Celebrating the Best of Gustavus

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An emotional Auz’annette Harrell, English major
from Kokomo, Miss., embraces one of her
professors, Associate Professor of English
Rebecca Taylor Fremo, at the College’s 2009
commencement exercises. Photo by Tom Roster.

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608 candidates for graduation assembled
on Hollingsworth Field on May 31, 2009.
Photo by Tom Roster
The ‘Best’ of Gustavus

The summer lull between the end of one academic year and the beginning of the next is a good time to pause and mark the College’s progress in realizing its mission—as seen in the achievements of our faculty and staff, our students, and our graduates. As the 2008–09 school year ended we honored many students, staff, and alumni who surpassed even the high expectations we set for them. This issue of the Gustavus Quarterly focuses on the “best” of Gustavus—those individuals the College has recognized for making a difference on campus, in their fields of endeavor, in the lives of those they encounter.

On the following pages, you will read about several award-winning professors: music professor Rick Orpen, who was named recipient of the 2009 Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching by his peers; Martin Lang ’95, assistant professor of communications studies, who won the student-selected Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence; and Eric Carlson, professor of history, and Barbara Fister, head librarian, who shared the College’s annual Scholarly Accomplishment Award. Biology professor Cindy Johnson-Groh was named a Fulbright Scholar in Tanzania for the 2009–10 school year, and philosophy professor Doug Huff earned a playwriting prize. Diversity Center Director Virgil Jones was recognized with the Dr. Theodore E. Conrad ‘25 Faculty/Staff Achievement Award for contributions to “student growth, education, and unity.” And nine individuals were hired to tenure-track positions: the head librarian, who shared the College’s annual Scholarly Accomplishment Award; Biology professor Doug Huff earned a playwriting prize. Diversity Center Director Virgil Jones was recognized with the Dr. Theodore E. Conrad ‘25 Faculty/Staff Achievement Award for contributions to “student growth, education, and unity.” And nine individuals were hired to tenure-track positions effective for the 2009 fall term, anticipating the promise of their future contributions to the education and growth of our students.

On the student side, we celebrated the graduation of 608 members of the Class of 2009. Fifty-eight earned Phi Beta Kappa honors for excellence in the study of the liberal arts, and 48 graduated summa cum laude. The annual Magnuson Student Leadership and Service Awards went to four students, four student organizations, and two student-led events for their contributions to the campus and its climate. Choreography students in dance professor Melissa Rolnick’s class were invited to present a concert of original work for an international conference on human rights in October after the conference organizer viewed the results of their “Genocide Has No Boundaries” project earlier in the spring.

You’ll also note that student-athletes and coaches won a slew of athletic honors following an almost unbelievable spring season. Six of the eight squads competing during the spring went on to NCAA post-season events, and the College finished eighth nationally in the Directors’ Cup sponsored by Learfield Sports and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. Five student-athletes were named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and three earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships.

Recognition also came to alumni. The Gustavus Alumni Association announced three Distinguished Alumni Citations, to agribusiness innovator Ray Notling ’56, medical social worker Evelyn Bonander ’59, and Minneapolis schools superintendent Bill Green ’72. The Rev. Gary Anderson ’63 received the Covenant Award from the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations for his commitment to the task of “rediscovering the importance of what it means to be a college of the church.” Community activist Jess Luce ’99 was named one of 18 Bush Leadership Fellows for 2009, Dave Hakenson ’81 was honored by the Minnesota Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) with the Donald G. Padilla Distinguished Practitioner Award for his professional achievement and his contributions to the community and to the mission of the PRSA, and Kim Kraemer Westra ’90 received one of six 2009 WEM Outstanding Educator Awards for her contributions to gifted and talented education.

The profiles and articles on the following pages highlight just a representative group of community members whom we hold up as the “best” of Gustavus. Stay tuned for more!
Jazzman and music professor Rick Orpen named 2009 Carlson Award recipient

by Richard Leitch Jr.

Editor’s Note: The Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching was established by the Gustavus Board of Trustees in 1971 to honor former President Edgar Carlson for his years of distinguished leadership, and in recognition of his commitment to academic excellence. It is the College’s highest faculty accolade. Gustavus faculty, staff, administrators, and students nominate professors for this award, and each year at Commencement a faculty member—selected by previous Carlson Award recipients—is recognized for her or his exceptional skill and effectiveness as an instructor. Traditionally, the previous year’s recipient announces the new honoree to the Commencement audience; the introduction by 2008 recipient Richard Leitch, associate professor of political science, is excerpted below.

I first got to know this year’s Carlson recipient accidentally—through a student from Sweden—during my first or second year at Gustavus. Somehow, someone must have told this somewhat confused Swedish student that there was a faculty member named Richard, or something like that, who could help him study Kings, Princes, and Bosses, and the rifts that they create. Or at least that is what he heard—or what I heard.

The student must have looked me up, was probably puzzled to see that I teach in the Political Science Department, but this being Gustavus and as close to Sweden as you can get outside the mother country, he went with it and arrived at my office door.

So naturally when this student came to see me and talk about— I thought—monarchies and social stability and the potential for chaos, I probably launched into a long-winded diatribe on kings, princes and rifts.

It was only ten minutes later—when this Swedish student asked if by taking my class would he learn how to crank out the RIFF—not RIFT—on Eric Clapton’s acoustic version of “Layla”—that I realized the student didn’t want to study Kings, Bosses, and Princes and the rifts they create, but the riffs created by The King, Prince, and the Boss. Stupid me—I thought I was feeding into the revolutionary passions of a Swedish anti-monarchist. But he had bigger things in mind: he wanted to learn how to play the guitar. I immediately sent him to this year’s Carlson Award Winner, Dr. Rick Orpen.

Rick Orpen arrived at Gustavus in 1980, and during a nearly thirty-year career he has taught courses in music theory, jazz improvisation, jazz guitar, continued on next page
Covenant Award goes to Gary Anderson ’63

The Rev. Gary Anderson ’63 (center) is flanked by Gustavus president Jack R. Ohle (left) and the Rev. Grady St. Dennis ’92, director of church relations, after accepting the 2009 Covenant Award.

The Rev. Gary Anderson ’63 has been recognized by the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations with the association’s 2009 Covenant Award for his contributions toward strengthening the ties between the College and member congregations of the association. The award was presented at the association’s annual meeting on campus in April.

Anderson was a member of the Gustavus Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2009, serving as secretary in 2004 and as a member of the executive committee. Throughout his service on the board, he was committed to the task of rediscovering the importance of what it means to be a college of the church. He was also a member of the Commission Gustavus 150 Task Force on Faith and in 2002–03 chaired the Presidential Search Committee that selected James Peterson ’64 as the College’s president.

As senior pastor of All Saints Lutheran in Minnetonka, Minn., from 1982 to 1993 and then Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview, Minn., from 1993 to 2004, Anderson was a strong advocate for high-quality, lifelong learning in the congregations. While a full-time pastor, he encouraged his congregations and others to deepen their relationship with Gustavus, both through “Gusties Gather” events and through other opportunities, such as the Association of Congregations or on boards or committees. Following his retirement in 2004, he became interim seminary pastor at Luther Seminary for two years, then worked part-time for the Saint Paul Area Synod ELCA as director of “Crossing Bridges,” a three-year, $2 million mission appeal now in its final year.

Since 1991 the Covenant Award has been bestowed annually in recognition and celebration of the efforts of individuals who have made distinctive contributions to the partnership between Gustavus and its Association of Congregations. Alumni, pastors, association delegates, faculty, staff, and Gustavus students are all eligible for the award. The award includes an honorarium to be designated for a College program of the recipient’s choice, thus reinforcing the mission of the association on the Gustavus campus.

Anderson has selected as this year’s beneficiary the Church Leadership Program, which brings together students who are considering vocations in church leadership for career exploration activities, seminary and divinity school contact, ministry speakers, and congregation visits.

Matt Thomas, media relations coordinator, and Marilyn Beyer, assistant director of church relations, contributed to this article.
Magnuson Awards honor student leadership

Four student leaders, four student organizations, and two student-led events were recognized in late April at the annual Paul Magnuson Student Leadership and Service Awards dinner and program at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Established in 1991 and annually supported by the Hon. Paul Magnuson ’59, chief judge of the U.S. Federal District Court in St. Paul and a former trustee of the College, the awards recognize the significant contributions that individual students and student groups make to campus life. Each year, outstanding students, organizations, and events are nominated by fellow students, faculty, administrators, or staff for recognition. A selection committee assembled by the Dean of Students reviews nominations and determines honorees in three categories.

The following students, organizations, and student-led events were recognized this year:

Scott Broady ’09, for his work with the Student Senate;
Christine Grotjohn ’09, for her volunteer service work;
Katie Mason ’09, for her leadership in a number of campus organizations, including GAC-TV;
Carla Shutrop ’09, for her leadership roles with the College Republicans and the Student Senate;
the “Building Bridges” Committee;
the Crossroads Program;
the “I Am...We Are” social justice theatre group;
the Men’s Leadership Team;
“Gustavus Day of Fasting – A Ramadan Celebration”; and
“SNL” (Saturday Night in Lund), organized by Tau Mu Tau sorority in January and February.

Biology Professor earns Fulbright

Biology professor Cindy Johnson-Groh has been awarded a Fulbright lecture/research fellowship in Tanzania for the 2009–10 academic year. The fellowship will enable her to teach and conduct research for a book on the natural history and conservation biology of Tanzania, to be used as a textbook for short-term travel courses, as an introduction to longer university courses, and as a resource for tourists and guides in the ecotourism and safari industry.

Johnson-Groh is the third faculty member in the past five years to receive a Fulbright.

1987–89 Doug Huff, philosophy
1993–94 Johanna Kleeberg, theatre
1996–97 Will Freiert, classics
2000 Elizabeth Baer, English
2000 Walter Dávila, history
2001 Mark Bjelland, geography
2002 David Koppenhaver, education
2002–03 Steve Mellema, physics
2003 Laura Behling, English
2004–05 Mark Bjelland, geography
2009 Gregory Mason, English, emeritus
2009–10 Cindy Johnson-Groh, biology

Turkey (2 yrs., as Senior Fulbright Lecturer)
New Zealand (year)
Japan (year, as Fulbright Lecturer)
Germany (summer seminar)
Brazil (fall semester)
Germany (summer seminar)
Australia (fall semester)
Malaysia (year)
Czech Republic (spring semester)
Great Britain (year)
Montenegro (spring semester)
Tanzania (year)
Dance company invited to perform at international human rights conference

During the spring of 2009, the Gustavus Dance Company and the choreography class led by Visiting Assistant Professor Melissa Rolnick worked on a project titled “Genocide Has No Boundaries: Moving against Genocide” in collaboration with Ellen Kennedy, director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota. The culmination of the project was a dance concert and project presentation on May 14. Moved by the dance interpretations presented that evening, Kennedy asked the College’s Department of Theatre and Dance if that same concert might be presented at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Society International Conference on Human Rights, which the center is hosting at the university and other colleges in the Twin Cities on Oct. 8–10.

“I applaud the students for their courage in this process,” Rolnick says. “I believe they have come to realize that dance has intrinsic value in the struggle for human rights. . . . Indeed, being able to dance is the essence of liberty.”

Philosophy professor wins playwriting prize

by Matt Thomas ’00

Professor of Philosophy Douglas Huff has been selected as one of four winners of the 2009 Mario Fratti-Fred Newman Political Playwriting Contest for his latest play, A Far Shore.

Huff wrote A Far Shore during his 2008 sabbatical leave at the request of members of the Bangalore Little Theatre—the largest theatre in Bangalore, India. The play is based on the life and work of B.R. Ambedkar, a hero in his homeland of India where he was a political leader, activist, philosopher, orator, writer, economist, and revolutionary. Ambedkar is also the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and is credited with having sparked the Dalit Buddhist movement.

Huff’s play was selected from more than 200 submissions and received a staged reading at a festival in New York in August.

The Mario Fratti-Fred Newman Political Playwriting Contest was founded by its namesakes, both playwrights based in New York, in 2004 and is coordinated by the Castillo Theatre in New York (where Newman was artistic director until his retirement). The purpose of the contest is to encourage the writing of plays and to provide a stage for scripts that, due to their progressive, radical, or experimental vantage points, would not otherwise be produced. The contest seeks plays that push the political and cultural envelope and that engage the political, social, and cultural questions impacting the world today.

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“When Ellen . . . suggested that I have students utilize the stories of Holocaust survivors as source material for the dance composition/choreography class, I initially hesitated,” Rolnick relates. “However, she was absolutely convincing and passionate about the necessity of using the issues surrounding genocide as an educational and hence creative catalyst for my choreography students.”

The resulting dance concert comprised eight pieces, seven choreographed by the students in the class using student dancers from the Gustavus Dance Company and the finale a solo piece created by Rolnick in 2003 and set to music by Mozart. Now the concert will be presented a second time, with all of the original pieces, for an international audience assembled for the human rights conference in October.

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Nobel Conference® 45: “H₂O: Uncertain Resource”

The 45th annual Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College, titled “H₂O: Uncertain Resource,” will focus on global issues related to water resources. The conference, scheduled for Oct. 6–7, 2009, is expected to bring more than 5,000 people to the campus.

Earth’s supply of water is both finite and vulnerable. This precious resource—is essential to all life—exhibits great spatial and temporal variability and in many places has been degraded by unsustainable land use or waste disposal practices. Water resources are bound to key socio-ecological issues, including global population growth, migrations to arid regions, increased use of irrigation, industrialization, climate change, and international resource conflicts.

An impressive slate of scientists and environmentalists has been assembled to address the 2009 conference:

- **Asit K. Biswas**, founder and president of the Third World Centre for Water Management, Atizapan, Mexico, will discuss water as a basic human right and its importance in alleviating poverty in developing countries.
- **Peter H. Gleick**, Ph.D., co-founder and president of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security, Oakland, Calif., will speak on the future of world water resources.
- **William L. Graf**, Ph.D., USC Educational Foundation Endowed Professor and chair of the Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, will address the state of rivers in the United States, highlighting current management issues such as river restoration, channel change, damming, and dam removal.
- **Rajendra K. Pachauri**, Ph.D., director general of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India, and chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Geneva, Switzerland, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, will discuss how climate change may further stress water resources, exacerbating problems of clean water access and food security for the world’s poor.
- **Nancy N. Rabalais**, Ph.D., executive director and professor at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Chauvin, La., will speak about the health of estuaries and coastal waters as an indicator of unsustainable management of land and freshwater resources.
- **Larry L. Rasmussen**, Th.D., Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will address ethical issues involved in water resource management and its connections to the well-being of the planet.
- **David L. Sedlak**, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, will explore the connection between chemicals like hormones and pharmaceuticals in the waste stream and the quality of the aquatic environment.

**Jeffrey Stocco**, Career Center director at Gustavus Adolphus College since 1990, has been appointed interim vice president for student affairs and dean of students, effective July 1. He succeeds Hank Toutain, who has accepted a position as dean of students at Kenyon College in Ohio after serving Gustavus for 19 years.

Stocco, who earned his undergraduate degree from Hamline University and holds a master’s degree in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota, has assisted students with career decision-making since he joined the Gustavus administrative staff in 1987.

In the Career Center, Stocco has helped students with career management, internships, health professions, and career counseling. He also has served for many years in assistant and associate dean of students’ capacities and, in the Division of Student Affairs, has supervised other programs and served as Judicial Board chair, organized divisional professional development, and conducted research on student development.

In his new role, Stocco will serve on the President’s Cabinet; provide leadership and continuity under the existing divisional structure; and oversee Residential Life, Campus Safety, the Student Health Service, Multicultural Affairs, Student Activities, Judicial Affairs, Alcohol and Drug Education, the Counseling Center, the Community Service Center, and the Career Center.
Summer sees changes in provost’s office

David Fienen, D.M.A., a member of the music faculty at Gustavus since 1973, has been named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at the College. A past dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs at the College, Fienen also was associate dean of the college from 1993 to 1996 and director of general education from 2002 to 2007. He has served the College as chair of the Faculty Senate as well as chair or member of several standing committees of the faculty. He replaces Mary E. Morton, Ph.D., who announced her resignation as provost in March but will remain with the Gustavus faculty as professor of biochemistry. His appointment was effective June 1.

Fienen brings not only many years of outstanding academic and administrative leadership to his new responsibilities but also a distinguished background as an internationally renowned scholar and musical artist. Throughout his 36-year career at Gustavus, he has been organist/cantor at Christ Chapel and a professor of organ and church music. He had been serving as chair of the Department of Music since 2005.

In late June, Fienen announced two appointments to the position of Interim Associate Provost, effective July 1. John J. Clementson, Ph.D., professor of education and chair of the department, will serve as Interim Associate Provost and Dean of the Faculty. In this role, he will focus on academic departments and interdisciplinary programs, including hiring, department and

Gustavus admission reps span the country!

In the next few months, Gustavus will be represented at the high school, community, and national college fairs and events listed below. Encourage prospective students with whom you may be acquainted to stop by! If you have questions or want more information, contact Alan Meiers ’87, senior associate director of admission, at ameier@gustavus.edu or by phone at 507-933-7682 or 800-487-8288.

**September**
15 Kansas City, Mo., College Fair
21 Moorhead College Fair
22 East Grand Forks College Fair
23 Bemidji College Fair
24 Wadena College Fair
25 Pine City College Fair
26 Park Center HS College Fair
28 Forest Lake HS College Fair
29 Maple Grove HS College Fair
29 Osseo HS College Fair
29 Glen Ellyn, Ill., College Fair
29 Brookings, S.D., College Fair
30 Minnesota National College Fair
30 Lake Forest, Ill., College Fair

**October**
1 Minnesota National College Fair
3 Chicago, Ill., College Fair
4 Breck HS College Fair
4 Aspen, Colo., College Fair
4 Des Moines, Iowa, College Fair
4 Milwaukee, Wis., National College Fair
5 St. Cloud College Fair
5 Alexandria College Fair
5 Kansas City, Mo., College Fair
5 Lee’s Summit, Mo., College Fair
6 Morris HS College Fair
6 Long Prairie/Grey Eagle HS College Fair
6 Fort Collins, Colo., College Fair
6 Sioux Falls, S.D., College Fair
7 Brainerd High School
7 Louisville, Colo., College Fair
7 Sioux Falls, S.D., College Fair
program budgets and salaries, and pre-tenure reviews. Clementson arrived at Gustavus in 2004 from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., where he was assistant dean for academic affairs and before that, chair of the education department.

Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Barbara Knight Kaiser, Ph.D., will assume the position of associate provost and dean of academic programs. In this capacity she will provide leadership for such academic programs as General Education, Curriculum II, First Term Seminar, January Interim Experience, Academic Advising, and the Writing Program and Center, as well as for student academic issues and departmental external reviews. Kaiser has been on the faculty of Gustavus since 1990. She has chaired the Curriculum Committee and served on both the Personnel Committee and the Faculty Senate. In addition, she has made valued contributions to numerous community-building initiatives.

**Briefly . . .**

**Nine hired to tenure-track positions**

Nine new tenure-track faculty members—seven new hires and two promoted from visiting or adjunct positions—are teaching at Gustavus Adolphus College effective with the fall 2009 semester.

**Julie Bartley** joins the Department of Geology as an associate professor. A graduate of Bryn Mawr (1988), she earned her Ph.D. from the University of California in 1994. She comes to Gustavus from the University of West Georgia in Carrollton. Her professional interests include Precambrian sedimentary systems.

