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Changing and Changeless

Jake Seamans '10



Ask most graduates of this place about Gustavus and they'll conjure up an image of the College as it was when they attended. Even as they return to the campus for anniversary reunions—renewing acquaintances, revisiting familiar landmarks, marveling at new ones—they will imagine that good ol' Gustavus hasn't changed a bit.

But it has.

Many of the changes over the years have been subtle, to be sure. The seemingly changeless "Gustie spirit" remains intact, and the College continues to be an open and friendly community. But a healthy organism must adapt and change to survive; we are driven not only by our own mission but also by outside forces—the events occurring in the world around us, the explosion in technology, new career fields, the mutability of popular culture . . . and, yes, even the innovations of our competition. New fields of inquiry and the promise of new knowledge (and new ways of imparting that knowledge) spur the faculty and the College's academic programs.

This issue of the *Gustavus Quarterly* introduces some community members, new to the College or in new roles, who surely will be catalysts for future change. Seventeen are faculty members newly hired to tenure-track positions, who bring to the College strengths in fields ranging from geomorphology to Christian social ethics, and from East Asian history to electronic resources.

On the administrative front, Gustavus has a new vice president for institutional advancement, Tom Young '88, a director of gift planning at the College since 2005 whose consulting background includes fundraising campaigns in the United States, India, and Sweden. He is profiled in the Legacy section of the magazine. Readers will also find the announcement of four new members of the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees, who will help to guide the College in its current pursuits and its future directions.

Finally, this issue introduces the College's 15th president, Jack R. Ohle, who took office on July 1 and brings to his new position fresh ideas to enhance Gustavus's quality and reputation. Ohle comes to Gustavus after serving as president of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, for the past 10 years. He will be inaugurated on Friday, Oct. 3. Accompanying his profile is a schedule of Inauguration Week events that will afford him the opportunity to address a number of different constituencies to outline his initiatives and vision for the College's future. Upcoming issues of the *Quarterly* will report on those initiatives.

Stay tuned,

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Richard Leitch recognized with 2008 Carlson Award

Associate Professor of Political Science Richard Leitch was named the 2008 recipient of Gustavus Adolphus College's highest faculty accolade, the Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching, during commencement exercises on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus on June 1.

Leitch was introduced to the commencement audience by the 2007 Carlson Award winner, Professor of English Claude Brew, who noted that Leitch had "received a large number of nominations, including by student majors and non-majors, first-year students through seniors. One of those students wrote, 'This faculty member brings an amazing enthusiasm into the classroom. He becomes more than just your teacher but also your colleague. [He] pushes you to excel and have a real desire to learn.'

"Another student nominator wrote, 'As a first-year student back in 2000, I heard a rumor that a professor was sleeping outside the chapel with his students, participating in the annual Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week on campus. . . . From that point on, [he] continued to have a memorable impact on my Gustavus career, and will con-

tinue to have an impact long into my post-college years.'"

Leitch earned his undergraduate degree in East Asian studies from Colby College in 1985. After a two-year career on Wall Street, he returned to academic life, earning an M.A. in Asian studies from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He went on to earn a Ph.D. there in political science in 1995, also receiving the Harriet and Charles Luckman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and the College of Liberal Arts Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student.

Leitch has been a member of the Department of Political Science at Gustavus since 1996, teaching courses in international relations, comparative politics, Asian politics, and environmental politics. In 2000 he received the student-selected Swenson-Bunn Award for Teaching Excellence at Gustavus; the Carlson Award continues a tradition of recognizing excellence in his teaching.

In addition to the courses just mentioned, Professor Leitch teaches courses in analyzing Japan and in the politics of developing nations. Brew related that Leitch's teaching interests focus closer to home as



2008 Carlson Award recipient Richard Leitch accepts the commencement audience's applause.

well: "Especially noteworthy, judging by the many comments from first-year students, is his First Term Seminar on 'The Politics of Homelessness.' The lessons students learn in this class about the effects of poverty both here and abroad are lasting. One student wrote, 'After returning from a semester in Uganda, life in America was so difficult that I was about to drop out of school. . . . Instead . . . [Leitch] adopted me as a member of his family and I lived with his family for six months. Here he constantly helped me make connections between the pain, suffering, and joy I experienced in Uganda, and how I could make a difference while being an American with so many privileges. . . .' Few students perhaps need or receive this level of caring from professors, but many, many students attest to the role that

caring for his students as individuals plays in Professor Leitch's approach to teaching."

Leitch has also developed an impressive résumé of out-of-class activities and accomplishments in the twelve years he has been at Gustavus—First Term Seminar director, interim Peace Studies director, co-chair of the MAYDAY! Conference,
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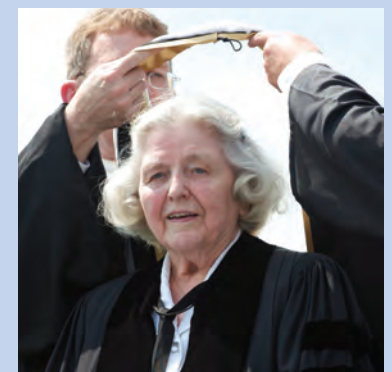
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active in HECUA, adviser to the Gustavus ROTC, to name just a few.

Brew ended his introduction of Leitch with a revealing anecdote. “In the autumn of 1999, mistakenly believing that Professor Leitch was about to be reviewed for tenure, a student wrote, ‘Please forgive the crude, hand-written letter, as I am writing this letter from rural India where I have no computer or typewriter access.’ The student goes on for several pages describing the ways Professor Leitch has taught, supported, guided, and encouraged her. In the course of her letter she identifies two of the most important things any great teacher does for students: ‘He never stops encouraging and challenging me.’”

Leitch is the 38th recipient of the Carlson Award, which was established by the Gustavus Board of Trustees in 1971 to honor Edgar Carlson, the College’s president from 1944 through 1968, for his years of distinguished leadership and in recognition of his commitment to academic excellence. Gustavus faculty, staff, administrators, and students nominate professors for this award, and each year at commencement a faculty member, selected by previous Carlson recipients, is honored for his or her exceptional skill and effectiveness as an instructor.

Much of the material in this article is taken from remarks prepared by Professor Emeritus Claude Brew to announce Richard Leitch as the 2008 Carlson Award recipient. 

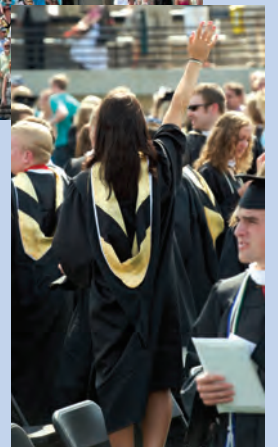


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Commencement 2008



The 589 graduates of the Class of 2008 survived the heat on Hollingsworth Field (upper left) and celebrated with family on Eckman Mall following the ceremony (upper right). Honorary degrees were awarded to David Selvaraj, director of Vishtar (far left), and the Rev. Drell and Adeline Bernhardson, longtime supporters of the College (middle, above). Retiring president Jim Peterson '64 and his wife, Susan (Pepin '65), bid an emotional farewell to the College community (near left).





Board names Jack R. Ohle as College's 15th president

On April 25, 2008, the board of trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College elected Jack R. Ohle to be the College's 15th president. Ohle, who has spent 39 years in higher education administration, most recently as president of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, for the past 10

years, took office July 1, 2008. He succeeds James L. Peterson '64, who retired after serving as president of the College since July 2003. Ohle's appointment concluded a search launched in October 2007.

"I welcome Jack Ohle to Gustavus. This is a great day for

the College," said Gustavus Board of Trustees Chair Jim Gale '83 in announcing Ohle's election. "Jack has all the attributes that we were looking for in our next president. He has strong leadership skills, broad experience in higher education, a strong understanding of what makes Gustavus a special place, and innovative ideas to help move Gustavus forward as a first-class liberal arts institution."

At Wartburg, Ohle oversaw significant growth and innovation while strongly emphasizing the College's mission of service, leadership, faith, and learning as a College of the Church. During



Jack R. Ohle

his tenure, Wartburg completed \$104 million in capital improvements, including state-of-the-art centers for science and wellness. "Campaign Wartburg" achieved \$90 million against an \$88 million goal. Under Ohle, the college added 21 full-time faculty members, expanded its campus ministry programs, and began a

"Celebrate Gustavus" Inauguration Events

Sunday, Sept. 28

- **Celebrate Gustavus: Student Homecoming and Inaugural Week Kickoff**; celebration in the Evelyn Young Dining Room, C. Charles Jackson Campus Center

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- **Celebrate Gustavus: A Community of Learners**; lecture featuring Dr. John W. Churchill, secretary of Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- **Celebrate Gustavus: Leadership Dinner**, Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union; *by invitation*

Friday, Oct. 3

- **Celebrate Gustavus: Inaugural Luncheon**, Alumni Hall, Johnson Student Union; *by invitation*
- **Celebrate Gustavus: Inauguration of President Jack R. Ohle** as 15th president of Gustavus Adolphus College, Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m.; reception following, Eckman Mall
- **Celebrate Gustavus: A Gala Evening**, Lund Center Arena; *by invitation*

Saturday, Oct. 4

- **Celebrate Gustavus: Inaugural Tree Dedication**, Linnaeus Arboretum, 10:30 a.m.
- **Celebrate Gustavus: Oktoberfest**, buffet dinner, Lund Center Forum, following Homecoming football game; \$7 per person

Sunday, Oct. 5

- **Celebrate Gustavus: Nobel Conference Preview Dinner**, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul; *by invitation*



Steve Waldhauser '70

Jack and Kris Ohle were introduced to the Gustavus community April 25, 2008, during morning chapel.



vocational discernment program called "Discovering and Claiming Our Callings," made possible through a \$2.5 million grant from the Lilly Foundation. Ohle also opened a Center for Community Engagement. Relationships with alumni and parents were strengthened and the student body grew larger and more diverse.


Before accepting the presidency at Wartburg, Ohle had served Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, for 11 years, first as vice president for institutional advancement and later as senior vice president for external affairs

and secretary to the university. At Drake he directed two major fundraising campaigns, a seven-year drive for \$131 million and a \$190 million campaign launched in 1997. Ohle also was vice president for advancement at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln (1978–1987); director of development and of alumni and special programs at Ohio Northern University, Ada (1974–1978); and associate dean of students, director of freshman counseling, and assistant football coach at Muskingham College, New Concord, Ohio (1973–74).

Ohle took his undergraduate degree from Ohio Northern University, earning a bachelor of arts in social work in 1969. He did graduate work at Hama School of Theology in Springfield, Ohio, before going on to complete a master of arts degree in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1973. He also holds an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

While at Wartburg, Ohle became the third most senior president among the colleges and

universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He has served as chair of the executive committee of the Council of Presidents of the ELCA Colleges and Universities. He has also chaired both the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) Presidents' Council and the board of trustees of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Ohle is married to Kirsten Lindquist Ohle. The couple has three adult sons: Robert (who attended Gustavus in 1992–1994), John, and Thomas. 

Briefly . . .

Four new board members seated

Four new members joined the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees as the group met on campus in June. Beginning three-year terms were **Åke Bonnier**, dean of the Cathedral of Stockholm and member of the board of the diocese of Stockholm, and **Paul Koch '87**, senior vice president, wealth management, for Citigroup Smith Barney. Two others joined the board in an ex officio capacity, the Rev. **Brian Fragodt '81**, after being elected president of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations at the association's convention on campus in April, and **Jan Ledin Michaletz '74**, who effective this fall will be the immediate past president of the Gustavus Alumni Association.

Bonnier, who resides in Lidingö, Sweden, was a clergy-

man and vicar in the parish of Lidingö and served in the deanery of Östermalm and Lidingö before becoming dean of the Stockholm Domkyrkoförsamling (the cathedral church) in 2006. He maintains strong ecumenical interest and engagement and has been part of the Focolare movement since 1988. He and his wife, Kristina, a social coordinator, have two adult daughters.

Koch, who lives in Plymouth, Minn., with his wife, Michelle, and three sons, is a member of the College's Alumni Fund Council and Twin Cities National Campaign Council and is also active with his class's reunion committee. He follows his late father, the Rev. Ron Koch '61, who served on the College's board from 1994 to 2003.

Fragodt has been pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in East Bethel, Minn., since 1995.

He and his wife, Kim (Beyer '83), reside in Andover, Minn. Michaletz, whose husband, Russ '74, also served on the board (1998–2007), lives in Edina, Minn.; their fourth child is enrolled as a first-year student at Gustavus this fall.

Mason named Fulbright Scholar

Professor Emeritus of English Gregory Mason has been accepted into the United States Fulbright Scholar Program for the 2008–09 academic year. Mason plans to teach American literature and culture in Montenegro during the 2009 spring semester.

"The opportunity to teach in Montenegro promises to be very enriching for me both personally and professionally," Mason said. "I look forward to being immersed in an environment and in cultural practices and traditions

that are quite unfamiliar to me."

Mason taught at Gustavus from 1971 to 2008 and is the founder of the College's curricular Peace Studies program, for which he served as director from 1985 to 2002. During that time, Mason also served as chair of the College's annual MAYDAY! Peace Conference. He also served two terms as chair of the College's Department of English. Mason retired from full-time teaching following the 2007–08 academic year.

The Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year to lecture and conduct research in a variety of academic and professional fields. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Faculty authors feted

Six current and former faculty members were recognized at the annual Gustavus Author Tea held on April 29 on campus. Sponsored by the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library and the Book Mark, the event celebrated individuals from the campus community who had written or contributed in a significant way to a published book during the 2007–08 academic year.

Pictured are the honorees who were able to attend the event. Seated from left are **Barbara Fister**, a professor on the library faculty whose second mystery novel, *In the Wind*, draws parallels between the Vietnam War era and today's climate for civil liberties; and **Thia Cooper**, assistant professor of religion, who addresses the question of whether Christians should be struggling toward development or liberation in her book, *Controversies in Political Theology*. Standing are **Laurent Déchery**, a professor of French in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, whose multi-disciplinary book on perception in the 17th and 18th centuries, *Le premier regard, essays d'anatomie metaphysique*, studies Leonardo da Vinci, René Descartes, George Berkeley, Denis Diderot, and others; **Donald Myers '83**, director of the Hillstrom Museum of Art and an instructor in the Department of Art and Art History, who contributed extensive technical descriptions for each of around 800 Renaissance and later portrait medals in the collection of the National Gallery of Art that are catalogued in the two-volume set, *The Collections of the National Gallery of Art, Systematic Catalogue, Renaissance Medals*; and **Darrell Jodock**, the Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor of Religion, who edited the results of 60 years of Jewish-Christian dialogue in *Covenantal Conversations*. Not able to attend the event was **Dennis Johnson '60**, former vice president and interim president of the College, who collaborated with the late **Robert Esbjornson '43** to produce *Esbj! The Heart and Mind of a Professor*, the memoirs of Esbjornson's 33 years at Gustavus.

Briefly . . .

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Orchestra leader honored by students with two awards

Warren Friesen, adjunct instructor in the Department of Music and director of the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra since 2000, was recognized by the student body in May with the 2008 Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. The award, nominated by students and selected by vote of the Student Senate, is named for two student senators killed in a car accident in 1989.

Friesen also was the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Theodore E. Conrad Faculty/Staff Achievement Award, a new mentoring and advocacy award designated for faculty or staff members. The award, named for the late religion professor (taught 1943–1955), dean, and member of the Class of 1925, was established by a former student in recognition of Conrad's influence on his own life. A selection committee convened by the dean of students considers nominations from any member of the College community, and the award includes an honorarium that each year's recipient will designate to a selected student organization or activity.

Gustavus Global Insight offers campus focused learning opportunity

In September 2008, Gustavus Adolphus College inaugurates an annual, campuswide program for its students, faculty, and staff that will focus on a single country, region, or global issue during the academic year. The program, named Gustavus Global Insight, will feature invited speakers, fine arts events, special presentations,

common reading, and service-learning opportunities, as well as class time dedicated to discussions relating to the focus topic.

For 2008–09, the theme of Gustavus Global Insight is "China." In addition to continuing to pursue their own major courses and electives, students will acquire new knowledge of this vast, 3.7 million-square-mile country and new perspectives on its 1.3 billion inhabitants. Class offerings and invited presentations will delve into China's history, culture, economy, environment, government, current trends, future outlook, and more. Already scheduled events include a theatre production of Nobel Prize-winner Gao Xingjian's *The Other Shore* in Spring 2009, two Artist Series performances, and a film series. Complementing the theme, the Reading in Common book committee has selected *Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China*, by *Washington Post* journalist John Pomfret, as its common reading for the Gustavus community this fall. Pomfret will visit the campus on Sept. 15, speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

For a sampling of China programming already scheduled and to stay current with updates as thematic planning continues, visit gustavus.edu/academics/globalinsight/.

The tentative schedule for Gustavus Global Insight topics in the next few years is "Mexico" in 2009–10, "Food/Nutrition" in 2010–11, and "The Circumpolar Year" (Scandinavia, Northern Canada, Greenland, and Russia) in 2011–12. For more information about the coming year's China focus or the program in general, contact Tom Huber, associate professor of physics and chair of the Gustavus Global



Paul Tillquist '63 receives Covenant Award

Paul F. Tillquist '63, executive consultant in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Gustavus and a long-time advocate for the church-related identity of the College, has been named recipient of the 2008 Covenant Award from the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. The award was presented to Tillquist at the annual meeting of the association on the Gustavus campus in April.

Working for the College much of his professional career has been Tillquist's way of teaming his commitments to the Church and the College. In various roles on staff—as admission counselor, director of academic counseling, associate academic dean, director of planned giving, sen-

ior development associate, and now as executive consultant in advancement—Tillquist has remained intentional in his efforts to promote Gustavus as a college of the Church.


A number of church-related initiatives that Tillquist helped to establish at Gustavus have grown into key elements in expressing the living relationship the College enjoys with the Lutheran Church. He assisted Interim Chaplain Robert Esbjornson '43 in developing "Transfiguration Talks," a program that brings a graduate back to campus each year to give a series of chapel talks during the week of the Transfiguration of Christ. During the 1980s, Tillquist worked with the Office of Church Relations in developing the program now known as

"Partners in Education," which sends Gustavus professors into congregations on Sunday mornings for various educational presentations. He also worked with Dennis Johnson '60 to establish the criteria for the Covenant Award in 1991, when it was first presented.


His efforts toward the Church-College connection have been seen at many points of his career. In the aftermath of the 1998 tornado, when Tillquist was serving as vice president for development and communications for Lutheran Social Service, he worked to connect LSS with members of the Gustavus Association of Congregations and other ELCA congregations to help organize and transport volunteers to campus for service days.



Paul F. Tillquist '63

The Covenant Award is bestowed annually to celebrate the efforts of individuals who have made distinctive contributions toward strengthening the partnership between Gustavus Adolphus College and member congregations of the Association of Congregations. Alumni, pastors, association delegates, faculty, staff, and students of the College are eligible for the award. 

Gustavus, coming your way!

Gustavus will be represented at college fairs and on-campus admission events during the fall of 2008 at the locations listed below. Please encourage prospective students with whom you may be acquainted to stop by and visit! If you have questions or want more information, contact Alan Meiers '87 at 507-933-7682 or 800-487-8288. 

September		October			
10 La Crosse, Wis.	22 Superior, Wis.	1 Forest Lake, Ill.		7 Brainerd, Minn.	16 Lawrence, Kan.
10 Minot, N.D.	23 Kenosha, Wis.	1 Louisville, Colo.		7 Brookings, S.D.	16 Schaumburg, Ill.
11 Minot, N.D.	23 Park Ridge, Ill.	1 Minneapolis		7 Eau Claire, Wis.	17 Explore Gustavus Visit Day (on campus)
14 Phoenix, Ariz.	24 Hartland, Wis.	1 Spokane, Wash.		7 Elgin, Ill.	19 Lincoln, Neb.
14 Scottsdale, Ariz.	24 International Falls, Minn.	2 Denver, Colo.		7 La Crosse, Wis.	22 Chicago, Ill.
15 Fargo, N.D.	24 Virginia, Minn.	2 Minneapolis		7 Marshall, Minn.	23 Rapid City, S.D.
15 Rice Lake, Wis.	25 Grand Rapids, Minn.	3 Minneapolis		7 Nobel Conference® 44 (on campus)	25 Chicago, Ill.
16 Ashland, Wis.	25 Hibbing, Minn.	3 Minneapolis		8 Fairbanks, Alaska	26 Milwaukee, Wis.
16 Kansas City, Kan.	25 New Berlin, Wis.	3 Portland, Ore.		8 Marshall, Minn.	26 Omaha, Neb.
16 Thief River Falls, Minn.	26 Grand Rapids, Minn.	4 Cherry Creek, Colo.		8 Sioux Falls, S.D.	26 President's Sunday Reception (on campus)
17 Bemidji, Minn.	28 Aspen, Colo.	4 Portland, Ore.		8 Nobel Conference® 44 (on campus)	
17 Glen Ellyn, Ill.	28 Des Moines, Iowa	6 Alexandria, Minn.		8 Rockford, Ill.	November
17 Minocqua, Wis.	28 Seattle, Wash.	6 Anchorage, Alaska		9 Morris, Minn.	1 Multicultural Visit Day (on campus)
17 Wausau, Wis.	29 Colorado Springs, Colo.	6 Collegeville, Minn.		9 Vermillion, S.D.	20 St. Paul, Minn.
18 Cambridge, Minn.	29 Forest Lake, Minn.	6 Mitchell, S.D.		9 Verona, Wis.	
18 Kansas City, Kan.	29 Seattle, Wash.	6 Las Vegas, Nev.		10 Willmar, Minn.	
18 Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.	30 Fort Collins, Colo.	6 Sioux Falls, S.D.		13 Brooklyn Park, Minn.	December
22 Franklin, Wis.	30 Pine City, Minn.	7 Anchorage, Alaska		13 Maple Grove, Minn.	5 Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008 (on campus)
		7 Boise, Idaho		13 Minneapolis	6 Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008 (on campus)
				13 Osseo, Minn.	7 Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008 (on campus)
				14 St. Francis, Minn.	
				15 Shawnee Mission, Kan.	
				16 Explore Gustavus Visit Day (on campus)	



2008 Nobel Conference seeks first humans

Who were the first humans? That is the question the 2008 Nobel Conference hopes to answer. The conference, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8, brings six noted scientists to the campus to consider the full range of recent evidence about the first modern humans and what we may learn from them about surviving the global challenges we face as a species today.

Describing the 2008 conference topic, conference chair Tim Robinson '65 notes, "Study of the first humans, where they

came from and how they lived, has long been the sphere of knowledge attributed to archaeologists and paleoanthropologists. During the last couple of decades, however, biologists, climatologists, geneticists, mathematicians, and psychologists, among others, have been adding to the scientific database. Using new techniques and state-of-the-art technologies, they have both aided the painstaking work of extracting skeletal remains and artifacts from ancient sites around the world and bolstered the physical findings."

Together, these scientists have produced a host of exciting, far-reaching discoveries. While they are still debating the exact relationships among the species of hominids, the genus from which modern humans arose, they are getting closer and closer to finding the very first of our kind, with research that is rewriting our history and informing us in dramatic ways.

Through study of mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosomes, for example, molecular biologists and geneticists have traced the birth of modern humans to Africa around 200,000 years ago. They created art and musical instruments, buried their dead, learned to make tools, invented languages, and ventured out. From Africa, they headed to Asia, Europe, and across the seas to the Americas.

"For tens of thousands of years, our forebears coexisted with Neanderthals," says Robinson, "who, it turns out, were 'wired' with the same language gene. While the Neanderthals headed for extinction in the forests, however, scientists recently found humans headed for the beach. Our ancient ancestors discovered the 'basket' of food along Africa's coastlines and expanded their hunting and gathering skills from woolly mammoths and berries to seals and shellfish at least 167,000 years ago. Learning to harvest marine resources, in fact, just may have enabled them to survive the last ice age, as well as make it to the Americas. Perhaps the most thought-provoking find is how the research has been consis-

tently showing that, for all our physical and genetic differences, we are more alike than anyone imagined—and the implications of that are nothing less than profound."

The invited speakers bring cutting-edge research and findings to the discussion:

■ **Robin I.M. Dunbar**, professor of evolutionary anthropology and director, Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (ICEA), University of Oxford, United Kingdom, is an evolutionary anthropologist and psychologist whose principal research interest is the evolution of sociality.

■ **Marcus W. Feldman**, Burnet C. and Mildred Finley Wohlford Professor of Biological Sciences and director, Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies, Stanford University, Calif., uses applied mathematics and computer modeling to simulate and analyze the process of evolution.

■ **J. Wentzel van Huyssteen**, James I. McCord Professor of Theology and Science, Princeton Theological Seminary, N.J., provides an ethical and spiritual angle; his area of academic expertise is religious and scientific epistemology and the question of what makes humans unique.

■ **Curtis W. Marean**, professor, Institute of Human Origins, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, maintains a special interest in human occupation of grassland and coastal ecosystems and is currently directing archaeological excavations at cave sites at Mossel Bay in South Africa, where he is





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Svante Pääbo



Dennis Stanford


seeking to develop a continuous sequence of environmental change from 400,000 to 30,000 years ago and understand how environmental and climate changes contributed to the development of modern humans.

■ **Svante Pääbo**, professor of genetics and evolutionary biology and director, Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA), Leipzig, Germany, is a leading authority on paleogenetics, a discipline that uses the methods of genetics to study human evolution and ancient populations.

■ **Dennis Stanford**, curator of archaeology and chairman of the Anthropology Department at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., is known for advocating the "Solutrean hypothesis," which contends that Clovis points found in North America and dating back around 11,000 years derive from similar

flaking techniques developed thousands of years earlier by the Solutrean culture in Spain and may have been brought to North America by early visitors who traveled by boat along the edge of an icecap that rimmed the North Atlantic during the last ice age.

The 2008 Nobel Conference is marked by a "changing of the guard": it is physics professor Chuck Niederriter's first as director of the conference series. Niederriter takes over for Tim Robinson, who had served as director for the past seven years and chairs this year's proceedings.

Tickets for Nobel Conference® 44, October 7 and 8, 2008, are available through the College's website (gustavus.edu/nobelconference) or by mailing the insert in this magazine to the Office of College Relations. 

Conference schedule

For information on tickets, details, locations, and much more, visit gustavus.edu/nobelconference.

