mama's Fish House, the restaurant Scott manages on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Krig adds that Mama's Fish House is "probably the best restaurant in Hawaii."



## Sixty years in coaching

Phoenix-area community newspapers recently featured **Sam Odell '51**, Queen Creek, AZ, for his longevity in coaching area youth. "Coaching was always my dream," says Odell, who taught physical education and biology and coached in Scottsdale, Ariz., schools from 1957 to 1989 and has continued to coach in Gilbert and Queen Creek schools since his "retirement" in 1989. "I've been blessed to be able to teach life lessons through working with youth in developing the skills needed to succeed and excel. It has given me so much satisfaction to see the development of thousands of individuals with whom I have had the pleasure to work."

Odell, a three-sport letter winner himself at Gustavus, has now coached for close to 60 years and has more than 1,500 wins and an 80 percent overall winning percentage in all the sports he's coached. Most of his time has been spent with football, boys' and girls' basketball, track, tennis, and golf at the high school and college level, but he has also coached softball at different levels. During his career he has helped develop numerous All-Americans, and his teams have earned more than 80 championships and several national finishes.

tive playing bridge, attending theatre and movie shows, gardening, playing poker, traveling, is in an investment club, and spending time with grandchildren ■ **Tim Gamelin**, Jamestown, NC, is pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and active with refugees from Sudan ■ **Ralph Johnson**, St. Petersburg, FL, spends time each year in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Florida ■ **Jerry Raedeke**, Nisswa, is exhibiting 40 original oil and watercolor paintings at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin and at Game Fair in Anoka ■ **Claudia Hayden Schroeder**, Flagstaff, AZ, volunteers for the Assistance League, Symphony Guild, and Family Food Center, enjoys plein air painting and ceramics, and spending time with all six grandchildren, who live nearby ■ **Jim Stephan**, Parma Heights, OH, since retiring, works at a hunger center in Cleveland ■ **Nancy Beck Strom**, Eagan, is owner of Tahitian Noni Health.

## 64 Class Agents:

Linda Leonardson  
Hallman, Joanna Carlson  
Swanson

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**Emmy Hanson Abello**, Santa Ynez, CA, traveled this year to the Canary Islands and toured with a choral group to Europe ■ **Paula Yocum Olson**, Amery, WI, serves as activities director at Riverbend Assisted Living ■ **Carla Johnson Stoneberg**, McCordsville, IN, is caregiver for her youngest grandchild ■ **Nancy Johnson Vrieze**, Rice Lake, WI, teaches part-time at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and is president of her church council.

## 65 Class Agents:

Bev Nordskog Hedeon,  
Elaine Buck Stenman

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**Julie Stensland Andrews**, Aurora, CO, became director of communications for United Launch Alliance, which is a joint venture of Boeing and Lockheed Martin combining the rocket launch businesses of the two companies ■ **Sue Widstrom Gamelin**, Jamestown, NC, is pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church active with a ministry for Sudanese refugees ■ **Judy Hultgren Gilbert**, Zimmerman, enjoys traveling, spending time with her six grandchildren, and finishing home projects ■ **Mary Beth Schwanke Loosen**, Cincinnati, OH, enjoys spending time with her first grandchild and touring the national parks ■ **Charles Rodning**, Semmes, AL, was selected as a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society at University of South Alabama College of Medicine ■ **Iris Benson Smyth**, Arlington, MA, works part-time as a geriatric nurse practitioner.

## 67 Class Agent:

position open

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**Linda Ek Asplin**, Sparks, MD, is employed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission ■ **Donna Oradei Berger**, San Diego, CA, retired as director of behavioral health services at Sharp Healthcare ■ **Douglas Jones**, Minneapolis, is an active supporter of the Minnesota Zoo and the Zoomobile program ■ **Wayne Swanson**, Edina, is in marketing at Nilfisk-Advance.



## 68 Class Agents:

John and Kris Lundberg  
Moorhead, Paula  
Navarro

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**John Knox**, Pocatello, ID, is dean of academic programs at Idaho Falls Center for Higher Education and a professor of physics at Idaho State University, Pocatello.

## 69 Class Agents:

Dave and Jane Norman  
Leitzman

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**Dave Benson**, Aitkin, is president of First Lutheran Church, was named Kinship Mentor of the Year for Aitkin County and volunteers at the community food shelf ■ **Greg Benson**,





Scandia, retired from First State Bank and Trust ■ **Sue Brekke Benson**, Aitkin, is retired from teaching English and as a media specialist at Aitkin High School and now teaches English online to French business people ■ **Ronald Kirchoff**, West St. Paul, is an attorney with the Kirchoff Law Firm ■ **Karen Matteson Knox**, Pocatello, ID, is assistant principal at Irving Middle School.

**70 Class Agents:**  
*Karol Klint Greupner,  
Lindy Turner Purdy*  
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**Connie Ericson**, Arlington, VA, is an attorney for Kay Scholer ■ **Karen Enzenauer Lee**, Rochester, is assistant director of the Office of Business Continuity Management at the Mayo Clinic and received the highest national service award given by a local Boy Scout Council, the Silver Beaver ■ **Sandy MacKenzie Madsen**, Hudson, WI, retired as a physical education and health teacher.

**71 Class Agent:**  
*Bruce Johnson*  
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**Carolyn Westerberg Callahan**, Park Ridge, IL, is a school social worker in the North Shore ISD ■ **Robyn Wieman Hansen**, St. Paul, was appointed to the board of trustees for the Wilder Foundation and is a shareholder at Leonard, Street, and Deinard ■ **Linda Nordlund Pedersen**, North Oaks, retired as a teacher from Mounds View Schools.

**72 Class Agents:**  
*Todd Dokken, Melanie Ohman Thornberg*  
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**Linda Christenson Chmielewski**, Sauk Rapids, is vice president/hospital operations for St. Cloud Hospital ■ **Becky Jensen Detert**, Welcome, teaches English, health, and driver's education at Martin County West High School and is co-owner of Old Alley Quilt Shop ■ **Bonita Barnes Eliason**, Shoreview, is regional manager of the division of ecological services of the DNR ■ **Leland Erickson**, Longview, TX,

is executive assistant to the field team director for The Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators that enables national speakers of

a language to translate the Scriptures for their own language

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**Legeros creates Three Crowns for Gustavus**  
*For many years Paul Granlund '52 produced sculptures for Gustavus 35-year service recipients. Granlund died in 2003 but the College secured enough of his sculptures to award recipients through 2006. To continue Granlund's legacy of bronze sculptures, Gustavus commissioned Granlund's protégé, Nick Legeros '77, to create a meaningful piece, and his Three Crowns sculptures were first awarded this spring to Will Freiert and Dean Wahlund '72.*

*Legeros describes his Three Crowns piece as fol-*

*lows: "Three crowns have long served as the symbol of Sweden and Gustavus Adolphus College. The origin and meaning of this symbol is unknown but has been used by Swedish royalty since the mid-1300s. As I thought about what form to create to best represent the experience of Gustavus Adolphus College, I saw in my mind's eye a young woman walking across campus. The wind was of course blowing, so she clutches her books as she strides confidently along the path. To create a sense of place I included the woman's shadow. The sun is shining and casts her shadow as well as the shadow of the spire of Christ Chapel and the shadow of the sculptural portrait of King Gustav Adolph. As the sculpture took shape, I saw the shadows as the true three crowns of Gustavus. The first crown is faith, the second tradition and history of the College, and the third crown the people who attend this place. The depths of the shadows are varied to represent a time quantity. Our time on campus is brief in comparison to the faith that we walk toward or the traditions we come from."*



#### Theological reunion

*Classmates from the Class of 1953 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation in 1957 from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on May 19 & 20. Pictured are Charles Jacobson, David Holmes, Irven Nelson, and J. Glen Sandquist. Not able to attend was J. Dean Gevik.*

East High School ■ **Maureen Twining Farrell**, Excelsior, works with the State of Minnesota Restorative Justice Board ■ **Linda Fuller Howard**, Flossmoor, IL, re-

ceived an MBA and provides nursing and nutrition to children from birth to age 3 as an RN.



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## Class of 1952 – 55th Anniversary Class

**Front row:** Walter Vomhof, Gloria Anderson Samelian, Ruth Lundvall Zahlner. **Back row:** Ellis Jones, Lois Oleson Krantz, Jerry Emholtz, Lee Jaenson Zopff, Deane Lundell, Barb Eckman Krig, Shirley Huselid Anderson, Marie Schaefer Benson.



## Class of 1957 – 50th Anniversary Class, #1

**Front row:** Ellen Anderson Jacobson, Judy Lund Erdman, Ann Russell Johnson, Peace Johns Finlayson, Beth Carlson Helgoe, Jerry Carlson, Ron Berg, Vertin Carlson. **Second row:** Paul Eddy, Roger Dahlin, Sharon Johnson Eddy, Barbara Carlson Glenzinski, Marlaine Barlau Gnan, Marian Hennix Gabel, Marcia Halgren Dale, Bernadette Anderson Galvin. **Third row:** Roger Anderson, Marcy Rhyne Herr, Nancy Reiter Grimes, Vada Peterson Carlson, Ron Cadwell, Jim Ellingson, Dick Gastler, Wally Johnson. **Back row:** Charles Hendrickson, Dennis Carlson, Ted Granquist, Don Eckberg, Gale Falk, Jon Berglund, Dave Borg, Cubby DeCorsey.



## Class of 1957, #2

**Front row:** Joanna Spooner Lundblad, Carole Swanson Minor, Carol Lundberg Owen, Jayne Avidson Thrasher, Ruth Swanberg Sanders, Joyce Kirkvold Knoll, Ramona Lovold Hawkinson, Marlys Mattson Nelson. **Second row:** Glen Mauston, Lois Larson Mauston, Connie Wold Rome, Phyllis Fox Paulson, Phyllis Holmberg Olsson, Patsy Truhn Schumacher, Ardel Waxlax Markitans, Gary Knoll. **Third row:** Rod Westrum, Barbara Ford Olson, Barbara Bredsten Stephens, Bev Bloomquist Todaro, Sandra Clark Vollan, R. John Singh, Pat Hoecke Olson, Lois Knutson Keech, Gene Sandvig, Roger Krantz. **Back row:** Lowell Madsen, Roger Lundblad, Fred Steiner, Bud Peterson, Moon Mullen, Roger Olson, Bob Larson, Clem Nelson, Bob Wahman, Arnie Walker.