**Biplab Ghosh** is an instructor in the Department of Economics and Management. He earned his B.S. (2000) and M.S. (2002) degrees in India and is completing doctoral work at the University of Connecticut.

**Glenn Kranking ’98** returns to Gustavus as an instructor in history and Scandinavian studies. He received master’s degrees from the University of Washington (2002) and the University of Tartu in Estonia (2004) and is completing doctoral work at The Ohio State University.

**Sun He Lee** joins the English faculty as an assistant professor. A graduate of the University of California (1995), she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 2005 and has been conducting postdoctoral research, most recently at Carleton College.

**Jessie Petricka** is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics. A Carleton College graduate (2001), she took her Ph.D. from Yale University in 2007 and has been conducting postdoctoral research at Duke University for the past two years. Her professional interests include atomic physics.

**Rita Ray** joins the faculty as an assistant professor of economics and management. After earning a bachelor’s degree (1996) and two master’s degrees (1998 and 2002) in her native India, she enrolled at the University of Miami (Fla.), where she earned another master’s degree (2004) and a Ph.D. (2008). She comes to Gustavus from Western Washington University at Bellingham. Her special interests include macroeconomics and political economy.

**Maria Torres** is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Spain (1986), she earned an M.A. (2001) and a Ph.D. (2004) from Ohio University. She has been on the faculty of Keene College

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in New Hampshire for five years and was a visiting professor at Minnesota State Mankato last year. Her special interests include intercultural conflict and health care. D. Scott Moore, instructor of music, has taught at Gustavus since 1998 as an adjunct instructor of low brass instruments and has been promoted to a tenured-track position. He holds undergraduate degrees from Jacksonville State University (1985) and is now completing his doctorate at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Jeffrey Owen ’92 has been promoted to assistant professor in the Department of Economics and Management after serving in a visiting position since 2006. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa (2000) and taught at Indiana State University at Terre Haute before joining the Gustavus faculty.

Phi Beta Kappa honors 42
The local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa,Eta of Minnesota, has announced the election of 42 students to membership in the society based on their academic record in fields of liberal learning.

They are: Daniel T. Barthell,
John A. Bussey, Rebecca D.
Carlson, Sarah A. Cowles,
Alysha A. Dicke, Breanna R.
Draxler, Benjamin E. Eriksson,
Stephanie K. Erlandson, Emma V.
Espel, Elizabeth G. Faldet,
Lauren M. Fulner, Ahna L.
Gilbertson, Gwendolyn L.
Gillson, Kathryn E. Goodpaster,
Kaley J. Gordon, Laura A.
Gosewich, Nathan M. Heggem,
Laurel F. Hoch, Sarah C. Hulke,
Emma Iverson, Emily C.
Johnson, Carissa A. Keith,
Kristin M. Knudson, Jenny M.
Koffski, Erica B. Koos, Rebecca S.
Krocak, Laura A. Luce,
Melissa R. Mackley, Sarah B.
Manke, Rochelle J. Molitor,
Rhea Muchalla, Emily E.
Nelson, Kaitlyn M. O’Bryan,
Laura M. Ofstad, Elizabeth K.
Olson, Kristin M. Osterman,
Anthony M. Spain, Rita I.
Stevermer, Jill O. Suurmeier,
Jessica E. Wegner, Kacy L.
Wothe, and Hannah L. Wunsch.

Seven were elected as juniors. The 35 elected as seniors were joined by 23 who were elected last year as juniors to graduate Phi Beta Kappa on May 31.

Gustavus among top 10 in graduation rate
In a study recently released by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy Research, Gustavus Adolphus College is ranked in the top 10 for its graduation rate among institutions with similar levels of admission selectivity.

The study, titled “Diplomas and Dropouts: Which Colleges Actually Graduate Their Students (and Which Don’t),” took the nearly 1.2 million students who entered college at four-year institutions in the fall of 2001 and examined what percentage of those students graduated by the spring of 2007. Gustavus ranked in a tie for ninth place with an 86 percent graduation rate in the category labeled “highly competitive.” The average six-year graduation rate in the highly competitive category was 75.2 percent.

Faculty and staff honors
Three faculty members and an administrator were recognized for academic and leadership achievements during the Honors Day convocation at Gustavus Adolphus College on May 2.

History professor Eric J. Carlson and head librarian Barbara Fister shared the Faculty Scholarly Accomplishment Award, which is selected by the provost’s office based upon peer nominations and has been announced annually at the convocation since 2004. Carlson, who joined the faculty in 1990, has produced an impressive body of work in the subjects of the Church of England and the English Reformation and is currently an associate editor of the Journal of British Studies. Fister, who has been with the library faculty since 1987, has been involved with information literacy projects and has written widely about the effect of the digital revolution on libraries. She is a weekly columnist for Library Journal’s “Academic Newswire.”

Virgil Jones, director of multicultural programs and the Diversity Center, was named recipient of the Dr. Theodore E. Conrad ’25 Faculty/Staff Achievement Award. The annual award is selected by a committee convened by the dean of students and presented alternately to faculty members and staff members who exhibit “strong interest in overall student growth, education, and unity.” It is accompanied by an honorarium, which the recipient designates for an approved student organization.

The Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence went to Martin Lang ’95, assistant professor of communication studies. The award, presented annually since 1990 by the Student Senate, goes to a member of the faculty selected by the student body as outstanding teacher of the current academic year.
Hillstrom Museum to open concurrent exhibitions

by Donald Myers ’83

From Sept. 14 through Nov. 8, 2009, the Hillstrom Museum of Art will present two exhibitions and another of its FOCUS IN/ON projects. The first exhibition, titled Winds of Inspiration, Winds of Change, is an invitational exhibition that will consider thematically and aesthetically wind turbines and their precursors, windmills, inspired by the growing presence of turbines across the Minnesota countryside. The exhibition presents wind turbines both as environmentally sensitive objects and as objects with a powerful, aesthetic, sublime presence. It will also draw on the idea of the earlier windmill as a well-established element in art with various symbolic meanings, including as an inspirational symbol and as an indication of humankind’s dominion over nature. The exhibit will thus reference aesthetics, the history of art, technology, and the environment.

Winds of Inspiration, Winds of Change is presented in anticipation of the expected installation on campus of one or more wind turbines, and is expected to raise awareness of turbines and their value as an alternative energy source by considering them in a cultural, historical and artistic context. The Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, which is active in developing and supporting wind energy, has generously provided funds to help sponsor the exhibit.

Around 50 artists from across the state will participate in the project, including invited faculty from Minnesota colleges and universities and a number of local artists from St. Peter and Mankato. In the former group are the faculty artists from Gustavus, as well as artists from Bemidji State University; Bethany Lutheran College; Bethel University; Carleton College; Concordia College, Moorhead; Concordia University, St. Paul; Macalester College; the Minneapolis College of Art and Design; the University of

Nicole Holland (Gustavus Adolphus College), Historical Collection, 2009 (detail), stoneware, slip, glaze, wood, 33 x 24 x 2 inches.
mands another aesthetic. ‘So I photograph their development and muse about their intrusion.” Katsiaficas’s work for the exhibition is a tripartite piece titled Intrusive Harvesters/Iconic Structures, which includes two digital photographs of the wind turbine farm with gestural drawings of turbines digitally superimposed over them, flanking a cut plywood relief based on an old windmill in Hydra.

Gustavus faculty artist Nicole Hoiland will show Historical Collection (2009), an installation consisting of six ceramic tiles set each into a wooden framework to create modernized versions of cheeseboards. Hoiland notes that she had seen such objects in kitchens when growing up, and she has updated their familiar imagery to be more reflective of modern life. She writes, “These boards had tiles whose subject matter ranged from Delft iconography of rural landscapes, complete with windmills and rolling fields, to idyllic scenes of family life. I set out to modernize this American wall art by looking at the Northern Renaissance’s symbolic imagery, Delftware, pop cultural images, and photographs I took. I wanted these pieces to appear to the viewer as strangely familiar . . . .” One of the six ceramic plaques in the artwork depicts a wind turbine, replacing the more old-fashioned windmill found in earlier tile images.

In conjunction with Winds of Inspiration, Winds of Change, the Museum will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Arthur K. Wheelock, curator of Northern Baroque Painting at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., an expert on Dutch painting, especially of the 17th century. Wheelock will consider the proliferation of images of windmills in Dutch art in that era, allowing comparisons to be drawn with contemporary wind turbine artworks that are becoming more and more prevalent today as wind power is embraced as an important part of the solution to the global energy and climate crises. Wheelock’s lecture will be presented at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, in Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science.

An opening reception for Winds of Inspiration, Winds of Change (and the concurrent exhibitions noted below) will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, 7–9 p.m., and there will also be a reception during the Nobel Conference, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6–8 p.m.

Concurrently with the wind turbines exhibition, the Museum will present Cuadros from Pamplona Alta: Textile Pictures by Women of Peru, featuring around 50 textile works sewn by groups of women living in destitute Pamplona Alta, a shantytown outside of Lima. The exhibit was organized by Con/Vida: Popular Arts of the Americas, a not-for-profit organization that promotes, through the visual arts, an understanding of the culture, history, and traditions of Central and South America, and that supports popular art by self-taught artists and artisans through exhibitions of their works.

The cuadros (“pictures”) depict Peruvian life, especially in Pamplona Alta, where conditions have been mostly very poor, due to economic hardship and political instability. The hand-sewn works are embroidered and appliquéd by individual artists or groups of artists, and they are sold and promoted both in Peru and in exhibitions such as this one. Sales through the Book Mark of additional cuadros not included in the exhibition will help support the artists and their families by supplementing the meager incomes they are able to earn in Peru.

The colorful and charming aspect of individual cuadros often seems at odds with the darkness of their subject matter, which addresses issues such as the poverty, social injustice, and military violence that plagued Peru especially in the last two decades of the 20th century. Human Rights (Welcome to Incaraccay), a 1996 cuadro by Juana Huaytalla, depicts a bright, sunlit landscape filled with people, dwellings, farm animals, and growing plants—and also a bloodied corpse lying in
the middle of a road. Incaraccay, located in the mountains hundreds of miles southeast of Lima, was in the 1980s and 1990s a killing field of the “Shining Path,” a communist guerilla group that, while ostensibly dedicated to the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, was responsible for the death or disappearance of thousands, Peruvian peasants in particular.

In addition to the concurrent exhibitions, the Museum will present another of its FOCUS IN/ON projects. These projects feature a single work from the Hillstrom Collection that is the subject of in-depth, collaborative analysis made by the museum director and a colleague from across the curriculum. Dry Creek Bed, Kansas, a 1912 oil painting by Swedish-American artist Birger Sandzén (1871–1954), will be considered in an essay co-written with James Welsh, chair of the Department of Geology. (The essay will be posted on the Hillstrom Museum’s website, gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/.)

Sandzén worked much of his career in central and western Kansas, and the Hillstrom painting is based on his exploration of Wild Horse Creek in Graham County, near where his wife Frida’s parents lived. The painting will be considered in the context of the artist’s career in general as well as for insights it sheds on the geology of western Kansas, specifically the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the world’s largest (an aquifer is an underground layer from which groundwater can be extracted, thus playing an important role in irrigation). Graham County is on the eastern edge of the Ogallala formation, which covers parts of eight different states.

This FOCUS IN/ON project touching upon the hydrogeology of western Kansas is presented by the Museum in conjunction with the 2009 Nobel Conference, titled H2O: Uncertain Resource, which will consider the current state of world water resources. Also in conjunction with the Nobel Conference and this FOCUS IN/ON project, the Museum will present a special dance performance choreographed by Michele Rusinko of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Dry Spells is based on a passage from Gretel Ehrlich’s 1986 book, The Solace of Open Spaces, a series of naturalist musings on the author’s life in Wyoming. Rusinko’s work will be performed by student dancers Siu On Auyeung, Patrick Jeffrey, Katelyn Pedersen, and Jill VanOsdal, who will present it twice during the Museum’s Nobel reception on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. 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.

Donations to the Hillstrom Museum of Art

The Hillstrom Museum of Art was recently given two paintings by artist Dewey Albinson (1898–1971), gifts from Bob and Tucki Lund Bellig ’60 ’60. Professor Emeritus Bob Bellig taught in the Department of Biology at Gustavus for 37 years, retiring in 2001. The works by Albinson join another oil by the artist that was donated last December, a winter village scene painted in Quebec.

The paintings from the Belligs likely date to the 1930s or the early 1940s, a conclusion supported both by consultation with the artist’s son, Tawn Albinson, and daughter, Leone Albinson Stein, and by stylistic comparison with a number of Albinson works featured in a recent exhibition at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis (Albinson was born in Minneapolis to parents who had emigrated from Sweden). The smaller painting from the Belligs, a village scene, has an old label on its frame from an exhibition in San Francisco in 1936 indicating a title of Farm Scene, Italy; however, the artist’s son, Tawn, does not believe it is one of his father’s works done during the period when he lived in Italy (1929–1931), and it’s likely that the frame was reused without the old label being removed. Albinson’s daughter, Leone, believes that this painting might be an image from Quebec, which would date it to the end of the 1930s or just into the ‘40s.

Both Albinson’s daughter and son agree that the larger painting from the Belligs, a farm scene, could be a Minnesota-based image. Interestingly, a list of the works in that 1936 exhibition obtained from the museum in San Francisco indicates that there was also a work titled Farm Scene, Minnesota, with dimensions matching those of the larger Bellig donation. Unfortunately, no photographic records of the exhibition remain, making a visual identification impossible.
Calendar

Fall bounty

August
27–Sept. 7  Gustavus at the Fair: college booth in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair, staffed 9 a.m.–9 p.m. daily. Wear your Gustie gear and stop by to sign our visitors’ book!

10–11:30 a.m. Reservations requested; contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).

28  Reading in Common Author Visit: Sonia Nazario, author of Enrique’s Journey; Alumni Hall, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

September
8  Opening Convocation for the 148th academic year of the College; Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

14–Nov. 8  Art Exhibitions: Cuadros from Pamplona; Textile Pictures by Women of Peru & Winds of Inspiration, Winds of Change; 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, Sept. 14, 7–9 p.m.; Nobel reception, Oct. 6, 6–8 p.m.


21  Gustavus Library Associates’ Fall Membership Tea, hosted by President Jack and Kris Ohle; President’s Home, 10 a.m.

October
6–7  Nobel Conference® 45: “H2O: Uncertain Resource”; Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520), see the registration form inserted in this magazine, or visit the College’s Nobel Conference website (gustavus.edu/nobelconference).

9  Commission Gustavus 150 Celebration Dinner; Jackson Campus Center, 6 p.m.


11  A Family Weekend of Music: Morning Worship, with the Choir of Christ Chapel, Philharmonic Orchestra, & Chapel Ringers, Christ Chapel, 10:00 a.m.; Jazz Brunch, with the Gustavus Jazz Lab Band & Adolphus Jazz Ensemble, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.; Family Weekend Music Showcase, with the Gustavus Choir, Lucia Singers, Gustavus & Vasa Wind Orchestras, & Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Christ Chapel, 2 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for more information, contact the Student Activities Office (507-933-7598).

17  32nd annual Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony; Alumni Hall, 6 p.m. (See listing of inductees elsewhere in this issue.) Reservations required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

21  Twin Cities “Come On, You Gusties” Alumni Breakfast, featuring President Jack R. Ohle; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson ’55 at 763-533-9083.

November
1  Art Lecture: Arthur K. Wheelock, curator of Northern Baroque Painting, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., “Images of Windmills in 17th-Century Dutch Art”; Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

1–2  Music: The 2009 Gustavus Honor Band Festival; Schaefer Fine Arts Center, all day on Sunday. Honor Band Festival Concert, featuring the High School Honor Band & Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Douglass Nimmo, conductor, on Monday, Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

8  Music: The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra in Concert, Gregory Aune, conductor; Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
December

4, 5, & 6 Christmas in Christ Chapel: A Liturgy of Letters and Carols; 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 & 6) and 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, see the insert in this magazine.

8 Music: "The Winds of Christmas," The Gustavus & Vasa wind orchestras, Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Open to the public without charge.

10 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 invitations in mid-October; for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7590).

13 Music: Brassworks! Scott Moore, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

16 Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast, featuring Thomas Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

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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).
On Sunday, May 31, 608 candidates for graduation lined up to cross the stage set up on Hollingsworth Field as the Class of 2009 became the newest alumni class at Gustavus Adolphus College. The class had the distinction of being one of only two at the College to exceed 600 in size—the other, the Class of 2002, comprised 609 degree candidates.

Commencement 2009 was the first Gustavus graduation ceremony to be presided over by President Jack R. Ohle (right). Senior Tasha Carlson of Apple Valley, Minn. (above), representing her class, delivered the commencement address, and summa cum laude honors were announced for 48 class members as the class crossed the stage to receive commemorative pins before heading for the faculty from the departments in which they earned their major.

It has become a tradition to reveal the faculty winner of the Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching during the commencement exercises, and the task of announcing the 2009 recipient fell to last year’s recipient, Associate Professor of Political Science Richard Leitch, who introduced Professor of Music Rick Orpen to a standing ovation.
Left, Diversity Center director Virgil Jones (third from left) poses with graduates Mikka McCracken, Kaleb Rumicho, Rhea Muchalla, Marlinda Sherbert, and Ray Wilson.

Right, Chair of the Board James Gale ’83 welcomed more than 3,000 people to Commencement 2009.
Above, the weather cooperated as a reception on Eckman Mall followed the outdoor commencement exercises. At right, graduate Vwaire Orhurhu, who hails from Nigeria, is congratulated by his father, Godwin Orhurhu. Below, nursing major Gretchen Libbey, Minnetonka, Minn., earns a hug as she claims her diploma.
The Golden Gustie softball team, led by senior All-American Rachael Click, posted the most successful season in the history of the program, winning the MIAC regular-season title with a record of 21–1 and finishing third at the NCAA Division III World Series in Montclair, New Jersey.

Coach Jeff Annis and his squad finished with an overall record of 42–9, smashing the old record for wins in a season (32, set in 2007). After claiming the regular season MIAC title, the Gusties finished second in the MIAC post-season tournament and then received an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament. Seeded #7 seed in the eight-team Midwest Regional in Indianola, Iowa, the Gusties dominated the competition, posting a record of 4–0 and outscoring their opponents by a total of 41–14. Four Gustie players were named to the all-tournament team—senior shortstop Rachael Click (Rochester, Minn.), senior outfielder Emily Klein (Red Wing, Minn.), sophomore first baseman Emily Wendorff (Lakeville, Minn.), and first-year second baseman Lisa Klass (Richfield, Minn.). By winning the Midwest Regional, the team earned the program’s first-ever berth in the NCAA Division III World Series.

Gustavus continued its record-breaking run in the national tournament by defeating the University
The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference released its 2009 post-season softball awards in July, and Gustavus garnered the majority of the awards. Senior shortstop Rachael Click (Rochester, Minn.) was named the MIAC Player of the Year, Jeff Annis was named Coach of the Year, and first-year second baseman Lisa Klass (Richfield, Minn.) was named Rookie of the Year. The Gusties won the MIAC regular season title with a record of 21–1 and then finished second in the MIAC post-season tournament.