Tuesday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. Doors Open
- 9:15 a.m. Musical Prelude
- 9:30 a.m. **Academic Procession and Opening Ceremony**
Welcome: Jack Ohle, President of the College
- 10 a.m. **First Lecture: Curtis Marean**, Institute of Human Origins, Arizona State University
- 11 a.m. **Q & A Session**
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Break
- 12:45 p.m. Musical Prelude
- 1 p.m. **Second Lecture: Svante Pääbo**, Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig
- 2 p.m. **Q & A Session**
- 3 p.m. **Third Lecture: Marcus Feldman**, Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies, Stanford University
- 4 p.m. **Q & A Session**
- 5 – 6:30 p.m. **Nobel Conference Buffet**
- 6 – 8 p.m. **Art at the Nobel Conference**, Opening Reception (no ticket required), Hillstrom Museum of Art
- 6:30 p.m. **Peopling of Minnesota Forum** (concurrent sessions at two sites; no ticket required)
- 8 p.m. **Music at the Nobel Conference**, featuring the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, October 8

- 8:30 a.m. Doors Open
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Music and Welcome
- 10 a.m. **Fourth Lecture: Dennis Stanford**, Division of Archeology, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
- 11 a.m. **Q & A Session**
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Break
- 12:45 p.m. Musical Prelude
- 1 p.m. **Fifth Lecture: Robin Dunbar**, Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Oxford
- 2 p.m. **Q & A Session**
- 3 p.m. **Sixth Lecture: J. Wentzel van Huyssteen**, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 4 p.m. **Q & A Session**
- 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks



Hillstrom Museum of Art hosts exhibition of Soviet dissident art

by Donald Myers '83

The opening exhibition of the 2008–09 academic year at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, *Forbidden Art: The Postwar Russian Avant-Garde*, includes 77 artworks by over 60 Soviet artists who worked outside of the official Socialist Realism manner required by the Soviet state from the early 1930s through the late 1980s. It will be on view Sept. 8–Nov. 9, 2008 (with an opening reception during the Nobel Conference, Oct. 7, 6–8 p.m.).

Known variously as “dissident,” “non-conformist,” “alternative,” “unofficial,” or “Second Avant-Garde,” such artwork represented a level of defiance toward the Soviet state, and could bring repercussions to the artists, such as censure, loss of employment, being declared insane, or being internally exiled



Grisha Bruskin (b. 1945), *Jacob and an Angel*, 1995, steel, 41 x 25 x 16 inches, Traisman Collection

to some inhospitable part of the country such as Siberia.

The 1917 Russian Revolution had brought with it hopes of a utopian society. For artists of the First Russian Avant-Garde such as Kazimir Malevich (1878–1935) or El Lissitzky (1890–1941), it was an opportunity to create a new, pure art, uninfluenced by the past. Their abstract, formalist mode flourished during the first decade or so following the Revolution. Then, with Stalin’s decree of April 1932 titled “On the Reconstruction of Literary and Art Organizations,” the government declared that art must follow certain precepts. Socialist Realism, the state-favored approach, was characterized by a highly realistic, easily accessible style, in works whose subject matter aggrandized Soviet life and Soviet leaders. Only artists who worked in such a manner were supported by the state, with studios, supplies, commissions, and even access to vacation resorts frequented by fellow artists. The state was intolerant of other types of artwork, especially art that had religious or erotic content, that was critical of the Soviet system, or that was “formalist,” which for the Soviets included not only the abstractions of the First Russian Avant-Garde, but also modern Western art movements such as Impressionism, Cubism, Expressionism, and Surrealism. Such art was deemed to “distort the pure image of the Soviet people who are engaged in



Eric Bulatov (b. 1933), *Go, Stop, Go*, 1973, pencil and ink on paper, 15 x 15 inches, Traisman Collection

building Communism,” and thus was considered insulting to the people (in the words of official Soviet art critic Vladimir Kemenov in 1963).

The *Forbidden Art* exhibition is drawn from the collection of Yuri Traisman, who emigrated from the Soviet Union to the United States in 1971, and who systematically built an extensive collection of unofficial Soviet artworks in order to present a full history of such art. The general time period of the exhibit is from the “thaw” following the death of Stalin in 1953 and denunciations of him by Khrushchev in 1956 (an era when artists felt a certain renewal of expressive freedom), through a return to greater re-

pression of the sort that forcefully closed down the “Bulldozer Exhibition” of 1974, through the era of *glasnost* and *perestroika*, which finally brought true freedom to artists.

The exhibition explores five different categories within Russian dissident art. The first is the Reform School, which is characterized by a realistic style used to portray less than ideal situations. An example in the exhibit is the tempera painting *Man with a Slain Dog*, a self-portrait of Dmitrii Zhilinsky (b. 1928) cradling a dead dog. The image is clear and realistic, but its subject matter, far from being positive, is gloomy and depressing. Zhilinsky was one of the first artists to refuse to follow



Dmitrii Zhilinsky (b. 1928), Man with a Slain Dog, 1976, tempera on board, 46 ½ x 26 ½ inches, Traisman Collection

the strictures of Soviet Realism, but his approach, like other artists of the Reform School, was to reform Soviet art by retaining its realism while expanding its subject matter to include all aspects of life, the bad as well as the good.

The Radical School was less patient with official Soviet art than the Reform School, and sought to expand not only subject matter, but also stylistic possibilities. An example is the oil painting *Such a Mess*, by Viecheslav Kalinin (b. 1939). The grotesque is emphasized in this indictment of Soviet society, painted in an expressionistic, distorted style that amplifies the disturbing subject, that of degraded Soviet citizens who, far from being ennobled by the Soviet regime, are reduced to mindless pursuit of immediate pleasure. Kalinin's works often found disapproval with the government, and his exhibitions were frequently closed down

within hours after opening.

Another division of the *Forbidden Art* exhibition is Sots-Art, which comments ironically on Soviet life using a style that owes much to American Pop-Art, and which was named in reference to Pop-Art ("sots" is an abbreviation for the Russian "socialist"). One of the best known of the Sots-Artists is Aleksandr Kosolapov (b. 1943), who is

represented in the exhibit by his oil painting *McLenin*, which couples the golden arches of McDonald's with a simplified image of Soviet leader Lenin. That work clearly shows its connections with American Pop-Art in its similarities to the consumerist-based work of Pop-Artist Andy Warhol (1928–1987), who was very influential for Kosolapov, especially after Kosolapov immigrated to New York in 1975.

Another artist associated with Sots-Art is Grisha Bruskin (b. 1945), whose cut-metal sculpture titled *Jacob and an Angel* is in the exhibition. Bruskin was a member of the official Soviet Union of Artists, but he was criticized for his unofficial works, which, as in this sculpture, often explored religious themes, including ones from his Jewish heritage, in a mock-monumental style that draws from precedents of Soviet commemorative sculpture.


One of the best known of the dissident artists is Eric Bulatov (b. 1933), who is associated with Sots-Art and with a related movement, Moscow Conceptualism, whose artists wished to dissect Soviet Socialism, employing methods from conceptual art to do so. Included in the exhibition is Bulatov's *Go, Stop, Go*, which is graphically similar to Sots-Art images, and which exploits the Soviet penchant for slogan usage. The contradictory commands of "go" and "stop" in the work comment on the repressiveness of the Soviet system.

A final grouping in the *Forbidden Art* exhibit has to do with artists centered in Leningrad rather than Moscow. That northern center, now called by its pre-Soviet name of St. Petersburg, had been perhaps the most cosmopolitan city in Russia until the Soviet era, when it became more isolated. Any exposure in Russia to Western art in that period occurred mainly in Moscow, since foreigners were typically only allowed in the capital. The non-conformist art of Leningrad, therefore, was less influenced by Western innovations, and it tended to look back to earlier Russian art. An example of this approach is a velvet and embroidery work by Timur Novikov (1958–2002) titled *Empress*, a lush, rich image of the deposed Russian Empress Alexandra, wife of Tsar Nicholas II, a very symbol of what the Bolsheviks had overthrown and, therefore, not acceptable to the Soviet state as the subject of an artwork. Novikov was the leader of Neo-Academism, a movement in St. Petersburg that sought a return to the classical, beautiful traditions found in art of the Russian past, art with which



Timur Novikov (1958–2002), Empress, 1995, velvet and embroidery, 78 x 50 inches, Traisman Collection

Novikov was very familiar from his employment in the 1980s at the State Russian Museum.

Forbidden Art: The Postwar Russian Avant-Garde was organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C. Other venues where it has appeared include the State Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, the McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, and the Bruce Museum of Arts and Science in Greenwich, Conn. The appearance of the *Forbidden Art* exhibition at the Hillstrom Museum of Art is dedicated to the memory of Museum friend Gerald "Bud" Pearson (1925–2008), a generous donor who also lent artworks numerous times, including for an exhibition in 2001 of works from his fine collection of Soviet Socialist Realism. 

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

Fall in the air

August

21–Sept. 1 **Gustavus at the Fair:** College booth in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair, staffed 9 a.m.–9 p.m. daily. Stop by to sign our visitors' book!

September

2 **Opening Convocation** for the 147th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

8–Nov. 9 Art Exhibitions:

Forbidden Art: The Postwar Russian Avant-Garde, and Selections from the Hillstrom 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. Opening Reception, October 7, 6–8 p.m.

15 **Reading-in-Common**

Author Visit: "Chinese Lessons," John Pomfret, former Beijing bureau chief for the *Washington Post*, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast,** featuring head football coach Jay Schoenebeck '80 and AD Al Molde '66, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

22 **Gustavus Library Associates' Membership Tea,** hosted by President Jack and Kris Ohle,

President's House, 10–11:30 a.m. Reservations requested; contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).

28 **Johnson Endowment for the Arts Performance:** The Artaria String Quartet, with pianist Yumiko Oshima-Ryan, and the Shostakovich Piano Quintet, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

28 **Gusties Gather!** Alumni gatherings at locations throughout the country. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437, or gustavus.edu/alumni/).

29–Oct. 8 **Out of Scandinavia Artist-in-Residence:** Lars Löfgren '58, former director of Sweden's Royal Dramatic Theater and Nordic Museum. For more information, contact Professor Roland Thorstensson (507-934-7423).

October

3 **Celebrate Gustavus: Inauguration of Jack R. Ohle** as 15th president of Gustavus Adolphus College, Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m. Post-inaugural reception to follow. For more information, contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).

3–5 **Homecoming and Family Weekend:** Receptions and dinners for classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and

2003 in Mankato and the Twin Cities on Friday evening; reunion events on campus on Saturday. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

4 **Celebrate Gustavus: Inaugural Tree Dedication,** Linnaeus Arboretum, 10:30 a.m., among the events and activities of Linnaeus Arboretum's Fall Open House (10 a.m.–3 p.m.).

4 **Celebrate Gustavus: Oktoberfest,** hosted by President Jack and Kris Ohle, Lund Center Forum, 4–7 p.m. German buffet available for purchase.

4 **Artist Series: Neal & Leandra, Special Homecoming Performance,** Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

5 **A Family Weekend of Music:** Morning Worship with the Choir of Christ Chapel, Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra, and Chapel Ringers, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.; Jazz Brunch with the Gustavus Jazz Lab Band and Adolphus Jazz Ensemble, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.; Music Showcase with the Gustavus Choir, Lucia Singers, Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Vasa Wind Orchestra, and Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for more information, con-



Aleksandr Kosolapov's (b. 1943), McLenin (1991, oil on canvas, 50 x 26 inches, Traisman Collection), one of the pieces of Soviet dissident art on view in the Hillstrom Museum of Art for the exhibition Forbidden Art, Sept. 8–Nov. 9.

tact the Student Activities Office (507-933-7598).

7–8 **Nobel Conference[®] 44: "Who Were the First Humans?"** Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520), see the registration form inserted in this magazine, or visit the College's Nobel Conference website (gustavus.edu/nobelconference).

7 **Music: The Nobel Conference Concert,** featuring the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and special guests, Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ

Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

- 13 **Lefler Lecture: "Abraham Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief,"** James McPherson '58, professor emeritus, Princeton University, Alumni Hall, 7:30 p.m.; open to the public without charge.
- 15 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast,** featuring Tim Robinson '65, former director of the Nobel Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 24–26, 31–Nov. 1 Theatre: **Topsy Turvy Mouse,** by Peter Gil-Sheridan, directed by Amy Seham, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Oct. 24, 25, 31, & Nov. 1) and 2 p.m. (Oct. 26). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 25 31st annual **Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet** and Induction Ceremony, Alumni Hall, 6 p.m. Reservations required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (phone 800-487-8437, e-mail alumni@gustavus.edu, or register online at the Alumni Events website at gustavus.edu).
- 30 Lecture: **"Living on Purpose,"** with Richard Leider '66, founder of The Inventure Group, Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.; open to the public without charge. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

November

- 9 Music: **The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra,** Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 14 Music: **The Gustavus and Vasa wind orchestras,** Douglas Nimmo, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 15 Artist Series: **The Orchid Ensemble,** Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 16 **Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum Fall Warmer,** with naturalist Jim Gilbert '62, Melva Lind Interpretive Center. For more information, phone 507-933-6181.
- 16 Music: **Woodwinds Chamber Concert,** Ann Pesavento, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 19 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast,** featuring Tom Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 20–23 Theatre: **The Lesson,** by Eugene Ionesco, directed by Henry MacCarthy, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Nov. 20, 21, & 22) and 2 p.m. (Nov. 23). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 21 Music: **The Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra,**

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

- 22 Music: **The Gustavus Jazz Ensembles' Fall Concert,** Steve Wright, director, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 23 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.
- 24–Jan. 30, 2009 Art Exhibitions: **American Posters, WWI Era, and Illusion & Certainty (Paintings by Martin Weinstein),** 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, Nov. 24, 7–9 p.m.

December

- 5–7 **Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008: "Joyeux Noël,"** 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 & 6 only) and 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 5, 6, & 7). Ticket required; see registration form inserted in this magazine or contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).
- 11 **Festival of St. Lucia,** Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.; Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Reservations accepted following mailing of invitation in mid-October; contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520) for more information.
- 12 Special Guest Artist Performance: **Michael Johnson in Concert,** Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

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 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 may also 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).

“the call



to come together”



Students study identity, resistance, and liberation in South Africa

*Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.*

from “Nkosi Sikelel’ iAfrika,” the national anthem
of the Republic of South Africa

In January 2008, Gustavus students and faculty traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, for a course on identity, resistance, and liberation in South Africa. The course examined the process of political and civic identity formation, responses to and life after apartheid, and the struggle for freedom in South Africa. With a particular focus on the youth of the country, students participated in an intensive service-learning experience designed to foster civic reconciliation and intercultural understanding.

Gustavus students teamed with Africa Jam, an organization that works to empower young people in Cape Town. Africa Jam, which was created by Gustavus graduate **Ellen Higginbotham Ruiters ’97**, serves more than 10,000 young people by providing safe after-school programs, such as *LifeLines* in the township of Khayelitsha, HIV/AIDS training, Christian fellowship, and opportunities that allow young people to gather for a week-long camp to sing and dance, talk and pray, listen and learn. The camp provides fun, safe, Christian experiences for hundreds of youth each year and unites diverse communities for a time of praise and life skills education. As

by Laura Behling

Student impressions

Ruiters explains, “This is a time for kids to be kids, to get away from the problems they may have at home, and to just have fun in a safe, affirming place.” Gustavus students served as counselors, participants, and friends during the camp.

Joining in this mix of South African youth and Gustavus students was a group of adults led by the Rev. **Grady St. Dennis '92**, director of church relations at Gustavus. The group included several Gustavus alumni—**Billy Johnson '92**, **Jamie Bundul '93**, and **Mollie Peterson '06**—and they, too, volunteered at the camp.

The writings that follow were written by Gustavus students about their experiences at Africa Jam Camp. They begin to illustrate the ways that Gustavus students, alumni, staff, and faculty heard the call to come together.

Kelsey Nielsen '08

Beauty, passion, vibrancy, and will power are only some of the ways to describe the amazing spirits of the Khayelitsha *LifeLines* members. My week at Africa Jam Camp allowed me to meet incredible people living in desperate, dangerous, forgotten conditions. The contagious energy and love they showed strengthened and furthered my desire to help those in need, oppressed in ways I've been blessed to never know. . . . One particular moment occurred that fully reflected the energy and potential these people possess, the very essence the camp tries to bring out in each one. The second day, . . . the whole group performed a version of “This Little Light of Mine.” They started modestly, gradually adding more voices, incorporated three female solos, and ended in a booming, harmonized, passionate song full of dance, rhythm, and pride. The energy created by this powerful close-knit group, joined by the bond of hope and love, made my heart race. As the room exploded in cheer, it took me a minute to catch my breath. These kids can make a difference, they can change their lives.

Katy Daily '08

Before camp started, Ellen [Africa Jam director Ellen Ruiters '97] really highlighted the importance of it being a place for people from different cultures and backgrounds to come together. However, just because we were all together at the same camp didn't mean that communication among all the groups was going to come easy, or perhaps happen at all. The kids defied the odds for me. I had been jumping on the trampoline throughout the week, doing flips and bounces. Neo, a tenth-grade boy, came up to me and said, “I have been picking up on your style.” He meant my “tricks,” so I asked him to show me. Sure enough, he could do everything that I had been doing. Another day, he and I were in the pool and he asked me to teach him “move style” (he didn't know how to swim). I showed him a front and back somersault, and after two tries he had them down perfectly. I taught him how to kick while holding onto the side of the pool, and one minute later, he was doing the front crawl. He and I come from two very different worlds, but there we were, talking and communicating together and learning from each other.



The Gustavus January Interim student group was led by associate professors Philip Voight (back row left) and Laura Behling (back row right), who wrote this article and assembled the student responses.

Alexandra Brakke '10

When I did my first interview with a student for the Africa Jam Camp website, it was only supposed to be around ten minutes, but turned into one and a half hours! The boy, Franklin, was incredible. Sitting down with him opened my mind completely about these kids and the life they live. We talked about small issues—the difference between jam and jelly—to the more profound issues, such as AIDS, drugs, and drinking among the people, mostly kids, in South Africa. I would find myself almost crying at some of his stories and then laughing hysterically at some!

from South Africa trip

Dan Bougie '08

On the last day of camp, my group led a small discussion on environmental problems in today's world. We focused on problems in South Africa, and more specifically on how everyday actions could aid environmental protection, which we depicted as a protection of God's creation in the spirit of the camp. Also following the spirit of the message of the camp, we urged the kids to step up by leading initiatives within their communities and setting examples for others. We discussed littering, pollution, fossil fuel consumption, global warming, and a few other modern environmental issues. One camper brought up the recent international conference in Bali that opened discussion on global warming and international cooperation concerning environmental issues. Others described powerful environmental ethics demanding stewardship and care that would have warmed Aldo Leopold's heart. Yet others imagined ways to encourage stewardship and prevent pollution in their home communities, such as recycling programs, trash collection games, and united beautification efforts. Every conversation was filled with smiling optimism and a true belief in the power to change.



Africa Jam founder and director Ellen Higginbotham Ruiters '97 with Gustavus Director of Church Relations Grady St. Dennis '92.

Kelsey Cowdin '09

My favorite memory happened halfway through the week. Our small groups were going through the ropes course as a team-building exercise. Each member had to use a rope to swing across a mud pit to the other side. As the boys swung across, Dermot told me to just hang on high and keep my legs up—I'd be fine. As I swung across, I could see the ledges getting closer and the boys reaching for me. Unfortunately, I was swinging too fast and started to go backwards. I mentally prepared to fall in the pit, but then I felt a hand grab my calf. Slowly I was pulled close enough to reach out a hand, and right before my tired body slid into the mud I was caught by five of the coolest people I have ever met. Hugs were given all around, and I realized that what they had done for me, this camp was doing for them. Africa Jam Camp was a safety net, trying to show these kids there was something to hold on to, and that God would catch them if they just reached out a hand. And they, in turn, could hang on and be there for each other and me.

Matthew Grove '09


There was one moment from my week at Africa Jam Camp that summed up my whole experience. This moment came on Tuesday morning during our small-group discussion time, after the daily devotional message. On this particular morning, Pastor Grady St. Dennis spoke about desires and temptations. I think this message really hit home for some of the campers because in their communities there are countless temptations and desires that can send them down the wrong path in life, such as drugs, gangsterism, and sex.

During our discussion, one camper, Vincent, said that he desired to live in the moment, because you never know when your life could come to an end. Another camper, Emile, talked about his desire to continue his schooling and to someday complete college. For these children, even finishing high school is uncommon, so Emile's desire to finish college was outstanding. After each person shared, there were cries of "Amen" or "You can do it, brother." This showed how much support these campers provided for each other, as they all knew how tough life can be sometimes for South African children. It was a time when campers from all different communities got together and broke down those barriers that separated them in the outside world.

Andrew Aplin '08

Every day of camp, after breakfast, we would have worship and devotions, which always ended in prayer. In the U.S., usually campers would not say a thing during this time. But here with these campers from the townships almost everyone spoke. But it wasn't the fact of just saying something that struck me, it was what they said and how they said it. They prayed with such enthusiasm and passion that many of them broke down into tears including myself. As I was sitting and listening to each one of them ask for forgiveness and to be given the strength to proceed in life, I really started to compare my experience at that camp with those from home. I came to a saddening realization that as faith and religion is growing in this culture through young people, it seems in the U.S. to be slowly diminishing. . . . It is my hope that that as a result of this experience at Africa Jam Camp, we can bring back this positive experience to the States and inspire and renew faith in others.

Lisa Dahlke '08

I was sitting in the cafeteria Thursday night for dinner when one of the campers at the table asked me if I was married. I said I wasn't, and she proceeded to ask me if I was ever going to get married. "I would like to," I said, "but a long time from now. I am far too young now." Then I asked her if she ever wanted to get married. "No," she said, "I don't ever want to get married." I thought this moment was rather symbolic of my experience with the teenagers from the townships, and of continual surprise and revised assumptions. You may think one thing about them, but you really don't know until you talk to them and get to know them. Clearly, every individual is unique. [They] demonstrate that there is so much more to a person than what meets the eye and how it's important to get to know other cultures and people before we make generalizations about them. 

fresh talent

New tenure-track hires bring diverse expertise to Gustavus faculty

They are experts in animal cell biology, East Asian history, film studies, and Christian social ethics. They have experience as journal editors, research scientists and software engineers, writing program instructors, postdoctoral fellows, and of course teachers. They come from Australia, China, California and New York, Oregon and right here in Minnesota.

“They” are the 17 new faculty members hired to tenure track positions at Gustavus Adolphus College effective with the 2008–09 academic term. They bring with them various specializations and interests and a common passion to teach.

Karla Marz joins the Department of Biology, filling an opening in animal cell biology. Marz earned undergraduate degrees in

ACS chemistry and cellular and molecular neuroscience from Macalester College, St. Paul, before obtaining a Ph.D.

in biochemistry from Washington University, St.

Louis, Mo., in 2004. She was a visiting assistant professor of biology at Bard College, New York, last year.

Her professional research interests include the structure/function of mammalian circadian clock proteins.

biology

Joining the faculty at the College in analytical chemistry is **Dwight Stoll**. After being awarded undergraduate degrees in both plant biology and biochemistry from Minnesota State

University, Mankato, Stoll earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of

Minnesota in 2007. He has been employed as a research scientist at Zir-Chrom Separations, Anoka, Minn., taught analytical chemistry and molecular thermodynamics at St. Olaf College,

Northfield, Minn., and most recently was a postdoctoral fellow in biochemistry, molecular biology, biophysics, and medicine at the University of Minnesota.

chemistry

Martin Lang '95, who now holds a tenure-track position focusing on media studies through the Department of

Communication Studies, is no stranger to the College. Not only a graduate of Gustavus,

he has been a visiting assistant professor at Gustavus since 2005, when he completed his Ph.D. in media studies and criticism at the University of Minnesota. His primary interests lie in the study of mass-mediated texts and their relationship to social constructions of identity.

communication studies

Katherine Tunheim was likewise hired for a tenure-track position after teaching last year as a visiting instructor at the College. She continues in the Department of

Economics and Management, where her specialties are organizational behavior and human resources management. Tunheim majored in speech-communi-

economics and management

cations, theatre arts, and Spanish at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., earned an M.A. in communication from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is now completing doctoral work at the University of Minnesota. A former adjunct instructor at several Twin Cities colleges and universities, she is also principal of the Tunheim Leadership Group, an organizational development consulting and coaching firm based in Orono, Minn.

education

Katrina Imison-Mázy comes to Gustavus from Australia via Purdue University. After majoring in German and Russian at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Queensland, Australia, she received her graduate diploma of teaching from the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba and was an elementary and foreign language teacher in Toowoomba from 1992 to 1996. Enrolling for graduate study in education at Purdue University, she completed a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, focusing on literacy and language, earlier this year. Imison-Mázy was hired for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's tenure-track opening in elementary reading methods, literacy, and social studies methods.

The Department of English interviewed candidates for two tenure-track positions resulting from the retirement of two long-time faculty members—Professors Claude Brew and Gregory Mason. **Sean Cobb**, who earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Arizona, was hired to the faculty position in film studies. Cobb, whose doctorate focused on 20th-century American literature and film, also served as an assistant editor of the *Arizona Quarterly: A Journal of American Literature, Culture and Theory*, 2005–06.

Nineteenth-century British literature will be the province of **So Young Park**, who comes to Gustavus from Underwood International College at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, where she has taught

English literature for the past two years. A graduate of Yale University, Park earned her master's degrees and a Ph.D. from Columbia and taught in the University Writing Program and the Department of English at Columbia from 1997 to 2006.

english

The Department of Geography has added **Ann Versluis** in physical geography. After majoring in geosciences at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va. Versluis took a master's degree from Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore., in 2002 and earlier this year completed a Ph.D. from Clark University Graduate School of Geography, Worcester, Mass., focusing on land-cover and land-use change. She taught as a graduate assistant at both Oregon State and Clark and more recently was an instructor in U.S. cultural geography at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks.

geography

Laura Day Triplett taught introductory geology, geomorphology, and other subjects at Gustavus last year as a visiting assistant professor and this year was hired to a tenure-track position in geomorphology. A graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, Triplett earned an M.A. in geology and oceanography from the University of Minnesota in 2004 and is completing doctoral work at that institution. Her professional interests include hydrogeology, biogeochemistry, and climate change.

geology

Stephanie Jensen Otto '00 returns to Gustavus as an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Exercise Science, where she will teach health fitness and health promotion courses. Following her graduation from Gustavus, Otto enrolled in the graduate program at Middle Tennessee State University, Nashville, obtaining an M.S. in exercise science there in 2004 and a Ph.D. in human performance in 2007. She was an adjunct professor in sport science at Belmont University, Nashville, last year.

health and exercise science

David Tôbaru Obermiller, who had been teaching in the history program at the University of Wisconsin-Superior for the past seven years, arrives at Gustavus to assume a new tenure-track position in East Asian history. A graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Obermiller earned master's degrees in history and interdisciplinary East Asian studies from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he also completed a Ph.D. in history in 2006. He will be developing courses in Asian civilizations and cultures for the Department of History.