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## Twin Cities "Come on, You Gusties" Breakfast

Join other Gusties for a morning cup of coffee and breakfast while getting an update on Gustavus—a great way to meet and network with Gusties in the Twin Cities. The group will meet the third Wednesday of each month at:

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Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763/533-9083

September 19 **President Jim Peterson**

October 17 **Jeff Jeremiason**, recap of Nobel Conference: The Energy Debate

November 21 Winter Sports Coaches **John Carlson '88**, men's and women's swimming; **Mark Hanson '83**, men's basketball; **Bret Petersen**, men's hockey

December 19 **Margaret Kelliher '90**, Speaker of the House, Minnesota House of Representatives

January 16 **Greg Aune**, Gustavus Choir; **Doug Nimmo**, Gustavus Wind Orchestra; **Warren Friesen**, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra

February 20 **Mary Morton**, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

March 19 **Hank Toutain**, Dean of Students

April 16 **Cindy Johnson-Groh**, Executive Director, Linnaeus Arboretum

May 21 **Tim Kennedy '82**, sports information director

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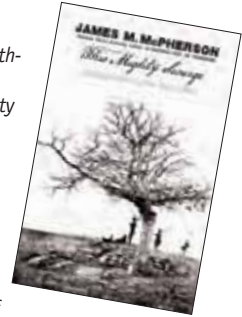
**Deb Luconic Freedholm**, Hopewell, NJ, is senior director/out-sourcing for Merck & Company, Inc. ■ **Steve Heitzeg**, St. Paul, is a self-employed composer ■ **Roberta Kitlinski**, Staten Island, NY, is a re-

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### McPherson adds to his Civil War publications

**James McPherson '58**, Princeton, NJ, has released another book examining the Civil War, titled *This Mighty Scourge: Perspectives on the Civil War* (Oxford University Press). Pulitzer Prize-winner McPherson, who in the words of Sam Allis of *The Boston Globe* is "our premier living Civil War historian," has gathered an illuminating collection of essays that reflect his latest thinking on the Civil War. Filled with new interpretations and fresh scholarship, these essays address many of the most enduring questions and provocative debates about the Civil War. In some, McPherson distills the wisdom of many years of teaching and writing about the meaning of the war and about slavery and its abolition. In others, he makes use of primary research that breaks new ground on such topics as Confederate military strategy, foreign views of the war, soldiers and the press, the failure of peace negotiations to end the war, and Southern efforts to shape a heroic memory of the war. The selection includes several never-before-published essays, including one on General Robert E. Lee's goals in the Gettysburg campaign, and another on Lincoln as commander-in-chief. The book also features a typescript of McPherson's 2000 National Endowment for the Humanities Jefferson Lecture about Lincoln's legacy, which has never been published in its complete form. As a whole, these essays provide a rich interpretive history of the Civil War and its meaning for America and for the world.

McPherson was recently named the first recipient of the Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for lifetime achievement in military writing. The award of \$100,000 is "to acknowledge the highest levels of scholarship and writing in a field that does not gain appropriate recognition," according to James N. Pritzker, founder and chief executive of the library. The award is to be presented on Oct. 6 at a dinner in Chicago.



### Costa Rican connection

Last January Gustie graduates provided mission services at Camp Penuel, Costa Rica, and met graduating senior Mike Kamrath of Hutchinson, MN. Pictured from left are **Karen Pierson Tommeraasen '63**, **Linda Pierson Engebretson '60**, **Paul Engebretson '59**, **Nancy Pierson Laible '67**, and **Mike Kamrath '07**.



### Class of 1960 Nurses' Biennial Tradition Continues

The Gustavus Nursing Class of 1960 celebrated a "Colonial Gathering" in New Bern, NC, last May. Hosting the event was Ruth Walfrid Dettor, who greeted the arrivals in colonial dress. Pictured front row are **Yvonne Harvey Daily**, **Carol Schumacher Vamvakias**, **Karen Carlson Danielson**, **Char Benjamin Schoen**, **Margo Pinney Cotton**, **Karin Olson Brown**, **Lois Swanson Johnson**, and **Lois Anderson Nelson**. Back row are **Carolyn Anderson Kvam-Hausman**, **Ruth Walfrid Dettor**, **Lois Lindall Miller**, **Carol Berg White**, and **Jo Jensen Tollefson**.

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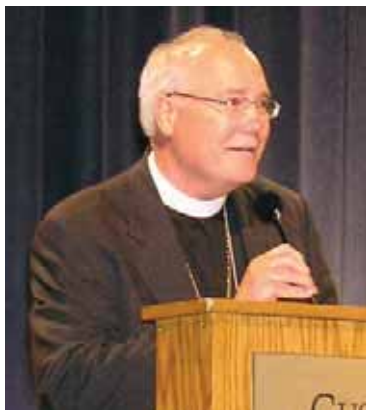
## Johnsons again host Gustie golf teams

For the third spring break in as many years, **Bill and Sharon Hansen Johnson '65 '64** (center) hosted the Gustavus men's and women's golf teams at their home in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. The Johnsons housed both squads, provided fully-cooked breakfasts and dinners, and arranged golf at area courses, including TPC at Sawgrass, for the entire week of spring break. This year, in addition to the golf teams, the Johnson's own children and families visited, which added to the festivities, as well as the number of dirty dishes to wash! Bill and Sharon look forward to hosting the teams again in 2008, and the teams and Coach **Scott Moe '95** are looking forward to returning to visit their dear friends.



## Gusties were here

Last March, **Eunice Madsen Carlson '65** traveled to Camp Victor in Mississippi with her church group as part of Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. She was surprised to find a legacy on a wall left by the Gustavus lacrosse teams. Gustavus lacrosse members spent January Interim on a service trip at the camp and left their artwork on the wall.



## Re-elected bishop

**Craig Johnson '69**, Bloomington, MN, was re-elected bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod, the ELCA's largest synod, and begins his second six-year term September 1. Before being elected bishop, Johnson was associate vice president for church relations at Gustavus from 1996-2001. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Nativity Lutheran Church, Shreveport, LA; Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; and Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN.

Elementary School ■ **Bruce Soyring**, Elmer, NJ, is a stay-at-home dad ■ **Pamela Dais Strom**, Eagan, is a stay-at-home mom ■ **Jane Bjerkeng Suhr**, Plymouth, is retirement services specialist for the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Association ■ **Stephen West**, Denver, CO, is an

AutoCadd craftsman/designer for Farnsworth Group ■ **Eunice Carlson Woodberry**, Moorhead, received a master's degree in divinity from Luther Seminary ■ **Ferman Woodberry**, Moorhead, is special assistant to the president, lead investigator, at St. Cloud State University.

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**Class of 1962 – 45th**

**Anniversary Class, #1 (left, top)**

**Front row:** Charlotte Tesberg Stanley. **Second row:** Hap LeVander, Joanne Stollenwerk, Sandra Luedtke Buendorf, Brenda Pick Keith, Nicole Blake '08 (recipient of a Class of '62 Scholarship), Lynda Hamlin Murray, Sandy Johnson Neagle. **Third row:** Kay Estesen Mowbray, Karen Lundquist Meyer, Solveig Overdahl Goldstrand, Gail Nelson Helgeson, Sandy Berge Bearson, Karen Stennes Osmundson, Jan Eiffert Hoomani, Geri Sparks Evans. **Fourth row:** Margo Callaghan, Audrey Kylander Kramer, Jackie Falk Anderson, Margaret Helvig Sediva, Judy Flom Hill, Ruth Johnson Leadholm. **Fifth row:** Elizabeth Elstrom Bergquist, Linda Johnson Blanding, Roz Johnson Anderson, Sandy Hendrickson Walls, Mary Linnerooth Petersen, Julianne Johnson Blaese. **Sixth row:** Alexander Kestly '05, Vail Peterson Parsons, Joan Boyum Tavares. **Back group from left:** Terry Skone, Paul Peterson, Al Henderson, Bruce Seastrand, Jim Gilbert, David Keith.



**Class of 1962, #2 (left, bottom)**

**Front row:** Sam Forsythe, Lynn Rosendahl-Johnson, Joan Rahm Roy, Toni Bennett Easterson, Sandy Springer Smith, Louise Spong Rodine-Doucette, Mary Roggow Rogers, LouAnn Eckberg Reese. **Second row:** Ed Blair, Kermit Swanson, Dale Johnson, Karen Hawkins Summers. **Third row:** Judy Samuelson Hane, Karen Noren Talle, Jan Swanson Swanson, Mary Jo Anderson Kuhn, Karen Anderson, Barbara Johnson Schmidt. **Fourth row:** Dick Hane, Diane Kolander Loomer, Diana Jacobson Martens, Mickey Montague McBride, Carolann Belmont Minor. **Fifth row:** Sharon Maurer Edberg, Gordy Edberg, Gail Lindsey Breen, Correen Silseth Morrill, Dianne Skalbeck Thunhorst, Jan Swanson Sammelson, Karen Koehn Anderson. **Sixth row:** Gerald Swanson, Rolf Nelson, Gayle Garven Hanson, Janyce Helgeson Olson, Gwendolyn Westman Nesburg. **Seventh row:** Alan Lorentzen, John Engstrom, Jon Buss, Jerry Springston. **Back group left to right:** John Lundblad, Jim Anderson, Bob Johnson, Matthew Eckman, Lowell Anderson, Craig Martens, Charles Kampen, Steve Hanson, Ben Leadholm, Pete Lindell, Jim Swanson, Dick Moody.

■ **Anne McComb**, St. Paul, is IT project manager for Medtronic ■ **Marni Myles-Vollan**, Willmar, teaches biology at the Willmar Area Learning Center and is area manager for Arbonne International ■ **Kelly**

**Grapentin Nelson**, Andover, is a school nurse for St. Paul ISD #625 ■ **Nancy Johnson O'Rourke** teaches second grade at Feltwell Elementary School for the Department of Defense Education Activity ■ **Corey**

**Peterson**, West Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, is working at Raytheon Polar Services Corporation, U.S. Antarctic Program, and is network manager for Mackillop College ■ **Roz Johnson Peterson**, Lakeville, is a

commercial Realtor with D & T Property and a member of the Lakeville Schools Board of Directors ■ **Kurt Raatz**, Apple Valley, is a compliance analyst for Wachovia Bank ■ **Tim Rask**, Iowa City, IA, is



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**New book explores faculty collaboration**  
**Carol Hamrum Rutz '71**, Fairbault, is co-editor of a new collection of essays on teaching, learning, and faculty collaboration titled *Building Intellectual Community Through Collaboration* (Northfield, Minn.: College City Publications, 2007). Rutz and her co-editor, Mary Savina, solicited and gathered contributions documenting the programs, courses, and research that their fellow Carleton College faculty members have designed, taught, or conducted with colleagues as well as staff and students.

Rutz, who is a lecturer in English and director of the Writing Program at Carleton, has co-edited three previous volumes in the field of faculty development and teaching, including *Dilemmas in Teaching* (Madison, Wis.: Atwood Publications, 1988), *Classroom Spaces and Writing Instruction* (Cresskill, N.J.: Hampton Press, 2004), and *Reflections on Learning as Teachers* (Northfield, Minn.: College City Publications, 2004).



## Steiner's band inducted into Hall of Fame

*City Mouse*, the band **Billy Steiner '72** started while a student at Gustavus in 1971, was inducted last April into the Minnesota Rock and Country Hall of Fame at the Medina Entertainment Center. In addition to Steiner, Mike Pengra '80 is also a member of the band, and the late Dr. Doug Dungey '72 played with the band in the '70s. Pictured front row from left are **Dave Pengra** (son of **Jim Pengra '50**) and **Tim Waters**. Back row are **Billy Steiner '72**, **Dale Haefner**, **Mike Pengra '80**, and **Ron Arsenault**.