Click is the second player in the history of the program to be named MIAC Player of the Year, following Molly Biehn '04, who received the honor in 2003. Click, a four-time all-conference performer, led the league in a number of the offensive categories, including batting average (.529), slugging (1.216), on-base percentage (.594), RBI (27), home runs (10), and total bases (62). She set the school record for home runs in a season with 16 and became only the third player in MIAC history to hit more than 30 home runs (35) in a career. She is just the third player in the program’s history to earn all-conference honors four times in her career.

Klass was the only first-year player selected to the all-conference team. She compiled a .417 batting average and scored 31 runs while starting 46 games for the Gusties. Klass ranked second on the team with 39 RBI and second in doubles with 13. She is the second Gustavus player in the last four years to earn MIAC Rookie of the Year honors, following Rachael Click, who was honored in 2006.

Head Coach Jeff Annis continues to build the Gustavus program into one of the finest in the country. He has now directed the Gusties to four consecutive 30-win seasons and has compiled a career mark of 135–36. His squad compiled a league mark of 21–1 this past season, leading the conference in pitching (0.99 ERA), tying for first in fielding (.974), and finishing second in hitting (.354). Annis’s teams have been particularly strong in league play, posting a record of 78–10 in his four-year tenure as head coach.

Gusties dominate MIAC post-season softball awards

of Texas-Tyler 5–1 in the opening game of the finals. In their second game, the Gusties would get knocked into the losers’ bracket of the double-elimination tournament by eventual national champion Messiah College (Penn.) by the score of 2–0. The squad battled back with impressive wins over Salisbury State (Md.) by the score of 10–4 and Tufts (Penn.) by the score of 5–0. Gustavus then faced regional rival Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the chance to get to the championship game against Messiah, but Coe defeated the Gusties 4–2, sending them home with the third-place trophy. Four Gusties were named to the all-national tournament team: Click, Wendorff, Andrea Brown (Willmar, Minn.), and Kirsten Prunty (New Ulm, Minn.).

Gusties dominate MIAC post-season softball awards
Track and field teams excel at NCAA championships

The men’s and women’s track and field teams closed out their seasons in grand style with strong performances at the NCAA championships held in Marietta, Ohio. The women’s team scored 27 points and finished sixth overall—the best finish in the program’s history. The men’s team scored nine points and finished tied for 36th overall.

Senior Lisa Brown (Lake Crystal, Minn.) led the way for the women’s team as she won the national title in the javelin for the third time in her career with a throw of 158 feet. Junior Kaelene Lundstrum (Bird Island, Minn.) finished second in the high jump (5' 7") and fifth in the heptathlon (4,624 points), while Samantha Broderius (So., Hector, Minn.) placed seventh in both the shot put (43' 6") and the discus (140' 11”). The 4x400-meter relay team closed out the scoring with an eighth-place finish. The team, consisting of Danielle Burgmeier (FY., Plymouth, Minn.), Abby Karl (So., St. Cloud, Minn.), Elizabeth Pringle (Sr., Northfield, Minn.), and Lundstrum, posted a time of 3:54.47.

The men’s team was led by senior Tyler Geyen (Watertown, Minn.) who finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.53 seconds. Geyen was also a part of the 4x400-meter relay team, which placed fifth in a time of 3:12.72. Joining Geyen on the relay team were Matt Leeb (So., Kasota, Minn.), Colby Citrowske (So., Canby, Minn.), and Cole Carlson (Jr., Mora, Minn.).

All of the above-mentioned athletes earned All-America honors by finishing in the top eight at an NCAA championship event.

Thorkelson named Conference and Regional Coach of the Year

The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) selected retiring head coach Tom Thorkelson ’70 as the Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year, while the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) honored him as the Division III Central Region Coach of the Year.

In his tenth season as head coach at Gustavus and his 24th season overall, Thorkelson led the Gustie women to a second-place showing at the MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships with the highest point total in school history (173). Gustavus also achieved nine NCAA provisional or automatic qualifying marks this season under his guidance. His squad went on to post a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the program’s best finish ever.

The Gustavus men’s tennis team won its 21st consecutive MIAC title with a perfect league mark of 9-0. Coach Steve Wilkinson’s squad also won the MIAC post-season tournament and went on to finish fifth at the NCAA championships.
The United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) has named Gustavus senior Lisa Brown (Lake Crystal, Minn.) as the 2009 Division III Central Region Women’s Field Athlete of the Year. Brown was one of eight student-athletes to receive regional athlete of year honors and is the first Gustavus track and field athlete to receive the honor.

Brown completed her career as one of the most successful javelin throwers in the history of Division III track and field at the 2009 NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships hosted by Marietta College in Ohio. After winning national titles in 2006 and 2008 and finishing second in 2007, she won a third national title with a stadium-record effort of 158 feet. She had won her fourth MIAC javelin title earlier in the spring, besting the competition by over 20 feet. She also finished third in the conference in the shot put and fourth in the discus.

Central Region Field Athlete of the Year, three-time national javelin champion

Sophomore Sam Broderius (Hector, Minn.) was named the Outstanding Women’s Field Athlete at the 2009 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships after winning titles in both the discus and the shot put. Broderius captured the shot put title with a mark of 44 feet, 8-3/4 inches and the discus title with a mark of 148 feet, 3 inches, helping Gustavus compile 173 points as a team (the most in program history) en route to placing second at the conference meet.

Broderius named Outstanding Women’s Field Athlete

The Gustavus women’s tennis team won its 18th consecutive MIAC title with a perfect league mark of 10–0. Coach Jon Carlson’s squad also won the MIAC post-season tournament and went on to finish fifth at the NCAA championships.
Click and Kosak named NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners

Senior softball player Rachael Click and senior golfer Kimbra Kosak have been named two of 29 women’s spring-sport recipients of NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships. Click, a NFCA All-American and MIAC Player of the Year, helped the Gustavus fastpitch team to a third-place finish at the NCAA softball championships, while Kosak, the MIAC Senior Player of the Year, helped the golf team to a third-place finish at the national golf championships. Click and Kosak become the second and third Gustavus student athletes to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships this year, joining swimmer Dave Pearson, who was honored earlier with other winter-sport participants.

Click, a native of Rochester, Minn., who graduated from Mayo High School, graduated with a 3.91 GPA majoring in elementary education. She is planning to pursue a graduate degree in athletic administration with hopes of becoming a collegiate softball coach and athletic administrator.

Kosak, a native of Grand Rapids, Minn, graduated with a 3.85 GPA majoring in elementary education. She is planning to pursue a graduate degree in educational administration after teaching at an elementary school for the next couple of years.

Since the start of the 2004-05 academic year, Gustavus ranks third for the most postgraduate scholars among all NCAA schools (Division I, II, and III). Stanford University has the most postgraduate scholars with 29, followed by Emory with 25 and Gustavus with 17. Gustavus has had a total of 27 student-athletes receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships since football player James Goodwin ’74 became the first in 1974. Gustavus is also part of an elite group of eight institutions in Division I, II, and III combined that have had at least one NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner for five consecutive years. That group includes Gustavus, Stanford, Seattle Pacific, University of Nebraska, Emory, Wingate, University of Florida, and Wartburg.
Five named to CoSIDA Academic All-America Team

Five Gustavus student-athletes were named to the College Sports Information Directors’ (CoSIDA) Academic All-America team this spring. Senior swimmer Dave Pearson (Woodbury, Minn.), junior men’s hockey player David Martinson (St. Louis Park, Minn.), senior golfer Kimbra Kosak (Grand Rapids, Minn.), and junior women’s hockey player Melissa Mackley (Burnsville, Minn.) were named to the at-large team, while senior Rachael Click (Rochester, Minn.) was named to the softball squad. Pearson, Mackley, and Click were First Team honorees, while Martinson and Kosak were Second Team selections.

Pearson was a key member of the men’s swimming and diving team that won MIAC championships in 2006 and 2008 and finished second in 2007 and 2009. He was a part of several relay teams including the 800-yard free relay that finished first at the MIAC championships in both 2008 and 2009 and went on to earn All-America honors at the NCAA championships with a sixth-place finish in 2008 and an eighth-place finish in 2009.

Martinson, a 2009 American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) First Team All-America honoree, helped the Gusties finish second at the NCAA Division III Men’s Hockey Championship this season. He led Gustavus in scoring with 26 goals and 15 assists for 41 points and ranked second in Division III in goals scored.

Mackley, a 2009 First Team AHCA All-America and All-MIAC selection, was captain of the Gustavus women’s hockey team that won the MIAC title with a record of 16–0–2 and was rated #1 in Division III for most of the season. Mackley led the Gusties in scoring with eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points.

Kosak finished tied for 27th individually at the 2009 NCAA Division III Women’s Golf Championships in Port St. Lucie, Florida, where she helped the Gusties post a third-place team finish. She was named the Senior Player of the Year by the MIAC golf coaches and was also a First Team All-MidWest Region honoree.

Click, a shortstop on the MIAC champion softball team, was the MIAC Player of the Year and a NFCA Second Team All-America honoree. A four-time all-conference selection and a three-time All-Region honoree, Click becomes only the third student-athlete at Gustavus to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors three times, following gymnast Amanda Parker ’05 (2003, 2004, and 2005) and baseball player Ben Sherer ’06 (2004, 2005, and 2006).

Gustavus ranks seventh among all 435 Division III institutions in number of CoSIDA Academic All-Americans with 80. The Gusties have had 14 student-athletes honored by CoSIDA over the past two years—eight in 2007-08 and six in 2008-09.

Gustavus eighth in NACDA Directors’ Cup competition

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and Learfield Sports announced the final totals for the 2008–09 Directors’ Cup in May, and Gustavus finished eighth out of 435 competing NCAA Division III institutions. The Directors’ Cup, the only all-sports competition in intercollegiate athletics, is awarded to four-year institutions in the NCAA and NAIA with the best overall athletic programs. In Division III, standings are based on national tournament finishes in 18 sports with points awarded based on the number of teams participating in each specific national championship.

Gustavus’s 765-point total is the most in school history (the previous high was 637 in 2002–03) and the most ever recorded by an MIAC institution in the NACDA Directors’ Cup competition. The eighth-place finish is the second-highest finish by the Gusties, who achieved sixth in 2002–03. Gustavus scored 424 points in the spring season alone, which was the second highest total in Division III behind champion Williams College (Mass.), which scored 446 points in spring sports to win the Division III title with a total of 1066.50 points.

Gustavus recorded national finishes in 12 sports, including men’s ice hockey (2nd, 90), softball (3rd, 86.5), women’s golf (3rd, 85), men’s tennis (5th, 73), women’s tennis (5th, 73), women’s ice hockey (5th, 25), women’s track and field (6th, 73.5), men’s swimming (15th, 60), women’s nordic skiing (21st, 32), volleyball (33rd, 25), women’s swimming (35th, 39), and men’s track and field (36th, 36.5).

The Gusties placed in the top ten for the fifth time in the past eight years and in the top 25 for the 13th time in the 14-year history of the Directors’ Cup.
The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2008–09 MIAC Women’s Golf Awards in May, and the conference-champion Gusties were the big winners, as Kimbra Kosak (Grand Rapids, Minn.) was selected as Senior of the Year, Taylor Drenttel (Eagan, Minn.) was named Rookie of the Year, and Coach Scott Moe ’95 was named Coach of the Year.

Kosak finished her senior year with a stroke average of 82.5. During her four-year career, she was a three-time all-conference honoree, the 2006 NCGA Division III Rookie of the Year, and two-time top-ten finisher at the NCAA championships (2007 and 2008). Kosak also received the NGCA Division III Kim Moore Spirit Award in 2008.

Drenttel played a key role in helping the Gusties win the conference title and go on to finish third at the national championships. She posted a 83.5 stroke average and claimed five top-ten individual finishes in 10 events. She received all-conference honors after finishing eighth at the MIAC championships with a 54-hole total of 78-87-86–251.

Coach Moe led Gustavus to the program’s first MIAC championship in October. After finishing second to St. Thomas the previous four seasons, the Gusties posted a nine-stroke victory at the championships. Moe, in his sixth season, had four players finish in the top ten at the championships and earn All-MIAC honors. The National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) also honored Moe as the Midwest Region Coach of the Year. He was previously named MIAC Coach of the Year in 2005, women’s National Coach of the Year in 2008, and men’s National Coach of the Year in 2004.
Wilkinson and Thorkelson announce retirements after long and successful careers

Two well-respected spring sport coaches announced their retirements at the conclusion of the 2009 season. Steve Wilkinson stepped down as head coach of the men’s tennis program after 39 years, and Tom Thorkelson ’70 stepped down as coach of the men’s and women’s track and field programs after 24 years, including the last 10 years as head coach.

After taking over the Gustavus tennis program in 1971, Wilkinson compiled a remarkable overall record of 929–279 (.769) and a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) mark of 334–1 (.997). His 923rd victory, which came against Wartburg in late April, moved him past Jim Verdieck of the University of Redlands into first place with most victories in the history of collegiate men’s tennis (Divisions I, II, and III, and NAIA). Wilkinson’s squads won two NCAA Division III titles (1980 and 1982) as well as 35 MIAC titles. In addition, his players claimed six national doubles titles and four national singles titles. He coached 46 players to 87 All-America honors (including current ATP tour player Eric Butorac), 103 players to 226 all-conference honors, and five CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

Recognized as one of the most prominent coaches in collegiate tennis history, Wilkinson has been involved in numerous national tennis organizations and has served on the executive committees of the United States Professional Tennis Association, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, and the United States Tennis Association. He was inducted into the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame in 1974, the Northern Tennis Association, and the United States Tennis Association. He was induction on next page

Spring Sports Summary

by Tim Kennedy ’82

Softball – Coach Jeff Annis’s squad recorded the most successful season in the program’s history, winning the MIAC regular-season title with a mark of 21–1 and finishing third at the NCAA championship. The team compiled an overall mark of 42–9. Senior shortstop Rachael Click (Rochester, Minn.) was selected the MIAC Player of the Year as well as being named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America Team. Click, second baseman Lisa Klass (Richfield, Minn.), outfielder Emily Klein (Red Wing, Minn.), and pitcher Erin Truebenbach (Mapleton, Minn.) were named to the all-conference team.

Baseball – The Gusties posted a record of 17–21 overall and finished eighth in the MIAC with a record of 9–11. Coach Mike Carroll’s squad was led by senior shortstop Mike DesLauriers (Minnetonka, Minn.), who was a First Team All-MIAC selection.

Men’s Tennis – Coach Steve Wilkinson’s squad claimed its 21st consecutive MIAC Title with a 9–0 mark during the regular season. The Gusties went on to win the MIAC post-season tournament and finished fifth at the NCAA championships, posting an overall mark of 27–9. Senior John Kauss (St. Paul, Minn.) qualified for the NCAA singles tournament and advanced to the semifinals before being knocked out. Kauss and teammate Mike Burdakin ( Bettendorf, Iowa) participated in the national doubles draw and advanced to the quarterfinals before they were eliminated. Both Kauss and Burdakin received All-America honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Women’s Tennis – The Gusties cruised to their 18th consecutive MIAC regular-season title, posting a league mark of 10–0. Coach Jon Carlson’s squad went on to win the MIAC post-season tournament and finished fifth at the NCAA championships, posting an overall mark of 23–10.

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Two former varsity coaches at Gustavus Adolphus College have earned special honors in their respective sports. Former men's hockey coach Don Roberts '56 has been recognized for his lengthy and outstanding service to college hockey as the 2009 recipient of the Hobey Baker Legends of Hockey Award, and former men's basketball and golf coach Myer “Whitey” Skoog was awarded a singular honor by his alma mater, the University of Minnesota, when the university's athletics department retired his basketball jersey during a halftime ceremony at a Gopher game on Feb. 22.

Roberts’s award, presented by the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation, was presented at the foundation’s annual banquet on May 7, 2009. He was honored along with Matt Gilroy of Boston University, the 2009 Hobey Baker Award winner.

Roberts coached Gustavus to a 532–290–25 record in a career that spanned 33 seasons (1964–1997) and retired as the winningest coach in the history of Division III men’s hockey. His 532 wins rank him 12th all-time in all divisions of collegiate hockey.

Roberts served as the chair of the board and president of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) and received the John MacInnes Award from the AHCA for lifetime commitment to collegiate hockey in 1993. He was named MIAC Coach of the Year seven times (1973, 1975, 1976, 1984, 1990, 1991, and 1993) and in 1975 was named the National Coach of the Year by both the AHCA and the NAIA.

Skoog, a Brainerd, Minn., native who starred for Gopher basketball teams between 1948 and 1951, was a three-time all-conference selection and a two-time All-American. He went on to a six-year NBA career with the Minneapolis Lakers and was a key part of three NBA championship teams. He is widely credited with being the first player ever to take a jump shot in a game (in 1944, when he was a Brainerd High School player)—a talent that he perfected while at Minnesota.

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He played a key role in the fundraising and construction of the College’s ice arena, which was named in his honor in 1998, and also founded the St. Peter Youth Hockey Association in 1966, serving as its president for 12 years.

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Tim Kennedy ’82 has been sports information director at Gustavus since 1990.
Three gift planners join advancement staff

Thomas Young ’88, vice president for institutional advancement, has announced the addition of three new gift planners to his staff, Jim Rothschiller and JackieLynn Neeck Peterson ’77 joined the advancement team in April 2009, while Jacque Schwartz Brunsberg ’81 started in June. With these additions, the Office of Institutional Advancement now has a full complement of professionals to work with individuals whose gifts may support new and existing College programs.

Rothschiller comes to Gustavus from Chaska, Minn., where he most recently worked with the Center for Spiritual and Physical Healing and was senior pastor at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA). He and his wife, Sandy, also an ELCA pastor, have two daughters, the older of which—Lauren—will matriculate at Gustavus in September.

Peterson has worked in the field of communications and public relations in the Twin Cities for 13 years, the past 6 as owner of Communications Results, based in Plymouth, Minn. Her husband, the Rev. Wayne Peterson ’77, pastor of Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, is currently a member of the College’s Board of Trustees. They have two children; their daughter, Kaitlyn, is a junior at Gustavus this fall.

Brunsberg has a background in sales and business management. This includes experience as an area sales manager with Southland Corp. and as a personal finance planner with Prudential-Bache. Her husband, Jon ’79, has retired from UnitedHealth Group and is working independently as a healthcare actuarial consultant. The younger of their two children, Jordan, is a sophomore at Gustavus this fall.

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For ideas, visit the Gustavus website at gustavus.edu, clicking on “Giving to Gustavus” and then “Planned (and Estate) Giving Resources.”
Two advancement professionals promoted

Two members of the institutional advancement staff have been promoted to positions involving increased responsibility.

Aleta Lin, who has worked at Gustavus since 2007 as assistant director of the Gustavus Annual Fund, has been promoted to director of the Gustavus Annual Fund, reporting to Assistant Vice President and Director of Development William Johnson. Her responsibilities include all aspects of the College’s Annual Fund and alumni giving programs. She leads a team that includes the associate director of reunion giving, Kathryn Erlandson.

Ann Johnson, who joined the College in 2001 as the donor relations associate, has been named director of advancement services, reporting to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Thomas Young ’88. Her responsibilities include gift accounting, database management, gift planning support, and stewardship. Kristine Straumann ’07 has been hired to Johnson’s former position in donor relations.

Have you looked at the “Giving to Gustavus” website lately? Just enter gustavus.edu/giving.