Anna Hulseberg was visiting electronic resources librarian at Gustavus from 2002 to 2004 and a systems librarian through January 2007. She returns to assume a tenure-track position as electronic resources librarian. A graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., Hulseberg earned an M.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1996 and completed a second master's degree, in English-technical communication, in 2008.

library

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science hired **Baili Chen** for its tenure-track position in statistics. Chen, who obtained her B.S. in mathe-

mathematics and computer science

tical statistics and M.S. in statistics and probability theory from Fudan University in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, enrolled at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, to complete a Ph.D. in applied mathematics in 2005. She was a software engineer for Yantat Electronics in Shenzhen, PRC, 1995–2001, and for the past two years has been a postdoctoral research associate at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Lianying Shan has been hired to fill a newly added second tenure-track position in Japanese studies. Shan is a graduate of Beijing University, PRC, but came to the United States to enroll in the graduate program at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, where she earned an M.A. in comparative literature in 2000. She obtained another M.A. (2003) and a Ph.D. (2007) in East Asian studies from Princeton University, N.J. During the past year, she has been a visiting instructor in East Asian languages and cultures at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Japanese studies

The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures also advertised a tenure-track position in Hispanic studies, and **William Teipe** arrives to fill that post. A graduate of California State University, Fullerton, Teipe did his graduate work at the University of California, Irvine, earning an M.A. in 2003 and a Ph.D., in Latin American literature, in 2007. He served as a visiting assistant professor in Hispanic literature and advanced Spanish grammar and composition at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State College, Blacksburg, in 2007–08.

spanish

Kyle Chambers joins the faculty of the Department of Psychology and will teach courses in developmental psychology. Chambers holds undergraduate degrees in psychology and philosophy from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He undertook graduate study in cognitive psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, completing an M.A. in 2002 and a Ph.D. in 2004, and was a postdoctoral fellow in brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester, N.Y., for three years. He joins the Gustavus faculty after serving as visiting assistant professor of psychology at Reed College, Portland, Ore., during the 2007–08 academic year.

psychology

Mary Gaebler moves to the tenure track in Christian social ethics after serving as a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Religion at Gustavus since 2003. Gaebler's route to theology has been circuitous: She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in English literature and worked for 10 years as a professional singer/actress in New York musical theater before enrolling at Lutheran School of Theology, Philadelphia, Pa., where she was awarded an M.Div. in 1990 and ordained in the ELCA. Taking up graduate study at Yale University, she earned an S.T.M. (1991), M.A. (1994), and Ph.D. (2003). Gaebler taught in the Department of Religion at Concordia College, Moorhead, for six years before accepting a position at Gustavus. ☐

religion

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women in physics

are going places

by Steve Mellema '72

Nationally women have been, and continue to be, underrepresented in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Nowhere is the disparity greater than in physics. According to data from the American Institute of Physics (AIP), in the graduating class of 2005 women accounted for just 20 percent of the bachelor's degrees granted. While this was an improvement from 1990, when women obtained just 15 percent of the undergraduate degrees in physics, it is still obvious that women in physics are in short supply.

The same trend is reflected in the AIP statistics for the awarding of Ph.D. degrees in physics, where the percentage of degrees received by women was only 15 percent in 2005 (up from 10 percent in 1990). However, the physics program at Gustavus has seen a notable increase recently in its number of women graduates, and in the number of alumnae who are pursuing advanced degrees in physics or a related area.

More than 500 four-year colleges throughout the nation offer bachelor's degrees in physics, and such colleges accounted for 67 percent of all the undergraduate physics degrees granted in 2005. This trend, that most of America's physics undergraduates come from baccalaureate-granting schools, has been unchanged for decades. The average number of physics degrees granted in 2005 by each of these four-year schools was 4.1, and the median number was 3.

The Gustavus physics program, by contrast, has grown significantly over the past three decades, and now graduates an average of 16 physics majors each year. Based upon these numbers, for the years 2003–2005, Gustavus ranked as the tenth-largest four-year-college physics program in the nation. Equally significant has been a recent increase in the number of women majoring in physics at Gustavus. In the classes of 2003–2005, Gustavus graduated seven women physics majors, accounting for just 15 percent of its majors. However, from 2006 to 2008, the College graduated 13 women in physics, accounting for 31 percent of its majors.

Gustavus's physics graduating class of 2008 is truly astounding. Seven female physics majors will be graduating out of a class of 16. Even more remarkable is the fact that all seven of these young women

are leaving Gustavus to pursue an advanced degree in some area of physics next fall. **Danielle Berg** and **Kathleen DeWahl** will be doing their graduate studies in astrophysics at the University of Minnesota. **Kristen Burson** will pursue physics graduate study at the University of Maryland. **Eva Cornell** has received a graduate fellowship to study biophysics at Boston University. **Anna Lindquist** will undertake graduate studies in geophysics at the University of Minnesota. **Michelle Price** will study applied physics at the University of Michigan. **Jing-Han Soh** will attend graduate school in physics at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Equally significant, every one of these young women has received an assistantship or fellowship that pays for their graduate studies.

Having 100 percent of the College's women physics majors going on to graduate studies in some field of physics is unusual. Nevertheless, throughout the past decade Gustavus women physics majors have gone on to, and achieved remarkable success in, a wide range of post-graduate studies. The women from the graduating class of 2006 are great examples. **Meghan Brummer Bjork '06** is pursuing science education at the University of Iowa. **Erika Galazen '06** is studying forensic science at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. **Sharon Jaffe '06** is studying atmospheric science at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. **Joni Nordberg '06** has recently been a part of the Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC) program at the University of Minnesota, and will begin teaching high school physics this coming fall in the Twin Cities area. Last, but certainly not least, **Dorea Ruggles '06** has already obtained a master's degree in architectural acoustics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is now working on her Ph.D. at Boston University. Dorea was recently named the winner of a prestigious National Science Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship. The award, which pays all tuition and fees plus a \$30,000 annual stipend, is made "to outstanding graduate students who demonstrate the potential to become knowledge experts and who can contribute significantly to research, teaching and innovations in science and engineering." Dorea's award will allow her to conduct some of her research abroad in Germany and then complete her thesis work on binaural speech intelligibility at the world-renowned Binaural




Seven women in the Class of 2008 graduated with majors in physics. They're pictured together with the physics faculty following commencement exercises. Front row, from left: **Michelle Price**, **Jing-Han Soh**, **Eva Cornell**, **Anna Lindquist**, **Danielle Berg**, **Kristen Burson**, and **Kathleen DeWahl**. Back row: **Professors Chuck Niederriter**, **Dennis Henry**, **Steve Mellema**, **Tom Huber**, **Paul Saulnier**, and **Jim Miller**.

Hearing Lab in the biomedical engineering department at Boston University.

Women physics graduates from other recent classes have also taken up graduate studies in a variety of disciplines. **Jolene Johnson '05** is in the physics graduate program at the University of Minnesota. Her former classmate, **Kelly Younge '05**, is in the applied physics program at the University of Michigan, and was recently awarded a National Defense Science and Engineering Fellowship Grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. These awards are offered "to individuals who have demonstrated a special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering." Kelly's was one of only 200 such awards given nationally to a pool of more than 3,400 applicants.

Sarah Handahl Ahlberg '03 has completed her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota and is now employed in the cardiac division of Medtronic Corporation. **Amanda Haven '02** completed her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Wake Forest University and is now working in radiation-therapy physics at the University of Chicago. **Raegan Johnson '01** is in a Ph.D. program in

materials science at Penn State University. **Lauren Fry '00** completed the joint Peace Corps-Master's International program at Michigan Technological University, and is continuing to work on her Ph.D. in environmental engineering.

The success of these women in such a variety of areas speaks directly to the quality of the physics program at Gustavus, to the breadth of opportunities available to graduates who complete the College's physics major, and to the fact that Gustavus is one place where women in physics are a very significant part of the program. 

Steven Mellema '72, Ph.D., is professor and chair of the Gustavus Department of Physics.



Sports notes

Brown, Bryan named 2008 Gustavus Student-Athletes of the Year

The Gustavus Adolphus College Athletics Department has announced the 2007–08 Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year. They are Lisa Brown, a track and field athlete from Lake Crystal, Minn., and Andy Bryan, a tennis player from Edina, Minn. Brown and Bryan, who are the eighth annual recipients of the Gustavus Athlete of the Year awards, will be honored at the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Alumni Hall on the Gustavus campus.

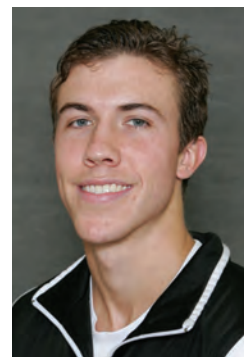


Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown became the first student-athlete in Gustavus history to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials in track and field when she recorded a throw of 174 feet, 5 inches in the javelin to win the 2008 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field National Title. This was Brown's second national javelin title, as she won the event in 2006 and finished as runner-up in 2007. At the 2008 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Outdoor Track and Field Championship, Brown set a school and MIAC record when she won her third straight MIAC javelin title with a throw of 158 feet, 5 inches. She was awarded the MIAC Outstanding Performance of the Meet for her winning effort in the javelin. Brown finished seventh in the javelin at the Drake Relays and was the only non-Division I competitor to finish in the top 10.


Andy Bryan, who compiled a singles record of 29–5 and a doubles record of 31–7, was named the 2008 Division III Senior Player of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). He helped lead a team that finished the season 29–6 overall,

made its ninth consecutive NCAA quarterfinal appearance, and captured its 20th consecutive MIAC title with a record of 9–0. Bryan was selected as the MIAC Arthur Ashe Award winner and was a finalist for *College Sporting News* MIAC Senior Student-Athlete of the Year. A two-time



Andy Bryan


Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-America selection and two-time College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America honoree, Bryan won the ITA Midwest Regional singles and doubles titles in October and finished second in singles and fourth in doubles at the ITA Small College Championships. In May, Bryan and his doubles partner, Charlie Paukert, finished second in doubles at the NCAA championships.

Brown and Bryan were selected from a group of 18 candidates (8 men and 10 women). To be a candidate for the Gustavus Student-Athlete of the Year, an individual must have been selected one of nine Athletes of the Month during the school year or put on the ballot by their head coach as a result of being selected their team's Most Valuable Player. The winners are selected by a vote of the 15 Gustavus head coaches. 



Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown wins national title in the javelin

Gustavus junior Lisa Brown (Lake Crystal, Minn.) won the javelin title at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships with a school- and conference-record effort of 174 feet, 5 inches. Brown, who won the national javelin title in 2006 and finished second in 2007, qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials with her winning effort. (She went on to finish 13th at the Olympic Trials, which were held in Eugene, Oregon in late June). Brown produced her winning effort of 174 feet, 5 inches on her final throw of the championships; it was 12 feet better than her earlier toss of 162 feet, 8 inches. Brown's title helped Gustavus finish in a tie for 15th place in the team standings with 18 points. 

Student-Athlete of the Year finalists

The 10 finalists for the Gustavus Female Athlete of the Year were
Lisa Brown of Lake Crystal, Minn. (junior, outdoor track and field)
Rachael Click of Rochester, Minn. (junior, softball)
Laura Edlund of Forest Lake, Minn. (senior, cross country, nordic skiing, outdoor track and field)
Anika Erickson of Milaca, Minn. (first year, swimming)
Carrie Gundersen of Minnetonka, Minn. (sophomore, swimming)
Kaelene Lundstrum of Bird Island, Minn. (sophomore, indoor and outdoor track and field)
Rachel Roberg of Rice Lake, Wis. (senior, golf)
Stefanie Ubl of Blaine, Minn. (senior, ice hockey)
Jess Vadnais of Hudson, Wis. (senior, basketball)
Jenni White of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (senior, tennis).

The eight finalists for Gustavus Male Athlete of the Year were
Chad Arlt of St. Michael, Minn. (junior, football)
Andy Bryan of Edina, Minn. (senior, tennis)
Mike Butterworth of Katy, Texas (senior, soccer)
Chris deLaubenfels of Mount Vernon, Iowa (senior, cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field)
Drew Hood of Mankato, Minn. (senior, indoor and outdoor track and field)
David Martinson of St. Louis Park, Minn. (sophomore, ice hockey)
Matt Stewart of Burnsville, Minn. (junior, swimming)
Trevor Wittwer of Redwood Falls, Minn. (senior, basketball).

Four named NCAA Postgraduate Scholars

Gustavus continues its amazing run of producing NCAA Postgraduate Scholars, with four more student-athletes receiving the prestigious scholarship this spring. This gifted group includes basketball player Trevor Wittwer, hockey player Margaret Dorer, swimmer Connor Ziegler, and tennis player Andy Bryan. Gustavus ranks fourth among all institutions in the United States in number of NCAA Postgraduate Scholars over the past seven years, with a total of 17. (Stanford ranks first with 39, Emory is second with 37, and Nebraska is third with 20).

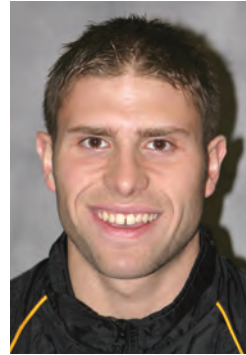
Wittwer, Dorer, and Ziegler were honored among student-athletes who compete in the



Trevor Wittwer



Margaret Dorer



Connor Ziegler

winter sports season, while Bryan was chosen for the spring season.

Wittwer, a two-time all-conference forward on the basketball team, was also a finalist for Josten's Division III Player of the Year Award. A health fitness major with a 3.89 GPA, Wittwer will use his scholarship to pursue an

advanced degree in chiropractic medicine.

Dorer, a starter on four conference championship teams and a 2007 All-American, is also a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America honoree. A Scandinavian studies and psychology double major with a 3.89 GPA, Dorer is planning to pursue a master's degree.

Ziegler, a 2006 MIAC swimming champion in the 200-yard butterfly and a key member of three MIAC championship teams, compiled a 3.71 GPA while majoring in biology. He will attend medical school at the University of Minnesota-Duluth beginning this fall.

Bryan, one of the top ranked singles and doubles players in Division III, finished second in the 2008 NCAA doubles tournament with partner Charlie Paukert. A biology and management double major with a 3.83 GPA, Bryan will attend medical school at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. 

Six garner Academic All-America honors

Six Gustavus student-athletes were named to prestigious College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America® teams this past spring, including hockey player Margaret Dorer, nordic skier Laura Edlund, swimmer Connor Ziegler, softball player Rachael Click, and track and field competitor Drew Hood. The Academic All-America Teams program honors male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom.

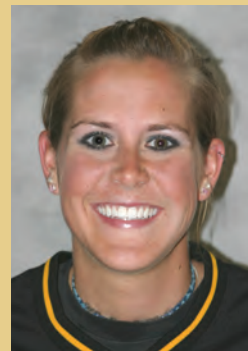
Andy Bryan, a senior from Edina, Minn., was a first-team

selection on the At-Large Team, while Connor Ziegler, a senior from Sauk Rapids, Minn., was a third-team selection on the At-Large Team. Bryan, a two-time First Team All-American

for the men's tennis team, also is a two-time Academic All-America honoree. He compiled a 3.83 GPA with majors in biology and management. Ziegler, an All-American on the men's swim



Laura Edlund



Rachael Click



Drew Hood

team who specialized in the butterfly, compiled a 3.70 GPA with a major in biology.

Margaret Dorer, a senior from St. Paul, Minn., was a second-team At-Large selection, while

Laura Edlund, a senior from Forest Lake, Minn. was a third-team At-Large selection. Dorer, an All-America defenseman on the women's hockey team, is a two-time Academic All-America


Tennis teams win MIAC titles



The 2008 MIAC men's tennis champions – front row from left: **Aaron Zenner, Kevin Stickney, Andy Bryan**; back row: assistant coach **Tommy Valentini, Mike Burdakin, Nick Hansen, John Kauss, Charlie Paukert, Ben Tomasek**, head coach **Steve Wilkinson**.

honoree. She earned a 3.89 GPA with majors in Scandinavian studies and psychology. Edlund, who placed 18th at the 2008 NCAA skiing championships, attained a 3.91 GPA with majors in history and secondary education.

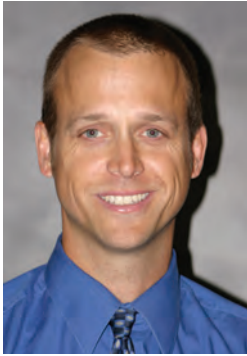
Rachael Click, a junior from Rochester, Minn., was a first-team selection on the softball squad, while Drew Hood, a senior from Mankato, Minn., was a third-team selection on the track and field team. Click, a shortstop on the softball team who finished second in Division III in batting average at .560, maintains a 3.89 GPA with a major in elementary education. Hood, a two-time conference outdoor champion in the pole vault, compiled a 3.93 GPA with a major in economics.

Eight Gustavus student athletes were named to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams during the 2007–08 school year, ranking the College fourth among all institutions in the country behind Massachusetts Institute of Technology (with 11), University of Texas (10), and North Dakota State (9). Gustavus ranks ninth all-time in Division III in number of CoSIDA Academic All-Americans with 74. 



The 2008 MIAC women's tennis champions – front row: **Christine Reimer, Jenni White, Jenny Arnfelt, Sierra Krebsbach**; back row: **Ali O'Neal, Samantha Frank, Erica Dobson**, head coach **Heidi Rostberg Carlson '93**.

Scott Moe named Division III Women's Golf Coach of the Year




Scott Moe '95

Gustavus women's golf coach **Scott Moe '95** has been named the Division III National Coach of the Year by the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA). Moe guided the Gusties to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Waverly, Iowa. This is the second time that he has been honored as the National Coach of the Year, as he also was named men's golf National Coach of the Year in 2004. Moe is believed to be the first collegiate golf coach to be named National Coach of the

Year both as a men's coach and a women's coach.

This season, Moe's team produced two NGCA All-America selections (Rachel Roberg and Kali Griggs), three NGCA Midwest All-Region selections (Roberg, Griggs, and Kimbra Kosak), four all-conference honorees (Roberg, Griggs, Kosak, and Katie Schenfeld), and MIAC Senior Player of the Year (Roberg).


In his fifth year as head coach of the Gustavus women's golf program, Moe has had five of his golfers earn All-America honors, while eight golfers have earned All-Region status. He has directed his squad to four consecutive second-place finishes at the MIAC championships. Moe was named MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year in 2005.

As a varsity golfer during his college days, Moe won three MIAC individual titles and played on four conference championship teams. He earned All-America honors in 1993 and 1995 and was named a Golf Coaches Association of America All-American Scholar in 1995. 

Golfers Rachel Roberg and Katie Schenfeld receive MIAC post-season honors

When the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2007–08 MIAC Women's Golf Awards, Gustavus's Rachel Roberg (Rice Lake, Wis.) was selected MIAC Senior of the Year and Katie Schenfeld was named MIAC Rookie of the Year.

Roberg finished her senior year with a stroke average of 79.6, second-best in the conference. Over her four-year career, she received NGCA All-America honors in 2007 and 2008, while also receiving all-conference honors in 2006 and 2007. She is also an NGCA All-America Scholar and a MIAC Academic All-Conference award winner.

Schenfeld had a stroke average of 84.0 over the season, which was tops among MIAC and region first-year golfers. She improved to an average of 80.67 over the spring and was named MIAC Women's Golf Athlete of the Week on May 7. Schenfeld had four top-ten finishes this year, including a tenth-place finish at the MIAC championships. 



Rachel Roberg



Katie Schenfeld

Spring Sports Summary

by Tim Kennedy '82

Baseball – The Gustavus baseball team turned in another successful season by posting a record of 21–18 overall. Coach Mike Carroll's squad finished in a tie for third in the MIAC with a mark of 12–8 and qualified for the MIAC post-season tournament. The Gusties posted a record of 1–2 in the tournament with a win over Hamline and losses to St. Thomas and St. Olaf. Senior first baseman Pat Siering (Eden Prairie, Minn.) was named to the all-conference team for the second consecutive season.

Men's Golf – Coach Scott Moe's squad completed a successful

spring season with a 19th-place finish at the NCAA championships, held at Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, Ga. Senior Kyle Rohlfs (Fergus Falls, Minn.) was the Gusties' top finisher, placing 23rd. Rohlfs earned Third Team All-America honors as a result of his top 25-finish. Other post-season honors garnered by the team included seniors Eric Harris (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and Jordan Hawkinson (Lindstrom, Minn.) being named to the All-Region team and Hawkinson and senior Mark Stuckey being named All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association. Moe was also honored as Co-Coach of the Year by the MIAC Golf Coaches.

Men's Tennis – The Gusties turned in yet another strong season, compiling a record of 29–6 overall and 9–0 in the MIAC. Coach Steve Wilkinson's squad won its 20th consecutive regular season title, while also adding its second consecutive post-season tournament title. The

Golfer Kimbra Kosak selected to receive national Spirit Award



The National Golf Coaches Association has named Kimbra Kosak (Jr., Grand Rapids, Minn.) as the 2008 Division III recipient of the Kim Moore Spirit Award. Kosak, who is only the third Division III athlete to earn

the award, was also named the 2006 Division III Freshman of the Year by the NGCA and has finished in the top six at the last two NCAA championships.

The Spirit Award is dedicated to Kim Moore, who played golf

for the University of Indianapolis (1999–2003). Kim was an inspiration to all as she persevered through many physical challenges while playing collegiate golf. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor a student-athlete who exemplifies a great spirit toward the game of golf, a positive attitude on and off the golf course, a role model for her team, and mental toughness in facing challenges.


At age 5, Kimbra had a golf club in her hand as she started to tag along to the golf course with her dad, Jim, who encouraged the entire family to get involved with the sport. By the time Kimbra reached sixth grade, her father and her older sister were always playing golf together. Desiring to spend as much time with him and her sister, Kimbra was determined to improve and work hard on her game to show him her desire.

On January 18, 2003, Jim Kosak was killed in a plane crash as he was traveling to see Kimbra's younger brother play

hockey and then to see Kimbra play basketball. "Since then, Kimbra has taken into everything she does that sense of commitment to activities and family and drive for excellence that her father taught her," notes head coach Scott Moe.

Kosak received the award after a successful season in which she was the model of consistency. She did not finish lower than 11th place in 10 tournaments over the course of the 2007–08 season. Her best finishes of the season came when she finished third at the Riverport Inn Classic and tied for third place at the Wartburg Fall Invitational.

"Kimbra's dedication to excellence has been very contagious. She is an outstanding role model for our team and our college. Her work ethic is like none other," says Moe.

Kosak, an honor student majoring in elementary education, is the daughter of the late Jim Kosak and Mary Kosak of Grand Rapids. 

Gusties finished fifth at the NCAA championships, losing a close match to eventual national champion Washington University of St. Louis in the quarterfinals. Individually, Andy Bryan (Sr., Edina, Minn.) and Charlie Paukert (Jr., Grand Forks, N.D.) finished second in the NCAA doubles championship. Bryan and Paukert both earned All-America honors by virtue of their finish at the NCAA championships. Bryan was named winner of the MIAC's Arthur Ashe Award as well as being named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division III Senior Player of the Year. Three Gusties were named to the all-conference team including Bryan, Aaron Zenner (Sr., St. Paul, Minn.), and Dave Koppel (Jr., Gahanna, Ohio).

Men's Track and Field – The Gustavus men's track and field team finished ninth at the MIAC outdoor championships. Senior Drew Hood (Mankato, Minn.) led the way as he won his second consecutive

conference pole vaulting title at a height of 14 feet, 9 inches. Tyler Geyen (Jr., Watertown, Minn.) also recorded a top finish as he placed third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.76. Hood and Geyen both earned all-conference honors.

Women's Golf – Coach Scott Moe's squad wrapped up a very successful spring with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA championships, which were held in Waverly, Iowa. Kimbra Kosak (Jr., Grand Rapids, Minn.) led the Gusties with a sixth-place finish at the national meet. She set a new school record for a 72-hole total at 80-76-72-75-303. Earlier in the spring, the team won the Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association state tournament, and Kali Griggs (Jr., Burnsville, Minn.) finished first individually. The team received multiple post-season honors including Rachel Roberg (Sr., Rice Lake, Wis.) re-

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Gustavus football stadium featured in *Athletic Business* magazine's Architectural Showcase

The Gustavus football stadium, which was dedicated in September 2007, has been featured as one of 89 state-of-the-art athletic facilities built in the past year by *Athletic Business* magazine. The stadium, which was built at a cost of \$4.6 million and seats 4,500, was designed by TKDA Architects of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Gusties drew an estimated 15,641 fans for six home games in the 2007 season, for an average of 2,607 per game. The largest crowd was attained at the October 13 game vs. Saint John's, when 5,196 fans filled

the new stadium to capacity.

The new Gustavus football stadium provides the Gustavus community with an attractive and unique venue from which to watch the Golden Gustie football team compete. The synthetic field, which is named after former football coach and athletics director Lloyd Hollingsworth, is recessed below ground level, and an earthen berm surrounds the entire field. Spectators enter the stadium through an arched entryway called "Traditions Plaza" and have access to seating on both sides of the field via a concrete sidewalk located on top of



the berm. The berm also provides ample space for people to be seated informally on the grass to watch games. The stadium seats 2,500 spectators and features a stadium tower with

facilities for working press, coaches, and guests of the College. A visitors' section across the field accommodates another 1,000 fans.

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ceiving First Team All-America honors, Kali Griggs being named to the Second Team, and Kimbra Kosak receiving honorable mention. Roberg and Kosak were also named All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association.

Women's Tennis – Head coach Heidi Rostberg Carlson '93 made her first season directing the program one to remember as she helped the squad post a mark of 25–9 overall and 10–0 in the MIAC. The Gusties won their 17th consecutive regular-season title and their second consecutive post-season tournament championship. The team then went on to finish fifth at the NCAA championships, which were hosted at the Swanson Tennis Center on the Gustavus campus. Jenni White (Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa) was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) Senior Player of the Year for the Central Region. White also earned all-conference honors along with Sierra Krebsbach (So., North Oaks, Minn.), Erica Dobson (Jr., Vadnais Heights, Minn.), Samantha Frank (Fy., Mahtomedi, Minn.), and Ali O'Neal (Fy., Stevens Point, Wis.).

Softball – The Gustavus softball team posted 30 victories for the second consecutive season, finishing with an overall mark of 30–8. Coach Jeff Annis's squad finished second in the regular-season standings with a record of 18–4 and qualified for the MIAC post-season tournament for the fifth consecutive year. Three players were named to the all-conference team—second baseman Julie Mahre (Sr., Lino Lakes,

Minn.), shortstop Rachael Click (Jr., Rochester, Minn.), and outfielder Emily Klein (Jr., Red Wing, Minn.). Mahre and Click were also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Team.

Women's Track and Field – It was a record-breaking year for Coach Tom Thorkelson's squad as they finished second at the MIAC outdoor championships and then went on to post a program-best 15th-place finish at the NCAA outdoor championships. Depth was a strength for the team all season and it showed at the conference meet as 11 performers earned all-conference honors, including Shanna Dawson (Sr., Fairmont, Minn. – pole vault), Kaelene Lundstrum (So., Olivia, Minn. – heptathlon, high jump), Lisa Brown (Jr., Lake Crystal, Minn. – javelin), Sari Lindeman (Sr., Cannon Falls, Minn. – long jump, triple jump), Sam Broderius (Fy., Hector, Minn. – shot put, discus), Janey Helland (Fy., Mapleton, Minn. – long jump), Kelley Nelson (Fy., Milaca, Minn. – pole vault), Laura Edlund (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn. – 5,000 meters), Aryn Bell (Jr., Eden Prairie, Minn. – 100 hurdles), Chelsea Craven (So., Sauk Rapids, Minn. – 400 meters), and Megan Lundgren (Fy., Mankato, Minn. – 800 meters). Three Gusties won individual event titles at the MIAC championships: Lisa Brown in the javelin, Shanna Dawson in the pole vault, and Kaelene Lundstrum in the high jump. Brown was honored with the Outstanding Performance of the Meet for her record-breaking mark of 158 feet, 5 inches in the javelin. The team continued on to perform very well at the NCAA championships, as Brown won the national title in the javelin (174 feet, 5 inches), Lundstrum finished second in the heptathlon with a school- and conference-record total of 4,762 points, and Dawson placed 13th in the pole vault at a height of 11 feet, 4-1/2 inches.



An alumna's leadership and legacy

What do you do when you are part of the Centennial Class of 1962, and approaching your 40th anniversary of graduation? You are inspired by classmates like Joan Rahm Roy, Gail Lindsey Breen, Jan Swanson Sammelson, and others to round up a working group of classmates and become a cheerleader with them and Gustavus staff to start something new, something with lasting influence for students for the next anniversary.