## Bernhardson appointed to Fourth District bench

On April 27, 2007, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the appointment of **Ivy Schutz Bernhardson '73** to one of three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

Bernhardson had been chief legal officer at the Hazelden Foundation since 2004. She was a shareholder at the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis from 2000 to 2004, except for four months in 2002 when she served

as senior vice president and general counsel with Medica Health Plans in Minnetonka. Prior to joining Leonard, Street and Deinard, she was a staff attorney, associate counsel, senior associate counsel, and associate general counsel with General Mills, Inc., in Golden Valley. She earned her J.D. degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1978.

"Our courts are best served by judges who bring a variety of professional experiences with them to the bench," Governor Pawlenty stated in announcing Bernhardson's appointment. "Ivy has excelled in civil law, and her expertise in this area will be a great benefit to the Hennepin County courts."

employed by Vangent, Inc. ■ **Jennifer Reed**, Simsbury, CT, teaches science at King Philip Middle School in the West Hartford Public Schools ■ **Jay Schultz**, St. Paul, is a senior financial analyst for the national headquarters of the American Red Cross ■ **Cheryl Flor Scott**, Arlington, WA, is a property claims manager for SAFECO Insurance Company of America ■ **John Standbrook**, St. Louis, MO, is vice president for Strategic Tax Cost Management Company ■ **Peter Stapay**, Breckenridge, CO, is general manager of healthcare for Avolent, Inc. ■ **Joni Roust Stapfer**, Cedar, is green goods buyer for Beberg Landscape Nursery ■ **Beth Gustafson Sudduth**, St. Petersburg, FL, is the HIV/AIDS surveillance program manager at the Pinellas County Health Department ■ **Kelly Thomton**, Sartell, is human resources director at CentraCare Health System ■ **Sue Weiskopf-Larson**, Lino Lakes, is a principal at HLB Tautges, Redpath, Ltd. ■ **Gwen Wilson**, Minneapolis, is program director and executive director of Girls Incorporated at the YWCA of Minneapolis.

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**Stephen J. Carlson**, Bemidji, is a member of the Department of Music at Bemidji State University ■

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**Daugherty**, Morrison, CO, is vice president for The Integer Group ■

**Drew Davis**, Bloomington, is district sales manager for the business payroll division of Wells Fargo ■ **Amy**

**Pacovsky DeGrote**, Inver Grove Heights, is a stay-at-home mom ■

**Ryan DeGrote**, Inver Grove Heights, is a career-channel marketing manager for Thomson Learning ■ **Dan**

**Dissell**, Baxter, is a science teacher at QSI International School of Bratislava ■ **Christine Benson**

**Giesing**, Evergreen, CO, is a physician at Exempla St. Joseph's Hospital ■ **Angela Vorwerk Gottschald**,

Dusseldorf, Germany, is a project manager for Cargill, Inc. ■ **Laura Olson Houfek**, Maple Grove, is an occupational therapist for the Minnesota Masonic Home ■ **Steve**

**Houfek**, Maple Grove, is funeral director at Cremation Society of Minnesota ■ **Marna Kinney**, New Hope, is meeting and event manager for Carlson Companies, Inc. ■ **Jason**

**Knudtson**, Belmont, MA, is a physician at Midwest Surgical, P.A. ■ **Steven Koch**, Orr, is general contractor and owner of Koch Construction ■ **Beth Kueppers Martin**,

Shoreview, is on a leave of absence from Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11 and is a freelance sign language interpreter ■ **Nicole Mattila Martin**, Otsego, is a service consultant for The Hartford ■ **Laura Mueller**, New York, NY, is gallery director at Joan B. Mirviss Limited Gallery ■ **Peter Nee**,

Bloomington, is an EDI analyst for Williams and Associates ■ **Jason Ripley**, Northfield, received a Ph.D. in Biblical studies from Princeton University and is assistant professor of religion at St. Olaf College ■ **Melissa Otto Rossow**, South St. Paul, is assistant Ramsey County attorney ■ **Linda Anderson Sherman**, Eden Prairie, is employed by Medtronic Neurotechnologies ■ **Douglas Sipfle**, Chino Hills, CA, is a software engineer for Robertson's

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### Recognized for refugee services

**Barbara J. Day '75** (left), Ellicott City, MD, has received an award from the Office of the Secretary of State for her work with North Korean refugees. Day is the Domestic Resettlement Section Chief, Office of Refugee Admissions, in the Bureau of Refugees, Population, and Migration at the Department of State. The Superior Honor Award was

given to Day by Ellen Sauerbrey, the Assistant Secretary of State in the same bureau, and commends Day for "extraordinary effort and teamwork which has broken through the substantial obstacles posed to the processing of North Koreans for admission as refugees and ensured that they received a positive and dignified resettlement experience in the United States." Day worked as part of a five-person team to integrate the first North Korean refugees admitted to the United States under special legislation.



### Medford Gusties

Gusties employed by the Medford School District include **Gabrielle Precilio Thon '82** (RN, health services), **Gary Braun '89** (special education and high potential learners coordinator), **Judith Larson Slarks '76** (elementary teacher), **Rachel Doppelhammer Yetzer '98** (elementary teacher), and **Julie Langenfeld '03** (physical education teacher).



### Berkeley Gusties

**Kathryn Day '78** and **Erin Cunningham Dueber '95** are both associated with the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science at the University of California, Berkeley. Kathryn has been the administrative manager of the institute since 1989, and Erin was awarded a Miller Research Fellowship for three years, 2004–2007.

This photo was taken at the institute's annual Interdisciplinary Symposium, held at Tomales Bay, CA, the weekend of June 1–3, 2007.

### Lammers recognized by Taylor

**Bruce Lammers '80**, Jordan, MN, was recognized by Taylor Publishing as a top sales representative with Taylor's most prestigious award, The Founders Club. Criteria for the Founders Club encompass all aspects of the representative's business, including both sales performance and customer satisfaction. Gustavus is one of Lammers's clients, with Taylor producing both the 2006 and 2007 Gustavian yearbooks.



# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## Providing healthcare in Bangladesh

**Diane Bergman Petersen '81**, Edina (right), is serving as president of the board for Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh and has traveled to that country three of the last four years, the first time in 2003 with **Dr. Maynard Jacobson '52**, retired professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota Veterans Medical Center. LHCB is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is dedicated to serving the women, children, and families in rural southern Bangladesh. LHCB provides maternal and child healthcare, education, community development programs, micro-savings group formation, safe water, and improved sanitation projects. The comprehensive healthcare facility is located in the village of Dumki in southern Bangladesh. The people in the surrounding villages are served through their community outreach programs and mobile health clinics. Petersen is pictured with Jacobson at a Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh Board of Directors meeting. Learn more at [lhcb.org](http://lhcb.org).



## '81 grads meet

Classmates from the **Class of 1981** gathered at the home of Brenda Bendorf Ebanks on Star Lake near Dent, MN. Pictured are **Brenda Bendorf Ebanks**, **Beth Onkka Stuckey**, **Julie Altman Simacek**, **Kathy Carson Klug**, **Becky Waldner Lingl**, and **Regan Barke Allen**.

## Elementary P.E. Teacher of the Year

**Marci Mannella Wills '81** was named 2006 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Minnesota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) at its annual fall conference in November. The award is given to practitioners who are members of MAHPERD and AAHPERD and who demonstrate exemplary teaching abilities in their respective grade levels and disciplines. Wills now teaches at Parkside Elementary School in Buffalo, MN, after serving for 19 years in the St. Peter school system. She also recently received her National Board of Teaching Certificate in Early and Middle Childhood Elementary Physical Education—the only one in the state to date.



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**Jen Borer Bayley**, Plymouth, is district manager for Mothers Work, Inc. ■ **Lori Biederman**, College Station, TX, received a Ph.D. in rangeland ecology and management from Texas A & M University ■ **Nancy Fleischer**, Bloomington, is employed by Health Fitness Corporation ■ **Jamie M. Kagol**, Idaho Falls, ID, is a meteorologist at the ABC affiliate in Idaho Falls ■ **Kris Magnusson**, Stillwater, is owner of The House-Board Shop ■ **Brett Mitchell**, Belton, TX, is assistant professor of medicine/nephrology & hypertension at Texas A&M Health Science Center ■ **Michelle Nikels**, Denver, CO, is assistant professor of internal medicine at University of Colorado Health Science Center ■ **Raymond Peterson**, Duluth, has been named a partner with the law firm of Maki & Overom ■ **Kari Carlson Takahashi**, Rochester, received a master's degree in adult education and is finishing a master certificate program in human resource development at University of Minnesota ■ **Mark Umbreit**, Faribault, sold ownership and will close a family owned store, Tower Liquor.

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weight loss consultant for Jenny Craig ■ **Patrick Fischer**, Chattanooga, TN, is an organ builder for Richards, Fowkes & Co. ■ **Staci Wasz Grigg**, Carthage, NY, is a



full-time nursing student ■ **Brian Hansen**, Kilkenny, is a representative with Edward Jones ■ **Karissa Wicklander**, White Bear Lake, is a buyer for Target Corporation ■ **Marsha Richardson Koski**, Duluth, is employed by Granite Works ■ **Jonathan Kujawa** is an assistant professor at University of Oklahoma ■ **Tarek Lada'a**, Knoxville, TN, is project manager for environmental restoration of former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base ■ **Amy Herbert Leval**, Norrköping, Sweden, is a clinical nurse researcher at Universitetssjukhuset i Linköping ■ **Amy Fisher Manahan**, Minneapolis, is an accounting supervisor for UnitedHealthcare ■ **Adam McFarlane**, Mound, is a senior court clerk for the Fourth District Court of Minnesota ■ **Terri Carlin Mikolich**, Otsego, is a homemaker ■ **Olletha Muhammad**, St. Paul, is lead trainer/retention specialist for Project for Pride in Living ■ **Rachel Michael Nilsson**, Minneapolis, is a usability architect for Unisys Corporation ■ **Peter O'Keefe**, Washington, DC, is CFO for BTX Industries, Inc. ■ **Jeff Rasmussen**, Farmington, is employed by Hennepin Faculty Associates ■ **Maren Henry Rasmussen**, Farmington, is a homemaker ■ **Noah Rouen**, Minneapolis, is vice president of accounts for Public Affairs Company ■ **Thomas Rydland**, St. Paul, is a student at Luther Seminary ■ **Kate Blanchard Shiroff**, Denver, CO, is a legislative auditor for the Colorado Office of the State Auditor ■ **Megan Cronin Simonson**, Edina, is a stay-at-home mom ■ **Rolf Simonson**, Edina, is a family physician at Park Nicollet ■ **Noel Stout**, Austin, TX, is an attorney for Aikan and Almanza ■ **Danette Schultz Tolan**, Milford, IA, is associate resident instructor at Hope Haven ■ **Darin Tysdal**, Chanhassen, is vice president of finance and administration for American Spirit Graphics.