The list of resources includes:
- Staff to contact for personal assistance
- Secure online giving and other electronic giving options.
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Gustavus Alumni Association

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

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Book men Donald R. Peterson ’52 (left) accompanied Books for Africa founder Thomas E. Warth on a trip to Africa to deliver books to schools and libraries in Benin, West Africa. The Minnesota-based organization has shipped over 20 million books to 45 African countries since Warth founded it in 1988. Peterson and Warth are pictured with the welcoming students of Pahou High School in Contonou, Benin, on the day the students greeted the two men when they arrived. This was Peterson’s 80th birthday in mid-March.

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John F. Thorpe, Oak Park Heights, was named a 2008 Stillwater Area High School Distinguished Alumni in 2008.
Kathleen Zimmerman Voss, St. Peter, is a retired junior high English and speech teacher from the Le Center district; her husband, Lee, is a farmer.

Jeanette Asplund Iverson, Northfield, is a retired RN.
Lorraine Holmgren Jacobson, Brimly, went to Jordan and Egypt this spring.

Arlis Swanson Almen, Oviedo, FL, is a retired college president, professor, and pastor.

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and CEO of Farm Oyl Company.
Warren Larson, North Oaks, is chairman and CEO of Midway Container, Inc. LeRoy Martinson, Valparaiso, IN, is a retired professor.
Jerome Monahan, Rochester, is retired as a CPA.
Joyce Flink Mortensen, Fort Myers, FL, is a retired teacher.
Jim Mortensen, Fort Myers, FL, is a retired school superintendent.
Don S. Nolte, Edina, is retired from RBD Dairaus.
Richard E. Ogren, St. Croix Falls, WI, is a retired business and marketing instructor.
Anna Mae Backlund Peterson, Benson, is a retired teacher.
Ellery Peterson, St. Peter, is a retired CPA.
Marion Carlson Stief-Sletten, Eden Prairie, is a retired microbiologist.
Ed Swanson, Mendota, is a retired pastor.
Harry M. Wenner, St. Cloud, is a retired educator.
Arthur Wickstrom, Fergus Falls, is retired; he served 23 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve.
Dale Windhorn, St. Peter, is retired from Bolton and Menk.

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Adelaide Rethwill Meyer, Tucson, AZ, retired as a docent at the Tucson Museum of Art. Darrell Anderson, Buffalo, is a retired co-op manager and accountant. Mike Anderson, Hot Springs Village, AR, owns and shows quarter horses with daughter Lisa. Valerie Olson Andrews, Kettering, OH, has traveled to 79 countries so far. Gladys Johnson Biltonen, Mounds View, is a retired supervisor. Frances Gabrielson Blomgren, Castro Valley, CA, is retired. Sharon Anthony Bower, Stanford, CA, is president of Confidence Training, Inc. Rhoda Roadfeldt Coca, Pasadena, CA, is retired from City of Hope. Roy E. Daumann, Eden Prairie, is a retired anesthesiologist. Jean Kirkvold Emholtz, Chisago Falls, WI, is retired. Phyllis Anderson Erickson, Faribault, is a retired teacher. Mary Lundgren Hauck, Northfield, is a retired professor and swim coach. George Hau, Winter Haven, FL, is a retired mayor. Clare Berntson Hibbard, White Bear Lake, is a retired media specialist and English teacher. Barbara Gruse Johnson, Oronville, is retired from the Marshall School District. Sylvia Johnson Johnson, White Bear Lake, is active at her church, serving as a confirmation leader. Sunday School teacher, tutor, and president of the women’s ministry. Janet Hanson Jones, St. Peter, is a retired clerical worker and sings in the choir at First Lutheran Church. Dayton Martinson, St. Peter, is retired.

Marilyn Reiten Meyer, Silver Spring, MD, is coordinator of medical records and supplies for Manor Care Potomac. Donald A. Miller, Mankato, is retired from the Mankato Public Schools. Kay Norman Noren, Shorewood, is retired. Paul W. Olson, Devon, PA, is president of ANA Laboratories. Jean Simonson Roloff, Moline, IL, is retired. Ellen Togikawa Ryusaki, Honolulu, HI, is retired from Kalani High School. Ardis Peterson Schwarz, Vero Beach, FL, is retired. Arlene Wexlax Sonday, St. Paul, is a retired teaching instructor. Marloue L. Sprain, Chisago City, is a retired dentist. Marilyn Ahlgren Stewart, West Hartford, CT, is a retired special education teacher. Paul O. Vollan, Spicer, is chairman of Lake Region Bank. Phyl Johnson Wegner, Silverthorne, CO, is retired and enjoys traveling. Shirley Thornequest Welch, Minneapolis, is retired. Shirley Johnson Wilson, Bloomington, is retired.

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Birthday Club goes on celebrating
The Gustavus Alumni Birthday Club was formed by Doreen (Dee) Bergstrom Johnson ’42 and Laverne Johnson Lofgren ’42 many years ago. At that time members were couples whose wives were members of the Sigma Delta sorority. Over the years membership has changed but always has included Gusties. The members’ ages now range from 89 to 94. They get together whenever their Gustie offspring can drive them to the party. This photo was taken in November 2008, at Interlachen Country Club. The same members had their most recent gathering at the Lowed Inn in Stillwater in May 2009.


Raaurup named “High School Hero” by CHSAA
Dennis Raaurup ’53, Littleton, CO, has been named a “High School Hero of the Week” by the Colorado High School Activities Association. The program celebrates teachers and students who have excelled in the classroom, the community, and the field of play. It also highlights outstanding individuals who have prioritized school, leadership, community involvement, athletic accomplishment, and other CHSAA-related activities into their lives and found success.
Class of 1954 – 55th Anniversary Class

Anniversary pre-party
Roommates from the Class of 1954 gathered at John and Joan Bown Wright’s cabin in Wisconsin prior to their 59th anniversary reunion on campus last May. Pictured from left are Paul Olson ’54, Janet Christenson Carlson ’53, Vic Carter ’54, Roger Carlson ’54, Andrea Olson, John Wright ’54, Joan Bown Wright ’55, and Janet Carter.
Chaffee writes book on Simon Peter
Forrest Chaffee ’54, St. Peter, MN, retired after more than 50 years as a Lutheran pastor in Minnesota and Iowa, has published a new book, More Alive under the Shadow. Following the footsteps of Simon Peter, while each of the disciples played a part in Jesus’ ministry and the formation of the early church, Simon Peter’s role was more prominent than most. His ministry and influence are still felt in the church today.

More Alive under the Shadow examines Peter’s life as recorded in the New Testament, revealing valuable lessons for us today, such as forgiveness, boldness, loyalty, and acceptance. With thought-provoking questions included, this is an excellent resource for small-group study, sermon preparation, or personal reflection. More Alive under the Shadow offers encouragement and illumination for all Christians living under Peter’s shadow. More information may be found at the CSS Publishing Company website, www.csspub.com/prod-0788026119.htm.

First Person: ‘Old Age ain’t for sissies’

by Buck Embeyg ’55

Buck Embeyg ’55, president of the Democrat Club at Gustavus, was trouble for Bill Albertson ’55, president of the Republican Club, and Bill was trouble for Buck. Some would remember the political debate the two friends had in chapel when Eisenhower opposed Stevenson for the U.S. presidency in 1944. Jim Ford ’53, later to become the chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives, chose the closing hymn. Both Bill and Buck pounced on the past records of the terrible Democrats and the dreadful Republicans. The hymn? “I look not back, God knows our fruitless efforts.”

Still seeking to be fruitful at 77, Buck is as fully involved in the political process as he was at age 20. Moving to Canada in 1959, he became involved in the newly formed New Democrat Party. Moving back to the U.S. some years later, Buck was involved in serious conflicts with the John Birch Society and anti-se eduction groups. A bullet hole in his office window was a memento of the confrontations. He was also a precinct captain for the Democrats.

Moving to Australia and teaching university classes, Buck immediately joined the Labor Party, but as the Laborites drifted to the political right he joined the Green Party in Tasmania. Then he discovered the new political reality and was to become involved in the environmental/forestry debate. The Tasmanian government was busy replacing hundreds of old-growth forests with American radiata pine plantations—hardly a good ecological solution for Australia. Buck and his Tasmanian-born wife, Joan, helped found Tasmanians Against the Pulpmill. The state government was allowing the largest pulp mill in the world to be built in the beautiful Tamar River Valley, home of 120,000 people and hundreds of green, productive businesses.

Buck and Joan began to gather signatures for their Voters’ Block, dedicated to the overthrow of Labor party politicians, Liberal party politicians, and any independent politician who wanted the pulp mill in the Valley. They now have 23,000 people in their group and have knocked off a few politicians. Buck says, “More will follow.”

New elections loom in Tasmania. Buck and Joan are in the forefront of the battle. Says Joan, “We will never give up! This mill is an abomination.” They are not home more often. “Too busy,” they say. “Retirement will have to wait.”

Buck and Joan’s adventures may be followed on their website, www.tasmanian-tiger.com
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Harold “Hap” LeVander, Woodbury, was reelected vice president of the Electric Cooperative Bar Association at its annual meeting in New Orleans last spring. Janice Helgeson Olson, Richmond, VA, has received a Distinguished Service Award from the Shepherd’s Center of Richmond in recognition of her role in the development and successful operation of the center during the past 25 years. She served as executive director from 1993 to 2004 and was instrumental in expanding offerings of the center’s Open University and in increasing funding and bequests for the organization; in her retirement, she has become a senior services volunteer for the center, helping elderly citizens in a variety of ways. Sharon Peterson Silcock, Whitehall, MT, is a retired real estate agent.

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Shumate leads innovative Irish theatre school
Anne Shumate ’60, Glenmuir, Ireland, moved to Ireland in 1972 to pursue a theatrical stage career and is the founder, director, and former teacher of Innovations Theatre School. Innovations Theatre School is one of southeast Ireland’s premier performing arts schools, with many different classes and workshops running year round. The goal of Innovations is to teach students the three areas of performing arts—drama, dance, and song. Students from the ages of 7 to 18 attend weekly classes in Avoca, Co. Wicklow, and Gorey, Co. Wexford, and every Christmas and spring, professional productions are staged showcasing their amazing talents. Many students are afforded the chance to gain valuable behind-the-scenes experience, working backstage with make-up, costumes, props, sets, and more, making Innovations a ‘theatre’ school in every sense of the word. Shumate is also the founder, director, and former teacher of the Performing Arts School Galway, as well as the Performing Arts Stage Schools in Avoca and Gorey.

Shumate has had a successful stage career as an actress/singer and become known as the Queen of Musical Comedy. She has won nine international awards for her performances in various musicals, including the Irish premieres of Zorba and Into the Woods. In addition to musical comedy, Anne is also an accomplished dramatic actress, specializing in the works of American playwrights such as Tennessee Williams. She has appeared in television and films as well as in theatre and on the cabaret circuit. She has also performed frequently on the Continent, particularly in Germany and Switzerland, and in the U.S. In addition to her on-stage career, Anne is an experienced director of plays and musicals and has received two international awards for best director. Learn more at www.innovations.ie.
Class of 1964 – 45th Anniversary Class: “Friday night revelers”

Lynn Ostebro Peterson, Colorado Springs, CO, is a history instructor at Colorado State University at Pueblo. Joanie H. Poquet, Santa Rosa, CA, volunteers at the Children’s Museum of the North Bay and 6th Street Playhouse. Don F. Rahn, Topsham, ME, is a retired sales representative. Sharon Nelson Rahn, Topsham, ME, is a master gardener volunteer and former congregational coordinator for the Maine chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Penny Johnson Rodman, Ramsey, MN, is enjoying retirement, especially spending time with her 8 grandchildren. Jon C. Romer, Cass Lake, is a retired professor of music. Ken Schoonrock, Minneapolis, is retired. Marys Sanders Silverson, Maplewood, is retired. Ken E. Slinde, Bloomington, is retired from the U.S. Postal Service. David B. Spong, Chanhassen, is a retired pastor. Marilyn Lawton Tammi, Holland, MI, is a retired teacher. Miriam Borg Teeter, Palo Alto, CA, is active in church and enjoys traveling. Nancy Johnson Vrieze, Rice Lake, WI, is a retired teacher. Marys Olson Waldon, Cambridge, MN, is an executive at Altair Instruments, Inc. James E. Welte, Rockford, IL, is a funeral director and co-owner of Julian-Poorman-Welte Funeral Home. Charles E. Westerberg, Shoreview, is a member at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Noel Ostrom Whited, West Palm Beach, FL, is retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Dennis Youngerberg, Springfield, is a farmer. Jean Kenst Youngerberg, Springfield, enjoys spending time with her 10 grandchildren.

Jack Johnson, Stillwater, is retired from teaching at the University of Minnesota. Kathryn Nickelson Larson, Brush, CO, is a nursing instructor at Morgan County Community College. Ken Olson, Waukon, IA, is practicing family medicine. Gloria Johnson Spong, Chanhassen, is a pre-school director at Oak Knoll Christian Pre-School.

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Tennis GALA

October 10, 2009

The 18th annual Gustavus Tennis GALA is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at the Swanson Tennis Center. Gustie friends from across the country will attend, so join us for an exciting morning 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 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served all morning. 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.

9 a.m. Registration for alumni players and spectators
9:50 a.m. Round-robin play begins
12:10 p.m. Award ceremony and lunch

Luedtke’s visit in Norway

Last June Luther and Carol Lindstrom Luedtke ‘55 ’67 visited Stein Mydske ’65 at his home in Fredrikstad, Norway. The Luedtkes were travelling to Oslo to have talks with former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik, who also is a good friend of Mydske from the Free Theological Seminary in Oslo, where both took their master’s degrees in theology.

Lynn Ostebro Peterson, Colorado Springs, CO, is a history instructor at Colorado State University at Pueblo. Joanie H. Poquet, Santa Rosa, CA, volunteers at the Children’s Museum of the North Bay and 6th Street Playhouse. Don F. Rahn, Topsham, ME, is a retired sales representative. Sharon Nelson Rahn, Topsham, ME, is a master gardener volunteer and former congregational coordinator for the Maine chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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Sixty-five Alumni Fall 1966 celebrated their 65th birthdays in Ft. Myers, FL, after a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico. Pictured on staircases from top to bottom sporting their “GAC Class of ’66 Spring Break ’09” shirts are Dave Dovenberg, Dave Franzen, Tom Tomfohr, and Tom Christenson.

A g e • Linda Kleiner Cole, Colleyville, TX, is a co-owner and builder developer at Lany Cole Companies • Todd Cran, Bloomington, is retired from Medica • Sandra Nelson Danger, Braham, is a substitute teacher at Mora High School and Rush City Schools • Terry M. Danger, Hollywood, FL, is a pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church • Jean Sieveke Dovenberg, Plymouth, is a retired pre-school teacher • Jane Melby Driscoll, Hastings, is retired but still substitute teaches at Cottage Grove Junior High School • Kathy Mayeke Edwards, Babbitt, is a retired teacher • John J. Elsinger, Carmel Valley, CA, is an orthodontist • Ann Martens Fischer, Rochester, is a retired teacher • John C. Gantzke, Los Lunas, NM, is special accounts manager at New Mexico Mutual Group • Gregg Gunderson, Mankato, is a senior manager partner at Pinnacle Executives Solutions, LLC • Cynthia Bliemquist Gustavson, Tulsa, OK, is a self-employed psychotherapist • Karin Johnson Heffeman, Miami shores, FL, is an art teacher at St. Rose of Lima Elementary School • Mobie Hobart, Hayward, WI, is co-owner of Dunn and Associates • Steve Hogberg, St. Peter, is retired from gift programming at Gustavus Adolphus College • Lynn Schaefer Holmes, Nisswa, is a pharmacy team leader at Target Corporation • Jan Horak, Tofte, is owner of Cobblestone Cabins • Karen Alrick Jafvert, New Brighton, is a salesperson at Nordstrom • Bruce N. Johnson, Lindstrom, is an attorney at Johnson, Gudhoeff, and Alliegio, LLC • Gary M. Johnson, St. Paul, is a partner at Dorsey and Whitney, LLP and president of Dorsey and Whitney Trust Company • Judith Jagusch Johnson, Stillwater, is retired from teaching at the University of Minnesota • Lynn Fairweather Johnson, Edina, is a self-employed technical editor • Todd W. Johnson, Minneapolis, is retired from 3M • Cheryl Meyer Klein, Sagle, ID, is an athletic director at Sand Point High School • Darius I. Larsen, Big Sky, MT, is pastor at All Saints • Elaine Tegmeyer Larson, Ames, IA, is co-owner and manager of Travel Genre Maps • David Leitzman, St. Joseph, is director of teacher education at the College of St. Benedict • Jane Norman Leitzman, St. Joseph, is an English and language arts teacher at the Paynesville ISD • Anita Youngquist Lindquist, Fort Dodge, IA, is an adjunct instructor at Iowa Central Community College • Cindy Altemose Losch, Hallock, is an RN and unit coordinator at Kittson Memorial Health Care Center • Paul M. Madsen, Willow Grove, PA, is a supervisor at Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories • Pat E. Mckusky, St. Paul, is retired from teaching • Donald Morris, Vero Beach, FL, is a retired physician • Laura Olson Newton, Cambridge, is an RN at Fairview Lakes Home Caring and Hospice • Stephen Newton, Cambridge, is a senior pastor at Lakeside Christian Church • Steven J. Nielsen, Excelsior, is president of Bassett Creek Dental, PA • John Onod, Chanhassen, is executive director of LifeLift Institute • Rebecca Lund Ottemness, St. Peter, is an RN staff nurse at Immanuel St. Joseph’s Mayo Health System • David J. Payne, Minnetonka, owns AF’s Liquors • Marilyn Strachan Peterson, Sacramento, CA, is program chief, department of pediatrics at University of California, Davis Medical Center • Katherine Thorsen Poppen, Eagan, is retired from Blue Cross • Brenda Larson Reinholz, St. Peter, is a retired professor • Peter K. Rodman, Sioux Falls, SD, is an orthopedic surgeon at the Orthopedic Institute • Robert D. Saeger, Scottsdale, AZ, is a dentist • Howard N. Sandin, Ironwood, MI, is an OB/GYN physician at Duluth Clinic-Ashland • Dale V. Searles, Hopkins, is a retired associate principal • Jean Nord Searles, Hopkins, is a retired administrator • Jack Settler, Duluth, is a retired lawyer • Blake Shelton, Plymouth, is retired vice-president of Wells Fargo • Valerie Silrum-Boyer, Bozeman, MT, is retired and winters in Mexico • Linda Hoppe Snell, St. Louis Park, is a retired teacher • Paul Straw, Merrill, WI, is an adjunct teacher of education at Marian University • Becky Blisterfeld Strand, Merrill, WI, is a substitute teacher in the Merrill School District • Douglas Swanson, Fayetteville, PA, is owner of Douglas R. Swanson, CPA • Bob Swanson, Hermantown, retired from teaching fourth grade • Jerry Thompson, Bemidji, is a recently retired physician and surgeon • M. A. Walthstrand, Phoenix, AZ, is a manager at Honeywell, Inc • Greta Volk Weisser, Minneapolis, is a senior business analyst at EMP • Jim Wheeler, Antioch, CA, is a retired senior vice president of World Savings Bank • Susan Weber Wickstrom, Espomning, MI, is a retired nurse • Diane Delay Wolfschlag, Fairmont, is a high school English teacher in the Fairmont School District • Nancy DeWeese Wonischn, A1030 Vienna, Austria, is a finance clerk for the IAEA-United Nations • Jane Lindberg Wood, La Crosse, WI, is retired • Robert J. Wright, St. Peter, owns Whiskey River • Ted L. Zinner, West St. Paul, is self-employed.