Hank and Jan Eiffert Hoomani '62, at the Great Wall.

That is what Jan Eiffert Hoomani has done since the middle of 2001 . . . called, gathered, enlightened, and encouraged classmates and Gustavus staff to launch an endowed class scholarship process that has become the model for at least twenty other classes approaching significant reunion milestones.

When they arrived on campus in the fall of 1958, Jan and her classmates were told by then-president Dr. Edgar Carlson, “you are the Centennial Class of 1962 . . . you represent one hundred years of Gustavus history and service . . . we expect big things from you.” Class members took that invocation to heart, both during their student days and as they graduated and went out to make a difference in the world. And when the 40th anniversary of graduation drew near, they consulted with each other on how to create the “big

thing” for their reunion. Their leadership and legacy has become a benchmark for other reunion classes.

Over the years Jan had listened to what she was inviting classmates to consider. She made regular gifts and under-

stood the importance of the Gustavus Annual Fund (Alumni Fund). She learned the role endowment has in the health and future of the College when she had started an endowed scholarship to honor her parents, Nell and Louis Eiffert, to benefit her interests in music, literature, the arts, and teaching. And she saw the value, for her classmates and others who were reaching “that age,” of planned and deferred gifts, to benefit themselves now and the College in the future.

All along she had support from her husband, Hank Hoomani, a loyal North Carolina State University College of Engineering alum (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., and former N.C. State professor) to become involved in leadership and philanthropy at Gustavus. With his support she served on the Gustavus Alumni Association Board, pushing that group to a new future focused on recruiting students and encouraging alumni support. She co-led a second version of the class reunion process that she had helped to develop, this time for the 45th reunion. And she pursued other ways to give: life insurance, appreciated stock, future estate inclusion, and gift annuities. Then, with careful consideration for their own retirement needs in light of finite resources, and again with support from Hank (even though he could have chosen his own alma mater), they established a significant deferred gift annuity given now to help them in years to come and Gustavus thereafter.

Leadership, philanthropy, partnership, cheerleading . . . it is all part of what makes up people like Jan and Hank Hoomani. Thanks to them for sharing their many gifts to help create even bigger things for Gustavus. ☐

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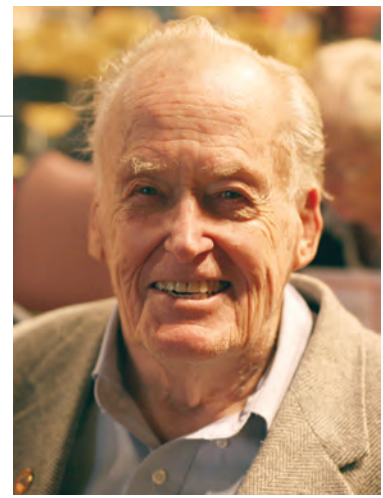
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And be sure to look at resources on the Gustavus planned giving resources page at gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving.

One man's gifts

In the last eight years, 1942 alumnus Walter L. Youngquist has invested well over \$2.3 million in Gustavus to establish endowed scholarships and funds to honor a mentor and loved ones. And recently he established his third endowed scholarship in the 2007–08 academic year.

The Selma Knock Youngquist Memorial Nursing Scholarship has now been established in memory of Youngquist's mother, who attended Gustavus for two years, completed her nursing education at Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, and became a registered nurse. The Knock family gave a number of pastors to the Augustana Lutheran Church and maintained connections to both Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and Gustavus. During her time at Gustavus, Selma met Walter R. Youngquist '16, whom she married



Walter L. Youngquist '42

in 1917. She practiced nursing until her first child was born in 1921. Selma and Walter supported their two children, Walter '42 and Jeanne '52, in attending and graduating from Gustavus.

The Selma Knock Youngquist Memorial Nursing Scholarship assists nursing students for whom financial aid is essential, with preference for those intending to use their Gustavus nursing degree to pursue clinical practice and patient care. Professor Paula Swiggum, chair of the Gustavus Nursing Department, reports that in today's world, direct patient care by well-educated, skilled nurses is what is most needed, and the baccalaureate degree prepares students who aspire to administrative or other nursing roles with a strong foundation for employment in direct patient care as well as in leadership. Professor Swiggum says nearly all Gustavus nursing graduates pursue clinical practice in their first employment out of college. Many students eventually go on to graduate school for specialty education including advanced practice roles, but the reputation of the program is such that the vast majority of nursing graduates are hired immediately by health care organizations familiar with the strong liberal-arts-based nursing education the nurses receive through the Gustavus program.

Also in this academic year, Youngquist established the Robert Eric Youngquist Memorial Scholarship Endowment to assist students who have overcome physical or mental handicaps to be successful at Gustavus, and an endowed scholarship in honor of his father, the Walter R. Youngquist Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund, to be awarded to students with financial need, taking into consideration the qualities of dependability, persistence, and stability in personally adverse circumstances.

Youngquist has now created six different endowed funds at Gustavus. Besides the three endowed scholarships established during the past academic year, he had previously established the Chester O. Johnson and Walter L. Youngquist Geology Student Research/Field Study Endowment Fund, the Chester O. Johnson Geology Scholarship Endowment Fund, and the Elizabeth Pearson Youngquist Music Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is part of the Jussi Björling Music Scholarship program.

The College is grateful to loyal and supportive people like Walter Youngquist, who by their generosity help give the gift of Gustavus to students for generations to come.

Tom Young '88 is new advancement VP




Thomas W. Young '88 has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Gustavus Adolphus College. Young, a director of planned giving at the College since September 2005 who has served as interim co-director for the fundraising area

during the past year, assumed his new duties on July 14.

"Tom is an exceptionally talented fundraising professional with a long and distinguished record and commitment to his alma mater, where he has strong and extensive relationships with alumni and friends of the College reaching all the way to our roots in Sweden," said President Jack Ohle, who himself took office July 1. "I look forward to working closely with Tom as we plan for the College's future advancement."

Together with Teresa Harland '94, former associate vice president for institutional advancement, Young led the advancement operation for the past fiscal year, during which it posted a 17.4 percent increase in total dollars raised over the prior year.

Before coming to Gustavus, Young's career included time with two international fundraising firms and a consulting firm in the Twin Cities. His consulting background included fundraising campaigns in the United States as well as leadership in developing fundraising programs for institutions on the Indian subcontinent. He also served as the three-year resident consultant for the first capital campaign for higher education in Scandinavia at Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden.

Young is a proud third-generation Gustavus alumnus. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Meredith, and their three children, Carl-Erik, Olivia, and Sydney. 

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Gustavus Alumni Association

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Friends and roommates in Italy
Class of 1989 friends who were roommates and neighbors in Johnson Hall their freshman year traveled to Italy for a 10-day trip to Tuscany and the Cinque Terre. Pictured on the Cinque Terre hiking trail overlooking the village of Vernazza are **Tiffany Lund Kienitz, Tara Harding Robson, Shari Adams Frisbie, and Terri Goserud Dokken.**



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Johnson to be inducted into U of M Hall of Fame

Grant Johnson '38, Maitland, FL (pictured in his hometown, Two Harbors, MN), will be inducted into the University of Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame on September 18 as a part of the 1937 and 1938 Gopher championship basketball team along with John Kundla, the only other surviving member of the teams. Johnson attended Gustavus one year before transferring to Minnesota. He was U of M Alumni Homecoming King in 1957 and always an avid supporter of their sports programs. In July 2007, Johnson and Kundla were welcomed back to the campus by basketball coach Tubby Smith for a visit to Williams Arena and a tour of the new locker room, video room, and lounge.

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Carl Freberg, Los Angeles, CA, is a retired employee of the University of California ■ **Eunice Cofran Jensen**, River Falls, WI, is a retired employee of the Luck School District ■ **Alva Anderson Wellington**, St. Peter, is a retired teacher from Duluth ISD #709.

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Marvin Palmquist, Chisago City, retired as director of Lutheran Orient Mission.

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Aldrich Bloomquist, Moorhead, is retired from the American Crystal Sugar Company ■ **James Breneman**, Galesburg, MI, has retired as a physician with Suburban Medical Clinic ■ **Gen Jensen Deggendorf**, Salisbury, MD, retired from the U.S. Census Bureau and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Presentation ■ **Bernhard Erling**, St.

Peter, is professor emeritus of religion at Gustavus ■ **Ruth Hedman**, Detroit, MI, is owner of Hedy's Book & Gift Shop ■ **Albert Lestor**, Rock Island, IL, is a retired pastor from Messiah/Henderson Grove ■ **Alvin Mueller**, New Ulm, is a senior partner at Somson, Mueller, Lowther, and Franta, PA ■ **Theda Benson Olson**, Winnepeg, Manitoba, is with the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association ■ **Laura Swedberg Paulson**, Tucson, AZ, is retired from Paulson's Repair Service, Inc. ■ **Les Peterson**, Menomonie, WI, serves on the communion visitation team for his church in Menomonie and has a granddaughter who attends Gustavus ■ **Olive Peterson**, St. Peter, is retired as an employee of Nicollet County and now lives at Realife senior housing community in St. Peter ■ **Bob Wettergren**, St. Peter, is retired from the St. Peter Chamber of Commerce.

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Kenneth Kirby, Cedar Rapids, IA, plays in the New Horizons Band and enjoys tennis and golf.

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Aina Anderson Boraas, Philadelphia, PA, and her husband, Roger '48, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2008.

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Eunice Johnson Anderson, Center City, retired as the parish coordinator for Chisago Lake Lutheran Church ■ **Roger Boraas**, Philadelphia, PA, and his wife, Aina (Anderson '47), celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2008 ■ **Lester Carlson**, Waconia, is retired from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ■ **Marion Johnson**

Gustafson, Edina, is a charter member of Augustana Heritage Association and a member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society ■ **Virgil Johnson**, Edina, is a retired employee of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. ■ **Phil Knautz**, St. Peter, is professor emeritus of music at Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Kenneth Knutson**, Tracy, retired from the Tracy ISD #417 ■ **Lorrie**





Johnson Leaf, White Bear Lake, is a retired instructor from Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11 ■ **Monk Mattke**, St. Louis Park, is an insurance underwriter ■ **George McCall**, Duluth, retired from Duluth Messabe/Iron Range Railway ■ **Dean Peterson**, Bonners Ferry, ID, is retired from Dume Lutheran Church.

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Mary Jo Helmerson Breneman, Galesburg, MI, retired as the vice president of Suburban Medical Clinic ■ **Clint Knudson**, Minneapolis, is retired and traveled this year to Australia and New Zealand ■ **Elaine Erickson Peterson**, Bonners Ferry, ID, is retired from Dume Lutheran Church.

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Leonard Bjella, Springfield, MO, is retired as an employee of Messiah Lutheran Church ■ **David Gustafson**, Eagan, enjoys traveling with his wife, Betty ■ **Jack Thommen**, Bloomington, was inducted into the United States Tennis Association Northern Section Hall of Fame.

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Eberhard Fuhr is a national sales manager for Consolidated Paper ■ **Deane Lundell**, Minneapolis, spent the winter months working on essays that explore the interrelationship of American historiography and theology ■ **Haldo Norman**, Grandview, MO, retired from Eureka Springs Transit Company ■ **Clint Perkins**, New Brighton, is retired from Mounds View ISD.

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Del Anderson, Palatine, IL, is retired from ELCA Global Mission ■ **James E. Anderson**, Denton, TX, is retired



Observing a centennial

Lucile Johns, the matriarch of the Johns family at Gustavus (check the roster on the plaque for the Johns Family Courtyard next time you're on campus), turned 100 years of age on April 19, 2008. The family gathered in Rochester, MN, to celebrate her birthday, and 19 of 21 family members in attendance were Gusties. Front row from left are Jean Hilding Stuart '60, Mary Johns Miller '62, Lucile Johns, Ruth Johns Niemi '69, and Jason Niemi '94. Back row are Steve Melander '92, Steve Hilding '58, Debbie Hilding Johnson, Paul Johns '56, Dan Johns '59, Peace Johns Finlayson '57, David Hilding '51, Marietta Bittrich Johns '63, Ted Johns '61, Phil Johns '65, Jack Niemi '68, Linnea Hilding Tellickson, Derek Johns '92, Matt Johns '88, Missy Thomas Johns '94, Karin Johns Hausman '88, and Kristin Johns Young '86.



80th birthday brings out Gustie friends

Haldo Norman '52, Grandview, MO, celebrated his 80th birthday with Gustavus friends when he returned to the Twin Cities last spring. Among those attending his birthday celebration were, clockwise from lower left, Lloyd "Ole" Bergman '52, Art Adamson '51, Tom Zweiner '55, Roger Carlson '54, Dwight Holcomb '51, Gene Sandvig '57, Don Swanson '55, Haldo Norman '52, Bob Smith '51, Ray Lundquist '51, Rollie Herbst '54, Cubby DeCorsey '57, Duane "Smalley" McEwen '54, and Paul Elofson '52.

from Texas Instruments, Inc. ■ **Tom Boman**, Duluth, is a retired professor in the Department of Education at University of Minnesota ■ **Betty Ness Dale**, New London, retired as an employee at Blackhawk Technical College ■ **Fran John Dale**, New London, retired as an employee of the Community Adoption Center ■ **A. Palmer Emerson**, White Bear Lake, retired from Midwest Airfreight Shippers Association ■ **Roger Erickson**, Faribault, is a retired employee of Erickson Furniture ■ **W. Gaylord Fernstrom**, Scotch Plains, NJ, retired as vice president of sales

in the eastern region at Data Card Corporation and celebrated 50 years of marriage with his wife, Jeanenne, in June 2008 ■ **Marcy Sodergren Ford**, Alexandria, VA, is a retired special assistant for Williams & Jensen Law Firm ■ **Miriam Zimmerman Giannone**, Milford, CT, is a self-employed violin/viola teacher and performer ■ **Gwain Gillespie**, Sunapee, NH, is a director of Unim Corporation ■ **Faith Chell Gose**, Beaver Bay, is a retired piano teacher ■ **Norma Johnson Hein**, Charlotte, NC, is a retired teacher ■ **Fran Johnson Hummel**, Golden Valley, is retired



Celebrating Elsa Cornell

Elsa Cornell '61, St. Peter, was recipient of the St. Peter Women Celebrating Women 2008 Award. The fifth annual event's theme was the arts and the contributions of women in that field, and Cornell was recognized for her outstanding work in local theater with children and adults. During the summer Cornell directed performances at the Grand Marais Playhouse.

from the St. Louis Park ISD ■ **Vern Huse**, Dodge Center, retired from Kasson/Mantorville ISD ■ **Pauline Carlson Huse**, Dodge Center, retired as a court administrator for Dodge County ■ **Dwight Jaeger**, St. Cloud, is a retired orthopedic surgeon; he is active with the Minnesota Medical Association, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, and the Gustavus Board of Trustees ■ **Joann**

GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



'Leave weapons at the door. Horses too.'

The legacy of Patty Lindell and Gustavus Library Associates continued on a Saturday evening in May, when 12 guests gathered to enjoy a Viking dinner at the home of Jan Jensen in St. Peter. The dinner guests were winning bidders of a Royal Affair auction item offered by the faculty and staff of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library.

Acting like "real Vikings," guests ate with their fingers and with knives they had brought with them on their "travels." They drank from vessels crafted by Gustavus ceramics especially for this event. The "authentic" Viking meal was served by Jensen, a member of the library staff, and by Mike Haeuser, emeritus library faculty member. Both servers wore Viking costume. Ginny Bakke, library staff member, and her husband provided efficient kitchen help.

Pictured from left are **Clem Nelson '57**, **Judy Lund Erdman '57**, **Roger Carlson '54**, **Joan Bonn Wright '55**, **Dick Brubacher '54**, **Carolyn Jens Brusseau '56**, **John Wright '54**, **Jan Jensen**, **Marlys Mattson Nelson '57**, **Bob Erdman '56**, **Janet Christenson Carlson '53**, **David Johnson '54**, and **Mary Brubacher**.



Clan welcomes new Gustie grad

The graduation of **Julia Wold '08** on June 1 was an occasion to celebrate Gustavus connections among the greater Wold-Royer clan. Pictured, back row from left, are **Rad Royer '77** (Julia's uncle), **Karin Wold Storm '80** (aunt), and **Tina Wold Royer '78** (aunt and Rad's wife). In front are **Matt Royer '06** (cousin), **Charlie Wold '77** (Julia's father), **Julia**, **Erika Royer '03** (cousin), and **Kay Moline '56** (grandmother).



New peaks

Joanne Nelson McCarthy '58, Santa Fe, NM, celebrated her Gustavus Golden Anniversary this year and also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Christenson Jasica, Punta Gorda, FL, is retired as a specific learning disabilities teacher from Charlotte County Education Department ■ **Roy R. Johnson**, Eden Prairie, retired as classification records manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory ■ **Marianne Colberg Keswani**, St. Peter, is a retired foreign student coordinator at Gustavus ■ **Chuck Leistico**, Arlington Heights, IL, is retired from the Illinois Department of Revenue ■ **Robert Martens**, Madison Lake, is a retired senior partner and veterinarian with Niccollet-New Ulm Veterinary Clinic ■ **Carl Norberg**, Poway, CA, is retired from the United States Department

of State ■ **Vynnette Hanson Perkins**, New Brighton, is retired from Centennial ISD ■ **Amaryllis Samuelson Reeves**, Litchfield, is a retired senior buyer for Turtle Mountain ■ **Richard Tillquist**, Belle Plaine, is a part-time driver at Stier Transportation, Inc. ■ **E. D. Wenger**, Apache Junction, AZ, retired as a marriage-family-personal counselor with E.D. Wenger and Associates.

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Harlan L. Nelson, Battle Lake, is a retired judge of district court at Ottertail County Courthouse ■ **Betty Lundgren Schlotthauer**, Arden Hills, recently enjoyed a trip to Hawaii with other Gustavus alumni ■ **George Skogg**, Kingsford, MI, recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Joan, and their 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and many friends and family

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Pat Johnson Hall, Redwood Falls, was inducted into the Redwood Valley Hall of Fame for her career in teaching music for 35 years.

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C. Harvey Davis, Oakdale, was in-

ducted into Mancini's Sports Hall of Fame and received the Mancini Special Award, given to an individual who is community-focused and has been a leader in coaching, teaching, or helping St. Paul youth athletics.

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Jeanette Andersen Fernstrom, Scotch Plains, NJ, retired as an elementary teacher of gifted/talented students at Evergreen Elementary and celebrated 50 years of marriage with her husband, Gaylord, in June 2008 ■ **Gene Sandvig**, Minneapolis, is a retired national service manager for Advance Machine Company ■ **Rod Westrum**, Park Rapids, retired from the Robbinsdale ISD.

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Herbert Anderson, Berkeley, CA, is professor emeritus of pastoral theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago ■ **Don Dyer**, Excelsior, is retired from GNB, Inc. ■ **Janet Olson Green**, Bloomington, is a retired employee of Kindercare Learning Center ■ **Jerry Hesser**, Kokoto, is retired as a freelance writer ■ **Stan Larson**, Altoona, WI, is active with the Rotary Area Chamber, YMCA, Home Builder Association, and Realtor Association ■ **Darrell Lorsong**, Alexandria, is a retired employee of Quality Assurance Coordination ■



Homecoming&FamilyWeekend2008

Friday, October 3

- 3:30 p.m. **Inauguration of Jack R. Ohle** as 15th president of Gustavus – Christ Chapel. *Post-inaugural reception with light refreshments*
- 6:30 p.m. **1968 Class Gathering** – Minneapolis Airport Marriott
- 7–11 p.m. **1973 Class Gathering at Primarius Promotion**, Minneapolis
- 7 p.m. **1983 Social** – Best Western, Mankato
- 7 p.m. **1993 Class Gathering** – Open Book, Minneapolis
- 7 p.m. **2003 Class Gathering** – Brit's Pub, Minneapolis

Saturday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. **1968 Class Breakfast** – IKEA (with bus departure to campus at 10:30 a.m.)
- 9 a.m. **Fun Run** – Three Flags (5K run around Campus Drive; \$5 payable onsite includes a shirt)
- 9 a.m. **Seminar: 2008 Presidential Election** – Heritage Banquet Room
Political science professor Chris Gilbert will discuss the upcoming presidential election and the campaign climate.
- 9 a.m. **City Tour and Coffee Shop Stop** – Meet at the Three Flags
See some of the historic and new St. Peter hot spots.
- 9 a.m. **Granlund Sculpture tour**
A Minnesota native, a World War II veteran, and a 1952 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, Paul T. Granlund (1925–2003) was sculptor-in-residence at the College from 1971 until his retirement in 1996.
- 9 a.m. **Seminar: Planning Ahead to Study Abroad** – St. Peter Room
Studying abroad during college provides amazing growth and opportunity. Come learn more about how to support a student looking to study abroad.
- 9 a.m. **1973 Continental Breakfast** – The Dive
- 10 a.m. **Homecoming Worship: Remembering and Celebrating** – Christ Chapel
- 10 a.m. **1973, 1983, and 1988 Guided Campus Tour**
- 10:30 a.m. **Inaugural Tree Dedication** – Linnaeus Arboretum
Linnaeus Arboretum Open House, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., with book signing by naturalist Jim Gilbert '62.
- 10:30 a.m. **Seminar: History of Gustavus and Building a Greater Gustavus Tornado Video** – Heritage Banquet Room
- 10:30 a.m. **Seminar: Parenting Successful College Students** – St. Peter Room
Talk with Gustavus faculty and staff about the academic and personal development of college students and how best to support them.
- 10:30 a.m. **Seminar: Paying for College** – Presidents Dining Room
College is expensive, yet it is the best investment you can make for your child or grandchild. Learn the basics of financing a college education.
- 11 a.m. **1973 Class Luncheon** – The Dive
- 11 a.m. **1978 Class Lunch** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 11 a.m. **1983 Reunion Brunch** – Alumni Hall
- 11 a.m. **2003 Class Social** – Tent by Hollingsworth Field
- 11 a.m. **Football 50 Year Club Reunion Lunch** – Three Crowns Rooms
- 11 a.m. **1988 Class Tent** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
(Paint the rock, campus tours, lunch in the Evelyn Young Dining Room)
- 11 a.m. **Homecoming Parade** – Pittman to Norelius around Campus Drive
- 11 a.m.–1 p.m. **Homecoming Carnival Lunch** – Evelyn Young Dining Room
Lunch available ala carte; souvenir photo buttons with Gus the mascot, cotton candy, face painting, live music and popcorn.

- 11:30 a.m. **1998 Picnic Lunch** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
- 11:30 a.m. **1993 Class Social** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
- Noon **1968 Class Social** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
- 12:30 p.m. **Tennis Gala** – Swanson Tennis Center
- 1 p.m. **1983 Gathering** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
- 1 p.m. **City Tour and Coffee Shop Stop** – Meet at Three Flags
- 1 p.m. **Women's Soccer Game vs. Hamline** – Soccer Field
- 1:30 p.m. **Discover Linnaeus Arboretum** with a Gustavus naturalist – Lind Interpretive Center
- 1:30 p.m. **Football Game vs. St. Thomas** – Football Stadium
- 3 p.m. **Weekend Movie: Wall-E** – Wallenberg Auditorium
- 3 p.m. **1968 Campus Tour** – Depart from class tent
- 3:30 p.m. **1988 Post-Game Party** – Tent by Hollingsworth Football Field
- 3:30 p.m. **1973 Post-Game Party** – The Dive
- 4 p.m. **1983 Class Gathering** – Mark Hanson '83 residence, 802 Davis St., St. Peter
- 4 p.m. **1968 Post-Game Gathering** – Al and Ingrid Molde residence, 764 Valley View Drive, St. Peter
- 4 p.m. **Oktoberfest**, Buffet dinner, \$7 per person – Lund Center Forum
- 4:30 p.m. **1998 Happy Hour and Dinner** – Alumni Hall
- 5 p.m. **1988 Class Dinner** – Three Crowns Banquet Rooms
- 6:30 p.m. **1973 Reunion Closeout Party** – Tim and Sharon Robinson residence, 1485 E. Pearl Street, Kasota
- 7:30 p.m. **Neal and Leandra Concert** – Jussi Björling Recital Hall
The folk music and stories of Neal Hagberg '81 and Leandra Peak '83 have made them a favorite of many in Minnesota and around the country.
- 7:30 p.m. **Weekend Movie: Wall-E** – Wallenberg Auditorium
- 8 p.m. **"Mission Improbable"** – Evelyn Young Dining Room
"Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to see why we are the nation's fastest and funniest improvisational show. Our five-member agent team has been assembled to bring you hilarity, fun, and humanity. Yes, humanity."
- 9–11 p.m. **Sky Watch** – Olin Observatory
Stop in to gaze into the starry sky
- 10 p.m. **Weekend Movie: Wall-E** – Wallenberg Auditorium

Sunday, October 5

- 8 a.m. **Complimentary Morning Coffee and Sunday Papers** – Courtyard Café
Hosted by the Deans of Student Affairs and Academics Affairs
- 10 a.m. **Holy Communion Worship Service** – Christ Chapel
Featuring the Choir of Christ Chapel, Chapel Ringers, and the Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra
- 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. **Jazz Brunch** featuring the Gustavus Jazz Ensembles – Evelyn Young Dining Room
- 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
Honoring students and alumni involved with diversity initiatives.

Prospective Gustie in Your Family?

Encourage your high school age child or grandchild to stop by the Admission Office on Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon during Homecoming/Family Weekend to receive a FREE Gustavus T-shirt.

For more information and to register for events, go to gustavus.edu/alumni.

50 Year Club Reunion Weekend 2008

On Commencement Weekend 589 graduates from the **Class of 2008** became members of the Alumni Association, 190 members of the **Class of 1958** became members of the 50 Year Club, and members of the **Class of 1963** celebrated the 45th anniversary of their graduation.



The **Class of 1958's** 50th Anniversary Banquet filled Alumni Hall. The program included presentation of their class gift to President Jim Peterson '64, class speakers, introduction of former professors, singing, and a video tribute.



Classmates from the **Class of 1958** were welcomed as the newest members of the 50 Year Club at the 50 Year Club Luncheon. Director of Editorial Services Steve Waldhauser '70 provided a remembrance for the **Class of 1958**, and Mary Ellen Young '58 represented her class with the class response.



Pulitzer Prize winning author and Civil War historian **Jim McPherson '58** presented a reunion seminar titled *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief*, and participated in a book signing following the seminar.



Class of 1943 – 65th Anniversary Class
Class Agent **Bernhard Erting** and his wife, Marilyn.



Class of 1948 – 60th Anniversary Class
Front row: Eunice Johnson Anderson, Helen Johnson Adler, Lyman Hall, Lorna Jones, Delores Gardner Pederson. **Back row:** Lois Arndt Neubauer, Elaine Vitalis Zwickey, Lorraine Berg Oman, Lorrie Johnson Leaf.



Class of 1953 – 55th Anniversary Class
Front row: Marjorie Kaus Jenkins, Beverly Peterson, Janet Christenson Carlson, Val Barlau, Carol Leaf Nelson. **Second row:** Wendell Johnson, Dick Engwall, Del Anderson Bud Nelson, Dick Tillquist. **Back row:** Marv Larson, Clifford Dotseth, Lynn Timgren, Dwight Jaeger, Dan Borg.