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Corps ■ **Joanna Josephson Roberg**, Fargo, ND, received a doctor of pharmacy degree from North Dakota State University ■ **Keri Engel Rouen**, Minneapolis, is merchandise buyer for The Foursome ■ **Bob Southworth**, St. Peter, is vice president and branch manager for Hometown Bank ■ **Sara Schonrock Southworth**, St. Peter, is an accountant for Osborne Hicks ■ **Julie Landreman Sulamoyo**, Kenosha, WI, received a master of arts degree in teaching from Cardinal Stritch University ■ **Rob Williams**, Deerwood, teaches third grade and is girls' basketball head coach in the Aitkin School District.

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**Alum journalist visits campus**

**John Biewen '83**, Durham, NC, returned to campus April 16 and 17 to spend time with students and share his expertise in radio journalism and documentary production. Biewen is audio program director at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, where he produces documentaries and features for NPR, American Public Media, and other public radio audiences. During his visit, Biewen spent time in classes in communications ethics, video presentation, and philosophy; presented a workshop titled "Ethics for the Media Reporter/Producer"; and addressed the topic "Embracing a Social Conscience in Your Career" at an evening lecture open to the public.

Biewen's visit was sponsored and orchestrated by the Campus Media Board pictured with Biewen. Clockwise from left are **Martin Lang '95**, instructor in communications studies and Media Board adviser, **Biewen**, **Greg Boone '09**, **David Kogler '01**, assistant director of admission and Weekly adviser, **Siddarth Selvaraj '08**, and **Tane Soeldner-Danger '07**. Not pictured is **Katherine Mason '09**.



**Allison leads technology initiative**

**Jil Johnson Allison '83**, Edina, MN, has been appointed president of OilTek and vice president for Avalon Oil and Gas. Oiltek, Inc, is a subsidiary of Avalon and develops technology for application to oil and gas exploration and production enhancement.

In leading Avalon's new technology initiatives, Allison brings over 20 years of diversified management experience in business development and technology commercialization to the table. Prior to joining Avalon, she managed a technology strategy consulting practice with focus in the market convergence of physical and IT security industries. Her venture development background includes market leadership positions with Monsanto, Iridian Technologies, Pinkertons, and Cylink Corporation.

After majoring in economics at Gustavus, Allison went on to earn a master's degree in international management (MIM) from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird), Glendale, AZ, and an MBA in strategic and entrepreneurial management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where she focused on strategic alliances and management of technology.

**Brad Gustin**, Bethel, MO, is a tour guide for Heartland Ministries in northeast Missouri ■ **Randee Scheffert Onken**, Le Center, is a Web marketing specialist for James Tower ■ **Megan Gunderson Paredes**, Napa, CA, is an assistant winemaker for Hall Wines ■ **Kenneth Pritchard**, Stillwater, is employed by Retail Construction Services ■ **Anne**

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## Celebrating in Sonoma

Last May several Gusties gathered at an event in Sonoma, CA, including five members of the Class of 1987 who will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their graduation in October. Pictured from left are **Kevin Sheys '84**, **Andrea Chilkott Sheys '87**, **Rob Cornish**, **Susi Herrick Cornish '87**, **Ann Jaeger Malm '87**, **Rudy Gulstrand '61**, **Julie Gulstrand St. Leger '90**, **Carolyn Falk Sund '87**, and **Amy Lindblom Vargo '87**.



## Gullikson releases two tennis instructional DVDs

**Bruce Gullikson '85**, tennis professional at the 98th Street Athletic Club, has released two tennis instructional DVDs, titled *Bruce Gullikson: Games & Drills to Build a Successful High School Tennis Program*, featuring Steve Paulsen, and *Drills and Games for High Performance Tennis*.

*Games & Drills to Build a Successful High School Tennis Program* is filled with a dozen drills and games that Paulsen uses every day in practice that have helped build the Edina High School girls' tennis into a tennis powerhouse. Doubles drills work on serve, volley, movement, and consistency, while singles drills focus on ground strokes. The DVD concludes with a

number of games that stress fundamentals but are done in a fun atmosphere.

*Drills and Games for High Performance Tennis* shares many new and creative drills for improved tennis. The drills featured are very demanding and push players to play while fatigued. Dozens of innovative, fundamental drills make this excellent presentation on tennis drills and games a valuable coaching tool. More information is online at [www.championshipproductions.com](http://www.championshipproductions.com).



## Chance meeting in Manzanillo

While visiting her brother, **Scott**, in Manzanillo, Mexico, last March, **Tari Gould Riley '85**, Fairmont, MN, had the opportunity to meet **Bridget Daniel '03** after Scott had a chance meeting with Bridget at the airport and invited her to his home. In conversation with Bridget, Scott learned that she had met Tari's friend **Lydia Flora Radke '84** in Portland, OR, after Lydia called Bridget about social work. Pictured from left are **Bridget Daniel '03**, **Sasha Riley**, **Scott Gould**, and **Tari Gould Riley '85**.

**Barkalow**, Arlington, VA, sells real estate for Coldwell Banker ■ **Laura Beduhn**, Golden, CO, teaches sixth grade at Summit View Elementary School in Highlands Ranch ■ **Eric Bell**, St. Anthony, is self-employed ■ **Kevin Bergeson**, Mendota Heights, received a master's of divinity degree from Luther Seminary ■ **Leah Nelson Bulver**, Savage, teaches second grade at Westwood Elementary ■ **Christine Carlson**, White Bear Lake, is an environmental geologist for SEH, Inc. ■ **Lisa Atterberry Cogswell**, Eden Prairie, teaches for the Fridley School District ■ **Jon Dale**, Tucson, AZ, is studying cultural anthropology at University of Arizona ■ **Katy Duncan Davenport**, Savage, is manager of financial reporting at United Health Group ■ **Brooke Dirtzu**, Cottage Grove, is a Ph.D. student in history at Emory University ■ **Katie Erickson**, Bemidji, is a judicial law clerk for the State of Minnesota ■ **Kjirsten Holmquist Everling**, Minneapolis, is a program manager with Ryan Partnership ■ **Heather Pearson Gammon**, Minneapolis,

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graduated from University of Minnesota Medical School and is a OB/GYN resident ■ **Sara Brigger Gleason**, Apple Valley, leads the sales communication team at Northwest Airlines ■ **Chris Greavu**, Los Angeles, CA, is manager of retail marketing operations for 20th Century Fox Studios ■ **Luke Harper**, Minneapolis, is starting a recording studio called Audio Altimeter ■ **Mandy Havnen**, Winston-Salem, NC, received a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from Wake Forest University ■ **Chris Huizinga**, St. Paul, is assistant manager and Scotch buyer for Sutter's Wines & Spirits ■ **Molly O'Keefe Kramer**, St. Michael, is a buyer for Target Corporation ■ **Mary Dahmen Lundquist**, Isanti, teaches high school English at St. Francis ISD #15 ■ **Matt Miller**, Madison, WI, is a physics graduate student at a University of Wisconsin ■ **Katherine Medbery Oleson**, Des Moines, WA, works at Bellevue Community College ■ **Keely Johnson Pearson**, Richfield, is an environmental consultant for Barr Engineering Company ■ **Dan Routh**, Apple Valley, is general manager for American Eagle Outfitters ■ **Kirsten Frydenlund Rueckert**, Rochester, is employed by the Rochester School District ■ **Mark Schwanke**, Woodstock, IL, is employed by Motorola, Inc. ■ **Cindy Sonntag**, White Bear Lake, is in the doctor of physical therapy program at College of St. Catherine ■ **Lyric St. John**, Reno, NV, is employed at Charles River LLC ■ **Allie Ziegler Tilbury**, Woodbury, is a customer relations manager for Pulte Homes ■ **Tracy Vicory**, Seattle, WA, is a graduate student in creative writing in Seattle ■ **Laura Wagner** is 1st Lt., Special Operations, for the U.S. Air Force ■ **Sarah Wagner**, West Des Moines, IA, is a merchant for soybean meal at Cargill, Inc. ■ **Jill Wendorff**, Hutchinson, is a graduate student in architecture at University of Kansas and had a home design featured in *Architecture* magazine ■ **Erin Holloway Wilken**, Maple Grove, is associate director of youth and family ministries at Lord of Life Lutheran Church ■ **Mike Wilken**, Maple Grove, is a transportation sales representative for C.H. Robinson Company.

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## Students survey alumni perceptions

The Gustavus Office of Alumni Relations was the "client" for Professor of Economics and Management Bruce Johnson's spring marketing research class. The class divided into two teams to research alumni perception of church relatedness and their perception of Gustavus's endowment, average gift size, and percentage of alumni who contribute annually. The results of their surveys are summarized below:



The church-relatedness survey team: from left, **Kase Niles '07**, **Mitch Anderson '08**, **Vince Oldre '08**, **Tiffany Plante '07**, and **Lisa Chmielewski '07**.

### Church relatedness

The purpose of this survey was to learn more about the overall attitude of alumni regarding church relatedness at Gustavus Adolphus College. Knowledgeable professors on the topic were interviewed on campus; Arne Selbyg, director for colleges and universities of the ELCA, was contacted; and an electronic survey was sent to more than 3,600 random Gustavus alumni. The team analyzed trends between women and men, perceptions of church-relatedness, and lifestyle trends. Here is a brief summary of their findings:

- 1,232 alumni responded from the original 3,600
- The majority of respondents graduated in the past 20 years.
- 35 percent would like to see more religious class requirements, compared to five percent in favor of fewer religious class requirements.
- Many alumni appreciated that classes they had taken were not restricted to the Lutheran faith alone, but were often eye-openers to other religious beliefs, and offered a foundation for individual moral and spiritual growth.
- Almost 70 percent were in favor of seeing no change in Gustavus's affiliation with the Lutheran Church.
- Women were more involved in church-related activities and had stronger responses than men.
- Overall, men and women both shared the same viewpoints towards Gustavus's church relatedness.
- The majority of respondents saw the level of religious affiliation at Gustavus as "just right."
- Alumni appreciate that the Lutheran religion is present but not forced upon the students.

### Endowment, average gift size, percentage of alumni participation

A survey was designed to learn alumni perception regarding Gustavus's endowment, average gift size, and percentage of alumni who give annually to the College.

Peer schools used in the survey for comparison were Augustana College-Rock Island, (IL); Luther College (IA); St. John's/St. Benedict (MN); St. Olaf (MN); and Wittenberg (OH). Seven hundred alumni responded from electronic surveys sent to 2,000 alumni.

### Endowment

- 83 percent of alumni knew very little or had no understanding of the relationship of budget and endowment.
- Although 76 percent thought Gustavus's endowment is equal to or greater than peer schools, in 2006 Gustavus's endowment was less than all peer schools. 54 percent were surprised by this fact.
- After comparing Gustavus's endowment with peer schools, 81 percent said Gustavus' endowment needs to increase.

### Average gift size

- 76 percent of alumni knew very little or had no understanding of the relationship of budget and annual giving.
- Although 67 percent of alumni thought Gustavus's average alumni gift was equal to or greater than peer schools, in 2006 Gustavus's average gift was greater than only one peer school. 68 percent were not surprised by this fact.
- After comparing Gustavus's average alumni gift size with peer schools, 55 percent responded Gustavus's average gift needs to increase.