Class Agent: Cindy Turner Purdy

Dale L. Acton, Prior Lake, is a vice president at Furl Financial • Susan Linder Bates, North Oaks, is a retired teacher • Jay C. Brown, Montevideo, is a retired special education teacher • Anne Edman Carlson, St. Paul, is a retired school librarian • Kathy Anderson Gunderson, Manito, is a media specialist in the Mankato Area Public Schools • Nancy Carlson Shelton, Plymouth, is an RN at HealthPartners, Inc • Audrey Weckworth Vernon, Edina, is retired from the Edina ISD #273 • Julienne Wood, Shreveport, LA, completed 10 years of service at Louisiana State University – Shreveport.

Class Agent: Bruce Johnson

Marc R. Buning, Wheaton, IL, is a math teacher and tennis coach at St. Francis High School • Karen Erickson McConville, Hudson, WI, is clinical director of maternity care at HealthEast St. Joseph’s Hospital • B. Elaine Depkong Odette, St. Cloud, is a retired assistant principal • Bert B. Peterson, St. Paul, was a contributing author to the 2006 book School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text • Marjorie Aasness Schaffer, Eden Prairie, co-authored a book titled A Nurse’s Resource to End-of-Life Nursing Communication • Jana Soeldner-Danger, Hollywood, FL, is a society columnist and real estate writer for the Miami Herald • Gail Stall, Minneapolis, is a writer • Richard P. Swenson, Dublin, OH, is a professor in the Department of Biochemistry at The Ohio State University.

Class Agent: Todd Dokken

Mary Johnson Rialson, Tracy, recently retired and is now substitute teaching • Durene Doering Rogers, Salem, VA, is retired and does teacher training for a language program • Dave E. Shumway, Northfield, is CEO of First National Bank of Northfield and was named Chamber Business Person of the Year • James S. Thompson, Burnsville, is vice president of sales at Miller Manufacturing Company.
Brekke family in China

Five of six Brekke siblings, children of the late Gustavus Professor Gerald Brekke, spent two weeks together in Beijing April 24–May 7. (Brother Wayne ’70 was not able to join them.) Sites visited during their trip included the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs, the Olympic Village, the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Lama Temple and Houhai, the old Hutong district, the Pearl Market, and the Temple of Heaven. Pictured at the Great Wall are Bill Brekke ’72, Barbara ’74, and Susan Brekke-Benson ’69. Bill Brekke is finishing his fifth year as head of the U.S. Department of Commerce in China, and Sue Brekke-Benson is on a 10-month assignment at an international bilingual school.
Gustie nurses provide public health leadership

Patricia Geber Adams ’70 (right) and Bonnie Modsen Brusheff ’79 (left) were featured in the winter 2009 issue of Advances, the quarterly magazine of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, in an article focused on three decades of leadership at Dakota County Public Health.

Donna Anderson, pictured center above with Adams and Brusheff, was the first public health director in Dakota County from 1979 to 2001. Patricia Adams served as the director from 2001 to 2008 and is now the assistant commissioner of health at the Minnesota Department of Health. Brusheff, who started at the county in 1990 as a public health supervisor (hired by Adams), is completing her first year as the current public health director. Dakota County is recognized as one of the top public health departments in the state.

Snorkeling the Maldives

Last March Paul Hoff ’72, Tokyo, Japan, visited Norm Quinn ’71 in Mala, the capital of the Maldives, where Quinn is using a Fulbright grant to help the Maldivian government monitor the islands’ coral. Hoff (center) and his wife, Naomi, visited Quinn and spent a few days snorkeling on various coral reefs around the Sheraton resort.

Larson, Rochester, is medical director of the kidney and pancreas transplant program at Mayo Clinic.

Cheryl A. Olson, Shoreview, is director of clinical resource development and community partnerships at the School of Health at St. Catherine University.

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Jeff J. Adamsheck, Minnetonka, is a regional director for Symantec Software. Steven Anderson, Rosemount, is owner of PaperFlow.

Robin Ast Beito, Granite Falls, is an RN at Avera Marshall Hospital.

Stephanie Wrightsman Birch, Anchorage, AK, is a nurse practitioner at the Department of Public Health.

Kevin J. Bjork, Stillwater, is a general surgeon in the Stillwater Medical Group.

Jeremy Bork, Mahtomedi, owns WAI Continuum.

Kathy Gordon Buchholz, Afton, serves on the Stillwater Area Public Schools School Board.

Cindy Swenson Burkel, Eagan, is director of employee benefits at Agribank.

Nancy Nelson Byron, Plymouth, is a workforce analyst with Optum Health.

Linda Haminnen Carlyn, Maple Grove, is a clinical nurse specialist and clinical instructor at the University of Minnesota.

Carol Rintala Carter, Fernandina Beach, FL, is director of customer development at Biomet Microsurgery.

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Barb Hawes Ellingboe, Kandyohi, is office manager at Designed Environments.

Kari Sliewert Evans, Gaylord, is a public health nurse in Sibley County.

Paula Manning Frege, Longmont, CO, is a self-employed interior designer.

Patricia J. Farkas, Lafayette, LA, is a nurse anesthetist and is currently a homemaker.

Susan Wilke Follese, Fairbanks, AK, is a nurse anesthetist and is currently a homemaker.

Mike Stanch

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Patricia A. Pelikka, Rochester, is a cardiologist and professor of medicine at Mayo Clinic and Medical School.
Susan Holbrook Perdue, Palmyra, VA, is director of Documents Compass at the University of Virginia.
Brian L. Peterson, St. Paul, is senior associate director of undergraduate admission at Hamline University.
Jodi Johnson Petrinovich, Lakewood, WA, is a physical therapist and owner of STAR Physical Therapy.
Joyce Slater Pope, Excelsior, teaches third grade in the Waconia School District.
Rick D. Prahl, Janesville, is a supervisor at Itron.
Johnson Rosenberg, Eden Prairie, is vice president of F & I Institutional Trust Services.
Karl L. Ruser, Center City, is owner and farmer for Landscape Alternatives, Inc.
R. Paul Rutt, Burnsville, is a teacher and PE specialist in the Lakeville ISD.
David E. Schauer, Winthrop, is an attorney with Schauer Law Offices.
Kathy Wieland Schleif, Maple Grove, is a real estate closer for MSP Title, Inc.
Carolyn Wehking Scholz, Eden Prairie, is a preschool teacher at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.
Carolyn Telgum Schultz, Madelia, is employed at Madelia Community Hospital.
Dave Schutz, Glendale, AZ, is owner/artist at Painted Desert Galleries.

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Marynia S. Wronski, Minneapolis, is a physical therapist at Park Nicollet.
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Paul J. Holbach, Georgetown, ME, is head coach of the Bowdoin College women’s tennis team.
Karen Dyer Howells, Long Lake, is employed at Snap Fitness.
Josey Hardman Nielsen, Duluth, is assistant professor in the school of nursing at the College of St. Scholastica.
Amy Dunlevy Odgren, Eau Claire, WI, is assistant to the bishop of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod.
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Sue Miller Skinner, Brainerd, is director of regional operations and business development for Minneapolis Heart Institute/Northwestern Hospital.
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Steve Heltzeg, St. Paul, composed While We Breathe, We Hope (Fanfare for Obama).
Nancy J. Hilleren, Lawton, MI, is in pediatrics at Bright Futures Pediatrics.
Kathy Ophel Johnson, Chicago City, is a Realtor for Coldwell Banker Burnet.
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Paul K. Nielsen, Burnsville, is employed at Barr Engineering.
Rodney D. Provart, Hopkins, is senior director of meeting and events at Carlson Marketing Worldwide.
Sonja Jensen Wastvedt, New Wilmington, PA, is a literacy coach at Wilmington Schools.

Young receives outstanding female doctor award
When Jean Bjoring Young ’70 graduated from Gustavus, little did she know that 39 years later she would be receiving a national award for her medical work in deprived rural areas of Ghana. On May 30, 2009, Young received the Outstanding Female Doctor Award in the first Ghana Women’s Awards ceremony held in Accra, the capital of Ghana. Sponsored by the Ministry of Women and Children, this ceremony sought to highlight the achievements of outstanding women in numerous categories. In a country where many girls children are still deprived of an education or are forced to leave school prematurely, MONAIC is seeking to use this ceremony to encourage girls to enlarge their vision and to follow their dreams. The inscription on her plaque reads as follows:
Distinguished Friend of the Republic of Ghana.
Medical Superintendent, Saboba Medical Centre, Northern Region, Ghana Missionary who values the life of others more than hers and risked her life by staying back to save lives during the 1994 infamous Northern Ethnic Conflict when even most indigenes had fled the area.
Dedicated Medical Officer and Philanthropist who has spearheaded the upgrading of Saboba Medical Centre to a District Hospital.
Compassionate Missionary who seeks the physical as well as the spiritual wellbeing of the people, a life worthy of emulation.
The organizers of the Ghana Women’s Awards as an expression of high esteem and in recognition of noted exceptional attainments confer upon Jean Ann Young this Outstanding Female Doctor Award on May 30, 2009.
Performing at Lake Harriet
Lee Dummer ’75 was the featured euphonium soloist for two selections when the Bloomington Medallist Concert Band performed at the Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis on June 24 under the baton of guest conductor Lee Dummer ’75, president of the alumni association at the Senior Fiesta. White and the Grads in class of 2009 join ranks of alumni toast. Class agents from left are Holly Andersen, Shawn Grygo, Maria Siegle, Nicole Parris, and Chris Edebrock.

Alumna pens new memoir
Sue Busch Leaf ’75, a freelance writer whose essays have appeared in Minnesota Monthly, the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, and the Utne Reader, has completed a new book to be published in September. The Bullhead Queen: A Year on Pioneer Lake is a collection of meditations on the places Leaf sees every day on the lake near her home in Center City, MN. Following the liturgical calendar, Leaf chronicles the change of seasons over the year, contemplating how her relationship to nature has been colored by the Christian theology of her childhood.

A former college instructor in biology and environmental science who holds a doctorate in zoology from the University of Minnesota, Leaf is the author of an earlier book, Potato City: History, Nature, and Community in the Age of Spawl.

**Erickson named president at Hocking College**

Ronald Erickson ’78 has been named president of Hocking College by the college’s board of trustees. Hocking College, located in Nelsonville, OH, approximately 60 miles southeast of Columbus, was established in 1967 and has more than 5,500 students and 847 full- and part-time faculty and staff. Erickson’s appointment was effective July 1. Erickson had served since 2004 as vice president of academic affairs and institutional planning at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN. Prior to that, he was dean of design, health, and human services at DCTC from 2003 to 2004; served as dean for academic affairs at Adrian College Community College in Queensbury, NY; and was dean of instruction at Rainy River Community College in International Falls. Erickson received his Ph.D. in education policy and administration from the University of Minnesota and a master of arts degree in educational child care from the University of South Florida.

**Hakensen receives public relations professional achievement award**

The Minnesota Public Relations Society of America has honored David Hakensen ’81, Minneapolis, with the Donald G. Pedilla Distinguished Practitioner Award. The award recognizes an individual who is judged to have made selfless contributions to the community and to the mission of PRSA, and who has demonstrated exceptional professional achievement. Along with the award, Minnesota PRSA will contribute $500 to a charity of Hakensen’s choice. Pedilla Speer Beardsley will donate another $500 to the same organization.

During Hakensen’s 25-year career, he has become a sought-after counselor who provides strategic counsel to senior management and who understands the importance of leveraging communications and public relations to support business objectives. He has a broad range of agency and corporate experience, with particular expertise in strategic media relations, crisis communications, issues management, and merger and acquisition communications. Most recently he was vice president, public relations, at Pearson Education in Bloomington.

A PRSA member since 1981, Hakensen has been a loyal and active advocate, volunteer, and leader in the organization and the profession it supports. He has a keen interest in giving back to his profession and has held PRSA leadership positions that include Minnesota Chapter Board of Directors (1996–2001); president of the Minnesota Chapter (2000); national chair for the Senior Advisory Task Force (2001); member of the National Nominating Committee (2000); and chair of the Midwest District (2006–2008).

**Osborn Kreuser**, Maple Grove, is business strategy and partnership manager for business cards and debit cards at US Bank. **Karen L. Enstrom**, Washington, DC, is an economic counselor for the U.S. Department of State. **Pam Conrad Greene**, San Jose, CA, completed the Big Sur International Marathon in April and works for a dermatology office and at Fleming Jenkins Vineyards and Winery. **Amy Swedberg Hinrichs**, Oconomowoc, WI, is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.

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Hiking with Scouts in New Mexico

Last summer brought a couple of Gusties together at Philmont Scout Ranch, the national Boy Scout hiking and backpacking high adventure base in northeastern New Mexico. Glenn Perkins ’80 and Mike Petersen ’81 attended, each with one of their sons as well as members of their respective troops from Edina and St. Anthony. They are pictured with the Gustavus flag atop the Both of Time in the Sangre de Christo Range of the Rocky Mountains.

Over 30,000 Scouts attend the base each summer. The eleven-man crew hiked over 75 miles during their 13-day adventure. Perkins and Petersen were also classmates and 1985 graduates from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Perkins is a partner at Eagan Valley Dental and Petersen owns Prim Rose Family Dental in Roseville.

Larson elected to orthodontic leadership

Brent E. Larson ’78, Roseville, has been elected to represent the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists on the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists. Larson is the orthodontic division director and associate professor of orthodontics at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and has an orthodontic practice in Rochester. The AAO is the world’s oldest and largest dental specialty organization. The MSO is one of eight constituent groups of the AAO, serving orthodontists practicing in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

An orthodontist in Rochester, MN, since 1996, Larson was formerly the orthodontic program director at the Mayo Clinic and assistant professor in the department of dental specialties at the Mayo Medical School. His dental degree is from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, where he graduated first in his dental school class. He completed the orthodontic residency and education program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also received a master of science degree from UNC. Larson also completed a general practice residency in dentistry at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. As an Air Force officer, he served as a general dentist at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in New York and later as chief of orthodontics and quality assurance coordinator at Torrejon Air Base in Spain.

Author of numerous articles in KDO-DD, the Journal of Dental Education, and other publications, Larson has written on clinical and educational topics and on research conducted on orthodontic tooth movement in the rat. He has lectured throughout the United States on orthodontic imaging and other clinical topics as well as orthodontic educational issues. Awards and honors presented to Dr. Larson include the Mayo Clinic Teachers Hall of Fame and Teacher of the Year, Department of Dental Specialties at the Mayo Clinic. He received the Earl A. Sheppard Award of Distinction from the American Board of Orthodontics for the highest achievement on the written board exam.

Kimberly Sebens Brown, Maple Grove, is a self employed accountant. Jennifer Parker Cloffy, Calgary, Alberta, is the chief strategy officer for Venture Communications. Kellie Cottrill, Stillwater, is a self employed certified bodyworker specializing in chronic pain. Dave Deyak, Alexandria, VA, is lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. Scott D. Deyo, Inver Grove Heights, is a project manager/business analyst for US Bank. Amanda M. Eggers, Minneapolis, is a librarian for the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. Kris Berkland Evenson, Minnesota Lake, is employed at Carlson Craft. Alan R. Fitterer, Lonsdale, is a principal in the Montgomery-Lonsdale ISO 394. Molly Fink Flaspohler, Moorhead, is chair of reference services at Concordia College. Laura Tollefson Franco, Roseville, is a physical therapist at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital. Shari Adams Frisbie, River Falls, WI, is vice president of marketing and operations at Frisbie Architects, Inc.

Gregg S. Goede, Lakeville, is vice president of ABC Financial Services. Bradley P. Gray, Minneapolis, is a sales manager at Augsburg Fortress Publishers. Kimberly Bundgaard Gray, Plymouth, is a chiropractor and owner of Bass Lake Chiropractic Clinic, PA. Sara J. Hansen, North Mankato, works part time as an independent marketing research consultant and serves on the Mankato School Board. Robert E. Henderson, Denver, CO, is in sales for Perico Life Insurance Co. Char Henn, Red Wing, is CEO and director of Goodhue County Historical Society. Kristin Chioldi Hoffman, St. Michael, is an account manager at Destination Concepts. Keith N. Jackson, Minneapolis, is an attorney at Decare Dental. Reil A. Jaeger, Eden Prairie, is general parts manager at Interstate Companies. Ann Sorensen Johnson, Roberts, WI, is an injury operations manager at Progressive Insurance. Tracey Plaisted Johnson, Prior Lake, is a professional sales representative for Schering-Plough Corporation. Tony A. Jurek, Hudson, WI, is in practice principal payer services at Hewlett Packard. Amy Lacock Kennedy, Needham, MA, is a board member of Baby Basics, Inc. Bruce M. Kleven, Edina, is a self employed attorney and lobbyist. Dana Johnson Koch, Zimmerman, is a stay-at-home mom. Jeff B. Krakower, River Edge, NJ, is vice president of marketing and operations at Frisbie Architects, Inc.

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Tawnda Lawhead Bickford, Eden Prairie, received the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching. Beth Beach Bryant, St. Louis Park, is a partner with Clug, Linder, Bittberner & Bryant, Ltd.

Deborah McNeil Okon, Los Lunas, NM, is volunteering as the Federal Advocacy Coordinator for New Mexico, leading state psychologists in grassroots efforts to advance the profession of psychology, for the American Psychological Association Practice Organization.

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Mindy Mayerchak Oosten, Northville, MI, is chief actuary for GMAC Insurance. Tammy Bonnes Root, Oakdale, teaches preschool at Gethsemane Lutheran.

Dan B. Snyder, North Mankato, is a medical scientific manager for Allergan, Inc. Dan Utoft, Minneapolis, is a financial adviser for Morgan Stanley.

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Tim Ackerman, Minneapolis, is a social studies teacher in the Mounds View ISO 8621. Tim R. Asplund, Madison, WI, is a water resource specialist at Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Stacy Benfield, Rochester, is a software engineer at IBM Corporation. Lisa Zanielski Blevins, Glenwood, is a choir director in the Alexandria ISO #206.
New Prague ISD #721, Oakdale, is a science teacher. Lenard R. Luoma teaches eighth-grade math in River Falls, WI, for Beckman Coulter, Inc., an immunochemistry product specialist.

An English teacher at the American School, Lake Worth, FL, is Harrison Meyer, who recently earned her certification with the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

Carleton College, Oviedo, FL, is a regional director for O’Reilly Media, an IT manager for Delta Airlines. Anderson Vanella, Eden Prairie, is in accounting at Rust Consulting, Inc.

Robyn Rucks Woods, Kasota, MN, is a self-employed psychologist.

Valley, is enterprise applications and technology architect for Digital Cyclone, Eden Prairie, is a self-employed consultant. Renae Witte McKimm, Hutchinson, is controller for McKimm Milk Transit.

Diana Harrison Meyer, Lake Worth, FL, is an English teacher at the American Heritage School. Janelle A. Miller, Fishers, IN, is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital.

Christopher J. Montague, Spokane, WA, is employed at Inzynce Pathology.

Michael J. Mussy, Gaylakale, IL, is owner of MSG Limited.