Class of 1958 – 50th Anniversary Class

Front row: Jerry Hesser, Carole Lambert Cameron, Marge Lund Kinney, Duane Talus, Emily Hildebrandt Kulenkamp, Joyce Bebensee Young, Roberta Walker Loreno, Janet Thomas Pritchard, Barbara Jensen Olson, Martha Banke Curtis, Morna Pell Traffas, Jim McPherson, Carolyn Lund Sandvig, Miriam Anderson Olsen, Wanda Heuer Johnson, Mary Ellen Young. **Second row:** Don Olson, Alan Carlson, Nancy Johnson Peterson, Janice Carlson Strand, Alexander Nadesan, Jeanine Lundahl Olson, Ruth Raarup Mitchell, Carolyn Eisgrau Seidner, Beverly Duncan Anderson, Richard Olson, Carolyn Clogston Engquist, Pat Trench Rosenberg, Jeannette Westberg Johnston, Janet Green, Joyce Strand Marvel. **Third row:** Lloyd Johnson, Bob Peterson, Lynn Strand, John Sternaman, Don Elvestrom, Robbie Robinson, Ellen Maus Boler, Doug Pritchard, Judy Hanson Tumlund, Marlys Johnson Johnson, Bonnie Cook Nordby, Donna Elvestrom Sponberg, Vahan Assadourian, Jan Tomerdahl Northfield, Heather Peterson Davis-Peabody. **Fourth row:** Bud Boberg, Martha Telleen Peterson, Jody Springer Lange, Lois Walfrid Johnson, Sonya Harbo Talus, Dorothy Palm Chilkott, Darlene Thompson Kriewall, Mary Brink Fowler, Barbara Bennett Christopherson, Norene Heine Becker, Ade Sponberg, Bob Baugh, Barbara Johnson Morris. **Fifth row:** Anders Bjorling, Marcia Amundson Janasz, Chet Janasz, Owen Sammelton, Rollie Hirman, Bill Binger, Mike Dale, Margo Pettersen Fohs, Shirley Lundgren Kanne, Lois Swenson Gantrris, Robert Christenson, Gloria Anderson, Ron Michelson, Kent Peterson, Steve Hilding. **Back row:** Jim Edman, Loren Herbst, Paul Borg, Charlene Bukkila Westrum, Claudette Anderson McCollar, Mark Wiberg, Herbert Anderson, Loren Eckberg, Dick Eklund, Herb Lundeen, John Johnson, Noel Behne, John Dahl, Stan Larson, Dale Olson, Robert Ortluff, Aaron Moen, Dennis Erickson.



Class of 1963 – 45th Anniversary Class

Front row: Claudia Hayden Schroeder, Dorothy Jacobson Delegard, Janet Ryan Tidemann, Ginny Larson Jones, Liz Stohl Baugh, Marietta Bittrich Johns, Gretchen Bittrich Estergren, Ruth Sammelton Rothchild, Sharon Shaver Pinney, Pat Findley Casto, Sheryr Erkila Hauck, Dick Hauck, Jeannine Brunskill Johnson, Carole Rosenkrans Zacher, Janet Bramsen Gerecke. **Second row:** Sandra Brown Johnston, Jan Hultberg Johnson, Barbara Lindberg Arlander, Judy Anderson Lindell, Gloria Saffel Mueller, Eunice Holm Fultz, Rose Omodt Jost, Christine Swenson Wilmot, Mary Ann Carlson Anderson, Char Luecke Engstrom, Kay Johnson Hanson, Helen Johnson Monson, Joyce Gulstrand Amdahl. **Third row:** Donna Mueller Renneke, Mary Bradford Ivey, Diane Hammargren Anderson, Judy Magnuson Peterson, Carolyn Helgeson Liebenow, Mary Sundberg Larson, Gary Anderson, Daniel Malloy, Joanne Urness Sorenson, John Monson, Roger Amdahl. **Fourth row:** Mary Carlstrom Strand, Wayne Burmeister, Tom Lindell, Heather Harshberger Fluck, Darlene Youngquist Kress, Steve Larson, Bonnie Lewis McClees, Karen Lindborg Jonaitis, Randy Nelson, Mike Holm, Ralph Johnson. **Back row:** David Baumann, David Arlander, Fred Thunhorst, John Lipke, Jerry Raedeke, Ruth Anderson Tillquist, Paul Tillquist, Lee Miller, Lary Hedlin, Richard Strand, Brian Johnson.



Watercolor Artist Jerry Raedeke '63 returned to campus to celebrate his 45th anniversary of graduation with classmates and displayed his artwork in Linner Lounge.



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Austin-area Gusties get together

The Austin, TX, chapter of the Alumni Association gathered on April 13 for a worship service at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and lunch following the service. The Rev. **Stephen Youngdahl '68** is pastor at Shepherd of the Hills. Pictured front row are **Fred Fischer '62**, **Jeanne Fischer**, **Ethel Lind Richard '65**, **Marietta Bittrich Johns '63**, **Lorna Jafvert Reed '61**, **Karin Erickson Gaskell '61**, **Luray Wiberg**, and **Phyllis Youngdahl**. In the back row are **Steve Larson '63**, **David Richard**, **Ted Johns '61**, Chapter Agent **Bonnie Karp Amundson '90**, **Milt Reed**, and **Jim Wiberg '61**.



1963 nurses celebrate reunion

The **Class of 1963** celebrated the 45th anniversary of their graduation on Reunion Weekend, and nursing majors from the class gathered prior to their class reunion for a mini-reunion. Each group is pictured with **Barb Berry Leonard**, recipient of a 2008 Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of nursing. Pictured from left in the front row of the top photo are **Rose Omodt Jost**, **Barb Berry Leonard**, and **Addy Blotter Roadfeldt**. In the back row are **Mary Erickson Lindahl**, **Barb Dahlin Johnson**, **Pat Findley Casto**, and **Gloria Saffel Mueller**. In the front row of the photo immediately above are **Barb Johnson**, **Barb Berry Leonard**, and **Kay Johnson Hanson**. Back row are **Carolyn Helgeson Liebenow**, **Sharon Shaver Pinney**, **Judy Magnuson Peterson**, **Mary Sundberg Larson**, and **Chris Swenson Wilmot**.

Tennis GALA

October 4, 2008

The 17th annual Gustavus Tennis Gala will be held Saturday, October 4, 2008, 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. In case of rain or inclement weather the competition will end at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served all afternoon. Doubles participants contribute \$150 per person and spectators contribute \$25. All money raised supports the maintenance of the outdoor courts. Contact Steve Wilkinson at 507-931-1614 or swilkins@gustavus.edu.

- 12:30 p.m. Registration for alumni players and spectators
- 1:20 p.m. Round-robin play begins
- 3:50 p.m. Awards ceremony

Aljean Van Winkle Loving, Middlebury, IN, is an independent contractor for Compassionate Caregivers ■ **Charles Majeske**, New Brighton, is enjoying retirement and celebrated 50 years of marriage with his wife, Florence, in June of 2008 ■ **Lois Jungas Marston**, Hugo, is a registered representative and agent for New York Life ■ **Marjorie McKay Miller**, Lake Jackson, TX, traveled to South Africa, Zambia, and Botswana this past year ■ **LeRoy Mueller**, Hendricks, retired as hospice director at Hendricks Clinic ■ **Miriam Anderson Olsen**, Rockport, TX, has moved to Texas and visits Minnesota friends in the summer ■ **Martha Telleen Peterson**, Fair Oaks, CA, is a travel agent for Your Vacation Center agency ■ **Bob Peterson**, St. Peter, is a retired vice president of development from Gustavus ■ **Arlene Jornlin Ramberg**, Chisago City, is on the board of directors of Homestead Cooperative, Chisago City, and a member of the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives ■ **Larry Ray**, Cokato, has moved to Cokato to be near his daughter ■ **Robbie Robinson**, Mesa, AZ, finished his twentieth and final season as Mesa Mountain View High School's boys track and field coach ■ **Carolyn Lund Sandvig**, Minneapolis, is retired as a registered representative of Manufacturers Life Insurance ■ **Mardy Dahlquist Sotebeer**, Eagan, is a retired vocal music director from Minneapolis Lutheran High School ■ **Janice Carlson Strand**, Bozeman, MT, is retired as the director of food service at 7500 York Cooperative ■ **Lynn Strand**, Bozeman, MT, is a retired pastor from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, MN ■ **Sally Clausen Taylor**, Olympia, WA, volunteers in ushering for several theater groups ■ **Marlene Isensee Thomas**, Littleton, CO, is a retired employee of the Children's Hospital ■ **Morna Pell Traffas**, Wyomissing, PA, is working part-time at church and volunteers with the Symphony Orchestra League ■ **Charlene Bukkila Westrum**, Park Rapids, is retired from the Robbinsdale ISD ■ **Margaret Steenerson Wright**, Plymouth, is a retired secretary for Data Center Systems.

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Virginia Nelson Anderson, Janesville, WI, is very active in the Cedar Crest retirement community.

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Noel Estergren, San Diego, CA, is a retired pastor of First Lutheran Church ■ **Ted Johns**, Sunrise Beach, TX, is retired pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis ■ **Ned Larson Jr.**, Scottsdale, AZ, is a retired insurance agent ■ **Kris Anderson Robinson**, Mesa, AZ, is a retired employee of the Mayo Clinic and enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren ■ **Ralph Swenson**, Hudson, WI, retired as director of corporate accounting at 3M ■ **Dave Wettergren**, Stillwater, is retired as superintendent of the Stillwater Public Schools ■ **Mary Beth Larson Wold**, Fresno, CA, attended her 50th high school class reunion in Braham, MN.

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Nan Forsman Buchanan, Youngstown, OH, had two photographs accepted by local art shows in Youngstown, OH, one at the Butler Institute of American Art's Area Artist Show and the other at the YWCA's Women's Art Show ■ **Evi Gustafson Davenport**, Houston, TX, enjoys traveling, with the most recent trip being to Turkey ■ **Curt Johnson**, Woodbury, is a retired science teacher from the Richfield Public Schools; he now enjoys spending time with family and the winter months in Mesa, AZ ■ **Bob Kreiser**, Erhard, is a retired anesthesiologist ■ **Lyle Norris**, Fairmont, volunteers at the Banner Baywood Heart Hospital in Mesa, AZ, and teaches Reiki to heart patients ■ **James Peters**, Racine, WI, is a pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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Joyce Gulstrand Amdahl, Bloomington, is retired from Mount Olivet Lutheran Church ■ **Roger Amdahl**, Bloomington, is retired from administrative management at Zeiglar, Inc. ■ **Artis Husfeldt Anderson**, Flowery Branch, GA, is an annuity broker for Insure-Safe, Inc. ■ **Marcia Day Anderson**, Eldoret, Kenya, is academic dean at Discipleship College in Eldoret ■ **Barbara Lindberg Arlander**, Rochester, is a retired tutor at the Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota ■

David Arlander, Rochester, is a retired science teacher from Rochester, MN ISD ■ **Bruce Benson**, Pequot Lakes, is a retired sixth-grade teacher from Minnetonka ISD ■ **Janet Sandberg Benson**, Pequot Lakes, is a retired Chapter One tutor from the Osseo ISD ■ **Konnie Rickert Brunberg**, White Bear Lake, is retired and enjoys dividing time between family and volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and Health East Hospice ■ **Sandra Johnson Commers**, Golden Valley, teaches two days a week at Highview Alternative High School ■ **Randy Crooks**, Deerwood, is a retired manager of Quality Assurance at Anderson Corporation ■ **Robert Ekstrum**, Minnetonka, works part-time and enjoys playing golf and spending time with his four grandchildren ■ **Gretchen Bittrich Estergren**, San Diego, CA, is a retired teacher from Flying Hills School ■ **Heather Harshberger Fluck**, Hector, is a retired finance associate from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a board member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Renville County, and a member of the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra ■ **Tim Gamelin**, Jamestown, NC, is co-pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in High Point, NC ■ **Janet Bramsen Gerecke**, Minnetonka, is a retired secretary and treasurer of S & S Development Corp. ■ **Dick Hauck**, Alexandria, is office manager/accountant of Lund Implement ■ **Dick Hauck**, Alexandria, is president of the local Jaycees and involved with Kiwanis ■ **Sherry Erkkila Hauck**, Alexandria, is a retired kindergarten teacher but continues to substitute at various schools ■ **Mary Bradford Ivey**, Sarasota, FL, is a fellow of the American Counseling Association, a supervisor for the Association for Counselor Education, and past president of New Sarasotans and P.E.O. ■ **Abby Arthur Johnson**, Alexandria, VA, is an adjunct professor of liberal studies at Georgetown University ■ **Barbara Dahlin Johnson**, Minneapolis, is retired as the assistant director of education from the Minnesota Board of Nursing ■ **Norma Saari Johnson**, Woodbury, is a retired media specialist from Richfield Public Schools and now enjoys spending time with family and spending winter months in Mesa, AZ ■ **Roger Josephson**, Detroit Lakes, is a retired high school teacher from the Detroit Lakes ISD ■ **Nancy Johnson Knoell**, Brooklyn Park, is a retired kindergarten teacher from Neill Elementary School ■ **Karen**



Happy 66th . . . three years early!

Doug Jones tried to "prematurely age" his friends Earl Gray and Jerry Bowers by having a birthday cake decorated to celebrate their 66th on their 63rd birthdays last February. Pictured from left are Doug Jones '67, Earl Gray '66, Jim Schwandt '66, and Jerry Bowers '66.



Gustie and Theta relatives

Four family members at a family gathering discovered that they all are not only Gusties but also Theta sorority members. Pictured from left are Katelyn Johnson '10, Elizabeth Johnson Ekholm '64, Amy Rome '88, and Allison Wold Fewer '04.

Swanson Kreiser, Erhard, is a retired producer and host of Lake Region Community Television ■ **Bill Lahti**, Sun City, AZ, is a retired software engineer from Lockheed Martin ■ **Steven G. Larson**, Austin, TX, practices research therapy for the county jail in Austin ■ **Susan Peterson Larson**, Scottsdale, AZ, is a retired homemaker ■ **Duane Lindeen**, Burnsville, is a retired captain for Northwest Airlines ■ **Bonnie Kuseske MacLean**, Grand Marais, is professor emerita at Thiel College ■ **Helen Nelson Melsness**, Mound, is working part-time with the Head Start program and as an assistant teacher at St. John's Church in Mound ■ **Kent Nakamaru**, Kealakekua, HI, recently sold his dental practice and works part time while enjoying traveling to see family around the United States ■ **Sharon Shaver Pinney**, Le Sueur, is a

long-term care consultant for Le Sueur County Public Health ■ **Diana Beddow Radtke**, Cedarburg, WI, is secretary at Redeemer Lutheran Church ■ **Jerry Raedeke**, Nisswa, is a retired clergy member and a wildlife artist; he owns Raedeke Art Studio ■ **Doug Roszell**, Park City, UT, works part-time doing psychiatric disability evaluations for the American Psychiatric Association and the Diplomatic American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology ■ **Carl Sjobeck**, Lauderhill, FL, retired as an accountant for Chester-Kent, Inc. ■ **Joanne Urness Sorenson**, Blooming Prairie, is active in the Minnesota Nurses' Association ■ **Jim Stephan**, Parma Heights, OH, is a food coordinator for Community Corner Hunger Center ■ **Miriam Larson Stohl**, St. Paul, is retired as chief financial adviser for the State of Minnesota ■ **Mary Elizabeth Carlstrom**,

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Sunning in Sedona

Last April in Sedona, AZ, four classmates from the **Class of 1968** held an early celebration of the 40th anniversary of their graduation from Gustavus. All four were friends and roommates in Rundstrom Hall their senior year. Pictured from left are **Rebecca Gilbertson Merritt**, **Joan Hedlund Lundell**, **Loretta Larvick Harmatuck**, and **Marilyn Hoecke Rice**.

Bill Holm '65 receives McKnight Award

In May 2008 the McKnight Foundation named Minnesota poet, essayist, and musician **Bill Holm '65** as the 2008 McKnight Distinguished Artist, in recognition of artistic excellence spanning more than three decades. The annual honor, now in its 11th year, recognizes Minnesota artists who have made significant contributions to the quality of the state's cultural life and includes a \$50,000 cash award.

Holm is the author of 15 books, including *Coming Home Crazy*, *Eccentric Islands*, *Playing the Black Piano*, and *The Windows of Brimnes*. He was named a *Bush Foundation Arts Fellow* in 1982 and 1995 and a *National Endowment of the Arts Fellow* in 1987. In 1986–87 he was a university lecturer in China; that experience created the context for his collection of essays *Coming Home Crazy*, which won a *Minnesota Book Award* in 1991. A second *Minnesota Book Award* followed in 1997 for *The Heart Can Be Filled Anywhere on Earth*, and later the *Book Awards' John Flanagan Prize* for outstanding achievement in literature in the Midwest. A *Fulbright lectureship* at the University of Iceland in 1979 and 1980 allowed him to connect with his immigrant ancestors' homeland, and Holm, although he still calls Minnesota, MN, home, now spends his summers in the village of Brimnes in northern Iceland. In 2003 he received the U.S. Embassy in Reykjavik's *Cobb Award* for service to Iceland.

After earning a master's degree from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Holm joined the faculty of Southwest Minnesota State University at Marshall, from which he retired last year after 27 years of teaching literature and creative writing. He continues to give readings to community groups, nursing homes, colleges, and libraries—punctuated with Bach or Scott Joplin or old Lutheran hymns if there's a piano in the room.

Bloomington, works part-time with gifted and talented students and volunteers part-time in the Bloomington ISD ■ **Mary Elizabeth Carlstrom**, Bloomington, is a member of Friends of Madeline Island Museum and is a Bayport (MN) Library Associate ■ **Richard Strand**, Bloomington, is a self-employed orthopedic surgeon and a board member of Northland College ■ **Marlys Schneider Swenson**, Hudson, WI, re-



tired from the Stillwater School ISD as a special learning disability teacher and is in the Women's Club in Hudson ■ **Lillian Tan**, River Falls, WI, retired as the chair of the music department at University of Wisconsin-River Falls; she is in the Chopin Society and Schubert Club and is faculty coordinator of the St. Croix Valley Music Teachers Association ■ **Sandy Harlan Tandler**, Menlo Park, CA, is a retired

operations manager for Multi Metrics, Inc. ■ **Gordy Thompson** and **Sharon Bauer Thompson**, Corvallis, OR, enjoy living close to family in Oregon and staying busy with activities through the community and Oregon State University ■ **Fred Thunhorst**, Ely, retired from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and spends the winters in Texas ■ **Janet Ryan Tidemann**, St. Paul, retired as pastor at St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran and now helps coordinate advocacy efforts in the congregation at Gloria Dei Lutheran ■ **Ruth Anderson Tillquist**, St. Paul, is on the board of Gustavus Library Associates, sings with a group called the "Larks," and volunteers for Life Haven ■ **Linnea Swenson Ulrich**, Brooklyn Center, retired as a sales associate at Kohl's ■ **Christine Swenson Wilmot**, Winona, is a retired employee of Central Lutheran Church.

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Henning Anderson, Flowery Branch, GA, is an annuity broker at Insure-Safe, Inc. ■ **Sue Toftey Hildebrand**, Rice Lake, WI, is marketing director with Business and Estate Advisers, Inc. ■ **Marcia Johnson Lindseth**, Prescott, WI, enjoying traveling and spending time with family, including two grandchildren ■ **Gordon Olseen**, Tipton, IA, is an agent for State Farm Insurance Companies ■ **Karen Buss Torgersen**, Shoreview, retired as owner/vice president of Carley-Torgersen, Inc.



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Wayne Erickson, Carlos, recently retired and now lives on Lake Carlos near Alexandria, MN ■ **James Fox**, Rapid City, SD, retired as a professor of geology ■ **Sue Widstrom Gamelin**, Jamestown, NC, is co-pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in High Point ■ **Mary Lee Sellergren Killion**, Red Oak, IA, is semi-retired and enjoys spending time with her eight grandchildren ■ **Carol Tewes Wolford**, St. Cloud, retired as a special education teacher in the St. Cloud ISD.

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■ **Joni Gustafson Alvarez**, Baxter, is a retired Hallmark store owner and president of LAW of Hennepin County ■ **Bob Bohn**, Inver Grove Heights, retired from 3M ■ **J. Paul Carlson**, Minnetonka, is a physician in hematology at Park Nicollet Health System ■ **Woody Johnson**, Mangilao, Guam, is a dentist at SDA Dental.

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Donna Davies Bexell, Cottage Grove, is retired from teaching English ■ **John Folkerds**, Buffalo, retired as senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo ■ **Benay Borene Jaeger**, Glenwood, is retired from Montevideo Public Schools; she spends summers on Lake Amelia near Glenwood and winters at Sun City Grand in Surprise, AZ ■ **Mark Lind**, Burnsville, is a self-employed home remodeler.

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John Ahlstrom, St. Paul, is senior vice president at JJV Rubber Mulch & Safety Surfacing, Inc. and president of the Riverview Site Council ■ **Thomas Albrecht**, Montevideo, is in the American Legion Post #59 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #380 ■ **Beth Chindvall Anderson**, Brainerd, is freelancing in several areas including languages and writing ■ **Gary Anderson**, Kilmarnock, VA, is the East Region/U.S. Environmental Science Project director for PBS & J; a professional geologist for Virginia and North Carolina, he is a member of American Shore & Beach Preservation Association and part of Coasts-Oceans-Ports-Rivers Institute ■ **Kathy Eaton Asted**, Andover, is vice president at Business Network International and is in the Speaking Consulting Network ■ **Joel Bexell**, Cottage Grove, is the interim pastor at Farmington Lutheran Church ■ **Mary Anderson Bohn**, Inver Grove Heights, retired as a librarian from Cretin Durham Hall High School ■ **Barbara Rinehart Cameron**, Excelsior, is co-owner of Acappella Portraits ■ **Anne Berg Carlson**, Minnetonka, is a parent educator at Edina ISD ■ **Sam Carlson**, Loretto,



is executive vice president & chief medical officer of Park Nicollet Health System ■ **Sandra Silrum Eberhardt**, Edina, is an RN in oral surgery at Affiliated Maxillofacial Surgeons ■ **Marj Eisinger**, Plymouth, retired from teaching elementary physical education at Glen Lake Elementary School ■ **Marilyn Hempftling Falksen**, Arlington, VA, is chief of the initial request staff in the Department of Justice's Office of Information and Privacy ■ **Ann Hamilton**, Conway, SC, is a non-print media librarian at Coastal Carolina University ■ **Cheryl Hamer Hauswirth**, Grafton, WI, is active with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra League and the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Show House ■ **Todd Jacobson**, St. Paul, retired as a senior analyst at Aetna, Inc. ■ **Rick Jaeger**, Glenwood, is retired from the Montevideo Public Schools; he spends summers on Lake Amelia near Glenwood and winters at Sun City Grand in Surprise, AZ ■ **Ken Johnson**, Sheridan, WY, is owner/manager of Americas Best Value Inn ■ **Maryann Pommeranz Kaul**, Comfort, TX, is a RN, CARN, and UR Specialist at La Hacienda Treatment Center ■ **Kathleen Harkness Kling**, Carmel, IN, is clinical director for Charis Center for Eating Disorders ■ **Lynne Diercks Lind**, Burnsville, is a self-employed piano teacher ■ **Joan Hedlund Lundell**, Granite Falls, is a retired math instructor at Minnesota West Community and Technical College ■ **Brian Mattson**, Minneapolis, is a consulting actuary with Watson Wyatt Worldwide ■ **Peter Milon**, Westboro, MA, is in sales at Ferguson Enterprises ■ **Carolyn Mueller**, Plymouth, is a retired senior functional manager at American Express Financial Corporation ■ **Dawn Nelson**, Washington, DC, is a retired statistician for the Department of Education ■ **Marjorie Kerr Neubauer**, Newcastle, WA, is an RN at Polyclinic ■ **Jerry Okerman**, Stillwater, is employed at the Minnesota Research Fund ■ **Mary Lock Palm**, Springfield, VA, is a nurse practitioner for a neurology practice at Inova Fairfax Hospital ■ **Paul W. Peterson**, Shoreview, is retired director of finance at Medtronic, Inc. ■ **Nancy Clubb Rauen**, Minnetonka, retired as a microbiology supervisor at Hennepin County Medical Center ■ **Ted Schramm**, Hot Springs Village, AR, is a retired 727 crewman/pilot at Federal Express ■ **Dick Severson**, Madison, WI, is executive vice-president of marketing and sales for Great

Lakes Educational Loan Services ■ **Winnie Snyder Severson**, Madison, WI, is finance director for the Alzheimer's Association ■ **Maureen Olsen Singleton**, Fond du Lac, WI, is owner and manager of a furniture store in Fond du Lac ■ **Mark Youngstrom**, Vadnais Heights, is retired director of school programs from the Perpich Center for Arts Education ■ **Arv Zenk**, North Mankato, retired from Precision Press ■ **Jane Dornfeld Zenk**, North Mankato, is a retired telecommunications manager from Carlson Craft.

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Dave Benson and **Sue Brekke Benson**, Aitkin, traveled to China last year and enjoy life up north on the lake ■ **Jordan Gish**, Le Center, was chosen as a 2008 Lifetime Achievement Recipient by the directors of Mid-America Music Hall of Fame ■ **Linda Kittleson Haller**, Mahtomedi, retired as a school nurse for the St. Paul ISD ■ **Sheila Holmberg Helleeson**, Tracy, keeps busy with her three grandchildren ■ **Rebecca Lund Otterness**, St. Peter, is the author of "Partners," an article about long-term care giving for Lutherans featured in the national journal for rostered leaders of the ELCA.



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Barbara Zakariasen Carlson, Loretto, is a self-employed author and speaker ■ **Allen Lipke**, Hibbing, retired from Hibbing ISD; he was named the 2008 Titan of Taconite by the Hibbing Winter Frolic Committee for making significant contributions to the community ■ **Frank Thorngren**, Hettinger, ND, is a physician at West River Health ■ **Barbara Watson**, Jackson, MI, is a nurse practitioner at University of Michigan Medical Center.

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Susan Alexis, Albuquerque, NM, served as an interpreter this past March on a medical team in Nicaragua that saw and treated over 1,900 people ■ **Dennis Bengtson**



Gustie connection at College of Charleston

On the faculty of the College of Charleston are three professors with significant Gustavus connections. Pictured from left are **Gary Asleson '70**, Mebane Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, **Bernard Powers Jr. '72**, professor of history, and **George Dickinson**, professor of sociology who previously taught at Gustavus for nine years.

Asleson, who majored in chemistry at Gustavus, joined the CofC faculty after earning his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1975 and has now taught at CofC for 33 years. Powers, a history major, went on to earn an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and has taught at CofC since 1992. Dickinson, who earned his undergraduate degree and an M.A. from Baylor and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1969, taught in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Gustavus from 1969 to 1978 prior to joining the sociology faculty at CofC in 1985.

The College of Charleston, which is located in Charleston, SC, enrolls about 12,000 students.

Athletics Hall of Fame

October 25, 2008

Gustavus will induct new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, in Alumni Hall, following the Augsburg College football game. Selection of athletes is based upon their athletic achievement while students at Gustavus and honors graduates with outstanding athletic accomplishment and significant contribution to the field of athletics.