### Percentage of alumni giving

- 76 percent of alumni thought the percentage of Gustavus alumni who contribute annually to the College was equal to or greater than peer schools; in fact, in 2006 Gustavus's percentage of participation was less than only one peer school. 43 percent were surprised by this fact.
- After comparing Gustavus' alumni participation in giving with peer schools, 70 percent said Gustavus's participation is adequate.

Overall, most alumni feel that Gustavus's resources are greater than they actually are. They were surprised at Gustavus's endowment in comparison with peer schools and felt the endowment should be increased. The survey also revealed a substantial lack of knowledge regarding how the College's endowment and annual giving affects everyday operations.



The endowment survey team, **Megan Tepper '07**, **Bobby Bonine '07**, **Russ Gerads '07**, and **Mike Hosfield '07**.

## Service and Retirement Recognition

The Gustavus Alumni Association honored faculty and administrators with service and retirement awards at a banquet last May.



**30 Years**  
**Steve Waldhauser '70**, director of editorial services; **Julie Johnson '69**, director of academic advising; and **Al Behrends '77**, director of communication services and fine arts programs. Not pictured are **Deborah Downs-Miers**, associate professor of English, and **Karen Larson**, professor of anthropology and interdisciplinary studies.



**35 Years**  
**Will Freiert**, professor of classics, and **Dean Wahlund '72**, director of communication services and special events.



### Retirees

Front row: **Roger McKnight**, professor of Scandinavian studies; **Rob Gardner**, professor of theatre and dance; **Allan Splittgerber**, professor of chemistry. Back row: **David Wicklund '63**, registrar; **Judy Gardner**, associate professor of nursing; **Michael Haeuser**, professor, academic librarian, and college archivist; and **Jane Coleman**, associate professor of nursing.

**Williams**, Burnsville, is marketing and communications manager for Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest ■ **Lindsay Wurst**, Urbandale, IA, is production coordinator of *Figure* magazine, a new magazine targeted for plus-size women.

**05 Class Agents:**  
Kevin Hansen, Liz Zappetillo Lewis, Anne Michaletz Viljaste, Becky Neitzke, Jessica Nelson, Anne Shipley

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**Betsy Appleton**, Washington, DC, is digital serials integration librarian

for George Washington University ■ **Linnea Bjorkman**, Denver, CO, is a women's resource advocate at the Gathering Place, a center for homeless and low-income women and children ■ **Stacy Boesch**, Shakopee, is account planner for the Wahlstrom Group ■ **Steve Chismar**, Bloomington, is a marketing representative at Federated Insurance ■ **Kari Den Otter**, Washington, DC, received a master's degree in political management from George Washington University ■ **Kim Eisenreich**, Providence, RI, is a community organizer for Neighbor Works Blackstone River Valley ■ **Aaron**

**Flohrs**, St. Paul, is an analyst at McKinsey and Company ■ **Brandon Gillette**, Lawrence, KS, is a Ph.D. student in philosophy at University of Kansas ■ **Jacob Granholm**, Arden Hills, received a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and is a management analyst for the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development ■ **Jill Hiscock** is studying education and education leadership at University of Minnesota, Duluth ■ **Craig Jankowski**, Bondurant, IA, is a marketing representative at Federated Insurance ■ **Hannah Julien**, Minnetrista, is studying for a master's degree in speech/language pathology at University of Minnesota ■ **Erin Klein**, Baltimore, MD, graduates from the M.D./Ph.D. program this fall at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill ■ **Gwen Koenig**, East Lansing, MI, received a master's degree in counseling from Michigan State University ■ **Brady Krusemark**, Chaska, is director of bands at Waconia High School ■ **Carmen Leger**, Alexandria, is band director for the Ashby School District ■ **Lyz Baranowski Lenz**, Cedar Rapids, IA, is a documentary film writer for American Visions Group ■ **Nichole Petersen Porath**, Eagan, received an MBA from Carlson School of Management and is a pricing analyst at Lockheed Martin and is cross country coach at Academy of Holy Angels ■ **Seth Richtsmeier**, Peabody, MA, is associate inventory analyst for TechTarget, an IT media company ■ **Kristi Paulsen Ringen**, Mankato, is a graduate student in special education and teaches fifth grade in Le Sueur ■ **Katie Schoeneck**, West St. Paul, is doing an internship with the Guthrie Theater ■ **Elizabeth Seefeldt**, St. Paul, is a graphics designer for the in-store marketing team at Target ■ **Kallie Kachelmyer Stroh**, Chaska, is director of youth and family ministry at Faith Lutheran Church ■ **Linden Zakula**, Arlington, VA, is press secretary for Senator Amy Klobuchar ■ **Shawn Zellman**, St. Louis Park, is an engineering recruiter for Northland Employment Services.

**06 Class Agents:**  
Anders Eckman, Matt Forbes, Jessica Olson, Katie Parks, Mollie Peterson, Matt Swenson

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**Jose Alba Hernandez**, Mankato, is a medical researcher at Duke University ■ **Sara Burns**, St. Paul, is

serving with AmeriCorps with Admission Possible ■ **Connie Gardner**, Conway, AR, is an area coordinator for Hendrix College ■ **Sara Gove**, Chicago, IL, is a development associate for Community Nutrition Network and Meals on Wheels Foundation of Cook County ■ **Trent Hollerich**, Good Thunder, is a claims representative at Federated Insurance ■ **Mark Iverson**, Washington, DC, enlisted in the Marine Corps ■ **Hannah Johnson**, Osceola, WI, is a master of divinity student at Luther Seminary ■ **Sarah Karulf**, Fort Collins, CO, is a claims representative at Federated Insurance ■ **Eva Landeros**, Los Angeles, CA, is starting law school this fall at University of St. Thomas School of Law ■ **Kate Lawson**, Seattle, WA, is doing EarthCorps, which is an AmeriCorps program ■ **Megan Olson**, Eden Prairie, teaches first grade in the Belle Plaine School District ■ **Brianna Sander**, Osseo, is an intern at River Bend Nature Center in Faribault ■ **Mary Scheller**, St. Peter, works in nursing at St. Peter Community Hospital ■ **Andy Timmer**, Shakopee, is program manager for the Scott County Historical Society ■ **Katy Warren**, Papillion, NE, is a youth director at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church ■ **Laura Carr Whittaker**, Duluth, is a project coordinator for the American Lung Association ■ **Matt Whittaker**, Duluth, teaches English at Marshall School.

## Weddings

**Rhonda Beane '75** and Richard Bakke, 7/31/05, Duluth, MN.  
**Marci Mannella '81** and Robert Wills, 6/3/06, Osseo, MN.  
**Kari Boorsma '84** and Bill Woodson, 2/3/07, Apple Valley, MN.  
**Greg Schaeffer '87** and Marilee Cowan, 6/9/07, Burnsville, MN.  
**Chris Calhoon '88** and Mary Cleveland, 3/15/06, Lakeville, MN.  
**Karen Chinander '89** and Thomas Dye, 3/24/07, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.  
**Kari Hatlen '92** and Jay Aiken, 6/21/07, Bigfork, MT.  
**Dave Hultgren '92** and Renee Hultgren, 10/7/06, Shawnee, KS.  
**Angela Vorwerk '92** and Jan Gottschald, 4/15/06, Dusseldorf, Germany.  
**Paul Djupe '93** and Kate Morrissey, 4/14/07, Columbus, OH.  
**Michael Weber '93** and Amber Hvang, 10/23/06, New York, NY.





- Miriam Vos '96** and Dey Perez, 12/30/06, Burbank, CA.
- Amy Fisher '97** and Michael Manahan, 9/16/05, Minneapolis, MN.
- Michael Reed '97** and Angela Greer, 4/10/07, St. Louis Park, MN.
- Kristin Beard '99** and **Luke Harper '02**, 4/28/07, Minneapolis, MN.
- Christine Larson '99** and Ryan Kroells, 9/10/05, Rosemount, MN.
- Angela Hendrickson '00** and Alan Kerkman, 2/17/07, Hercules, CA.
- Sarah Jenkins '00** and Nathan Evans, 4/21/07, Rohnert Park, CA.
- Andrew Shallue '00** and Heather Evert, 6/10/06, Madison, WI.
- Brad Gustin '01** and Mary Kristensen, Bethel, MO.
- Lisa Atterberry '02** and Trevor Cogswell, 2/17/07, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Laura Beres '02** and Andrew Bristle, 5/26/07, Montevideo, MN.
- Kirsten Frydenlund '02** and Jesse Rueckert, Rochester, MN.
- Krista Fuerstenberg '02** and Chad Thomas, 4/26/07, Woodbury, MN.
- Leah Nelson '02** and Brad Bulver, 3/24/07, Savage, MN.
- Allison Opay '02** and Jimmy Wong, 5/19/07, Woodbury, MN.
- Heather Pearson '02** and Brandon Gammon, 3/24/07, Minneapolis, MN.
- Alyssa Stanley '02** and Erik Stroemer, 5/5/07, Lakeville, MN.
- Annika Wilson '02** and Dan Hanson, 5/22/07, Maple Grove, MN.
- Allison Ziegler '02** and Todd Tilbury, 9/3/05, Woodbury, MN.
- Berit Aune '03** and **Aaron Allar '03**, 5/19/07, St. Paul, MN.
- Rebecca Boesen '03** and Thomas Anderson, 4/21/07, Plymouth, MN.
- Beth Jorgenson '03** and Matt Gissibl, 5/27/07, Wauwatosa, WI.
- Nick Peterson '03** and Kristina Glad, 10/14/06, Riverside, CA.
- Jennifer Schmitz '03** and Robert Barnes, 10/14/06, Marion, IA.
- Amanda Smith '03** and **David Gullickson '00**, 5/22/07, Hopkins, MN.
- Vanessa Young '03** and Thomas Burton, Minneapolis, MN.
- Angela Janda '04** and Aaron Goldstein, 4/13/07, Santa Fe, NM.
- Andrea Kleven '04** and Daniel Croaston, 5/12/07, Rogers, MN.
- Claire Mielke '04** and **Bryant Rogness '04**, 5/5/07, Mahtomedi, MN.
- Diana Wichmann '04** and Heath Reindal, 11/11/06, Alden, MN.

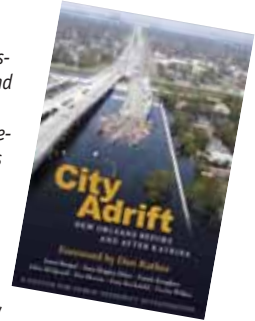
# Gustie Black & Gold Fridays

*On campus and throughout the country, Gusties are encouraged to wear your favorite Gustie apparel and black and gold on Fridays. See how many Gusties work in your school—see how many Gusties you'll meet in your city—see how many Gusties you'll be able to network with in the Minneapolis Skyway.*

## Contributes to Katrina chronicle

**Katy Reckdahl '87** was one of seven journalists commissioned by the Center for Public Inquiry to investigate and report on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. The journalists interviewed homeowners, first responders and politicians, evacuees and ordinary citizens to explore the devastating effect of the storm from every angle, including healthcare, social services, housing and insurance, and emergency preparedness. Their reports were collected into a book, *City Adrift: New Orleans Before and After Katrina* (Louisiana State University Press, 2007), which uniquely details not only what went wrong in the Big Easy but also provides a road map to avoiding similar disasters in the future.