Kris Nelson-Noble, Deer Grove, IL, is an adolescent substance abuse counselor for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Adrian Ludvigson Olsen, Shakopee, is a substitute teacher in the Shakopee Public Schools.

Anjeanette Perkins, Indianapolis, IN, is a research assistant at Christian Theological Seminary.

Laurie Altman Peterson, Brooklyn Park, is an account manager at Medica.

Barbie Pietz, Madison, WI, teaches eighth-grade math in the Madison Metro YS B777.

Shaleigh Jones Pysick, Albertville, is a project manager at New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

Amy Hildebrandt Schlueter, Minnetonka, is an administrative assistant for Keller Williams Premier Realty.

Katie Holm Setterlund, Alma, MI, is an insurance agent.

Tia Gosse Slate, Brule, WI, is a substitute teacher.

Kristen Osterberg Tangen, Lincoln, NE, teaches French and is the World Language Department Chair at Lincoln Public Schools.

Bryan Tschida, Inver Grove Heights, is an agent at American Family Insurance.

Kris Anderson Vanella, Eden Prairie, is office manager at Receptors, LLC.

David L. Wehrenberg, Mount Juliet, TN, is a regional director for O’Reilly Automotive.

Jeff L. Welland, Plymouth, is teacher and head football coach at Orono High School and was named Metro Football Coach of the Year by KARE 11. Doug M. Wettergren, Alameda, CA, is a global account manager at Envirotainer.

Tamara Blackmer Williamson, Morgantown, WV, is an attorney with Spillman Thomas and Battle.

Lynn M. Wolander, Rosemount, is an accounting at Rust Consulting, Inc.

Barbie Pietz, Madison, WI, is one of eleven teachers named finalists in the 2009 Minnesota Fringe Festival. The play tells the story of Father Padraig Bones, who returns after 13 years to Kilkieran Valley, where he faces rebellious farmers, double-crossing land agents, conviving British soldiers, and a fickle food supply.

Gustavus and southern Minnesota connections run throughout the production: Professor emeritus and longtime Gustavus theatre director Bob Gardner provided periodic feedback on Lundy’s script, and freelance journalist William Randall Beard ’78 critiqued Bowen’s original musical score and lyrics. A current Gustavus student, Christian DeMarais ’11, was a cast member during the festival, and the lead role was played by Andrew D. Umphrey, a Minnesota State Mankato graduate. The Red Tureen had five performances at the University of Minnesota’s Rarig Thrust Stage during the festival.

Scandinavians in Baghdad

Peter Ford ’84 completed his tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq, where he was director, Office of Hostage Affairs, at the U.S. Embassy for the past 18 months, six months as an Army Reservist and one year with the State Department. After training this summer, Ford will study for a master’s degree in strategic intelligence at the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C. Ford is pictured far right in the photo along with American, Danish, and Swedish embassies celebrating as members of the Baghdad Scandinavian Club, which Ford founded. It was originally a Swedish club, but since there is a Danish Embassy located in the International Zone, the Club was opened up to all Scandinavian countries.

Gustavus veterans’ group on Facebook

Steve Parry ’84, Stillwater, has organized a Gustavus veterans’ group on Facebook called Gustavus Alumnus College Veterans. Gusties who have served in the armed forces are encouraged to join the group as a way to organize, communicate, gather, and provide support.

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Diana Jensen Cramer has been accepted at Gonzaga University School of Law and awarded a merit scholarship for the three-year J.D. program; she is moving to Spokane with her husband, Laurence, to begin her studies in the Fall of 2009.

Julia Johnson Danchertsen, Owasso, OK, is an applications developer at Labric Systems.

Barb Eckstein, Kayenta, AZ, is teaching second grade on a Navajo reservation.

Janna Koenig, St. Louis Park, is a data analyst at Optum Health.

Jim F. Roberge, Zimmerman, has been named head of CalBank Minneapolis/Fargo Banking Center.

John Sweeney, Middleton, WI, is director of operations at Mainstreet Mechanical.

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Marcia Swanson Anderson, Owatonna, is one of eleven teachers named finalists in the 2009 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Program. She teaches high school math in Owatonna.

Nikki Bell-Sitzman, Minneapolis, teaches fourth grade in the Minnetonka Public Schools.

Troy D. Gies, Hallandale Beach, FL, was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee to Broward County’s Solid Waste Authority.

Peter A. Hultgren, Woodbury, is a senior signal engineer at Xcel.

Mike Jessop, Eden Prairie, is owner of Schooley Mitchell Telecom Consultants.

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Thomas R. Gnotke, Frontenac, is financial director at Prairie Island Tribal Council.

Bonnie Schmidt Johnson, Stewartville, is an inpatient psychiatric nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital.

Eric J.G. Lennartsson, Eagle Lake, earned his Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design professional accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council and is employed at Paulsen Architects.

Terri Mineau, Minneapolis, is an ELL teacher in Columbus Heights Public Schools.

Blake R. Nelson, Eden Prairie, is a board member at Minnesota Bank and Trust and was selected for 40 Under Forty by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

John H. Obeg, Woodbury, is a financial consultant, CFF, with Fiduciary Counseling, Inc.

Meena Sharf Fry, Waterloo, Ontario, is an assistant professor at Wilfrid Laurier University.

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Jennifer Bowden Brickley, Rochester, is a pediatrics nurse at Mayo Clinic.
Peterson receives teaching award
Steve Peterson ’82, Decorah, IA, has been awarded the Eleanor M. Johnson Award by the International Reading Association. The award recognizes an outstanding elementary classroom teacher of reading/language arts. It honors Eleanor M. Johnson, founder and editor-in-chief of Weekly Reader, who died in 1987. It carries a U.S. $1,000 prize supported by a grant from Weekly Reader Corporation.

Peterson is a third-grade teacher in the Decorah Community School District. Teaching elementary school is a second career he began in his early 40s. This is his seventh year teaching at the elementary level. Previously, he taught United States politics and government, U.S. history, and writing at the college and community college levels and also worked in northern Wisconsin with Native American youth at risk of becoming high school dropouts. He holds a master’s degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota and one in literacy education from the University of Iowa. Peterson majored in biology at Gustavus and also holds a bachelor’s degree in education and special education from Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa.

In his classroom, the vital links between writing, reading, creativity, and the joy of learning are emphasized and students’ work is published on a classroom website. His students created a podcast project called “Our Own: A Child’s Eye View of Decorah,” in which the children wrote about their favorite place in Decorah. They published their work as an enhanced podcast on the class website and the Decorah Chamber of Commerce linked to it to promote education and the local area.

Correction
Gnomes misprinted the URL of The-UpTake’s website in the profile of Jason Barnett ’93, founder and executive director of the Minnesota-based citizen-journalist organization, that ran in the Summer 2009 issue of the Quarterly. The website for Barnett’s organization is found at theuptake.org. Our apologies.

In mid-June, KARE 11 television’s website featured Barnett and The UpTake in a story about the role of citizen journalists in Iran when professional reporters and news teams were denied access to the demonstrations occurring in the aftermath of the disputed presidential election. In addition, The UpTake’s website was one of three Internet sites to win a 2009 Dot Org Award for Excellence Online from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.

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Robin Bittner Aden, Sioux Falls, SD, is vice president and senior trust team manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

Vos elected board chair of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
Jim Vos ’84, Golden Valley, principal with CresaPartners, The Tenant’s Advantage, has been elected chair of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. With his election, he becomes the third of the past four chairs who is a Gustavus graduate. The other two are Gerald Hoffman ’59 and Paul Batz ’85.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is over 140 years old and touches the lives of more than 100,000 Minnesotans each year. LSSM has nearly 2,500 employees and over 10,000 volunteers each year providing services in every county of the state.

Vos is a busi-
nursing at Bethesda Home Health ■ Drew W. Storley, Rosemount, is dean of students at Rosemount High School and defensive coordinator for the football team ■ Maria L. Tholl, Eden Prairie, is a physician with Park Nicollet Health Systems ■ Sheldon E. Wagner, La Crosse, WI, is an athletic trainer for Gunderson Lutheran Sports Medicine ■ Jason A. Westra, Denver, CO, is employed by EnRoute Traffic Systems, Inc.

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All in the family

When first-year student Sophie Donnelly ’13 graduated from Wheaton (MN) High School last spring, her Gustie family was in attendance. Pictured from left are Brenda Frisk Erikstrup ’08, Renee Radjenovich Donnelly ’88, Adam Holmes ’97, Anna Radjenovich Holmes ’97, Paul Radjenovich ’00 and Sophie Donnelly ’13. Not pictured is family member Chris Erikstrup ’84.
Flaten receives excellence in teaching award

David Flaten ’87, Ithaca, NY, associate professor of history at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, NY, has received the Chancellor’s/Trustees’ Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was honored for his passionate dedication to teaching, the wide range of techniques he uses to reach students, and for his willingness to make the success of his students the absolute priority of his service to the college. Flaten joined the faculty in 2003 and earned his master’s and doctorate degrees from Fordham University.

Living life with a battery-operated brain

Why would anyone say, “Let’s stick wires into someone’s brain; run voltage through it, and see what happens”? So asks Jackie Hunt Christensen ’86 in Life with a Battery-Operated Brain: A Patient’s Guide to Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery for Parkinson’s Disease. Christensen answers this question—and more—ina unique and comprehensive book, as she has firsthand knowledge of the procedure commonly referred to as DBS. She herself lived with Parkinson’s disease for more than seven years before electing to be evaluated for DBS surgery.

It was not a fast and easy choice. For Christensen, fear of DBS surgery—which involves placing one or two electrical wires into the brain—and its potential complications had to be weighed against quality of life without the surgery, a life of increasing Parkinsonian symptoms and a growing pharmacopoeia of medications, which might help control her symptoms but which could have devastating long-term effects on her body. Ultimately, she deemed herself a good candidate for the surgery, and DBS seemed like her only logical option—a choice that has been validated post-surgery as Christensen now enjoys life with most of her motor symptoms well controlled.

Parkinson’s disease, the author is quick to point out, does not end, but DBS is a must-read for those who are considering deep brain stimulation—and for those who love them.

at-home mom, travel planner, and figure skating coach. Erin Klairs, Stillwater, is co-owner of Goldwood Kennels. Theresa Falsetz, Minneapolis, is a nurse practitioner at Planned Parenthood. Udom C. Hong, Golden, CO, is a planning facilitator for the Bureau of Land Management.

Nick Hupton, Minneapolis, is a high school English teacher and tennis coach at Jefferson High School.

Katharine Schoenrock, Hopkins, is senior art buyer at Target.

Katrina Baldus, Irwin, Hastings, is a child support specialist for Dakota County.

Kristi Neroschin Joesting, Wyoming, is a stay-at-home mom.

Mike Johander, Shorewood, is president of Echo Bay Capital.

Matthew M. L. Johnson, Delano, is a quality engineer at Adobe Systems, Inc.

Karín Fuzzy Junge, Minneapolis, is ITQ wellness coordinator for HealthSource at General Mills.

Kristin Knutson Kajer, Cottage Grove, is an account executive at the Star Tribune.

Ryan D. Kaplan, Maple Grove, is the Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Counsel of CGI Life and was recently elected president of the Corporate Counsel Association of Minnesota.

Sacha Rodman Kelly, Stillwater, is a clinical nurse specialist for St. Joseph’s Hospital.

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Gustavus Alumni

A visit from Coach
Stephanie Pearson ’92, Sante Fe, NM, was visited last April by her former volleyball coach, Gretchen Koehler. Pearson is senior editor for Outside Magazine.

Teacher of the Year finalist
Marcia Swanson Anderson ’91, who teaches high school mathematics at Owatonna High School in Owatonna, Minn., was one of 11 teachers from across the state who were named finalists in the 2009 Minnesota Teacher of the Year program. A selection panel of 22 leaders in the areas of business, government, and non-profits selected the finalists from a group of 27 semi-finalists. There were 101 Teacher of the Year candidates for this program year.

The selection panel met on May 2 to conduct individual interviews with the 11 finalists and to cast votes for the 2009 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, and the final vote will be announced May 3.

Education Minnesota, the 70,000-member state-wide educators’ union, organizes and underwrites the Teacher of the Year program. This year marked the program’s 45th anniversary.

a behavior counselor at Mayo Clinic
Kevin Ost-Vollmers, Minneapolis, is director of development for the Upper Midwest region for George Washington University.

Cowan Pack, Hayfield, is an RN in the neonatal ICU at St. Mary’s Hospital.

J.P. Prenvest, Plymouth, is a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley.

Melissa Hummel Thomas, Westminster, CO, is an RN at Avista Hospital.

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Holly is a broker for Craig Hallum.

Corrie Lundeen Walden, Bloomington, is a veterinarian at Barfield Pet Hospital.

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Jill DeLariosky, Lana Eisenpeter Matzek

Joel E. Beyer, Westminster, CO, is a branch manager at JP Morgan Chase Bank.

Brookes A. Englebert, Carlsbad, CA, is deployed in Iraq working as a trauma nurse coordinator.

Ashley W. Jensen, Rochester, is a senior resident in radiology at Mayo Clinic.

Heidi E. Johnson, St. Paul, is a congregation organizer for the Downtown Congregation to End Homelessness.

Chris G. Krug, Owatonna, KS, is a quality assurance manager for Johnson County Sheriff’s Office Criminalistics Laboratory.

Sarah L. O’Donnell, St. John’s Wood, England, is head of investor relations for Cityscape, part of IIR Middle East in Dubai.

Corene Lupe Swanson, Rosemount, works in the outpatient radiology/cardiology area at Fairview Southdale.

Brian T. Thatcher, Arvada, AZ, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant within the Phoenix Police Department and is an adjunct professor with Glendale Community College and a contributing writer to American Police Beat magazine.

Kelly Bangstad Wilz, Bloomington, IN, received her doctorate in communications from the University of Indiana.

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leah Kistner, Anderson, Dillworth, works in the NICU at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo.

Mike Bland, St. Louis, MO, works as a research scientist at Washington University.

Ryan J. Coddington, Blaine, is a senior engineer at Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Angela Muck Davis, Omaha, NE, completed her doctorate in physical therapy at University of Nebraska Medical Center in May 2009.

Jon Dumphs, Oak Park, IL, is pastor of United Lutheran Church.

Jenny Grabow, Plymouth, graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and is a dentist in Minneapolis.

Todd A. Johnson, Boulder, CO, is doing postdoc research at NIST after having completed his Ph.D. in physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Scott T. Jones, Mankato, is business development analyst for Ridley, Inc.

Jenn Kelly, Minneapolis, is a photographer/makeup artist for Studio Productions, LLC.

Ariana Petersen Mosier, Richfield, is a teacher at Prairie Seeds Academy.

Alec Sonstbye, Minneapolis, was named assistant professor in Metropolitan State University’s Library and Information Services.

Anna C. Garbisch Sorenson, Ferryville, WI, was ordained into Ministry of Word and Sacrament in February 2009 and serves as pastor at Mt. Sterling Utica Parish.

Krista Fuerstenberg Thomas, Naperville, IL, is a division manager for Sanofi Pasteur Vaccines.

Anna Culey Wildgrube, Faribault, is a veterinarian at Faribault Veterinary.


David Adolphson, Apple Valley, is a senior software engineer at Thomson Reuters.

Jill Batalden, Plymouth, is working as a marketplace planning operations manager at Target.com.

Erica Wenger Burman, Oak Grove, is a pharmacist for Goodrich Pharmacy.

Christina Diller, Beaver Creek, OH, is a pediatriic resident physician for the United States Air Force.

Rob Mark Minnetonka, is an optical engineer for CyberOptics Corporation.

Katie Nolan Nelson, Shakopee, is a kindergarten teacher in the Excelsior school district.

Monica Paulson Priebe, Bloomington, IN, is pursuing her Ph.D. in Environmental Studies.

in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

Jay Reding, Minneapolis, graduated from St. Thomas Law School.

Laura Martenson Skadsberg, Blaine, is VP/account supervisor for Risdall Advertising.

Jonathon Stang, Wauke, IA, is employed by Allied Insurance.

Anna Dove Toth Montgomery, is a nurse practitioner in the spinal cord center at the VA.

Chris Wold, St. Louis Park, is vice president of Builders Mortgage.

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Jennifer Aune, Waconia, teaches fifth grade in Waconia.

Megan Kaiser Barta, Lonsdale, graduated with a master of arts in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas in May 2008 and teaches first grade in Waseca.

Jill Bean, Overland Park, KS, is a supervisor for special investigation at Federated Insurance.

Luke A. Benoit, Northfield, is women’s golf coach at St. Olaf College.

Mark R. Berger, Plymouth, is a patent attorney for Brooks, Cameron, and Hueosch.

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Jill Batalden, Plymouth, is a division manager for Sanofi Pasteur Vaccines.

Anna Culey Wildgrube, Faribault, is a veterinarian at Faribault Veterinary.
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Angela Janda Goldstein, Santa Fe, NM, is a company member of the theater network. Sarah K. Goodwin, Maple Grove, is an RN at Fairview Southdale Hospital. Tanner J. Grimmius, Owatonna, is a commercial risk analyst at Federated Mutual Insurance Company. Robert M. Handler, Iowa City, IA, is a grad student at the University of Iowa. Shannon Martin Handler, Iowa City, IA, is an ARNP at University Hospital. Carrie A. Hansen, St. Paul, is a Spanish teacher in the Oakdale School District. Kathryn Deane Hawley, Springfield, IL, is a customer advocate with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Tom Hohenstein, Somerville, MA, is a librarian at Harvard Law School Library. Ann C. Humble, Rochester, is a registered nurse at Mayo Medical Center. Nicole E. Hurt, Athens, GA, is a graduate student in rhetorical studies at the University of Georgia. Krystal Kegler Ide, Ramsey, is a nurse educator at Innovex. Jennifer L. 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Kirsten Kaufmann Morse, Apple Valley, graduated in May with a master in science as a pediatric nurse practitioner from the University of Minnesota. Andrew S. Nelson, Shakopee, is a business analyst and program manager for Vanwagenen Financial Services. Megan A. Nerison, Cannon Falls, is a claims adjuster for Mendota Insurance. Justin Neumann, Mankato, is a police officer with the Mankato Department of Public Safety. Aaron S. Nickel, St. Peter, is working on his master’s degree in math education at Mankato State. Emily Sharpeen Osnes, Farmington, is employed with Cornerstone Advocacy Services. Jason R. Osnes, Farmington, is a senior financial analyst for Lockheed Martin. Heather A. Pecosky, Ann Arbor, MI, is a registered nurse at University of Michigan Health System. Corinne Boyenga Peterson, Sioux Falls, SD, is an RN at Sanford Health. Diana Wichmann Reindal, Alden, is an accountant in the City of Albert Lea. 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Swenson, Burnsville, is a behavioral therapist/mental health practitioner for the Minnesota Autism Center and a skating instructor/coach for the River Blades Skate School. Lindsay L. Vanderlinde, St. Bonifacius, is an RN in Cardiac Telemetry at Ridgeview Medical Center. Angie Tanner, Bovey, is an accounting manager at Fireplace Lifestyles. Alison H. Thomas, Sarasota, FL, teaches fifth grade at Wilkinson Elementary School. James Vinson, Scappoose, OR, is a registered nurse for Avamem City Rehab. Denise Volk Carey, Rosemount, is a project coordinator for Personnel Decisions International. Katy Bergman Vrieze, Carvalhal, IA, is a graduate student in molecular and cellular bi-
Honored Realtor assists Children’s Miracle Network

On April 17–19, 2009, Jason Stockwell, Richfield, a RE/MAX Results Realtor teamed up with S & S Sugarbush, a maple syrup company based in his original hometown of Ellsworth, WI, for their annual Open House and Pancake Feed, with Jason pledging to donate $1 to the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) for each pancake breakfast served. The Sugarbush welcomed more than 1,500 people for the three-day event and sold 1,209 pancake breakfasts. As a result, Jason wrote a check for $1,209 to CMN, a non-profit that raises funds for more than 170 children’s hospitals, including Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul.