Inductees

Susan Erlandson Breckner '83, volleyball
Milt Brostrom '49, benefactor
Sarah Edmonds Harris '93, cross country
Heather Thorson Kittelsen '92, softball
Steve McDermott '88, basketball, soccer
Andy Micheletti '72, hockey
Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90, tennis
Ginny Schafer '93, soccer
Tim Schwartz '90, football, baseball

Banquet tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations are requested by October 18. Call the Alumni Office at 800-487-8437, e-mail alumni@gustavus.edu, or register online at the alumni events section of the Gustavus website at 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.



Hawkins named business official of the year

Benjamin Hawkins '71, Grand Rapids, has been named the 2008 Minnesota Business Official of the Year by the Minnesota Association of the School Business Officials. The Minnesota Business Official of the Year award is given to just one individual in the state each year. It acknowledges outstanding school business officials. Nominees are evaluated based on their contributions to the profession and their job titles. Hawkins is business manager for Grand Rapids and Greenway area schools. Pictured is Hawkins's family, including his wife, Barbara, daughter Lindsey, daughter Sarah Barten, son-in-law Parish Barten, and daughter Ashley.



King receives leadership award

Stephen King '73, city administrator for the City of South St. Paul, received the Leadership Award from the League of Minnesota Cities, an annual award given to a Minnesota municipal official. The Leadership Award honors appointed city officials who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for their community. Pictured from left are 2008-09 League President Mary Hamann-Roland, mayor of Apple Valley; King; and the 2007-08 League President Todd Prafke, city administrator for St. Peter.

serves as the Navy's only judge in the Southwest Pacific in Yokusaka, Japan ■ **Carol Saeger Gercke**, Parker, CO, is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Littleton Adventist Hospital ■ **Carolyn Coon Mowchan**, Spooner, WI, is the author of two books that are part of a series just coming out called "Lutheran Voices" ■ **Mary Parkin Rasmussen**, Fargo, ND, is a substitute teacher in Fargo and West Fargo Schools.

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Leland Erickson, Longview, TX, is a missions administrator with Wycliffe Bible Translators ■ **Bob Fransen**, Minneapolis, is owner of Capital Growth Real Estate ■ **Brian Hulstrand**, Willmar, is a self-employed attorney ■ **Katherine Ellis Linstrom**, Lafayette, CO, is a member of the Legendary Ladies Club, a group that portrays strong historic women, and recently researched

"Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk across Victorian America" ■

Edward Peterson, Raleigh, NC, is an assistant service manager for Leith, Inc.

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Gail Wohlman Ahern, Taunton, is on the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures, is a member of the Southwest Minnesota World Language Association, Minnesota Science Teachers' Association, and the Silver Spur Saddle Club ■ **John Apitz**, Mendota Heights, is on the board of the History Theatre in St. Paul and is a member of the Ramsey County Bar Association and Minnesota Bar Association ■ **Timothy Berg**, North Mankato, is campus chaplain at United Campus Ministry ■

Linda Bergstrom, Salt Lake City, UT, is an associate professor at University of Utah ■

William Beslock, White Lake, MI, is a social sciences and science substitute teacher ■ **Carol Gilyard Brown**, Santa Fe, NM, is retired and volunteers in Garden Club of America and Waldorf School ■ **Laurinda Hanson Erickson**, Longview, TX, is a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators International ■ **Jill Fagerlund**, Faribault, is board member and volunteer of the River Bend Nature Center and is involved with the United Way and American Association of University Women ■

Ruth Ulrich Fransen, Minneapolis, works in utilization management of mental health at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■ **Kris Breneman Fuller**, Sherburn, is a family literacy instructor for Watonwan County in the St. James Public Schools ■ **Kathleen Odden Granzin**, Park Falls, WI, is a caregiver for Rent-a-Daughter ■ **Kristine Haataja**, Piedmont, CA, is senior research manager at MarketTools in the American Marketing Association ■

Lars Lagerman, Phoenix, AZ, is partner at Bryan Cave LLP ■ **Barry Lane**, Detroit Lakes, is writing a book with his daughter ■ **Thomas Langsjoen**, St. Peter, is a retired forensic staff psychologist at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center ■ **Jean Marvin**, Rochester, is on the Rochester Civic Theatre Board ■ **Mike Matuzek**, Highlands Ranch, CO, is retired from the United States Postal Service ■ **Elaine Sooger McGillivray**, Arden Hills, is an in-

structor of education at Bethel University and takes cases as an attorney for the Children's Law Center of Minnesota ■ **Le Ann Peterson Metzger**, Appleton, WI, is in the National Association of Elementary Principals, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Wisconsin Association of School Administrators ■

Kelvin Miller, Burnsville, is owner/president of Primarius Promotion ■ **Bob Moilanen**, Minnetonka, is an attorney at Anthony, Ostlund, & Baer, P.A. ■

Mark Norgaard, Richfield, is in business development at TKDA ■ **Konnie Kube O'Neil**, Cambridge, is an RN and supervisor at the Cambridge Medical Center and has been the Isanti County Red Cross Blood Drive Chair since 1982 ■ **Cindy Strong Obinger**, Hastings, works for Health Partners in St. Paul ■ **Wally Obinger**, Hastings, is pastor at

Luther Memorial Church in South St. Paul ■ **Jeanne Henningsen Olson**, Apple Valley, is a substitute teacher for District #196 ■

John Otteson, St. Paul, is president of Brothers Real Estate Brokers ■ **Tonna Cory Parsons**, Webb, IA, is pastor at Grace Congregation Church in Greenville and First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids ■

Carol Kerner Peterson, Stillwater, is an early childhood teacher for the Stillwater ISD ■ **Janet Hilton Peterson**, Raleigh, NC, is controller at Thyssen Krupp Precision Forge, Inc. ■ **Mark Sallmen**, Pietarsaari, Finland, is an official Finnish tour guide ■ **Karen Larsen Sheie**, New Ulm, is a staff medical surgical nurse at the New Ulm Medical Center ■ **Linda Dangel Sieracki**, Palos Park, IL, works part-time at Advocate Christ Medical Center ■

Karen Bukosky Snedeker, Woodbury, is a member of the National Investor Relations Institute and Public Relations Society of America and is involved with Girl Scout Council, FAUSA, the Junior League of St. Paul, League of Women Voters, and American MENSEA ■

Shelley Swenson, Buffalo, is a retired registered nurse ■ **Shelley Swenson**, Buffalo, is a member of the home care association ■ **Tom Witty**, Mountain Iron, retired as a social service supervisor with St. Louis County ■ **Jim Zils**, Libertyville, IL, is CFO at Combined Insurance Company ■ **Kathy Orshek Zils**, Libertyville, IL, teaches at Libertyville School District.





Gusties have always gathered, and the tradition continues with Gusties Gather 2008!

The third annual Gusties Gather!—where Gusties anywhere in the world gather on the same day—is Sept. 28. Gatherings are focused on fun, food, and Gustie friendship. Attend or host a gathering. Find out more information online at gustavus.edu/alumni or contact Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 or alumni@gustavus.edu.

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Susan Peterson Berger, Lakeville, retired from teaching German and social studies in the Burnsville ISD ■ **Bonnie Ostlund**, Golden Valley, works for General Mills ■ **Christy Norgaard Otteson**, St. Paul, is a self-employed real estate assistant.

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Scott Larson, Cambridge, is city administrator for the City of Park Rapids ■ **Rainell Miller**, Gaithersburg, MD, is an adoption social worker for the Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services ■ **Patty Tasa Norgaard**, Richfield, teaches first grade at Burnsville/Eagan/Savage ISD.

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David Adney, Maple Grove, is principal at Minnetonka High School and was recently named a recipient of the 2008 Minnetonka Employee Awards for Child-Centered Excellence ■ **Vicki Haugen**, Minneapolis, was co-author of two articles featured in the *Journal of Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing* ■ **Sandra Trygg Hulet**, Plymouth, is director of organizational development & training with Carlson Wagonlit Travel ■

Leonard Klun, Maple Plain, is a triathlete who competes in races like the Honolulu ITU Age Group Triathlon in Hawaii, Heart of the Lakes, Brewhouse Triathlon, and the Minnetonka Triathlon ■ **Diane Clark Miller**, Burnsville, teaches elementary school in the Burnsville/Eagan/Savage ISD ■ **Carl Seamon**, Springfield, is a pastor at St. John's and Sundown Lutheran Churches.

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DeeDee Dalen, Fairbanks, AK, was recipient of the Alaska Nurse of the Year Award in the category of emergency nursing, sponsored by the March of Dimes ■ **Al Hawkins**, Plymouth, is an Herbalife distributor and a voice teacher at Crown College in St. Bonifacius ■ **Scott Severinson** is president of Wusthof Trident in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

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Robert J. Anderson, Tracy, CA, is a retired senior staff software engineer at Sun Microsystems, Inc. ■ **Randy Beard**, Minneapolis, is a self-employed freelance writer ■ **John Bergstrand**, Eden Prairie, is part of the American Society of Training and Design (ASTD) ■ **Isacc Birdlong**, Dallas, TX, is president of a modeling agency, ccaSi, Inc. ■ **Daniel B. Carlson**, Eagan, is associate vice president of marketing for the ELCA



Nurses connect

While accompanying her father to an appointment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, Susan Simpson Long '79 visited with his nurse and discovered they were both nurses from Gustavus. Pictured from left are **Stephanie Olson Geisler '73**, thrombophilia clinician, Mayo Clinic; **George Simpson**; and **Susan Simpson Long '79**, oncology nurse at Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, NY.

Mission Investment Fund ■ **Deborah Sawyer Cook**, Waterville, ME, is a K-5 specialist in the Waterville School District ■ **Kathryn Day**, El Cerrito, CA, is chief administrative officer of the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science at University of California, Berkeley ■ **Carol Henry Diltz**, Center Point, TX, is director of medical staff services at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital ■ **Carol Henry Diltz**, Center Point, TX, is with Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality and the Texas Society of Medical Staff Services ■ **Melody Wallaker Dunbar**, Littleton,

CO, is in the International Association of Business Communications ■ **John Egnell**, Brooklyn Center, is senior instructional designer at United Healthcare ■ **Marie Young Egnell**, Brooklyn Center, teaches physical education at Garden City Elementary in Osseo Area Schools ■ **Julie Elmen**, Gold River, CA, is an evaluation associate for University of California ■ **Chris Hildreth**, Irvine, CA, is president of the board of directors for the Child Guidance Center ■ **Elaine Warren Hulstrand**, Willmar, is a registered nurse for the State of Minnesota ■ **Linda Johnson**,

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Seattle chapter treated to Kling and Esbjornson

Seattle chapter agent **Nate Torgelson '88** (front row, third from left) organized the Seattle chapter to attend a performance of *How? How? Why? Why? Why?*, a play written and performed by **Kevin Kling '79** (sitting) and directed by **David Esbjornson '75** (back, fourth from right) at the Seattle Repertory Theatre. A reception with Kling and Esbjornson was held following the performance. Both Esbjornson and Kling have been recognized by the Gustavus Alumni Association with Distinguished Alumni Citations for exceptional professional achievement.

Minneapolis, is director of individual giving for Twin Cities Public Television ■ **Brent E. Larson**, Roseville, is director of orthodontics at University of Minnesota ■ **Lori Larson**, Puyallup, WA, is a dental hygienist with Dr. Lawrence Ladowski, DDS ■ **Kevin A. Lindstrand**, Arlington, is a CPA/CFP at Schad, Lindstrand, and Schuth, LTD ■ **Daniel Little**, Brookings, SD, is in Rotary International, a trustee in the Brookings Health System, and a member of the board of directors of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce ■ **Sarah Nordlander Mattern**, Stahnsdorf, Germany, teaches third and fourth grade at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin ■ **Craig Menozzi**, Lakeville, is in the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals ■ **Jill Meyer**, Minneapolis, is a development operations reports specialist for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts ■ **Mary Sue Kessler Moe**, Savage, is an RN in the Infant Care Center at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota ■ **Craig Olson**, Minnetonka, is first vice president and financial consultant at RBC Wealth Management ■ **Karen Osell**, Coon Rapids, is a probation officer at

Anoka County Corrections ■ **William Papas**, Plymouth, is district sales manager for Harker's Meats & Provisions ■ **Tom Parnell**, Eagan, is senior vice president of sales for Seligman Advisors, Inc. ■ **Laurie Pengra**, Mankato, is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force ■ **Kris King Raaen**, Faribault, plays in the Mankato Symphony, the Generation II Big Band, and a wind quintet that has made two CDs ■ **Randy Reinke**, Minnetonka, is on the board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Litchfield Areas Community Foundation, and Trifac Workers' Compensation fund ■ **Mary Schwind**, St. Paul, has been awarded a Women and Minority Fellowship by the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry; the chair of Leonard, Street and Deinard's construction law practice, she is one of only three attorneys nationwide to be selected for the ABA honor ■ **Solvejg Borlaug Seamon**, Springfield, is a medical careers instructor at Springfield Public School ■ **Missy Fischer Struve**, St. Paul, retired as a part-time registered nurse at Bloomington Lake Clinic ■ **Mark Thomsen**, Henderson, NV, is a self-employed professional opera singer ■ **Naomi Jordahl Thomsen**,

Henderson, NV, is the compensation manager at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and a member of World at Work ■ **Eileen Kaese Uzarek**, Apple Valley, is the assistant professor of health education at Augsburg College.

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Brian Engel, Eden Prairie, is an executive vice president at Benfield Inc. ■ **Ken Gruys**, Gold River, CA, is a science fellow and site director for Monsanto Company ■ **Christine Larson Schneider**, Willmar, teaches music at Community Christian School ■ **Todd Treimer**, Huntsville, AL, is a family medicine physician at Family Medicine of Huntsville.

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Susan Billett, Fairmont, is employed at Preferred Capital Management ■ **Tanya Bransford**, Golden Valley, is a Hennepin County District Court judge and was featured in a Minneapolis *Star Tribune* article on her relationship with her father, who recently retired as a dispositional counselor for

the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office ■ **Jeff Gardner**, Barrington, IL, is vice president of sales at Art Craft Promotional Concepts ■ **Jeanne Karp-Oelfke**, Hamburg, is nurse manager of cardiovascular emergencies at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■ **Paul Lepp**, Minot, ND, is the first annual recipient of the Textbook Authors Association's Biology Teachers Travel Award, which he used to attend the 108th general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) in Boston in June ■ **Mark Moody**, Arden, NC, was featured in an article by Patrick Reusse in the *Star Tribune* newspaper ■ **Diane Warner Nihart**, Albuquerque, NM, received a master's degree in curriculum and instructional leadership from College of Santa Fe and is head special education teacher in the Albuquerque Public Schools ■ **Beth Olson Olson**, Minnetonka, is a diabetes nurse educator at Park Nicollet Medical Center.

81 Class Agents: Steve Heim, Leslie Nielsen

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Paul Bernhardson, Lincoln, NE, is a physician for Complete Children's Health ■ **Lisa Unger Emkovic**, Cannon Falls, works at University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine ■ **Ron S. Johnson**, Colorado Springs, CO, opened a new bank in June; he is CEO of Financial Service Holding Company.

82 Class Agents: J.C. Anderson, Richard Olson, Ann McGowan Wasson

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Craig P. Anderson, Minneapolis, is production manager of Pumptec ■ **Lisa Bankey Bale**, Minneapolis, is an attorney at NeuVest ■ **Dave Carlson**, Plymouth, is president of A.C. Carlson Appliances ■ **Susan Young Davis**, Capay, CA, is an artist whose paintings were featured in an exhibit at Water and Oil Art Gallery ■ **Christa Meier Getchell**, Marine on St. Croix, is vice president for financial development at the Minneapolis YMCA ■ **Bob Holmes**, Houston, TX, is a firm partner for the Houston general office of New York Life Insurance Company and was recognized as a top-producing New York Life Financial Services registered representative ■ **Lori Roust**, Scottsdale, AZ, an endocrinologist at the Mayo Clinic, Arizona, is the medical expert featured on the diabetes DVD in the educational series of



wellness DVDs produced by the Mayo Clinic and Gaia **Sonja Jensen Wastvedt**, New Wilmington, PA, teaches elementary school in the Wilmington Area Schools and received a master's degree as a reading specialist from Westminster College **Eunice Carlson Woodberry**, St. Cloud, was ordained in the ELCA and has accepted a call to Garfield Lutheran Church in Madison, MN.

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Tracie Sundberg Anderson, St. Paul, is a social worker at Commonbond Communities **David Baukol**, Calgary, Alberta, works with Walton International Group **Kevin Bowen**, Eagan, is sole proprietor of Bowen Design **Carolyn DeWitt Carlson**, Plymouth, teaches in the Robbinsdale ISD **Patty Taft Carnis**, Eagan, is a corporate accountant for Hubbard Broadcasting **Sue Lundy Christopher**, Lyons, IL, is a self-employed freelance medical illustrator **Brita DeRemee Taracks**, Minneapolis, is an interior designer at Brita DeRemee Design **Laura Deal**, Boulder, CO, is a member of Pikes Peak Writers and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators **Andy Dee**, Savage, is a self-employed musician/producer **Barbara Jorgensen Dixon**, Brooklyn Park, teaches in the Anoka-Hennepin School District **Sarah Dumke**, Las Cruces, NM, is a special education teacher for Navajo Nation Middle School **Karen Dykstra**, Ann Arbor, MI, is a lecturer of linguistics at Eastern Michigan University **Kimberly Line Edwards**, Orlando, FL, is senior housing administrator for the Good Samaritan Society of Kissimmee Village **Randy Farrow** is CEO of the Mankato Clinic **Julie Johnson Feld**, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, is a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage **Joel Garrison**, Monroe, WA, is a member of the Association of Washington School Principals, Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the North County League Athletic Directors **Lisa Gault**, Chaska, is senior vice president of Nicollet County Bank and volunteers with many organizations including Lions, Hospice, Arts Center of Saint Peter, St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, Gluek Park Board, Chamber Retail Committee, and Chamber Government Affairs Committee **Scott Gilyard**, Medina,

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Alums mark professor's retirement

Several former students of Professor of Chemistry Larry Potts attended his retirement party on campus June 7, where a scholarship in his honor was announced. Pictured are some of Potts's chemistry major students from his first year of teaching. From left are **Peter Johnson '75**, **Bob Warner '76**, **Larry Potts**, **Ken Rholl '76**, **Doug Dunn '76**, and **Bradford Roberts '76**.



Hanson named LLS Man of the Year

Byron Hanson '75, Minneapolis, was named the 2007 Man of the Year by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and his photo and announcement appeared on the side of Twin Cities' buses. The Man & Woman of the Year fundraising campaign involves a select group of philanthropist-candidates dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Hanson is director of deli and food service operations for Lunds and Byerly's and is in maintenance therapy for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma diagnosed in 2002.

Foundation **Jeanne Ripley**, Prior Lake, is the vice president of Halleland Health Consulting **Bev Matson Rose**, Oakdale, is an RN in neonatal intensive care at University of Minnesota Children's Hospital **Don Ryan**, Brainerd, is a county attorney in Crow Wing County **Mona Carlson Salazar**, St. Paul, is director of nursing at the St. Anthony Park Home **Catherine Tucker**, Bloomington, IN, is assistant professor of anthropology at Indiana University **Ross Wastvedt**, New Wilmington, PA, is an associate professor and department chair at Westminster College **Kevin Weeks**, La Moille, IL, is pastor at Zion Lutheran Church of Clarion **Stacy Welborn**, Litchfield, is secretary of Central Lakes United Executive Board and president of the

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Two grads part of WWII recovery mission

In May 2008, **Steve Briggs '77** and **Karl Molenaar '76** joined seven other volunteers on a trip to Papua New Guinea with a mission to locate, identify, photograph, and GPS downed WWII aircraft crash sites. Information was reported to U.S. recovery teams based in Hawaii. Briggs and Molenaar returned to the U.S. with 21 dog tags and the discovery of two human skulls at one crash site. Prior to their departure they left their Gustavus T-shirts with local villagers.



Gustie grads in Gaylord

Sibley County Public Health is the workplace for these three public health nurses, all Gustie grads: **Laura Frauendienst Reid '97**, **Allie Werner Freidrichs '99**, and **Kari Siewert Evans '79**. Allie serves as the agency's director, Laura works as a case manager and is the assistant director, and Kari is the school nurse for the Sibley East School District.

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Gustie alumni still making music

The Bend in the River Big Band, which comprises a number of Gustavus alumni, joined with the 3M Symphony Orchestra to perform a concert at Maplewood Community Center in Maplewood, MN, last January. Gusties performing in the concert included, from left, Steve Truran '87 trumpet, Chris Sasik '86 trumpet, Chuck Linderkamp '86 sax, Philip Belin '82 trumpet, Bob Hallquist director '86-87, Bruce Olson '76 sax, John Egnell '78 trumpet, Leanne Ekstadt '79 oboe, Paul Rippe '82 sax, David Miller '80 piano, Peter Karstad '85 bass, Keith Nelson '86 trombone, Becky Schmidt Weiland '88 sax, Mark Mohwinkel '80 sax, Alex Lindstrom '99 trombone, and Ben Anderson '98 drums.

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Nelson's adoption full of patience and faith

Two years ago **Ron Nelson '84** and his family volunteered at an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, and decided to adopt a baby girl named Mercy after they fell in love with her. The law for international adoption in Kenya requires the couple planning to adopt to spend at least eight months in the country, a bold commitment that the Nelsons gladly undertook. But they were stymied by the politics of competing adoption agencies. The Nelsons' lengthy and problematic adoption experience was featured in an ABC News story titled "Profit Culture Mars Kenya Adoptions." Highlighting turf wars between rival adoption organizations, the feature describes the Nelsons' adoption process culminating in the disappointing outcome of being refused Mercy for adoption but later gratefully receiving a baby girl named Josie. The full article can be viewed at abcnews.com (search for "Profit Culture"). The photo of the Nelson family shows Heidi, Alex, Josie, Sally, Ben, and Ron and his wife, Mary.



Lillians launches national franchise

Lillians Holdings Inc., the "Hippie Shoppe in Town," has announced a national franchise expansion after three years of growth starting in August of 2005. Co-owners and sisters **Sue Tiemann Olmscheid '86** and **Cindy Deuser** have grown the business to 15 retail locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa that sell handbags, jewelry, and women's accessories. Learn more at www.lilliansshoppe.com.

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Gusties connect in Baghdad

Two Gusties linked up in Iraq for some reminiscing and a picture under the one of Baghdad's most famous landmarks. Peter Ford '84 (above, left, and at left with General Petraeus) is a special agent with the Department of State Diplomatic Security Service and is currently the principal adviser on Hostage Affairs to the U.S. Ambassador in

Iraq. U.S. Air Force Col. Randy Richert '85 (above, right) serves as the deputy commander of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group operating out of Balad Air Base located about 38 miles north of Baghdad. Richert was at the embassy in Baghdad conducting visits with some of the 1,500 airmen across Iraq whom he leads when he passed an office with Ford's name on it. Richert left his card and later in the day the two were able to meet.

Ford was most recently detailed to the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, DC, and, moved by Gen. David Petraeus's hearing before Congress last September, was motivated to volunteer for a tour in Iraq. Meanwhile, Richert was serving as the deputy chief of Security Forces for Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, located at Scott AFB in southern Illinois before deploying into Iraq. While students at Gustavus, Peter and Randy attended several political science and international affairs courses together, played on the rugby team, had simultaneous internships in Washington, DC, and occasionally maintained contact throughout the years. However, neither knew the other was in Iraq.

Johnson Petrich, Osakis, was named 2007 Woman of Excellence by the Girl Scouts-Land O'Lakes Council in the category "Women Promoting Diversity" ■ **Sheila Pippo**, Minneapolis, is the children's program director for VISTA/Minnesota Literacy Council.

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'91 alums celebrate

Classmates from the **Class of 1991** gathered for a shower for Susan Johnson. In front from left are **Debra Curran McGarity**, **Susan Johnson**, and **Kari Clark**. In back are **Alyssa Bruns Hammar**, **Valisa McKinney**, and **Amy Millette Close**.



Fiddling around

Brian Wicklund '87, Marine on St. Croix, MN, graduated with an elementary education major at Gustavus and teaching appeared to be his career path. With a passion to play the fiddle that started in his youth and an offer from bluegrass band *Stoney Lonesome*, Wicklund's professional journey began and continues today in the music industry.

In addition to performing with an array of national and international tour bands, Wicklund has been busy as a studio musician and producer laying down fiddle and mandolin tracks on hundreds of projects. In 2005 Wicklund and friends formed the acoustic

power trio *Brother Mule*. Their debut release, *Big Twang*, won them an Indie Music Award for best Americana CD of 2005. Wicklund also performs in Minnesota with a band he fronts called *Brian Wicklund and FiddlePals*.

Wicklund is also the author of the best-selling book-DVD packages *American Fiddle Method Volumes 1 and 2*. Spin-offs from the initial books for fiddle include *viola, cello, and piano accompaniment books*. He is currently expanding his offerings with the *FiddlePal Explore Series* focusing on *Canadian fiddle styles and Texas and Contest fiddle styles*. He is also a co-founder of the online bluegrass instructional website *bluegrasscollege.com* and teaches dozens of fiddle workshops and camps each year. For more information, visit *fiddlepal.com*.

stract acrylic paintings on display at the Arts Center of Saint Peter in the past year ■ **Becky Johnson Olson**, Savage, is a wellness services coordinator for AdvantageHealth Corporation, a worksite health promotion company ■ **Nancy Kewitsch**

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Alumni authors



A life's work

It became an "obsession," to use his own words—"long, difficult, expensive, but a joy from the beginning." And now, says **Dan Johnson '64**, "my work in life" is completed. *Loyalty*, Johnson's thoroughly researched biography of Richard Reusch, the bigger-than-life Christianity professor who taught at Gustavus (1947-48 and 1954-1964) and claimed to be, among other things, a Cossack military officer, a missionary to East Africa and honorary Masai warrior, and a spy, was published earlier this year.

"As a student," Johnson admits, "I regarded Dr. Reusch only as a colorful and somewhat eccentric professor. Until I began spending time in Russia, I'd never have guessed that one day his life story would become my obsession. After months in archives—Russian, Estonian, Finnish, German, Danish, British, Tanzanian, and American—and because of the kindness of scores of people on three continents, the knots which at first refused to unravel . . . [gave way] one by one. Some of his colorful stories were embellished, yes, but just about every one of them turns out to be essentially true."

The book is the culmination of 15 years of research, writing, and revising for Johnson, who was inspired to take up the project during his third trip to Russia in 1993. He had happened to describe Reusch to several Russian friends who, in turn, convinced him that he had to "return to Russia a son of the Volga," by telling his story to a wider Russian audience.

Johnson spent months sifting through Reusch's enormous collection of personal papers and paging through archived copies of every issue of *Mission Tidings* and the *Lutheran Companion* for references to Reusch's missionary work in Africa. He presented a paper on Reusch to the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1994. A year later, while teaching in Russia as a Fulbright Scholar, he spent two days with Reusch's sister, Aurelia, in Kazakhstan, gleaning information about the family's struggle to survive in the Caucasus in the years following the Bolshevik Revolution. Trips to the mission field in Tanzania and to the Cossack village of Pyatigorsk, where Reusch had received his Imperial Cadet Corps training, followed. His painstaking search to verify Reusch's claims and stories is, in its own way, as remarkable as the life of Reusch himself.