Reckdahl, a freelance writer who has written about New Orleans since 1999, has tackled topics ranging from homelessness and HIV-positive women to Mardi Gras Indians and jazz musicians. She has won numerous awards for her work, including a Casey Journalism Center Medal, the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism, and the Press Club of New Orleans's Alex Waller Memorial Award for three consecutive years. She also has been awarded a Katrina Media Fellowship from the Open Society Institute. On August 28, 2005—the day before Hurricane Katrina struck—she gave birth to her son, Hector, in a New Orleans hospital. She left the city two days after the storm, then lived as an evacuee in Phoenix, Ariz., before returning to New Orleans in July 2006.



## Multhaup receives teaching award

**Kristi Multhaup '87**, associate professor of psychology at Davidson College, Davidson, NC, received the college's Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award this year. Each award includes \$7,500 for the recipient, and \$7,500 more for the recipient to designate to a college cause. Multhaup joined the Davidson College faculty in 1996 and specializes in cognitive aging and memory. She was recently named a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, an honor that recognizes outstanding national contributions in the field.



## Thriving in the Caribbean

Thrivent financial advisers from the Twin Cities region went on a Caribbean cruise last February and gathered for a group photo. Front row from left are **Bruce Ensrud '90**, **Nicole Davis Ensrud '92**, **Melissa Golberg Molin '98**, **Sheryl Russeth Elvestrom '92**, **Diane Mickelson Brady '70**, **Jennifer Johnson Cords '97**, **Sarah Handahl Ahlberg '03**, **Anne Marie Miller Winskowski '04**, and **Lucas Winskowski '04**. Back row are **Chad Henke '02**, **Kyle Molin '98**, **Jim Elvestrom '92**, **Matt Cords '97**, **Lucas Ahlberg '04**, **Tim Jenneke '98**, **Betsy Starz '02**, and **Mark Ohlmann '96**. Not pictured was **Dan Myers '04**.

## Elected to lead Iowa funeral directors

**Daniel Eckhoff '91**, funeral director with Christy-Smith Funeral Home in Sioux City, IA, was installed as president-elect of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association (IFDA) during the 127th annual IFDA Convention held in Ames, IA. Eckhoff was elected to serve a one-year term in this capacity by his peers in the association, which represents more than 640 licensed funeral directors in the state and promotes high standards within the field of funeral service through continuing education programs, legislative representation, and service to Iowa communities.

Eckhoff managed Behrens Mortuary in Rapid City, SD, before joining Christy-Smith Funeral Homes in August of 2000 as funeral director and COO for the firm.

# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



**Chamberlain receives tenure at Luther**  
**Bradley Chamberlain '94**, Decorah, IA, has been conferred tenure and promotion to associate professor of chemistry at Luther College. At Luther he teaches a variety of chemistry courses and labs and develops research projects aimed at student development. His collaborative faculty-student research at Luther has been presented at national and regional conferences. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Chemical Society, and the Council of Undergraduate Research, Chamberlain has published numerous academic articles and has served as editor for professional publica-

tions including *Macromolecules*, *Biomacromolecules*, and *Journal of Polymer Science, Part A: Polymer Chemistry*. He received his doctoral degree in inorganic chemistry from the University of Minnesota and, prior to joining the Luther faculty in 2001, was a postdoctoral research associate at Cornell University.



## Portage pals

**Jacob Hauck '04** and **Beth Jorgenson '03** had a chance meeting after a mile-long portage in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota.

## Humphrey grads

**Robyn Bipes '96** (left) and **Jesse Benson '94** were graduated together from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, in May. Both received master's degrees from the institute after attending there together for the past three years. The two had met and become close friends more than 10 years ago at Gustavus after living in nearby sections in Wahlstrom Hall. Jesse graduated with a degree in urban planning, and Robyn earned her degree in public policy with a concentration on economic development and housing. Both are employed in the Twin Cities, already working in the fields they've just studied.



**Nate Lund '05** and Christine Kosel, 5/26/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Anne Michaletz '05** and **David Viljaste '04**, 5/19/07, Edina, MN.  
**Laura Odland '05** and **Zach Zimmer '03**, 10/28/06, Shakopee, MN.  
**Jennifer Rieke '06** and Dustin Groehler, 7/22/06, Hillsboro, OR.  
**Andy Timmer '06** and Annie Rzepecki, 6/10/06, Shakopee, MN.  
**Jenna Stevens '07** and **Luke Royer '07**, 6/9/07, North Mankato, MN.

## Births

Claire, to **Mary Goodman-Theurer '87** and James Theurer, 9/27/06.  
 Katelyn, to **Kelly Grapentin Nelson '87** and Steve Nelson, 5/16/02.  
 Kaitlyn, to **Beth Gustafson Sudduth '87** and Richard Sudduth, 1/18/07.  
 Grace, to **Julie Jung Gullickson '88** and Tad Gullickson, 3/13/06.  
 Annika, to **Steve McCarthy '88** and Katrina McCarthy, 12/19/06.  
 Jack, to **Dave Werner '88** and Debbie Werner, 3/6/07.  
 Bronwyn, to **Kerri Nelson '89** and **Michael Kmiecik '88**, 3/9/07.  
 Trevor, to **Shari Zeisler McGuire '90** and James McGuire, 4/13/07.  
 Luke, to **Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90** and **Mac Ryerse '87**, 4/9/07.  
 Madeline, to **Lizanne Hart '91** and Douglas Foote, 10/3/06.  
 Hannes, to **Brian Moore '91** and Tanja Moore, 2/11/07.  
 Twins, Elizabeth and Eleanor, by adoption from Ethiopia, to **Jennifer Ek Bolsoni '92** and **Michael Bolsoni '94**, adopted 2/3/07.  
 Bergen, to **Tonia Christopherson Hall '92** and Andrew Hall, 12/5/06.  
 Martin, to **Angela Vorwerk Gottschald '92** and Jan Gottschald, 10/11/06.  
 Brittny, to **Kristina Lehmann Johnson '92** and **Aaron Johnson '92**, 2/25/07.  
 Sierra, to **Christine Thompson Krause '92** and Thomas Krause, 3/14/07.  
 Allison, to **Shannon Freer Banitt '93** and **John Banitt '91**, 10/23/06.  
 Linnea, to **Nicole Misewich Brown '93** and **Trent Brown '93**, 8/26/06.  
 Cole, to **Jennifer Ford Goodwin '93** and Jason Goodwin, 9/16/06.  
 Callie, to **Jennifer Illies Heath '93** and John Heath, 5/3/06.  
 Kai, to **Aaron Matz '93** and Keiai Matz, 4/18/07.  
 Jenna, to **Jill Wissink McCurry '93** and Mark McCurry, 9/20/06.  
 Lilyanna, to **Bethany Johnson Nissen '93** and Brian Nissen, 9/17/06.  
 Henry, to **Greg Sedgwick '93** and Joy Szarke, 9/19/06.  
 Celia, to **Krista Martens Hitchcock '94** and Steven Hitchcock, 11/14/06.  
 Ella, to **Lynette Moechnig Matzke '94** and Christopher Matzke, 12/14/05.  
 Andrew, to **Michael T. Mertz '94** and Victoria Mertz, 12/22/06.  
 Sam, to **Aleta Gilbertson Schulte '94** and Darrell Schulte, 3/20/07.  
 Connor, to **J.D. Anderson '95** and Holly Anderson, 5/12/06.  
 Isabelle, to **Caren Parmer Berger '95** and **Per-Johan Berger '93**, 1/2/07.  
 Olivia, to **Cindy Bartel Cox '95** and Paul Cox, 2/13/07.  
 Hannah, to **Elisabeth Potts Dellon '95** and Evan Dellon, 6/2/07.  
 Elise, to **Deb Dorn Erickson '95** and **Karl Erickson '96**, 9/20/06.  
 Lauren, to **Jessica Bohn Kottke '95** and Douglas Kottke, 3/6/07.  
 Brady, to **Jennifer Hainlin Lindstrom '95** and **Jeff Lindstrom '95**, 1/19/07.  
 Madison, to **Traci McNelly Lowman '95** and Richard Lowman, 10/10/06.  
 Kenna, to **Brett Mitchell '95** and Ericka Mitchell, 2/19/07.  
 Carson, to **Nikki Plocher Peacock '95** and Greg Peacock, 6/23/06.  
 Kyle, to **Ray Peterson '95** and Sara Peterson, 3/27/07.  
 Twins, Maxx and Maya, to **Brett Richards '95** and Jessica Richards, 12/29/06.  
 Wade, to **April Kukuck Spence '95** and John Spence, 2/4/07.  
 Caroline, to **Ellie Merritt Zeiger '95** and Matthew Zeiger, 1/17/07.  
 Souri, to **Shradha Tailor Ahmed '96** and **Shabbir Ahmed '98**, 12/3/06.  
 Justin, to **Lynn Cordes Kelly '96** and Jody Kelly, 12/26/06.  
 Anna, to **Kathy Scott Koch '96** and Nate Koch, 4/18/07.  
 Leo, to **Amy Larkin Lee '96** and **Aaron Lee '96**, 4/15/07.  
 Nathan, to **Denise Kisely Martin '96** and **Milo Martin '96**, 4/3/07.  
 Carter, to **Sara Mattson Mayfield '96** and **Shawn Mayfield '96**, 4/10/07.  
 Krista, to **Jane Haase McGinty '96** and Christopher McGinty, 10/30/06.  
 Erin, to **Jennifer Knoebel Messerschmidt '96** and John Messerschmidt, 9/7/06.