Jason has been a licensed real estate agent for the past six years and a CMN contributor for the past five. In addition to this special contribution, he is committed to donating a portion of his commissions to CMN. “Ramping up with the Sugarbush made for a great event,” he says. “The turnout was strong, the donation was sold, and my team and I will continue to support CMN and make donations throughout the year.” He and S & S Sugarbush will team up again in 2010.

Stockwell had been honored in March at the RE/MAX International convention with two prestigious awards for outstanding real estate sales in 2008: he was recognized with a Platinum Club award, for a level of sales in a single year reached by only 4 percent of the more than 2,000 North Central associates, and was named to RE/MAX International’s Hall of Fame, which recognizes top producers who have achieved more than $1 million in gross commission earnings during their careers with RE/MAX.

mission counselor and men’s and women’s assistant track coach at Gustavus Adolphus College. ■ Josh Williams, St. Louis Park, is marketing and communication manager for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Upper Midwest. ■ Allison R. Wires, St. Louis Park, is imports supervisor at Target Corporation. ■ Jana Knutson Wold, St. Louis Park, is a pharmacist at Methodist Hospital. ■ Melissa A. Wulf, Omaha, NE, is employee retention coordinator for Advance Services, Inc. ■ Chunee Yan, Maplewood, is a senior logistics analyst at Target Corporation. ■ Chris Zachar, Black River Falls, WI, is an attorney in the Wisconsin State Public Defenders Office. ■ Bethany Carlson Zimmerman, Prior Lake, is an audit supervisor at Boulaj, Heutmaker, Zibell, and Company.

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Kari J. Anderson, Northfield, works in sales for Medlux Laboratories. ■ Kim Anderson, Ramsey, is employed at Roosevelt Middle School. ■ Emily A. Coussens, Burlington, IA, is a marketing coordinator at US Bank. ■ Greg Dokken, Duluth, played for a principal role in the Giuseppe Verdi opera Falstaff, at the University of Minnesota. ■ Rachel L. Elvebak, Albert Lea, is attending the Mayo School of Medicine. ■ Johan Eriksson, is a senior export associate for GORE in Barcelona, Spain. ■ Laura Kojetic Inglische, Burnsville, is a charge and staff nurse on the orthopedic floor at University Hospital. ■ Carrie E. Joinles, Phoenix, AZ, is an RN at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center. ■ Heidi E. Kador, Somerville, MA, is a division program coordinator at Charles River Analytics. ■ Karen Hoeg Kennedy, Bloomington, teaches second grade in Prior Lake-Savage School District. ■ Dustin D. Kuchera, Rochester, received his master’s degree in industrial engineering and is an internal business consultant at Mayo Clinic. ■ Kelli A. Lassig, Minneapolis, is a law student at University of Minnesota.

Brainstorming at the Diversity Institute, a one-day workshop for women who are preparing for careers in law, finance, and technology, was held in early May at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. Gathering at left in back are Chris Pouliot, Bruce Dahlman, Doug Grovergrys, Bob Fossum (front), and Ivy Bargstrom.
 Several alumni gathered in Inwood, IA, for the town’s 4th of July festival this summer. Front row: Luke Thomas. Second row, from left: Matt Thomas ’00, Molly Pedersen Thomas ’00, Melissa Chan, Sophia Whitney, Paul Whitney ’00, Megan Gliether Harris ’01, and Mitch Harris ’00. Third row: Tyler Kohl, Amy Kohl, Aaron Kohl ’00, Makena Kohl, Travis Dahle ’00, and Geoff Knoblock ’00. Also present at the gathering but not pictured were Elise Kahl Knobloch ’01 and Nate Kahl ’06.

Luce named Bush Leadership Fellow

The Bush Foundation of St. Paul has named Jess Luce ’99 one of 18 Bush Leadership Fellows for 2009. The prestigious fellowship will allow Luce to pursue a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration in aging issues at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. “Being named a Bush Leadership Fellow is an incredible honor and great responsibility—to fulfill my commitment to help Minnesota communities prepare for their aging populations,” he says.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in political science and English from Gustavus, Luce became a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteer, organizing elderly residents who were at risk of losing their housing. He notes, “Gustavus certainly played a strong part in my development, as a student, activist, and someone who wants to work within the system to change it for the betterment of society’s disadvantaged.”

Luce hopes to lead conversation about how communities and governmental programs adapt as the “baby boomer generation” enters retirement. “The aging of baby boomers is going to define our society over the next two decades as we prepare for the year 2030, when one in four Minnesotans will be age 65 or older,” says Luce, who currently serves as director of organizing and civic engagement for Child Care Works, a nonprofit organization that advocates for quality, affordable child care in Minnesota. “Currently most communities are not prepared for this massive population shift. Communities need to begin long-term planning initiatives, access the needs of their boomer residents, and lay the groundwork for coordination of services to ensure that boomers remain active and engaged as assets to their communities.”

Founded by Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, in 1953, the Bush Foundation has provided more than $300 million in grants and fellowships, primarily funded by 3M investments. In order to qualify, candidates must have a record of leadership and demonstrate integrity, emotional maturity, intelligence, and the ability to communicate. Through these fellowships, the Bush Foundation aims to improve the quality of life in Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

“I’m excited that my ideas have been validated by an amazing foundation which is committed to having a positive impact on communities, ” Luce says. “The fellowship affords me the opportunity to have my ideas challenged by the leading public affairs school in the country.”
Hockey in the ‘hood: Gustie alums serving urban youth at DinoMights

Over the past three winters, DinoMights has been in the eye of the perfect hockey storm. Not only have they been featured as the charitable cause of the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships at Lake Nokomis, but they were also featured on Fox Sports Network’s Marathon Day of Hockey telecasts including the Minnesota Gophers and Minnesota Wild on January 20, 2007. Of course, hockey is the incentive for people to be interested in DinoMights. It is also the incentive for students to be involved, but in the words of Ron Johnson, Fox Sports News anchor, “The real payoff comes away from the ice.”

DinoMights began in 1995 as a collaborative effort with the Minneapolis Park Board and the Park Avenue Foundation Computer Learning Center. DinoMights’ mission is “to equip our urban youth to develop physical, academic, social, and spiritual excellence.” The philosophy of DinoMights is centered on whole-life impact and long-term relationships with diverse youth possessing significant unmet needs in the Central, Powderhorn, and Phillips neighborhoods of South Minneapolis. Using hockey as an incentive, DinoMights provides academic tutoring, mentoring, computer instruction, studies, camping, community service, and Christian faith-based activities that help fulfill the mission. In 2009, DinoMights served a total of 245 students, the highest number in its history. Among DinoMights’ many other notable accomplishments is an overall high school graduation rate of 85 percent, which is considerably higher than the 55 percent rate for Minneapolis Public Schools.

As a graduate student at Bethel Seminary, Scott Harman ’99 heard about DinoMights from another student during the fall of 2000 and decided to check it out. He remembers thinking, “This is the perfect thing. It has sports it has faith, and I can tell it is making a real difference in the lives of the kids.” He started out as a volunteer coaching the squirts (fourth and fifth graders). The next summer he became a part-time staff member, where he stayed for three more years. After a few years in another position, Scott returned to DinoMights in 2006 to become the organization’s second executive director. “It makes a huge difference in the lives of our youth, but it has changed my life too. I met my wife serving at DinoMights, I’ve made my home in these neighborhoods, and I just can’t imagine my life without the rich diversity of urban Minneapolis. I really feel that this is the place where God has called me for now.”

Harman is not the only Gustie to be impacted by DinoMights. Pictured from left are Leah Langehaug, Wong ’02, Rich Wong ’00, Kevin Warkentein ’03, and Scott Harman ’99, all longtime volunteers in the program. The four became friends as participants in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes while at Gustavus. Another Gustie, Jim Bloom ’82, is involved as parent of a current DinoMights participant. The Wongs and Warkentein are very active volunteers. Over the past seven years they have coached the Mites (second and third graders), tutored several students, and been positive adult mentors to many urban youth. Leah describes her experience this way: “I think we have gotten more out of this than the kids have.” To learn more about DinoMights go to www.dinomights.com.
University of Wisconsin–Madison ■
Andrew J. Evenson, Pelican Rapids, is attending the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver ■
Dan Foley, Minneapolis, is attending graduate school in geology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth ■
Kevin P. Freund, Decorah, IA, is a credit analyst at Kleinbank ■ Kyle Friend, Eagan, is attending graduate school in mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota ■
Alison Glenn, Eagan, is attending graduate school in civil engineering at the University of Minnesota ■
R. Johnson, Minnesota, is teaching with Teach for America in Denver ■
Sarah Remer Seleen ’02, Prior Lake, is a loan officer at Wells Fargo ■
Carly M. Johnson, at the University of Minnesota ■
Brett A. Johnson, Eagan, is attending graduate school in mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota ■
Laura A. Gosewisch, Victoria, is teaching with Teach for America in the Bay Area ■
Brian A. Greig, Bloomington, is a business analyst at Target ■ Laura M. Groenjes, Minneapolis, is pursuing a master’s degree in international business administration at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities ■
Marc Newell ’00, Jeff Owen ’92, Trevor Wittwer ’08, Andrew Doble ’08, Trent Hollerich ’06, Mark McDonnell ’99, Tyler Kramer ’07, Brian Bergstrom ’02, Tyler Kaus ’09, Mike Kauls ’99, Wayne Norman (athletic equipment specialist), and Tom Brown (assistant athletics director). ■

Basketball alums gather for tourney
Alumni basketball players and staff gathered in May for the annual Tom Brown Classic basketball event, which included a round-robin tournament and playoff followed by an evening picnic dinner. Pictured kneeling are Dave Flom ’95 (former assistant coach), Mike Boschee (former assistant coach), Mark Hanson ’83 (head coach), Aaron Kahl ’00 (former assistant coach), and Josh Drinkall (current assistant coach). Standing are Randall Stuckey ’83 (director of alumni relations), Willie Lindquist (retired athletic equipment specialist), Bob Southworth ’99, Jason Quam ’97, Eric Nelson ’04, Phil Sowden ’07 (back), Hans Sviggum ’03 (front), Doug Espenson ’05, Dave Newell ’03 (program director in the Community Service Center), Mark Newell ’00, Jeff Owen ’92, Trevor Wittwer ’08, Andrew Doble ’08, Trent Hollerich ’06, Mark McDonnell ’99, Tyler Kramer ’07, Brian Bergstrom ’02, Tyler Kaus ’09, Mike Kauls ’99, Wayne Norman (athletic equipment specialist), and Tom Brown (assistant athletics director). ■

Gusties of First Sorensen reunite
Women who lived on first-floor Sorensen during the 1998–99 school year celebrated a ten-year reunion in March with “then” and “now” photos. Pictured 10 years ago (right) were, front row from left, Sarah Remer Seleen ’02 and Marin Wamsley ’00; standing, Teresa Stewart ’02, Mary Dahmen Lundquist ’02, Katie Hein ’02, Jaime Quam Winchell ’02, Tracy Hanson Burman ’00, Rita Schmitt ’01, Renee Schmitt ’02, and Collegiate Fellow Amy Walek ’99. Gusties in attendance at the reunion (above) were, front row, Tracy Hanson Burman ’00, Rita Schmitt ’01, and Mary Dahmen Lundquist ’02; back, Amy Walek ’99, Renee Schmitt ’02, Teresa Stewart ’02, Katie Scheel ’02, and Katie Hein ’02.
Gustie geographers

Four geographers with ties to Gustavus participated in the 2009 AP Human Geography Reading at University of Nebraska-Lincoln in June. Their task was to grade the free-response questions on 59,000 AP geography exams. Geography is a required high school subject in Texas, and the State of Florida pays for all AP exams, so many of the exams were from Texas and Florida students. Two Gustavus alumni, Amanda Peterson Kolpin ’03 and Ann Fletchall ’00, easily recognized Professor Mark Bjelland. And, because he wore Gustie gear to nearly every session, they were able to identify Marc Crawford’s connection to Gustavus as assistant football coach. (Marc also teaches AP human geography at Mankato East High School.) In the photo are, from left, Crawford; Kolpin, who is a Ph.D. candidate in geography at the University of Wisconsin; Fletchall, who has accepted a geography teaching position at Western Carolina University; and Bjelland.

St. Louis ■ David W. Koppel, Columbus, OH, is working on a teaching assistantship at Ohio University in the department of geology and geophysics ■ Kimbra R. Kosak, Grand Rapids, is employed as a naturalist at Wolf Ridge Environmental Center ■ John D. Leaf, Center City, is a seasonal naturalist at Long Lake Conservation Center ■ Alexandra R. Linn, Pella, IA, is office manager at River Rock Cafe ■ Adam J. Lukes, Watertown, is attending chiropractic school at Northwestern College of Chiropractic ■ Leanna M. Marking, Grand Rapids, is attending the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry ■ Katherine A. Mason is teaching with Teach for America in Phoenix ■ Kendra L. Mays, Minnesota Lake, is an implementation analyst for SPS Commerce ■ Galen P. Mitchell, Littleton, CO, is attending graduate school in philosophy at Colorado University at Denver ■ Robert T. Moebeck, Chaska, is attending the St. Thomas School of Law ■ Lor C. Moua, Minneapolis, is a graduate student at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute ■ Mal Nhia Moua, St. Paul, is attending graduate school at the Augsburg School of Social Work ■ Andre J. Mutschler-Supplee, Edina, is employed at McGraw International ■ Emily E. Nelson is teaching with Teach for America in Dallas ■ Catherine A. Osterhaush, Eagan, is volunteering with Urban Servant Corps in Denver ■ Charles N. Paulkert, Grand Forks, ND, is producer at Vailer Insurance ■ Anne J. Pearce, Waucesa, WI, is employed at Hands on Art Studio ■ Jeffrey M. Pedersen, Plymouth, is an audit associate at Grant Thornton ■ Britta L. Petersen, Stillwater, is attending physician assistant school at Augsburg College ■ Steph R. Peterson, Chaska, is attending graduate school in occupational therapy at the University of South Dakota ■ Alyssa J. Posterick is attending the physician assistant program at King’s College ■ Alexander E. Prieve, Faribault, is attending the University of Minnesota Human Resources and Industrial Relations graduate program ■ Ross C. Puffer, Byron, is a graduate student at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences ■ Jennifer R. Rusch, Minneapolis, is a clerk at Katz, Manka, Teplinsky, Graves and Sobol, Ltd. ■ Carl P. Rabbe, Trimont, is attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia ■ Shawn D. Rancourt, Lindstrom, is a consumer lender/loan officer for TCF Bank ■ Mallory J. Richards, Ham Lake, is attending graduate school in chemistry at the University of Minnesota ■ Joel D. Rindelaub, St. Cloud, is pursuing a PhD in chemistry at Purdue University ■ Lauren L. Runsvold, Fargo, ND, is attending Minnesota State University, Mankato for professional school counseling ■ Heather B. Rusk, Waucosa, WI, is attending medical school at the University of Wisconsin ■ Katherine J. Saling, Rochester, is teaching English in Japan ■ Anna K. Schuh, St. Paul Park, is doing a teaching assistantship in industrial engineering at Virginia Tech ■ Andrew J. Scott, Cottage Grove, is an actuary at Travelers Insurance Co. ■ Karl M. Saxe, Deerfeld, WI, is studying library science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ■ Carla M. Shutrop, Shakopee, is a veterans service representative at the Department of Veterans Affairs ■ Andrea D. Smoliarch, South St. Paul, is a staff accountant for Lurie Besikof Lapidus & Company, LLP ■ Kelly N. Sparks, Minneapolis, is an account operations specialist at General Mills ■ Peter C. Stauduhar, Duluth, is in the master of architecture program at the University of Minnesota College of Design ■ Nicholas R. Strand is teaching with Teach for America in Phoenix ■ Kiersten M. Supina, New Brighton, is working for AmeriCorps in early childhood education ■ Jill D. Suurmeyer, Aberdeen, SD, is pursuing a master’s degree in public policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota ■ Kristin C. Teigen, Shoreview, is an audit associate at Olsen Thielen Company ■ Carla L. Thiebar, Faribault, is employed at Accurate Home Care ■ Anna E. Tibstra, Bemidji, is working for Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ Ann E. Titzkowski, Appleton, WI, is attending Cwighton University professional school in an accelerated nursing program ■ Danielle L. Tollefson, Gaylord, is an analyst at Ingenix ■ Christine E. Tupy, Eagan, is attending graduate school in industrial and systems engineering at the University of Minnesota ■ Shelby L. Warner, Willmar, is serving in the Peace Corps ■ Alexander M. Wauck, Whitefish Bay, WI, is pursuing his Ph.D. in computer science at Princeton University ■ Anemarie Weiss is teaching with Teach for America in Phoenix ■ Tom Wick, Olivia, is a software developer at Rural Computer Consultants ■ Catherine L. Wiechmann, Eau Claire, WI, is attending the McCall Outdoor Science School at the University of Idaho for environmental and science education ■ Megan T. Willaert, Mankato, is a figure skating coach for the Mankato Figure Skating Club ■ Kristin M. Willet, Sauk Centre, is attending vet school at Iowa State University ■ Beth A. Willmune, Ely, is attending pharmacy school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ■ Lisa M. Witbeck-Iker, Amboy, is employed at Trinity Daycare ■ Mal A. Yang, St. Paul, is an accountant at Land O’ Lakes ■ Christopher A. Yoshimura-Rank, St. Paul, is working for AmeriCorps ■ Amanda L. Zeiner, Willmar, is an associate accountant at Cargil.
Weddings

George Haun ’54 and Judith Haun, 4/28/08, Winter Haven, FL.
Robert D. Saeger ’69 and Gloria M. Saeger, 10/10/07, Scottsdale, AZ.
Barbara J. Jones ’86 and Kevin Dorn, 10/4/08, Nicollet, MN.
Peter Eckhoff ’97 and Nancy Lohn, 8/2/08, New Hope, MN.
Tim Ackerman ’89 and Christina Ackerman, 8/20/08, Minneapolis, MN.
Jamie S. Miller ’89 and Douglas Debrner, 4/19/08, Apple Valley, MN.
Jesse F. Anderson ’99 and Alicia Liddle, 8/2/08, New Hope, MN.