To learn more, go to www.richardreusch.com.

Carlsen hammers out book

Gregg "Spike" Carlsen '74, Stillwater, has written and published a book titled *A Splintered History of Wood: Belt Sander Races, Blind Woodworkers and Baseball Bats*. The world of wood is inhabited by a unique assortment of eccentric craftsmen, wacky woods, and ingenious tools. Together they've combined to create some of the world's most beloved musical instruments, feared weapons, awesome architecture, stunning works of art, sacred relics, and bizarre forms of transportation. In *A Splintered History of Wood*, Carlsen introduces the reader to the best of the best, whether it's cracking the Lindbergh kidnapping case, raising a 400-year-old sunken ship, spending a day with championship lumberjacks and lumberjills, or touring a 36-year-long remodeling project. The 55 stories in this book are sure to amuse, amaze, inspire and inform.

Carlsen is an editor, author, carpenter, and woodworker who has been immersed in the world of wood and woodworking for more than 30 years. He is



former executive editor of *Family Handyman* magazine, for which he wrote hundreds of articles on home improvement and oversaw the creation of dozens of books including the revised *Readers Digest Complete Do-It-Yourself Manual*. He has written articles for *Old House Journal*, *Fine Homebuilding*, *Workbench*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, and other publications. He currently writes "Ask Spike" for *Backyard Living* magazine and has made appearances on national television and radio. Prior to becoming an editor he worked as a carpenter for 15 years, and ran his own construction and remodeling company,

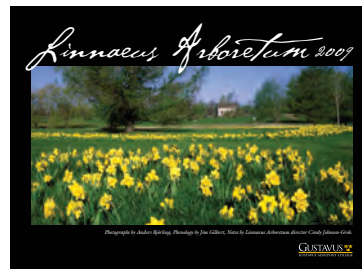
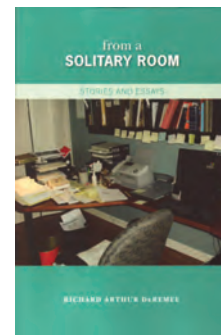
working on projects ranging from energy-efficient homes to historic restorations.

Unleaded by Roger Hanson

Roger Hanson '54, Hutchinson, has written and published a book titled *Unleaded*, the story of an older man who is approached by a younger woman at a gas pump. While it appears that she wants something from him, as the story progresses the reader learns that what she really wants to do is give something to him. *Unleaded* also contains two short stories, "I'm There Now" and "Billy," and an essay, "The Ocean."

DeRemee publishes fourth book

Dick DeRemee '55, Rochester, published his fourth book last May. Titled *From a Solitary Room*, it is a collection of stories and essays dedicated to the memories of former Gustavus professors J. Luke Creel, Gerhard Alexis, and Robert Esbjornson, who inspired DeRemee's interest in writing. The other books written by DeRemee include *Time and the Mystery of Consciousness* (2003), *The Mick Rick Debates: Controversies in Contemporary Christianity* (2007), and *Mick-Rick Essays on the Sacred & Profane* (2007).



Mark your . . . calendar?

The first *Linnaeus Arboretum Calendar*, for the 2009 calendar year, is on the "drawing" board. Featuring the photography of **Anders Björling '58** and the phenological observations of **Jim Gilbert '62**, the 13-month calendar of exquisite arboretum and campus scenes will be available this

fall. Visit the Arboretum website at gustavus.edu/arboretum for up-to-date information.

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Gustie families at Oxford

Last March the Batz family visited the Smiths in Oxford, England, during their spring break holiday. Pictured under the Bridge of Sighs in the center of Oxford are, from left, **Brian Smith '00**, **Liesl Batz '90**, **Melinda Moen Batz '86**, **Kelly Colvin Smith '00**, **Ben Batz '08**, and **Paul Batz '85**. Paul and Melinda are Kelly's aunt and uncle, Ben is Kelly's cousin, and Liesl is Paul's sister and Ben's aunt.



James named IWTA coach of the year

Dan James '92, Oakdale, MN, was named the 2007 International Wheelchair Tennis Association Coach of the Year. James is national manager for wheelchair tennis for the U.S. Tennis Association and over the past decade has promoted and developed all levels of wheelchair tennis, not only in the United States but also internationally.

James became a member of the USTA's national wheelchair coaching staff in 1998, and was the men's head coach at the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2004 games in Athens. James was named 2002 Minnesota Pro of the Year, the 2003 Wheelchair Tennis Champion by Tennis Industry magazine, and the 2004 Northern Division Professional of the Year with the USPTA. He has written and collaborated on articles for several magazines and reviews.

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Alumni cross paths at Gull Lake

Two groups of Gustavus friends crossed paths at Gull Lake, near Brainerd, MN, in August 2007 but just now got around to submitting a record of the event. Front row, from left: **Aaron Johnston '96**, **David Flom '95**, **Mark Randall '95**, **Scott Larson '94**, **Brian Fell '95**, **Scott Lauinger '96**, and **Jordan Stolp '08**. Back row: **Roxy Wagener Myhre '95**, **Jenna Peik Peters '95**, **Jennie Hainlin Lindstrom '95**, **Shannon Rafferty Treichel '95**, **Sarah Reed Schreiner '95**, **Katie Olstad Gilles '95**, **Sarah Cox Bowman '95**, **Susie Boeder Hoheisel '95**, **Gina Kronback Sazama '95**, and **Shanna Behrens Fink '95**.

student at Portland State in Oregon and is executive director of HomePlate ■ **Jessica Lundquist Doty**, Euclid, is an RN at University of North Dakota ■ **Lauren O'Connor Dwyer**, Rockford, is in human resources at Cargill, Inc. ■ **Michelle Anderson Frazier**, St. Paul, is an adoption counselor at the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota ■ **Michael Fritz**, Inver Grove Heights, is assistant store manager at Macy's ■ **Carla Bishop Froehle**, Minneapolis, is a pharmaceutical sales associate at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals ■ **Elise Getter**, Charlotte, NC, is a certified Stott Pilates instructor and office manager at Absolute Pilates ■ **Miranda Gilmore**, Costa Mesa, CA, is a doctoral student at Alliant International University ■ **Beth Jorgenson Gissibl**, Wauwatosa, WI, is an RN in intensive care pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin ■ **Alison Doppelhammer Gorsevski**, Louisville, CO, received a JD degree from University of Colorado ■ **Elizabeth Grant**, Eden Prairie, is a project coordinator for Novaspect ■ **Anne Potts Grimmuis**, Owatonna, is health promotions coordinator at South Country Health Alliance ■ **Becca Harrington Groves**, Minneapolis, is a staff coordinator and youth program director at Mount Carmel Ministries ■ **Kate Hansen**, Springfield, NE, is an epidemiologist research specialist at University of Nebraska Medical Center ■ **Ryan Hanson**, Minneapolis, is owner of BeEvents ■ **Eric Hartwell**, Lakeville, is in sales at KCI Communications ■ **Stephanie Hass**,



Peterson and Seidel named to '40 Under Forty'

Jeff Peterson '92 and **Amy Seidel '95** were featured in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's "40 Under Forty" published in the May 9 issue. Peterson is director of community relations and social change for Best Buy Co. In his position, he oversees charitable giving for the company through the Best Buy Children's Foundation or other corporate contributions, and coordinates employee volunteerism and community outreach. Previously, Peterson was employed 15 years at General Mills.

Seidel is a partner in the law firm of Faegre & Benson specializing in the firm's security law practice. She helps companies such as Target, Cargill, General Mills, Boston Scientific Corp., and Ameriprise Financial comply with rules as they go about their transactions. Her schedule includes speaking about security law and governance at legal education seminars; she also helps with her firm's recruitment.



St. Louis Park, is a chemist at Dolphin Galleries ■ **Andrew Hasty**, Sauk Rapids, is music teacher and 9-12 choir director for Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD ■ **Jessica Heiden**, Lakeville, is a student at William Mitchell Law School and working at the National Arbitration Forum ■ **Sarah Lorentz Hendley**, Mankato, is a school psychologist for the Waseca Area Schools ■ **Megan Trapp Henschen**, Eden Prairie, is a negotiations coordinator for Target ■ **Kristen Stauff Hermanson**,

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Gusties stay well

Seven Gustie women are employed at StayWell Health Management in Eagan. Pictured from left are **Kari Leif '05**, **Kelly Holland '06**, **Ann Melchert Meverden '99**, **Michelle Schaefer '02**, **Erin Boole Holzem '03**, **Kaisa Anderson '06**, and **Erica Stone Scott '00**.

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:

8–9:30 a.m., Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place
1500 Park Place Boulevard (Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100)
\$10 per person

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

Scheduled speakers:

- September 17 **Jay Schoenebeck '80**, football coach, and **Al Molde '66**, athletics director
- October 15 **Tim Robinson '65**, director, Nobel Conference 2008
- November 19 **Tom Young '88**, vice president for institutional advancement
- December 17 **Steve Kjellgren '86**, director of Dining Service
- January 21 Winter sports coaches

ronmental and water resources engineer at GeoMatrix ■ **Ginny Jechorek**, Plymouth, received a master's degree in education at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and works with Wayzata Public & Osseo Area Schools ■ **Sheila Tuel**, Sioux Rapids, IA, is an environmental specialist with the Iowa DNR ■ **Lacy Kieffer**, Nicollet, is a sales representative for Sanofi-Aventis ■ **Phillip Knoll**, Minneapolis, is a consulting engineer for ATG ■ **Joanna Olson Kroschel**, Forest Lake, is in the Minnesota Nurses Association ■ **Jane Loosbrock** teaches science at South St. Paul High School ■

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Reaching lofty heights
While traveling through Japan **Sarah Berg Kreykes '99** and **Nathan Kreykes '96** climbed 3,776 meters to the top of Mount Fuji. Nathan has been accepted into a two-year pediatric surgery fellowship starting in July 2009 at the University of Oklahoma, one of only 40 positions awarded annually in the United States and Canada. As of May 2009 Kreykes will have completed a nine-year general surgery program at the University of Minnesota; four of those years were spent pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical surgery and stem cell biology during which he was awarded an NIH National Research Award.

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To be 30 in Mexico

Gustie friends travelled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to celebrate their 30th birthdays and took the obligatory Gustie picture. From left are Eric Martin '00, Kari Hansen Martin '00 (with Emma), Tara Larsen '00, Alissa Manske Kirkpatrick '00, Andy Kirkpatrick, Elise von Luhrte-Neugebauer '00 (with Alex), Josh Neugebauer '00, Shelly Stepan '00, Mike Lettmann '01, Ray Smith, and Candy Skaff Smith '00.

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Peterson receives US Bank honors

Brock Peterson '03, Minneapolis (second from right), has received two honors from US Bank. Peterson received the annual Pinnacle Award, one of the company's highest retail employee achievement honors, and was also among the top one percent of US Bank branch managers nationwide, earning him a Top Tier award. Peterson is branch manager at US Bank's Maple Grove branch, and is pictured with his wife, **Erin Elling Peterson '03**.



Dental grads

The University of Minnesota Dental School Class of 2008 included seven Gustavus alumni. Pictured in front from left are **Bobee Lang Hyland '04**, **Sarah Jorgenson '04**, and **Claire Mielke Rogness '04**; in back, **Jerod Klava '04**, **Rachel Schwingler Sviggum '04**, **Andrew Madson '05**, and **Nathan Lund '05**.



Cookies on New Year's Eve

Six friends from the **Class of 2005** pulled out their Gustavus gear and spent New Year's Eve together baking cookies and reminiscing about their collegiate days. Pictured front row are **Megan Wille**, **Amanda Olson**, and **Kelly McGillivray Kley**. Back row are **Anna Gutman Fisher**, **Laura Palzer**, and **Lynnea Piotter**.

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Classmates reconnect in the Dominican Republic

Last February **Nathan Sellers '06** visited **David Garfunkel '06** in the Dominican Republic, where Garfunkel is currently serving in the Peace Corps. This photograph was taken just outside the village where he is living, near San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Sellers and Garfunkel spent an evening in the village, and then spent some time at the beach on the northern part of the island.



Dance alumni return for department's spring concert

A number of dance alumni attended the opening night of the Gustavus Dance Company's spring dance concert, "Old/New, Fast/Slow, Movement/Stillness," in April. Pictured from left, back row, are **Natasha Auer '07**, **Jillian Natwick '06**, **Anna Franzen '06**, **Tiffany Plante '07**, **Matt Dittes '07**, and **Brian Evans '07**; front row, **Emily Sunwall '06**, **Nicole Farlee '07**, and **Elizabeth Suskovic '07**. (Kneeling in front is **Josh Weisenfeld**, son of Professor of Theatre and Dance **Michele Rusinko** and Assistant Vice President for Corporate and Foundation Relations **Bob Weisenfeld**.)

■ **Glade Sietsema**, Lindstrom, is a graduate student in physics at University of Iowa ■ **Stephanie Soiseth**, Anchorage, AK, is in commercial fisheries for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game ■ **Erik Splett**, Apple Valley, is an executive in training for Macy's ■ **Jen Stout** is in the Americorps ■ **Yoshi Suzuki**, Tokyo, Japan, is a production assistant at TYO Interactive Design ■ **Kelly Taunton**, Spicer, is a RN at Rice Memorial Hospital ■ **Blake Theison**, Cold Spring, is a health fitness specialist at the Health Fitness Corporation ■ **Quinn Thompson**, Decorah, IA, is a business analyst in sourcing services for the Target Corporation ■ **Erik Thone** is involved in Lutheran Global Mission ■ **Matt Toppin** is involved in Teach for America in Miami, Florida ■ **Anhthi Tran**, Savage, is employed at the U.S. Department of Treasury ■ **Andy Twiton**, Mount Horeb, WI, is in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Stefanie Ubl**, Maple Grove, is a sales representative at Mark 7 ■ **Jack Underwood** is teaching with Teach for America in New York City ■ **Amanda Varley**, Dundas, is a campus organizer for Environment America ■ **Whit Walden**, Edina, is an associate at Boulay, Houtmaker, Zibell ■ **Abbey Walen**, Edina, is an audit associate at Boulay, Heutmaker, Zibell ■ **Kurt Wayne** is a graduate student in urban and regional planning at University of Minnesota ■ **Morgan Wells**, Excelsior, is a graduate student in materials science at University of Minnesota ■ **Valerie Wilbur**, Bloomington, is attending William Mitchell School of Law ■ **Evan Wilcox**, Woodbury, is in marketing at State Farm ■ **Carl Wilking**, Nicollet, is a financial representative for Thrivent Financial ■ **Mark A. Wirbisky**, Edina, is a graduate student in music at Illinois State University ■ **Clint Wostrel**, Littleton, CO, is in the management program at Menards ■ **Abby Wunderlich** is in the RN residency program at Children's Hospital ■ **Connor Ziegler** is attending University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth ■ **Sarah Zierke** is a graduate student in biology at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ **Chris deLaubenfels** is teaching with Teach for America in New York City.

Weddings

David Baukol '83 and **Babylyn Baukol**, Calgary, Alberta.
Susan Lundy '83 and **David Christopher**, Lyons, IL.

John Streufert '87 and **Allison Streufert**, 12/2/06, Lake City, IA.
Valerie Bertelsen '92 and **Shane Barnes**, 5/25/08, Robbinsdale, MN.
Cynthia Lee '92 and **Mike Adkins '02**.
Tammy Betzing '93 and **Kenneth Vossen**, 3/28/06, Rochester, MN.
Carina Chadwick '93 and **Bryan Peterson**, Savage, MN.
Colin Sullivan '93 and **Jennifer Sullivan**, Rochester, MN.
Sonya Redetzke '94 and **William Hollingsworth**, 5/16/08, St. Louis Park, MN.
CL Swatland '95 and **Bill Aubrecht**, 12/22/07, Pune, India.
Kirstin Olinger '96 and **Nick Francis**, 5/24/08, Lakeville, MN.
Michael McCue '97 and **Heather Riddle**, St. Paul, MN.
Dawn Stueven '97 and **Nick Fadden**, 9/22/07, Hopkins, MN.
Michael Waldhauser '97 and **Sarah Farmer**, 5/17/08, Washington, DC.
Kimberly Crosby '98 and **Andrew Dahl**, 9/2/06, Golden Valley, MN.
Elizabeth Schneider '99 and **Patrick Dunn**, 9/16/06, Boston, MA.
Laura Birkeland '00 and **Scott Reed**, 2/29/08, Madison, WI.
Julie Mattson '00 and **Edward Zamora**, 5/24/08, Minneapolis, MN.
Elizabeth Nelson '00 and **Ken Boyum '97**, 9/15/07, Richfield, MN.
Stefanie Olson '00 and **Stephen Menning**, 4/26/08, St. Peter, MN.
Laurie Shives '00 and **Brian Smith**, 4/14/07, Golden Valley, MN.
Jonathan Gray '01 and **Karen Batalden**, 4/19/08, Alexandria, VA.
Jana Schnell '01 and **Clint Cottrell**, 5/25/08, Chicago, IL.
Michael Vasquez '01 and **Kristen York**, 12/31/06, Toronto, Ontario.
Emily Wattnem '01 and **Christopher Grossman**, 5/17/08, Minneapolis, MN.
Leah Barry '02 and **Jeff Pitzenberger**, 8/3/07, Denver, CO.
Dena Kill '02 and **Christian Edmiston**, 5/3/08, Chicago, IL.
Angela Lundeen '02 and **Jake Wold '02**, 4/9/08, Phoenix, AZ.
Megan O'Hara '02 and **Scott Johnson**, 12/15/07, Minneapolis, MN.
Stephanie Witty '03 and **Troy Anderson '03**, 5/17/08, Washington, DC.
Carla Bishop '03 and **Luke Froehle**, 5/17/08, Minneapolis, MN.



Danielle Dryke '03 and Tarek Assy, 2/3/08, Brooklyn Park, MN.
Eric Hartwell '03 and Melissa Hartwell, 3/18/06, Lakeville, MN.
Lacy Jensen '03 and Riley Kieffer, 6/7/03, Nicollet, MN.
Cynthia Lee '03 and **Mike Adkins '02**, St. Paul, MN.
Jared Mays '03 and Jennifer Taylor, 6/28/08, Overland Park, KS.
Virginia Miotech '03 and Mike Jechorek, 7/14/07, Plymouth, MN.
Aliya Mohamed '03 and Joe D'Silva, 8/4/07, Mombasa, Kenya.
Andrew Odden '03 and Jennifer Strahle, 5/31/08, Minneapolis, MN.
Dan Plagens '03 and Svetlana Trotski, 6/14/08, Falcon Heights, MN.
Mike Ryan '03 and Tricia Czerniak, 5/3/08, Minneapolis, MN.
Erin Sapp '03 and Nick Leitheiser, 3/3/07, Minneapolis, MN.
Chris Stavenger '03 and Jamie Petersen, 4/26/08, Duluth, MN.
Sheila Tuel '03 and Brandon Kenny, 5/12/07, Sioux Rapids, IA.
Beth Yttri '03 and Kyle Osterink, 4/1/06, Milton, WI.
Karen Gennrich '04 and John Lewis, 4/5/08, Waconia, MN.
Sara Halle '04 and James Laughlin, 6/7/08, Des Moines, IA.
Noah Johnson '04 and Abby Pershke, 6/14/08, Osceola, WI.
Jill Johnson '04 and Brice Hansen, 8/25/07, Duluth, MN.
Erica Olson '04 and **Dave Schaps '04**, 6/28/08, St. Paul, MN.
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Heidi Johnson '05 and Craig Selvog, 5/17/08, Two Harbors, MN.
Rachel Kvantli '05 and Scott Dickinsen, 5/3/08, St. Paul, MN.
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Marie Woog '05 and Alex Baker, 6/7/08, South St. Paul, MN.
Kelsey Dumke '06 and Geoffrey Mead, 5/24/08, Eagan, MN.
Sarah Erickson '06 and Jesse Barkdull, 6/7/08, Blaine, MN.
Karin Hedstrom '06 and Patrick Hogen, 4/25/08, Seattle, WA.
Trista Munk '06 and Brett Schultz, 5/3/08, Janesville, MN.
Lee Worel '06 and John Alliet, 4/19/08, Madison, WI.
Brenna Ress '07 and **Gerard Ouedraogo '07**, 5/10/08, St. Louis Park, MN.
Olga Kovalenko '07 and **Jason Chase '08**, Edwards, CO.
Laura Kojetin '07 and **Adam Ingalsbe '08**, Paynesville, MN.



Gusties build in Austin

Josh Waylander '07, Christine Pederson '07, Dan Westlund '06 and Nicole Radotich '07 serve as AmeriCorps members and last February they travelled to Austin, TX, to work alongside the Austin Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

Brittany Krusemark '08 and **Chris Ward '08**, Mankato, MN.
Sammi Costumbrado '08 and **Andrew Liska '08**, Plymouth, MN.
Lydia Kendall '09 and **Benn Sundsrud '08**, Park Rapids, MN.

Births

Evan, to **David Baukol '83** and **Babyllyn Baukol**, 8/16/07.
 Benjamin, to **Keith Paulsen '83** and **Lynn Rabehl**, 3/14/08.
 Subashri, by adoption from India, to **Amy Sommers Buck '86** and **Eric Buck**, born 7/6/03, adopted 6/29/07.
 Evan, to **John Streufert '87** and **Allison Streufert**, 3/3/08.
 Oliver, to **Sean Bradley '88** and **Christine Bradley**, 2/23/07.
 Charles, to **Pat Kirtland '88** and **Amy Kirtland**, 4/28/08.
 Esme, to **Charles Nielson '88** and **Lisa Linnell**, 3/27/08.
 Twins, **Charlie** and **Flora**, to **Brad Richards '88** and **Holly Boaz**, 4/12/08.
 Lauren, to **Mark Schuchard '88** and **Terri Schuchard**, 7/13/00.
 Signe, to **David Linne '89** and **Tina Linne**, 9/19/07.
 Wynton, to **Chad Malm '89** and **Peggy Garcia Malm**, 4/7/08.
 Dane, to **Bretta Magnuson Damson '92** and **Christopher Damson**, 5/29/07.
 Brendan, to **Jennifer Welch Farrell '92** and **Matthew Farrell**, 3/01/08.

Britta, to **Erika Lund '92** and **Mark J. Andersen '90**, 8/30/07.
 Mikael, to **Meena Sharify-Funk '92** and **Nathan Funk '94**, 9/4/07.
 Samuel, to **Jessica Opitz Hartmann '93** and **Jon Hartmann**, 6/09/07.
 Madeline, to **Chris D. Johnson '93** and **Lara Johnson**, 9/9/05.
 Twins, **Allison** and **Meaghan**, to **Jodi Haniwald Kreiser '93** and **Ken Kreiser '93**, 12/28/07.
 Wesley, to **Stacy Monge McKean '93** and **Christian McKean**, 10/17/07.
 Twins, **Aaron** and **Ethan**, to **Verone Flom Miller '93** and **Eric Miller**, 3/31/08.
 Lauryn, to **Sara Sammelson O'Reilly '93** and **Quinn O'Reilly**, 8/2/06.
 Evelyn, to **Jeff Stang '93** and **Lisa McDaniel**, 3/24/08.
 Connor, to **Colin Sullivan '93** and **Jennifer Sullivan**, 7/25/07.
 Erin, to **Trent Taylor '93** and **Wendy Taylor**, 8/29/06.
 Blake, to **Karin Nally Amborn '94** and **Aaron Amborn**, 1/23/07.
 Erica, to **Staci Johnson Bauer '94** and **Michael Bauer**, 6/12/07.
 Graham, to **Tracy Otterness Helgerson '94** and **Matthew Helgerson**, 4/8/08.
 Jack, to **Leah Chernivec Larson '94** and **Scott Larson**, 3/24/07.
 Alex, to **Kari Wrapsir Rhode '94** and **Jamie Rhode '92**, 1/22/08.
 Eliah, by adoption, to **Kevin Schroeder '94** and **Molly Kalb-Schroeder**, born 5/10/03, adopted 3/26/08.
 Ella, to **Beth Wiberg Barbosa '95** and **Francis Barbosa**, 1/15/08.

Breana, to **Sarah Cox Bowman '95** and **Trent Bowman**, 6/7/07.
 Logan, to **Tonya Bennett Nilsen '95** and **Timothy Paulsen**, 3/10/08.
 Owen, to **Stacy Dirnberger Smallfield '95** and **Ted Smallfield**, 3/3/08.
 Finnegan, to **Brandi Sharp Vieths '95** and **Shawn Vieths**, 3/20/08.
 Alexander, to **Shannon McGee Franson '96** and **Chris Franson**, 9/27/07.
 Courtney, to **Laura LeVander Peters '96** and **Mark Peters**, 2/27/08.
 Gavin, to **Kirstin Hastad Specht '96** and **Chad Specht**, 4/4/07.
 Abigail, to **Kristen Richardson Wilcox '96** and **Kyle Wilcox**, 1/17/08.
 Lucas, to **Beth Jennings Albrecht '97** and **Michael Albrecht**, 11/2/07.
 Scott, to **Chris Cagle '97** and **Andrea Cagle**, 4/30/08.
 Landon, to **Rachel Cox Falkowski '97** and **Bradley Falkowski**, 4/2/08.
 Sawyer, to **Betsy Maloney Leaf '97** and **William Leaf**, 4/26/08.
 Nora, to **Rachel Michael Nilsson '97** and **Rueben Nilsson '98**, 2/19/08.
 Anna Carmella, to **Amber Shockey Nurmi '97** and **Jim Nurmi '97**, 3/7/08.
 Miles, to **Becky Johnson Olson '97** and **Michael Olson**, 12/14/07.
 Tyce, to **Rachel Brekken Urosevich '97** and **John Urosevich '96**, 4/21/08.



Under Moroccan skies

Erica Duin '07 and Chris Bacon '07 have been in Morocco since last September and are pictured in the Medina of Fes. Bacon is a Peace Corps volunteer working in the area of youth development in the city of Ben Guerir (near Marrakech), and Duin is doing research on water management policies in both Rabat and Fes as part of a Fulbright scholarship.

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 System!