Emmett, to **Jody Frykman Nahlovsky '96** and **Mark Nahlovsky '96**, 8/1/06.  
 Lilly, to **Katie Beilfuss Wall '96** and **Keynen Wall**, 12/17/06.  
 Twins, Samuel and George, to **Nancy Peterson Wilhelmi '96** and **Jeff Wilhelmi '98**, 3/22/07  
 Robert, to **Corey Bloom '97** and **Wendy Bloom**, 4/16/07.  
 Danielle, to **Leah Schultz Cook '97** and **Jeffrey Cook**, 4/22/07.  
 Zachary, to **Holly Wangsness Dau '97** and **Jacob Dau**, 5/18/07.  
 Graciela, to **Kendra Knutson Ferreyra '97** and **Moises Ferreyra**, 5/24/06.  
 Soren, to **Andy Gunsauullus '97** and **Shawn Gunsauullus**, 9/24/06.  
 Ellie, to **Julie Heer Heno '97** and **Steve Heno**, 11/17/06.  
 Solveig, to **Melissa Stirn Johnson '97** and **Erik Johnson**, 3/15/07.  
 Brendan, to **Tracy Prin Klaphake '97** and **Damon Klaphake '96**, 12/22/06.  
 Asher, to **Preston Kranz '97** and **Rebecca Kranz**, 1/24/06.  
 Jonathan, to **Allison Davis Manley '97** and **Paul Manley '96**, 3/27/07.  
 Michael, to **Terri Carlin Mikolich '97** and **Joel Mikolich**, 5/13/06.  
 Maxwell, to **Sarah Ulwelling Nguyen '97** and **Thang Nguyen**, 2/20/07.  
 Michael, to **Megan Cronin Simonson '97** and **Rolf Simonson '97**, 3/8/06.  
 Ian, to **Beth Haugen Todd '97** and **Thomas Todd**, 2/27/07.  
 Andrew, to **Tina Smith Walker '97** and **Ralph Walker**, 3/11/07.  
 Haley, to **Amy Yilek '97** and **Michael Youngquist**, 12/19/06.  
 Reuben, to **Mark Youngdahl '97** and **Brooke Youngdahl**, 12/8/06.  
 Charles, to **Holly Chalesnik Augustin '98** and **Tim Augustin**, 2/15/07.  
 Tate, to **Jennifer Pulford Brink '98** and **Derek Brink '98**, 5/11/07.  
 Jace, to **Jennifer Hennen Griffin '98** and **Ben Griffin**, 2/20/07.  
 Georgia, to **Ben Haddorff '98** and **Susan Haddorff**, 10/17/06.  
 Ella, to **Tiffany Krohn Hommes '98** and **Tony Hommes '98**, 3/21/07.  
 Olivia, to **Sarah Meyer Korreck '98** and **Brian Korreck**, 5/18/07.  
 Annalisa, to **Kathy Liggett Patton '98** and **Marc Patton**, 12/9/06.  
 James, to **Sarah McCormick Rahkola '98** and **Rauha Rahkola '97**, 4/22/07.  
 Parker, to **Shane Thielke '98** and **Jennifer Thielke**, 4/18/07.  
 Elliot, to **Andrea Menge Tysdal '98** and **Darin Tysdal '97**, 6/17/06.  
 Jane, to **Rachel Whitcomb Fossum '98** and **Bob Fossum '98**, 4/7/06.

David, to **Laura Nickerson Birkmaier '99** and **Doug Birkmaier**, 5/30/07.  
 Micah, to **Melissa Miller Dols '99** and **Aric Dols**, 1/24/07.  
 Marisol, to **Elizabeth Reed Eden '99** and **Matthew Eden '99**, 10/24/06.  
 Nicholas, to **Amanda Wright Elfstrom '99** and **Geoff Elfstrom**, 11/8/06.  
 Marit, to **Laura Horstman Gennrich '99** and **Matt Gennrich '97**, 5/2/07.  
 William, to **Jennifer Marohn Haas '99** and **Chad Haas**, 12/24/06.  
 Quinne, to **Tara Ferguson Lopez '99** and **Thomas Lopez**, 3/19/07.  
 Dominic, to **Joy Johnson McGrath '99** and **Mark McGrath**, 12/30/06.  
 Olivia, to **Ann Melchert Meverden '99** and **Ryan Meverden**, 4/21/07.  
 Olivia, to **Lisa Bauer Millin '99** and **Matthew Millin**, 3/1/07.  
 Lydia, to **Megan Halvorsen Peterson '99** and **Leif Peterson**, 3/22/07.  
 Maxwell, to **Tiffany Oslund Richter '99** and **Jason Richter**, 3/6/07.  
 Weston, to **Tamara Schult '99** and **Clint Schult**, 12/1/06.  
 Annika, to **Sara Schonrock Southworth '99** and **Bob Southworth '99**, 3/29/07.  
 Jenna, to **Heather Raway Voight '99** and **Brent Voight '00**, 2/25/07.  
 Selah, to **Abby Nelson Andrusko '00** and **Marcus Andrusko**, 2/27/07.  
 Aine, to **Emily Brand-Cleary '00** and **Kevin Cleary '00**, 5/8/06.  
 William, to **Mike Durfee '00** and **Sarah Horner Durfee '03**, 4/2/07.  
 Laila, to **Lissa Cordie Nikodym '00** and **Matthew Nikodym**, 3/6/07.  
 Twins, Lauren and Chelsea, to **Kristen Savage '00** and **Michael Savage**, 10/30/06.  
 Luke, to **Molly Pedersen Thomas '00** and **Matt Thomas '00**, 6/29/07.  
 Averil, to **Amy Buran Finnern '01** and **Brady Finnern '02**, 4/28/07.  
 Alexander, to **Cartie Thompson Sevcik '01** and **Joseph Sevcik**, 3/23/07.  
 Johnathan, to **Katie Lovas Vick '01** and **Ryan Vick '99**, 4/6/07.  
 Amelia, to **Karen Heidesch Weber '01** and **Chris Weber '01**, 4/18/07.  
 Inara, to **Garret Zayic '01** and **Oana Zayic**, 10/27/05.  
 Clara, to **Courtney Metzroth LaTour '02** and **Chuck LaTour '01**, 6/17/07.  
 Shea, to **Renee Carlson Meyer '02** and **Jon Meyer '03**, 4/16/07.



#### Class of '98 volunteers

Members of the *Class of '98* volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. Pictured from left are **Kristina Johnson Milinkovich**, **Sarah Behnken**, **Heather Lang**, **Betsy Bohline Landon**, and **Molly Milinkovich Wengler**.

#### Then and now

Four classmates from the *Class of 2000* got together in May 2007 and had a photo taken to mark 10 years since they were last



photographed together, at the 1997 President's Ball. Pictured from left in the newer shot are **Libby Kastens**, **Kate Martin Mclean**, **Amy Morrissey**, and **Melisa Rhoads**. (In the photo from the President's Ball, Melisa is on far left and the others are in the same order.)



#### Optical Effusion

Friends and fellow alumni gathered in San Jose, CA, to celebrate the graduation of **Brian Smith '00**. Brian graduated from the University of Oregon in March 2007 with a Ph.D. in physics and specialized in quantum optics at the Oregon Center for Optics. Pictured from left to right are: **Brian Smith '00**, **Chris Holstrom '00**, **Nelson Kotte '00**, **Jana Dilley Holstrom '00**, **Kelly Colvin Smith '00**, and **Son Le**. Brian and Kelly now have relocated to Oxford, England, where Brian works as a Royal Society postdoctoral research fellow with the Quantum Optics Group in the physics department of the University of Oxford. The Royal Society, the independent science academy of the United Kingdom, awarded Brian a research grant as part of their support for collaboration between American and British scientists.



## Synchronized skating champ

**Michelle Dillavou '01** (front row center, holding the bouquet) is a member of Denver Synchronicity, the synchronized skating team that won the 2007 U.S. championship in February. The competition took place on Feb. 21–24 at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, CO, home ice of the Broadmoor Figure Skating Club and the Div. I Colorado College hockey team. Eight teams competed in the Adult Synchronized skating event, including the highly regarded Synchro Panache from the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis. Denver Synchronicity won the event with a combined artistic and technical score of 53.62, a personal best for the team, whose best previous national finish was third place in 2005. Denver Synchronicity, which was organized in 1991, includes 21 members ranging in age from 24 to 46.

When not performing on the ice, Michelle is a media buyer for Karsh/Hagan in Denver.



## Something to celebrate

Six alums got together to celebrate the completion of their second year at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth. Pictured from left are **Dave Baldes '05**, **Heather Sieben '05**, **Daryn Collins '02**, and **Christina Diller '03**. (**Hannah Brandts '05** and **Meghan Harney '02** missed the photo op.)

Ella, to **Cory Starkweather '02** and Sarah Starkweather, 9/29/06.  
Ellissa, to **Nikki Martinson Franceck '03** and **Matt Franceck '03**, 3/12/07.  
Tyler, to **Sarah Nerland Sparks '03** and Timothy Sparks, 1/4/07.

Adelyn, to **Katie Carver Zabel '03** and **Jeremy Zabel '01**, 2/8/07.  
Callen, to **Andrea Kleven Croaston '04** and Daniel Croaston, 5/11/06.  
Mateya, to **Tona Schmidtke Speltz '04** and **Luke Speltz '03**, 1/19/07.

## In Memoriam

**Doris Appelquist Anderson '31**, Gaylord, MN, on May 30, 2007. She is survived by two sons, Karl '64 and Joel '70.

**Arthur W. Anderson '32**, Brookings, SD, on November 23, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Signe, and six children.

**Alfhild Peterson Maedl '35**, Fayetteville, AR, on May 13, 2007. She was a retired public school teacher and administrator and is survived by daughters Patricia Krough '61 and Pamela Gutowski '71, and brother Carl Manfred '39.

**Dagmar Abrahamson Breck '38**, Rockford, IL, on July 7, 2007. She was a retired English and music teacher and is survived by three sons and sister Aina Abrahamson '35.

**J. Hilding Sorenson '39**, Paynesville, MN, on June 12, 2007. He was a former teacher,

school principal, and rural mail carrier and served as a Gustavus class agent. He is survived by his wife, Clara, daughter Marlys '72, and sister Arlene Higgins '46.

**Emelyn Larson '40**, Mankato, MN, on July 18, 2007. She was a retired music teacher for Mankato Schools and is survived by sister Carol Weech '46.

**Bob Gove '46**, Plymouth, MN, on April 9, 2007. He was a retired social studies teacher and football coach at Mound High School and is survived by his wife, Betty (Johnson '47), one daughter, and three sons including Nathan '85.

**Sherman W. Burns '47**, White Bear Lake, MN, on April 24, 2007. He was a retired salesman from Land O'Lakes and farm mediator. He is survived by his wife, Candace (Westberg '49), and four children.

**Allen C. Nelson '49**, Rock Island, IL, on April 22, 2007. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Naomi, and four sons.

**Wallace Wang '50**, Key West, FL, on June 12, 2007. He was retired from ALCOA Aluminum and is survived by one daughter and two sons.

**Ruth Holle Collard '51**, East Wenatchee, WA, on June 25, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Ernest, and two sons.

**Robert E. Jensen '52**, Bloomington, MN, on May 24, 2007. He was a retired contract consultant for Control Data and is survived by his wife, Jeanette (Fetchenhier '54), two children including Rand '76, and sister Josephine Tollefson '60.

**Verner R. Johnson '58**, Woodbury, MN, on March 17, 2007. He was a former farm equipment dealer for Hogan and Johnson Machine Co. and is survived by daughters Coleen Swanson '72 and Catherine Jahde '77.

**Jean Hagglund Parshall '58**, Auburndale, FL, on April 27, 2007. She was a retired nurse and is survived by her husband, Robert.

**Gene Lampi '61**, Stillwater, MN, on August 30, 2006. He was a retired quality control manager/rocket scientist for Buckbee-Mears and is survived by his wife, Karen, and four daughters.

**Karen Nielsen Pike '66**, St. Paul, MN, on June 10, 2007. She is survived by one son and two sisters including Mary Allan '65.