- Malcolm, to **Brenda Matheis McHugh '99** and **Tom McHugh '99**, 5/27/08.
- Margaret, to **Kristi Maidment Osgood '99** and Ryan Osgood, 3/11/08.
- Martin, to **Andrea Zarate Roman '99** and Brad Roman, 4/13/08.
- Luke, to **Tammy Williams VanDeGrift '99** and **Tom Vandegrift '97**, 12/31/07.
- Lydia, to **Rebecca Shelly Benson '00** and Peter Benson.
- Clara, to **Sonya Gee Calgren '00** and **Kevin Calgren '00**, 1/27/08.
- Charlotte, to **Katie Balfanz Harvieux '00** and Christopher Harvieux, 3/21/08.
- Kacie, to **Laura Smith Lesinski '00** and **Chris Lesinski '00**, 11/27/07.
- Sean, to **David McMillan '00**, 3/16/08.
- Casper, to **Laurie Shives Smith '00** and Brian Smith, 2/12/08.
- Nathaniel, to **Corrie Lundeen Walden '00** and **Todd B. Walden '99**, 5/9/08.
- AnnaLee, to **Jill Deuel Anderson '01** and Karl Anderson, 2/6/08.
- Jackson, to **Sarah Jackson Ashbach '01** and **Chris Ashbach '01**, 4/5/08.
- Charlotte, to **Jill Chaffee Erdman '01** and Jason Erdman, 4/14/08.
- Lydia, to **Samantha Edwards Fuller '01** and Chad Fuller, 5/6/08.
- Madelaine, to **Shannon Hogan Gorman '01** and Paul Gorman, 4/3/08.
- Eli, to **M. Brad Gustin '01** and Mary Kristensen, 8/11/07.
- Delaney, to **Suzanne Martin Hendrix '01** and Daniel Hendrix, 11/16/07.
- Tessa, to **Heidi Friederichs Hermel '01** and Andrew Hermel, 1/1/08.
- Quinn, to **Sean O'Brien '01** and Ellie O'Brien, 2/7/08.
- Alexandria, to **Tanya Erickson Schwartz '01** and Scott Schwartz, 7/2/07.
- Lydia, to **Meggie Thompson Trenda '01** and **Robb Trenda '01**, 10/31/07.
- Axel, to **Alison Routh Nelson '02** and Jesse Nelson, 1/18/08.
- Brynn, to **Sarah Hovland Spanier '02** and Tory Spanier, 4/29/08.
- William, to **Anna Larson Weispfenning '02** and Ryan Weispfenning, 10/4/07.
- Jack, to **Beth LaZerte Aarness '03** and Erik Aarness, 2/1/08.
- Benjamin, to **Sarah Engstrom Brinks '03** and **Mitchell Brinks '01**, 9/8/06.
- Eva, to **Renae Nesburg Busse '03** and Nathan Busse, 8/27/06.
- Allison, to **Lauren O'Connor Dwyer '03** and **Nick Dwyer '02**, 9/6/07.
- Jordan, to **Emileana McClish Graupmann '03** and Chris Graupmann, 1/30/08.
- Miles, to **Anne Potts Grimmuis '03** and **Tanner Grimmuis '04**, 11/23/07.
- Linnea, to **Sarah Lorentz Hendley '03** and David Hendley, 5/27/08.
- Jakob, to **Kristen Stauff Hermanson '03** and **Erik Hermanson '94**, 4/10/07.
- Lauren, to **Joanna Olson Kroschel '03** and Tyler Kroschel, 3/25/08.
- Abigail, to **Bethany Nass Olsen '03** and David Olsen, 4/2/08.
- Julia, to **Beth Eisenmenger Omang '03** and **Josh Omang '03**, 4/6/08.
- Grace, to **Mara Oien Thiele '03** and Charles Thiele, 2/8/08.
- Grant, to **Candice Cosens Sikel '04** and Rodney Sikel, 4/2/08.
- Lydia, to **Jessica Schloesser Yost '05** and Charles Yost, 2/8/08.
- Anastasia, to **Staci Spreng Katkov '06** and Dmitry Katkov, 3/31/08.

In Memoriam

- Pearl Hawkinson '31**, Mound, MN, on July 29, 2007. She was a retired nurse.
- Ebba Lindquist Olson '35**, Waverly, IA, on April 6, 2008. She was a retired banking industry employee and is survived by one daughter and one son.
- Margaret Mallgren Stensvad '36**, Clovis, NM. She is survived by one daughter and three sons.
- Ralph Bolmgren '38**, Golden Valley, MN, on May 20, 2008. He was a retired Honeywell employee and is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, daughter Susan Anderson '64, and son James '70.
- Doris Dominick Gustafson '38**, Encinitas, CA, on March 11, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Glenn, and two daughters including Jill Luey '74.
- Candace Ekberg Muir '38**, Minnetonka, MN, on March 20, 2008. She is survived by two sons.
- Ray Anderson '39**, Sun City, AZ, on May 20, 2008. He was a retired pediatric physician and professor and is survived by one daughter and one son.
- Elaine Allerson Benson '40**, Northfield, MN, on March 18, 2008. She is survived by two sons and three daughters.
- Rachel Mortensen Moline '40**, Nisswa, MN, on October 23,



2007. She was a retired hospital administrator and is survived by her husband, Merrill '40, one son, and one daughter.

Oscar Rolander '40, Seattle, WA, on April 10, 2008. He was a retired Lutheran pastor and is survived by his wife, Doris, two sons, and one daughter.

Karen Bengtson Lair '41, Billings, MT, on January 31, 2008. She was a retired English teacher who also worked at several department stores and is survived by her husband, John, two daughters, and one son.

Jean Hagberg Seymour '41, Sewickley, PA, on April 26, 2008. She was a retired employee for Bidwell Training Center and is survived by two sons.

Alvar Gustafson '42, New Britain, CT, on April 9, 2008. He was a retired Lutheran pastor and is survived by his wife, Viola (Holmes '43), son Alvar '68, and two daughters including Marcia Kirchoff '70.

Merle Hedren '42, Apple Valley, MN, on July 3, 2008. He was a retired principal for Pequot Lakes School District and is survived by his wife, Margaret, two daughters, and one sister.

Louis E. Larson '42, Boise, Idaho, on March 22, 2008. He was a retired Air Force pilot and college professor and is survived by his wife, Elaine (Larson '42), two sons, and one daughter.

Robert Wheeler '42, Wheaton, MN, on February 13, 2008. He was retired owner and operator of a Texaco Station and is survived by his wife, Helen (Suker '42), and one daughter.

Margaret Olson Anderson '43, Barnesville, MN, on April 13, 2008. She was a retired private piano and voice instructor and is survived by two sons.

Dewey Buck '43, Detroit Lakes, MN, on March 20, 2008. He worked in hotels in Yellowstone National Park, California, and Arizona and helped open the Beverly Hilton Hotel, where he spent a 30-year career as head of the bell staff.

Wayne Haglund '43, International Falls, MN, on May 6, 2008. He was a retired athletic director for the International Falls School District and is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

Delores Johnson Rans '43, Springfield, MN, on April 26, 2008. She was a retired teacher and office worker and is survived by her husband, Loren, one daughter, and two sons.

Odin Langsjoen '44, Duluth, MN, on April 1, 2008. He was a retired dentist and professor at the School of Dental Hygiene, University of Minnesota Duluth, and is survived by his wife, Mavis (McClure '44), daughter Linnea Hagemeister '68, son Erik '72, brothers Arne '42 and Ralph '50, and sister Trudy Wolfsehr '50.

John Zimmerman '44, Le Center, MN, on March 1, 2008. He was a retired board of adjustments member for Le Sueur County Planning and Zoning.

Lavinia Bloom Bloomquist '45, Cambridge, MN, on June 14, 2008. She is survived by a son, Timothy '69, and two daughters including Betsy Lundgren '75.

Shirley Swenson Peterson '45, on October 10, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Richard.

Robert Hoffmann '46, Battle Lake, MN, on February 25, 2008. He was retired from the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center and is survived by his wife, Dee, three sons, and one daughter.

Virgil Lindgren '48, Pine Knoll Shores, NC, on March 19, 2008. He was retired from DuPont Medical Instruments and is survived by his wife, Jeannette, one daughter, one son, and brother Cyrus '43.

Ruth Larson Person '48, Wayzata, MN, on April 13, 2008. She was a retired elementary school aide is survived by a son, David '75, and three daughters including Polly Boline '80

Gerald Cady '49, Plymouth, MN, on July 28, 2008. He was a retired teacher, coach, and assistant principal for Minneapolis Schools and is survived by his wife, Katherine, two sons, and two daughters.

George Englund '49, International Falls, MN, on May 15, 2008. He was a retired data control clerk for Boise Cascade and is survived by his wife, Bernice, and two sons.

Lois Riese Wright '49, Bayport, MN, on March 14, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Gerald, and four daughters.

Herman Grefe '51, Fairmont, MN, on May 14, 2008. He was retired chairman of the board at the Martin County National Bank and is survived by his wife, Darla, two daughters, and son Thomas '83.

Adolph Halverson '51, St. Paul, MN, on March 21, 2008. He was a retired teacher and Realtor and is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and four children.

Living on Purpose

An evening lecture with Richard Leider '66



Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.

Alumni Hall, O.J. Johnson Student Union
Gustavus Adolphus College

- Do you have a sense of aliveness every day?
- Do you seek to make a difference in the world around you?
- Are you living with intention?
- Are you living a purposeful life?

Explore these questions with Richard Leider, an internationally respected speaker, career coach, founding principal of The Inventure Group, and author of five books including *Repacking Your Bags: Lighten Your Load for the Rest of Your Life* and, released this year, *Something to Live For: Finding Your Way in the Second Half of Life*.

For more information, view these websites:
www.inventuregroup.com or <http://richardleider.com>

Mapping local food sources

Althea Archer '07 has been interested in food since growing up in Bemidji, MN, where she harvested wild rice each fall with her family. She continued to study food at Gustavus in philosophy courses with Professor Lisa Heldke '82. She also became interested in maps, through a GIS class with geographer Mark Bjelland. Her geography courses led her to the White Earth reservation, where as an undergraduate she conducted research with White Earth members about their native foods.

Althea's passion for food and her interest in maps recently came together in a project she and three other graduate students in geography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison undertook. For an animated and Web-based mapping class this past spring, the four created an interactive online map of food sources within 100 miles of Madison. "Madison's 100-Mile Diet Map" aims to educate consumers and provide a central resource for those interested in eating close to home. The site went live on May 14 and had nearly 1,000 visits in its first few days, including hits from people living as far away as Thailand and Malaysia.

"I've already been interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio," says Archer, "and people have contacted me wanting to know if they could hire me to help them make similar maps—one of doing the local food sources in the 4-state Driftless region!"

Although the map started as a class project, Archer and her fellow students—all of whom now have earned their professional GIS certificates—will continue to maintain and expand it, possibly adding interactive resources such as recipes, blogs, and even food preservation tutorials. They also intend to make the map seasonal so users can see what products are available even in the dead of winter.

"It's a lot of work," says Archer, "but I really want to see it nationwide, so you can put in your address and find out what sources are available within 100 miles."

Roger Sheik '51, Lake Oswego, OR, on May 25, 2008. He was retired senior accountant for Cascade Business Support and Draco and is survived by one son.

Donald Stenerson '51, Avon, Indiana, on April 14, 2008. He was a retired employee of North American Rockwell.

Lyle Bergner '52, Mission, TX, on February 20, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Donna, three sons, and four daughters.

Eleanor Lampe Paulmann '53, Gaylord, MN, on March 23, 2008. She was retired from ASCS/FSA and Morreim Pharmacy and is survived by her husband, John, and two daughters.

Dennis Welch '53, New Hope, MN, on March 25, 2008. He was a retired teacher and is survived by his wife, Shirley (Thorncroft '54), one son, and one daughter.

Charlotte Sodergren Tangwall '55, White Bear Lake, MN, on January

Service and Retirement Recognition

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



25 Years

Garrett Paul, professor of religion; **Larry Wohl**, professor of economics and management; **Karl Knight**, associate professor of math and computer science.



30 Years

Front row: **Ann Pesavento**, professor of music; **Lynn Burg**, cataloging coordinator. Back row: **T. J. Morrison**, professor of math and computer science; **Mark Anderson '66**, vice president for admission and student financial assistance; **Richard Hilbert**, professor of sociology and anthropology. Not pictured are **Deane Curtin**, professor of philosophy, and **Jeanne Herman**, professor of health and exercise science.



35 Years

David Fienen, professor of music; **Kevin Byrne**, professor of history; **Bill Heidcamp**, professor of biology. Not pictured are **Bob Douglas**, professor of geography, and **Tom Emmert**, professor of history.



Retirees

Front row: **Larry Potts**, professor of chemistry; **Greg Mason**, professor of English. Back row: **Bill Heidcamp**, professor of biology; **Jim Peterson '64**, president; **Claude Brew**, professor of English. Not pictured is **Kathie Martin**, inter-library loan manager.

5, 2008. She was a retired educator and is survived by her husband, Art, three daughters, and one son.

Janet Johnson Reed '56, Verona, WI, on March 30, 2008. She was retired administrator for Oakwood Lutheran Village and is survived by her husband, Vincent, three sons, and daughter Debra Thilgen '79.

James Ellingson '57, Edina, MN, on May 30, 2008. He was former owner of Ellingson Tire Service and is survived by his wife, Nancy (Pringle '54), son David '86, and one daughter.

Clement Nelson '57, Shoreview, MN, on July 9, 2008. He was employed as an executive by 3M for over 30 years, then co-founded American Phoenix. He served Gustavus as class agent from 1979 to 2008 and on the Alumni Board from 1981 to 1987. He is survived by his wife, Marlys (Mattson '57), children Craig '84, Keith '86, and Carol Wahlstrand

'90, and brothers Rolf '62 and Brent '65.

John Oien '57, Santa Barbara, CA, on April 29, 2008.

Gerald Youngquist '58, Monmouth, IL, on March 21, 2008. He was retired pastor of First Lutheran Church, Monmouth, and is survived by his wife, Rozella, and three sons.

George Lindahl '60, Minneapolis, MN, on September 24, 2007. He was a retired electrician from the Minneapolis Public Schools and is survived by his wife, Marlene, and three sons.

Milton Gustafson '61, Fort Washington, MD, on April 12, 2008. He was a retired National Archives specialist in diplomatic records and an expert on the history of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Heier '61), and two sons.

Jerry Rasmussen '63, Worthington, MN, on February 9, 2008. He was

retired from Wells Fargo Bank and the United States Air Force Reserve and is survived by one son.

Thomas Aug '70, Zumbrota, MN, on May 9, 2007. He was a self-employed dentist and is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and one son.

Sally Kundmueller Couser '76, St. Paul, MN, on May 22, 2008. Sally was an RN, worked with many organizations in her community, and is survived by her husband, Bob, and one son.

Dawn Gunder Nichols '77, Cedartown, GA, on May 17, 2008. She is survived by one daughter and one son.

Ron Linder '78, St. Cloud, MN, on February 26, 2008. He was a morning show host on Lite 99.9 FM and is survived by his wife, Joan, and two sons.

Beth Reckdahl Ellenby '85, Phoenix, AZ, on May 24, 2008. She was a skilled linguist who spoke four languages and had traveled the world for her varied

jobs. She is survived by her husband, Michael, one daughter, her parents, two brothers, and two sisters including Katy Reckdahl '87.

LuAnn Dietz Richards '86, Spring Park, MN, on January 26, 2008. She was employed in insurance, advertising, real estate, health and beauty sales, and modeling and is survived by one daughter and one son.

Matthew Hartmann '07, Fremont, NE, on July 4, 2008, in a pedestrian-car accident. He had worked for the Creighton Diabetes Center until May 2008 and was working in Minnesota for Sawbill Canoe Outfitters before attending Creighton Medical School in 2009. He is survived by his parents, Douglas and Kathleen, one brother, and one sister.

Robert Pickett, Bemidji, MN, on February 7, 2008. He was physics professor at Gustavus from 1969 to 1975.

ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS

2008 Distinguished Alumni Citation

Craig Johnson '69 did not come to Gustavus with a ministerial career in mind. His grandfather, a graduate of Gustavus in 1901, was in banking. Craig heard the siren call of the business world and majored in business administration at Gustavus. He was destined to be rich. But he also hung around Chaplain Richard Elvee, a chaplain who was not eager to see the young graduates of Gustavus go off to war in Vietnam. With the draft board monitoring him, Craig saw some wisdom in Chaplain Elvee's advice—think seminary. Something resonated within Craig, something more than mere avoidance of Vietnam. It was the stirrings of what turned out to be a true calling to ministry, a calling validated by his peers and the quality of his work in ministry.

He enrolled in Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis. His first call was to a church in Louisiana, where Lutherans are not as common as they are in Minnesota. Craig had to figure out "how to do church" without the name recognition and resources of a large denomination. He worked hard, learned the culture, and within five years was dean of all the LCA pastors in Louisiana. He came to the attention of the Rev. Dr. Paul Youngdahl '59, who brought him up from Louisiana to run the youth ministry program at Mount Olivet. Johnson later was named pastor in charge of adult education programs. While in that position, Johnson developed a program that was to put 2,500 adults through a bible survey course. One of the students happened to be Dr. Edgar M. Carlson '30, who gave Craig very high marks for his bible teaching (and quietly offered some advice). Johnson took Robert Marshall's text, *The Mighty Acts of God*, and created a survey of the bible study course, which was published by Augsburg Press in 1991. Craig then received a call to be senior pastor of Transfiguration Church in Bloomington and, while there, was elected to the Gustavus Board of Trustees and was drawn more closely to the mission of the College.

Five years later, he was tapped by his alma mater to become associate vice president for church relations. Rather than simply do maintenance on existing programs, Craig innovated and developed programs in line with his gifts and passions and moved the Association of Congregations to new effectiveness. His work at the College brought him to the attention of the wider church and in 2001 was elected by the Minneapolis Area Synod to be its leader. Johnson emerged as the winning candidate through his effective communication, humor, and the demonstration of his warmth and humanity. During his first term in office he led a strategic vision for the synod that resulted in great leaps forward in mission activity, measured by new congregations started among immigrant communities as

well as in the suburbs, inner city congregations transformed, congregations trained in Natural Church Development, and growth in the numbers of congregations involved in international partnerships.

Craig showed extraordinary courage when he was stricken by a brain aneurysm in 2001. He came back from a near-death situation, regained his health, and has continued to lead with vigor. He has often quipped that his brain damage resulted in his becoming a better leader.

During his time as bishop Craig has also been a strong advocate for programs of reaching the poor and the dispossessed. His watchword to his pastors has been, "Remember the poor." He has spoken out on critical issues of the day and encourages the whole church to find its "public voice." In matters of conscience,



Craig Johnson '69

Distinguished Alumni Citation – Craig Johnson '69

Choosing justice and passion over expediency

by Dennis Johnson '60

Craig chooses justice and compassion over expediency. His leadership was affirmed when he was overwhelmingly re-elected bishop on the first ballot by the synod in 2007.

For Craig's exemplary leadership of the largest synod of the ELCA, for his passion for ministry and mission, and for his contributions to church and society, the Gustavus Alumni Association has honored him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in religion.

The Rev. Dennis Johnson '60 assisted the bishop in the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod office after serving as interim president of Gustavus Adolphus College in 1992–93.

ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS

2008 Distinguished Alumni Citation

Talmadge King '70 and I met in September 1966 at the St. Paul Union Train Depot when he arrived from Darian, GA, to begin his Gustavus career. His trunk with all his belongings was lost in transit; however, that did not seem to bother him . . . much! He was excited about studying at Gustavus, and his mentors—Arne Langsjoen, Art Glass, and Charles Hamrum—immediately saw his potential and encouraged him to pursue pre-med studies, which upon graduation in 1970 led him to enroll in Harvard Medical School.

In 1980 Tal returned to Gustavus to receive a First Decade Award for "early professional achievement." We knew then that we had graduated a winner. He has been a world traveler lecturing on his specialty, pulmonary diseases, and is listed on 52 pages of awards, such as in the *Best Doctors in America*. Not only did he progress in his medical career but he also spent nine years as a member of the Gustavus Board of Trustees.

And now we recognize him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of medicine, for achievements that have brought honor to both himself and his alma mater.

Currently Talmadge is chair of the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine's Department of Medicine. As chair, he is the depart-



Talmadge King '70

Distinguished Alumni Citation – Talmadge King '70

'A superb teacher, clinician, and researcher'

by Bruce Gray '61

ment's academic leader and administrative head, guiding research, education, and patient care; activities of more than 500 fulltime faculty members, 805 volunteer clinicians, 194 residents, 210 fellows, and 1,500 staffers. The Department of Medicine, which comprises 41 divisions, provides comprehensive medical services at five medical centers in the Bay area. The department, second-largest in the country in terms of faculty members, has a long tradition of excellence in education, research, and clinical care.

Here is what another doctor says about Talmadge: "Dr. King is a superb teacher, clinician, and researcher." In 2007 he received the Trudeau

Medal, the highest honor given by the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society, for his major contributions throughout his career to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung disease through leadership in research, education, and clinical care. His bibliography comprises 200 publications, including peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, critical reviews, editorials, and monographs. He has co-authored nine books, including the acclaimed reference book *Interstitial Lung Disease*, which is now in its fifth edition. He recently co-edited *Medical Management of Vulnerable and Underserved Patients; Principles, Practice, Population*, the only reference currently available that focuses on the treatment of patients living with chronic diseases in poor and minority populations.

Talmadge came to Gustavus in 1966, where he was a student leader with an excellent academic record. It was at Gustavus where he met his wife, Mozelle, also Class of 1970. His older daughter, Consuelo, is a St. Peter native, and daughter Malaika is a Gustavus graduate, Class of 1996. Malaika's husband, Chad Kattke '90, also has Gustie roots, and their three-year-old daughter, Madison, we expect will be in the Gustavus class of 2025!

Bruce Gray '61 retired in 2007 after a career of more than 40 years serving Gustavus variously as admission representative, director of student financial assistance, dean of students, and development associate.



Barbara Berry Leonard '63

program in the School of Public Health at the University," said Marilee Miller, former director of nursing at Gustavus, who presented Leonard for her award. "To support this new program initiative in the early 1970s, she received eight years of federal funding.

"Barbara has been a primary and co-investigator on over thirty research and training grants, author of more than fifty publications, and invited speaker at local, state, national and international conferences," Miller said. "In particular, her research has focused on youth with diabetes, fetal alcohol syndrome, and promoting healthy communities for children."

During her student years at Gustavus, Leonard recalled, Doris Stucke was director of nursing. "She was remarkable—way ahead of her time, and we were all pretty much in awe of her. The College had the vision to move nursing into higher education [discontinuing the Bethesda Hospital diploma program], and Miss Stucke had the foresight and the ability to develop this vision."

"I have been encouraged and supported by family, friends, teachers, and co-workers over the entire course of my career," **Barbara Berry Leonard '63** said, accepting a Distinguished Alumni Citation in nursing during Commencement Weekend 2008. She received a standing ovation from her fellow members of the 45th reunion class at the Saturday evening banquet.

Leonard, professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota, where she specializes in the long-term care of children and youth, was also quick to pay tribute to the foundation in nursing that she acquired at Gustavus.

"Four things struck me about the nursing program in the early 1960s: the vision and the courage of the College to establish a baccalaureate program in nursing; the inclusion of public health in its curriculum; encouragement to seek graduate education; and the integration of faith and health in nursing."

Embodying the latter two attributes, Leonard received an M.S. degree in 1965 and a Ph.D. in hospital and health care administration in 1983, both from the University of Minnesota. In 2001 she received a certificate in spiritual direction from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, Mass. When the University began its Center for Spirituality and Healing in the mid-'90s, she said, "I was in on the ground floor and served five years as director of graduate studies."

"One of Barbara's most notable accomplishments was establishing the pediatric nurse practitioner

Distinguished Alumni Citation – Barbara Berry Leonard '63

Nurse, teacher, and advocate for children's health

by Kathryn Christenson

Leonard's career has been centered on public health nursing, which she characterizes as "keeping people healthy through education, advocacy, and persuasion of the powers that be to make better health care available for everyone.

"Public health nursing was part of the Gustavus curriculum ten years in advance of most other four-year nursing programs, making public health certification by the state of Minnesota possible upon graduation," Leonard said. "If it had not been, we would have had to spend another nine months getting a certificate through the University."

Frequent Quarterly contributor Kathryn Christenson is a staff writer for Metro Lutheran newspaper.

ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS

2008 Greater Gustavus Award

James Peterson '64, outgoing president of the College, and his wife and partner, the Rev. Susan Pepin Peterson '65, have been honored by the Gustavus Alumni association with the association's highest honor, the Greater Gustavus Award. The award was presented to the couple during the Alumni Banquet held on May 31, during Commencement and Reunion Weekend.

Susan actually may have led her husband back to Gustavus. Senior pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, a member of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations, she served on the College's board of trustees from 1988 to 1997 and was reelected in 2001. The late John Kendall, a member of the Class of 1949 and former president of the College whom Jim credits with talking him into seeking the presidency, was a member of her congregation (and Jim's former adviser). It's a good bet that John and Susan talked first about Jim as president, and then worked on him from two sides!

After earning his undergraduate degree from Gustavus, Jim Peterson had taught high school biology for four years before undertaking graduate study at the University of Nebraska, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1972. He was an entomology research associate at the University of Wisconsin and then a staff ecologist with the National Commission on Water Quality in Washington, D.C., until joining the



James and Susan Peterson '64 '65

Greater Gustavus Award – James and Susan Peterson '64 '65

Optimism, enthusiasm, and a focus on the future

Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia in 1976. In 1984 he became president and CEO of the Science Museum of Minnesota. Then, in 2003, Gustavus called.

During his five years at the helm of Gustavus Adolphus College, President Peterson has made contributions that will endure far into the future. He has drawn College constituencies together in fruitful collaboration toward a common mission. His distinctly optimistic, enthusiastic, and future-focused outlook has taken hold in the Gustavus community. During Jim's tenure, the College has added:

- The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, which focuses on faculty development and student-faculty collaborative research;
- The Glen and LaVonne Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, dedicated to leadership and interdisciplinary partnerships to model environmental sustainability;
- A new, 2,500-seat football stadium and new athletic fields; and

- A new and strong academic leadership model led by a provost, Mary Morton, and two academic deans, Eric Eliason and Mariangela Maguire.

During his years in the driver's seat, the College achieved significant fundraising momentum and consistently balanced budgets, and the endowment first surpassed the \$100 million mark. Gustavus has nurtured closer ties to the Lutheran Church, and they are evidenced throughout the institution. At Jim's urging, the College has continued commitment to and support of the Center for Vocational Reflection, a program that was initially created and supported through a Lilly Foundation grant. Gustavus has increased its investment in student success and satisfaction, with five-year graduation rates now over 82 percent and first-to-second year retention rates nearly 90 percent. And Jim's passion for inclusion was taken to heart by those who work here under his guidance, resulting this past year in the College's most diverse incoming class.

In 1997 Jim was honored by the Gustavus Alumni Association with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in science for his achievement in growing the Science Museum of Minnesota's programs. In retrospect, that was an early call from his alma mater. John Kendall made the follow-up appeal, and Jim's talents for consensus building and motivating the community contributed to his success as the College's 14th president.

The Petersons never lost sight of the trust they held. As Jim reminded the community early on, "We hold in our hands a college with a very distinguished past and a valuable heritage. We hold in our collective hands the promise of Gustavus Adolphus College."

Thank you, Gusties!

*O*n behalf of the Gustavus community, we would like to thank all of our alumni, parents, and friends for their generous giving throughout the 2007–08 academic year, which ended successfully on May 31. Collectively, we gave **\$1,978,172** to the Gustavus Annual Fund, the largest amount of unrestricted dollars given in the history of the College. This money provided our students the opportunity to pursue excellence and our faculty the seed money for development opportunities. It truly helped our students enjoy the full “Gustie experience.”

We look ahead to the 2008–09 academic year with great anticipation and will strive to raise over \$2 million in unrestricted money for the first time in the College’s history. Together, we can accomplish this important milestone!

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Gustavus Annual Fund Co-Chairs*



arts on campus

The Gustavus Artist Series brings China's Orchid Ensemble to the campus for a concert in Jussi Björling Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on Nov. 15. The performance is scheduled as part of the College's new Global Insight program, which focuses this year on China and features this and other fine arts events, invited speakers, special presentations, a common reading, and service-learning opportunities, as well as class time dedicated to discussions of Chinese culture, arts, economy, and politics.

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