**S. Anita Stauffer '69**, Melrose Park, IL, on June 26, 2007. She was





### Alumni Soccer Game

Last May alumni soccer players returned to campus to join with the team's graduating seniors for a game versus the squad's returning players. Seated from left are undergrads Stefan Kolis, Gabe Joyes, Chris Adams, Jesus Espina-Velosa, Brett Vanderstreek, Matt Strom, Todd Johnson, and Tim Gendron. Kneeling are **Greg Holker '07**, **Chris Holze '98**, Kyle Sommer, Vince Oldre, Kyle Johnsrud, **Matt Broin '07**, Neil Nelson, **Tyler Garry '07**, Ben Eriksson, Nick Wornson, Adam Zard, **Eric Carl '03**, and **Mike Adkins '02**. Standing are **Dan Dietl '03**, Sam Barthel, Abdul Suleyman, Josh Busacker, Skylar Schulz, Trevor Brown, **Caleb Bousu '06**, **Tom Lersten '88**, **Jeremiah Becker '07**, **Louis Trejo '07**, **Morgan Rapp '06**, **Nate Hitch '05**, **Andy Moulton '05**, Mike Butterworth, Jens Hagstrom, Flynn Stewart-Franzen, **Jordan Iblings '06**, **Adam MacLeod-Roth '03**, **Steve Young '06**, and **Alex Groth '07**.

former study secretary for worship for The Lutheran World Federation and is survived by a brother.

**Marsha L. Olson '86**, Solvang, CA, on March 7, 2007. She was a charge nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura, CA, and is survived by her husband, David Lopez.

**Brian Swanson '00**, Long Lake, MN, on June 29, 2007. He was a construction project manager for CBS Construction of Brooklyn Park and is survived by his wife, Cindy, his parents, Thomas and Deborah, and one brother.

**Bethany Hartung '07**, Clackamas, OR, on June 24, 2007, after a three-year battle with leukemia. She is survived by her father and mother, Rick and Toni, two sisters, and one brother.

**Emily Gentholtz '09**, Bozeman, MT, in an automobile accident on June 27, 2007. She is survived by her father and mother, David and Jane.

**Ethel Haack**, Cleveland, MN, on July 18, 2007. She worked in the Gustavus Dining Service for 20 years as a cashier and is survived by her husband, Arvid, two sons, and one daughter.

**Gordon Thom**, Nicollet, MN, on April 2, 2007. He was a retired safety and security officer at Gustavus.



### Nothing fishy here

Five friends gathered with Spencer Seamans at Stella's Fish House in Minneapolis to celebrate his graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School last May. Pictured from left are **Derek Nelson '03**, **Beau Gehler '03**, **Jason Flohrs '03**, **Jesse Brekke '03**, **Spencer Seamans '03**, and **Andy Odden '03**.

## Gusties Gather!

Gusties have always gathered, and now Gusties around the country will be gathering on the same day—September 30. Gatherings are focused on fun, food, and Gustie friendship. Attend a gathering or host an event yourself! Contact the Office of Alumni Relations by phone at 800/487-8437, by e-mail at [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu), or online at [gustavus.edu/alumni/Gusties\\_gather.cfm](http://gustavus.edu/alumni/Gusties_gather.cfm)!



### Taking in the District

College roommates from the **Class of 2004**—from left, **Jill Hubers Haspert**, **Lisa Swenson**, and **Melissa Habedank**—recently got together in Washington, DC, where Melissa is now working for North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan.

# ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS

2007 Distinguished Alumni Citation

**H**er voice is confident, persuasive, and reassuring, everything Minnesotans could want to hear in a leader. **Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90**, Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, is second in line of succession to the governor.

Even when there are differences on policy, "House members hold Speaker Kelliher in high regard because of her character and integrity," former state legislator Ruth Johnson '69 said, introducing Kelliher for a Distinguished Alumni Citation in government service at this year's alumni banquet in May. "Hers is a steady, sure, fair hand on the gavel."

Kelliher welcomes hard work. She brings people from disparate segments of the state together. Her considerable leadership skills were apparent to those who knew her as a Gustavus student. These are the virtues most often attributed to Kelliher.

She learned to work hard, growing up the youngest of six on a southern Minnesota farm. "Gustavus reminded me of the farm in that there was always more work to be done," Kelliher says. She recalls, "Don Ostrom was the first to tell me I should consider running for office some day. Isn't that a strange thing to say to a sophomore?"

Consider, though, that she was state 4-H president and Gustavus student body co-president. "Margaret had the benefit of a wonderful group of



Tom Rosier

*Margaret Kelliher '90*

## *Distinguished Alumni Citation – Margaret Kelliher '90*

### **Steady hand, skilled leader**

*by Kathryn Christenson*

politically active students during her years at Gustavus," says Ostrom, her political science professor and adviser.

She was one of 29 students traveling to New Hampshire in 1988 for Ostrom's January Term course, "Nominating the Next President." She and Ann Vos Greenawalt '90 became so involved with Paul Simon's presidential campaign, Ostrom says, "that they flew back to New Hampshire the night of the presidential primary to watch the results, then persuaded Simon to come to Gustavus for a campaign visit . . . the only time in my 32 years at Gustavus that we had a presidential candidate on campus."

Kelliher and Greenawalt were the two youngest delegates to the national Democratic Party convention in summer 1988. Kelliher met her future hus-

band, David, a Michael Dukakis activist. Together they campaigned for Paul Wellstone in his successful 1990 run for U.S. Senate. Today the Kelliher's have a son, Patrick, 13, and daughter, Frances, 10.

After Gustavus, Margaret Kelliher worked on the staff of Robert Vanasek, Speaker of the Minnesota House. She was campaign manager for another Speaker, Dee Long, the first woman to hold that post. When Long retired in 1998 Kelliher won the seat herself and, in Ostrom's words, "quickly worked her way up the ladder in the House, being elected assistant minority leader in 2000, minority whip in 2004, and Speaker after the 2006 election."

Ostrom continues, "Margaret gets along well with a wide variety of people. She's a farm girl who represents a district in Minneapolis. That district has some of the wealthiest, best educated people in the city, and also areas of poverty. She was a Swedish Lutheran from rural Minnesota who married an Irish Catholic from Boston." Under a Bush Fellowship, Kelliher earned a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

"When I think of my role as Speaker of the House, in addition to presiding, I'm there to help people to achieve their legislative goals," Kelliher says. "This connects with what I learned at Gustavus. Each of us has a higher calling to a life of service, to make this state a better place."

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Tom Roster

Paul Peterson '94

In the fall of 1993, Paul Peterson '94 took a social studies methods course that Jeffrey Olson, then the principal of St. Peter High School, was teaching for the Department of Education at Gustavus. Olson remembers that it was "crystal clear from the outset" that the Annandale, Minn., native was a very special and talented young man. "I thought that if I ever had a chance," he admits, "I would actively try to hire Paul as a teacher at St. Peter High School."

Five years later, Olson got his opportunity and was able to "steal" Paul from Monticello High School. Paul quickly distinguished himself as one of the best and most respected teachers in the St. Peter school district. In 2003, when Olson was named superintendent of St. Peter Public Schools, he recruited Paul again, to be the high school principal. In four years, Peterson moved from the novice category to being the state's High School Principal of the Year—a startling accomplishment.

Over the past four years, Peterson has facilitated and led a number of changes and initiatives in the 7–12 high school program. Three of his initiatives stand out. First, he worked with a site-leadership team to have St. Peter High School selected as one of ten "Lighthouse" High Schools in Minnesota. Through this selection, the high school has initiated the "Get Ready, Get Credit Program," a new adviser/advisee homeroom system, and an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in the 7–12 curriculum.

Second, he guided the entire 7–12 learning community through a comprehensive review of the

high school's safety and security system. He accomplished this by establishing the 7–8 middle school wing as a pilot site for the Kentucky Safe Schools Assessment. Through surveys, interviews, and a visit from outside consultants, a variety of new safety and security measures were crafted and implemented.

Finally, Peterson has led an effort to improve teacher quality. He implemented a new teacher evaluation system, introducing a so-called "three-minute walkthrough" as part of the process. He recruited promising candidates for, and led them through, the National Board Teacher Certification

### *Distinguished Alumni Citation – Paul Peterson '94*

## Star Principal

process, and he has implemented Professional Learning Communities with a focus on data-driven instructional improvement.

None of this was missed by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP), which honored him in January 2007 as the Met Life/MASSP Principal of the Year. Peterson was subsequently recognized by his alma mater with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of education at the 2007 alumni banquet held during Commencement and Reunion Weekend "for his achievements as a public school teacher and administrator, which had brought honor to both himself and his alma mater."

"Paul Peterson is a star principal," says Olson, who introduced him at the banquet. "I can think of no individual who exemplifies outstanding and exceptional achievement in the field of public education better than Paul Peterson does."

# ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS

## 2007 Greater Gustavus Award

**R**uss and Jan Ledin Michaletz '74 '74 received the Gustavus Alumni Association's highest award, the Greater Gustavus Award, during the Alumni Association's 2007 banquet, held on May 26 during the College's 2007 Reunion Weekend.

The Greater Gustavus Award is awarded to those "who by deed, have notably advanced and aided Gustavus Adolphus College." Introducing them at the alumni banquet, retired Director of Public Affairs Elaine Brostrom lauded them "for their fantastic volunteer and financial support, for their contagious enthusiasm, for their encouraging example, for their never-ending love for Gustavus and all of its people, and for their lifetime of aiding and advancing Gustavus Adolphus College."

Both Russ and Jan have served Gustavus in multiple leadership capacities dating back to their student days at the College. Jan worked with student and residence hall governance and was a member of the *Gustavian Weekly* staff. Russ, too, was on the Student Senate and was active in theatre and in musical organizations, serving as president of the Gustavus Choir in 1973–74. After grad-



Tom Roster

Russ and Jan Ledin Michaletz '74 '74

and Management Advisory Group, the Executives Forum, the Crown Council, the Alumni Board of Directors, and Gusties in Volunteer Endeavors (G.I.V.E.).

Jan is currently serving as chair of the Alumni Board of Directors. Her past involvement in volunteer leadership opportunities includes a three-year stint as president of Gustavus Library Associates, during which time she also chaired one of the organization's biennial galas supporting the College's library. She has been a class agent for 33 years while also being involved in the Founders Society, the Gustavus

Heritage Partnership, and the Building a Greater Gustavus Campaign Council, and as a State Fair booth and Phonorama volunteer. Jan has also been active at the American Swedish Institute, serving on the board and chairing several projects for ASI. In addition she works with the Edina Community Foundation and is a director for the Minnesota Orchestra volunteer association.

The Michaletzses, who reside in Edina, Minn., are also the proud parents of four children—three of whom are Gusties (Mara '02, Anne Viljaste '05, and John '08). Their youngest, Peter, is a senior at Edina High School this fall.

## Greater Gustavus Award – Russ and Jan Ledin Michaletz '74 '74

### Everything Gustavus

uating, they returned to the campus often, as Jan has been a class agent since graduation—for 33 years now.

Russ, a native of Glencoe, went on to attend the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating with the J.D. degree in 1977. He is now a partner with Deloitte Consulting in Minneapolis. Russ served as chair of the College's Board of Trustees for the past three years and just completed his third term on the board. Besides his service as a trustee, Russ has been involved in the Founders Society, the Gustavus Heritage Partnership, the Building a Greater Gustavus Campaign Council, the Economics



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## *arts on campus*

*The renowned South African vocal group Ladysmith Black Mambazo visits Gustavus on September 28. The group will perform in Christ Chapel, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).*

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