Nate Liddle ’02 and Alicia Liddle, Minneapolis, MN.
Julia Mahin ’02 and Brian Stuart, Mendota Heights, MN.
Katie Merrill ’02 and Roth Kersten, 8/2/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Matthew Neovig ’02 and Terri Nohl, 5/16/09, Gaylord, MN.
Cynthia Sonntag ’02 and Andrew J. Dahl ’02, 6/7/08, Edina, MN.
Laura Martenson ’03 and Nick Skalsberg, Blaine, MN.
Josh Whitner ’03 and Elizabeth Whitner, Urbandale, IA.
Leslie Wilcox ’03 and Dan Rosefeld, 6/8/09, St. Paul, MN.
Jessica Coleman ’04 and Jon Siverson, 9/30/08, Mendota Heights, MN.
Lisa Jaeger ’04 and Brian Doering, 3/28/09, Alden, IA.
Jon Moody ’04 and Coreynn Byrd, 9/13/08, Fitzhugh, WI.
Jason D. Rogowski ’04 and Britney Rogowski, Maple Grove, MN.
Adam J. Stubbednik ’04 and Jordan Miller, Ceresco, NE.
Amy Swenson ’04 and Stacy Sundet, 3/28/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Sarah Volk ’04 and Benjamin Morrison, 5/23/09, Prior Lake, MN.
Kathryn Erickson ’05 and Chris Columbaro, 6/21/09, Red Wing, MN.
Ashley Farbo ’05 and Anthony J. Schulzeiten ’07, 9/5/08, Greendale, WI.
Kristi Schneider ’05 and Brian P. Trussell ’05, 3/21/09, Eagan, MN.
Kari Steffenhagen ’05 and Nathan Bluhm, Stratford, WI.
Katherine Swenson ’05 and Nick Palmer ’06, 5/17/08, Chicago, IL.
Matt Fordyce ’06 and Ashley Fordyce, Atwater, MN.
Peter R. Hillman ’06 and Nicole Rentz, 10/4/08, Storm Lake, IA.
Tracy Jaeger ’06 and Joshua Werner, 11/22/08, Cottage Grove, MN.
Dana Johnson ’06 and Robert Butkus, 6/9/09, Gainesville, GA.
Jillian Natwich ’06 and Jeremy Schmitz, 10/4/08, Burnsville, MN.
Brittany Northage ’06 and Kurtis Van Keulen, 8/2/08, Marshall, MN.
Gwendolyn Peterson ’06 and Andrew Blake, Houston, TX.
Marit Svigum ’06 and Eric M. Lindquist ’06, 5/30/09, Apple Valley, MN.
Jennifer Guttig ’07 and Erik R. Tone ’07, 5/30/09, Woodbury, MN.
Karen Hoeg ’07 and Matthew Kennedy, 10/18/08, Bloomington, MN.
Eric J. Lewanski ’07 and Katie Lewanski, 1/24/09, Rosemount, MN.
Stephanie Lovik ’07 and Tim Bruss ’07, 12/27/09, Lake Elmo, MN.
Chris Lowry ’07 and Emily Holm, 10/18/09, North Mankato, MN.
Ashley Riles ’07 and Logan J. Martin ’06, St. Paul, MN.
Mark R. LaVoice ’08 and Kelli Jensen, 3/14/09, Clarissa, MN.
Mike Muehlenbein ’08 and Carissa Hofmeyer, 5/9/09, Faribault, MN.
Kelly Raenboom ’08 and Jon Hagedorn ’06, 6/5/09, Blue Earth, MN.
Rachael J. Florns ’09 and Nick Jansen, 6/8/09, Ormsby, MN.
Laura Luce ’09 and Elliot A. Peterson ’09, 6/3/09, Golden Valley, MN.
Ashley Walburn ’09 and Mike Cody, 5/9/09, Minnetrista, MN.
Jennifer Brynildson ’11 and Nicolas Specht, 2/7/09, Savage, MN.

Births

Will, to Tim Ackerman ’89 and Christina Ackerman, 9/14/08, Elizabeth, to Keith N. Jackson ’89 and Heidi Jackson, 4/26/08, Shane, to Antoinette Way Mussay ’89 and Michael J. Mussay ’89, 1/1/09, Gabriel, by adoption, to Mary Mooercroft Capell ’91 and Greg Capell, born 6/27/08, adopted 1/15/09, Emma, to Kristi Nokken-Hollands ’91 and Todd Hollands, 10/31/08.
When in Greece . . .
Valerie Buckstein Boiler ’03 and Jill Hubers Haspert ’04 are pictured in Olympic Stadium in Athens, Greece, after completing the Athens Classic Marathon in November. Jill and Valerie ran the marathon to raise money for Bolder Options, a Minneapolis-based mentoring organization that they both volunteer for. A group of 25 runners from Minneapolis raised nearly $90,000 for Bolder Options.

Alumni and Parents invited to participate in Reading in Common

Starting in 2000, all first-year students have read a book in common prior to entering Gustavus. That book is used as a common basis for conversation and is woven into their Gustie Greeter groups, their First Term Seminar, and throughout the year, *Enrique’s Journey*, by Sonia Nazario, is this year’s selection. Books are selected based on their literary quality, reading manageability (college level reading but not too long), interdisciplinary nature, and whether the author is available for a campus appearance. Nazario will be on campus on Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, to present a public talk in the evening. Alumni and parents are invited to join in the reading and the other activities associated with the Reading in Common program. Visit the Gustavus Alumni website at gustavus.edu/alumni for a discussion guide to use with the book.

Gustavus Alumni

Gracie, to Brian J. Hetland ’94 and Stefanie Hetland, 1/5/08.
Brett, to Krista Martens Hitchcock ’94 and Steven Hitchcock, 10/10/08.
Connor, to Leah Chernivec Larson ’94 and Scott Larson, 9/26/08.
Tanner, to Kim Wabner Noll ’94 and Troy Noll, 8/4/05.
Drew, to Kathryn Campbell Tusek ’94 and Dave Tusek, 1/14/08.
Twins, Halla and Garrett, to Michelle Taylor Moyer ’95 and Jason Moyer, 4/18/07.
Oliver, to Douglas J. Thielen ’95 and Anne Thielen, 9/18/08.
Sydney, to Alec Walker ’95 and Patricia Walker, 12/15/08.
Ray, to Allison Kogol Anderson ’96 and Erik Anderson, 5/16/07.
Maxen, to Kara Pagel Erchull ’96 and Greg Erchull, 11/28/08.
Ethan, to Kerstin Forstrom ’96, 1/17/09.
Elena, to Faith Handevitt Wagner ’96 and Sheldon E. Wagner ’94, 4/22/08.
Jacintha, to Kari Binning ’97 and Joshua A. Lang ’98, 4/22/08.
Geetta, to Matthew M. Dahmen ’97 and Sara Dahmen, 11/1/08.
Stella, to Jen Hedin Gorney ’98 and Keith Gorney, 1/14/09.
Jonas, to Amy Miller Peterson ’98 and Bradley M. Peterson ’98, 11/14/07.
Flyn, to Jennifer Ribe Reiland ’98 and John Reiland, 4/30/09.
Henry, to Julie Garlock Ruegeman ’98 and Dan Ruegeman, 11/19/08.
Leo, to Rosa Glade Arnold ’99 and Scott P. Arnold ’00, 4/10/09.
William, to Angela Agan Claney ’99 and Ted Claney, 4/10/09.
Amelia, to Kadie Stone Davis ’99 and John M. Davis ’00, 3/11/09.
Max, to Aaron L. Grove ’99 and Breck Grove, 12/11/08.
Isaac, to Katie Grant Hansen ’99 and Matthew Hansen, 12/11/08.
Mara, to Lisa Deboer Hansen ’99 and Troy Hansen, 4/10/07.
Ava, to becky Carlson Haywood ’99 and Wardell Haywood, 11/21/08.
Linden, to Sacha Rodman Kelly ’99 and Cameron R. Kelly ’00, 7/16/08.
Shiv, to Sat Mital K. Khalsa ’99 and Sat Guru Khalsa, 9/13/06.
Nolan, to Benjamin J. Lipari ’99 and Jana Lipari, 10/28/04.
Alec, to Shane M. McClinton ’99 and Michaelen McClinton, 1/7/09.
Aldan, to Haddie Heitkamp Oebser ’99 and Scott Oebser, 5/11/06.
Skydar, to Jodi Morris Okerlund ’99 and Jesse B. Okerlund ’97, 7/8/08.
Annika, to Megan Halvorsen Peterson ’99 and Leif Peterson, 1/7/09.
Ashley, to Erika Gjerde Pouliot ’99 and Chris Pouliot ’98, 8/1/08.
Sved, to Heather Magnuson Rodning ’99 and Patrick Rodning, 2/24/09.
Connor, to Keri Engel Rouen ’99 and Noah J. Rouen ’97, 6/24/08.
Gabriel, to Jennifer Midthun Schommer ’99 and Matthew Schommer, 4/25/07.
Norman, to Heidi Wegner Ha ’00 and Khoa Ha.
Brenna, to Dustin R. Haedt ’00 and Stephanie Haedt, 1/1/07.
Jacob, to Jennifer Wendt Mackie ’00 and Aaron J. Mackie ’00, 4/14/09.
Maren, to Nicole Chrisostomos Devereaux ’01 and Michael Devereaux, 11/14/08.
Ethan, to Susan Sultvedt Engelhardt ’01 and Larry P. Engelhardt ’00, 3/8/09.
Cole, to Kyle A. Hick ’01 and Kristin Hick, 3/31/08.
Colby, to Dana Prenn Hoof ’01 and Daryl Hoof, 1/4/09.
Kembri, to Ashley W. Jensen ’01 and Cortnee Jensen, 2/9/09.
Addison, to Ryan M. Meulemans ’01 and Nicole Ostrem, 10/14/08.
Griffin, to Kristin Kimball Olson ’01 and Linus Olson, 2/8/09.
Jacob, to Amber Greie Adam ’02 and Jeremy Adam, 8/6/08.

Twins, Cooper and Chloe, to Renee Rasmussen Anderson ’92 and Josh Anderson, 3/17/09.
Samuel, by adoption, to Todd Carlson ’92 and Holley Carlson Cameron, to Michele Zieh Hein Davis ’92 and Eric A. Davis ’92, 4/14/08.
Greta, to Terri Mineau ’92 and Nathan Mansten ’91, 1/09.
Katherine, to Bonnie Allen Anderson ’94 and Ryan Anderson, 6/26/08.
Cooper, to Abby Lamp Heckman ’94 and Gregory T. Heckman, 4/25/08.

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Christina Pulver ’07 and Wendy Johnson ’91 teach first grade together in Minneapolis at the Twin Cities International Elementary School. The school is a K–4 charter school, founded by educational leaders in the East African community which ultimately seeks to prepare students for successful and productive lives as United States citizens while allowing them to retain their unique cultural heritage. Learn more at www.twincitiesinternationalschool.org.

Gusties teach at Twin Cities International Elementary School

In Memoriam

Leonard Bosacker ’34, Albert Lea, MN, on September 26, 2008. He was a retired postal worker and is survived by two daughters and two sons.

Robert Smith ’40, Canyon Lake, TX, on March 30, 2009. He was a retired manager and owner of Stone Company, Houston, and is survived by his wife, Patricia, one son, and one daughter.

Shirley Robeck Hall ’41, Burnsville, MN, on May 4, 2009. She was a retired business educator teaching in the St. Paul Public Schools and is survived by one son.

Hazel Fossum Arndt ’42, Ft. Collins, CO, on July 3, 2009. She was a retired teacher and librarian and is survived by three sons, one daughter, and two sisters.

Elaine Larson Larson ’42, Boise, ID, on November 10, 2008. She was a retired high school and adult educator and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Marjorie Brown Bakke ’43, Mankato, MN, on July 7, 2009. She was a retired librarian for Mankato Public Schools and is survived by two daughters and one son.

Dorothy Hahn Hanna ’43, Blue Earth, MN, on August 26, 2008. She is survived by two stepchildren and one sister.

Kenneth Ebb ’44, Kentwood, MI, on May 16, 2009. He was a retired chaplain who served Wisconsin State Prison and is survived by his wife, Virginia, one daughter, and one son.

Hanna Hanson ’44, Minneapolis, MN, on February 5, 2009. She was a retired teacher and librarian and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

In Memoriam

George Olsen ’44, Minneapolis, MN, on June 27, 2009. He was a retired teacher and is survived by his wife, Virginia, one daughter, and one son.

Edwin Schamber ’44, Perryville, OH, on April 2, 2009. He was a retired electrical engineer and designer and is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

Phyllis Schulberg Holmer ’46, Minneapolis, MN, on May 19, 2009. She was a retired teacher and is survived by two sons and daughter Linnea Wien, Gustavus professor of art and art history.

Carl Annexstad ’47, St. Peter, MN, on May 14, 2009. He was a retired farmer and is survived by his wife, Lois, three sons, and two daughters.

John Magalee ’47, Riverside, CA, on July 7, 2009. He was a retired army chaplain and is survived by his wife, Mary, one daughter, and one son.

John Pagelkopf ’47, Rochester, MN, on April 22, 2009. He was a retired insurance businessman and is survived by one son and three daughters.

Marjorie Lindberg Peterson ’47, Bloomington, MN, on June 16, 2009. She was a retired nurse and
Twin Cities Breakfasts

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:

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

Reserve by calling Don Swanson ’55 at 763-533-9083

Scheduled speakers:

- Oct. 21, 2009 Jack R. Ohle, president
- Nov. 18, 2009 Brian Johnson ’80, chaplain, artistic director of Christmas in Christ Chapel
- Dec. 16, 2009 Thomas Young ’88, vice president for institutional advancement
- Jan. 20, 2010 Margaret Anderson Kellihier ’90, speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives
- Feb. 17, 2010 Doug Hinter ’79, director of student financial aid, and Kirk Carlson ’95, associate director of student financial aid
- March 17, 2010 Amanda Niemow, assistant professor of chemistry, speaking about forensic science
- April 21, 2010 Virgil Jones, director of multicultural programs
- May 19, 2010 Al Maidel ’66, director of intercollegiate athletics, and Tim Kennedy ’82, sports information director
- June 16, 2010 Bob Neuman ’80, office of admission
- July 21, 2010 Summer Programs staff
- August 18, 2010 Peter Haugen, football coach

Speaker’s schedules may change so please see gustavus.edu/alumni for current information.

Minnetonka teachers

Three Gusties on the staff of Minnewashta Elementary School in the Minnetonka School District took a “time-out” for a photo. From left are Amber Rathmann ’05 (kindergarten), Molly Wengler ’92 (fourth grade), and Stephanie Berglund ’07 (second-grade Spanish).

Carol Heffernan Lundstrom ’51, Duluth, MN, on May 3, 2009. She was a homemaker, retired employee of Bell Telephone, and teacher’s assistant and is survived by her husband, Gordon, and four daughters including Barbara Perkins ’83.

Avie Johnson Legler ’52, Salt Lake City, UT, on May 15, 2009. She was a retired secretary at the University of Kansas and is survived by her husband, John ’53, one daughter, and two sons including Edward ’81.

D. Dean Gevik ’53, Baxter, MN, on June 6, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor, author, and editor of five books and is survived by his wife, Melba (Johnson ’56), one son, and two daughters including Teresa Garin ’80.

Pauline Carlson Huse ’53, Kasson, MN, on April 12, 2009. She was a retired educator and clerk of court for Dodge County and is survived by her husband, Lairv ’53, and four children including Angela Benda ’82.

Vernon Ogren ’53, Duluth, MN, on July 1, 2009. He was a retired auditor and private tax consultant and is survived by his wife, Helen, one son, one daughter, one brother, and one sister.

Al Molde ’66, director of multicultural programs, Minneapolis, and is survived by his wife, George.

Dallas Blenkush ’56, Lakeville, MN, on April 16, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his children, Stephen ’80, Anne Rykken ’83, and Mary Konrad ’88.

Roger Nelson ’56, Malwah, NJ, on November 4, 2008. He was vice president of Pearson Education-School Division, Upper Saddle River, and is survived by one daughter, two sisters, and one brother.

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

Robert Jensen ’57, West Palm Beach, FL, on November 24, 2008. He was a retired CPA and is survived by wife, Susan, two sons, one daughter, and sister Barbara Olson ’58.

Earl Nelson ’57, St. Peter, on May 21, 2009. He was a retired surveyor for Standard Oil Company and is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Petersen ’59), two sons, and two daughters.

Charlene Lind Olson ’57, Stevens Point, WI, on May 31, 2009. She was a retired teacher and is survived by two sons and two daughters.
Family Service Opportunity

Looking for a unique family service opportunity during the October Education Minnesota break? Join other Gusties to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Feed My Starving Children is a nonprofit Christian organization committed to feeding God’s starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children, and the organization ships the meals to more than 60 countries around the world. Packing will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Chanhassen site, 18378 Lake Drive East. This event is open to anyone over the age of five. All volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes. There are a limited number of spots available, so please register via e-mail at alumni@gustavus.edu.

Janice Aldrich-Campion ’58
Duluth, MN, on May 5, 2009. She was retired supervisor at Anoka State Hospital and is survived by her son and four daughters.

Laurence Ray ’58
Cokato, MN, on March 1, 2009. He was a retired teacher at the Minnesota Academy for the Blind in Faribault and is survived by one daughter, four sisters, and four brothers.

Daryl Monson ’60
Bellingham, WA, on May 23, 2009. He was an aeronautical engineer for NASA-Ames Research Center and is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two daughters.

Doniver Bjorklund ’61
Gladstone, MI, on June 1, 2009. He was a retired employee of Fingerhut and is survived by two daughters and one son.

Sharon Phillips Erickson ’61
Mankato, MN, on June 25, 2009. She was a retired rental property manager and is survived by one daughter and one son.

Carol Schulze ’62
Eden Prairie, MN, on September 25, 2008. She was a retired social worker for Hennepin County and is survived by her parents, three sisters, and one brother.

Keith “Joe” Carlson ’56
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Kevin Johnson ’79
San Diego, CA, on February 18, 2009. He was employed in sales at Bowers Jewelry in La Jolla and is survived by his partner, Chris Janke, his parents, two sisters including Linda Johnson ’78, and a brother.

S. Jane Stinson Kanaway ’86
Buffalo, MN, on April 28, 2009. She was employed at Walgreens and is survived by one son and one daughter.

Lucille Conrath Anderson, staff
St. Peter, MN, on March 21, 2009. She was employed in the Gustavus Food Service for 20 years, retiring in 1992, and is survived by seven children.

News of Retired Faculty

From Nobel Hall of Science and Olin Hall: Mike Anderson ’54, biology, and his wife, Jean (Randin ’55), make their home in Hot Springs Village, AK, and come north frequently to visit family and Gustavus. Mike celebrated his 55th graduation anniversary with his classmates ■

Bob Bellig ’60, biology, and his wife, Tucki (Lund ’60), live in Bemidji where hunting and fishing abound ■

Keith “Joe” Carlson ’56, geology, and wife Marge make their home along the Minnesota River between St. Peter and Mankato, but Keith finds time to join Bob Bellig up north in fishing expeditions ■

Alumni wins media studies competition at Boston University

After starting an independent theatre company while still in high school in India, Sid Selvaraj ’08 and friends Avinash Timothy and Joe Cricac developed the idea for a nonprofit media organization that would educate and inspire people to find solutions to India’s greatest problems. “We were interested in the way media can influence public opinion and convert opinion into action,” says Selvaraj, a graduate student in the College of Communication at Boston University working on a master’s degree in film production who will return to Bangalore, India, next year.

The nonprofit envisioned by Selvaraj and his friends, named the Fourth Estate, recently won the College of Communication’s Harold G. Buchhinder Entrepreneurial Media Studies Competition at BU, which included a $10,000 prize and a news brief in the June issue of the university’s magazine, BU Today. The competition offers full-time College of Communication graduate students the chance to create research, and develop a business plan supporting innovative products and services in the media field. To enter the competition, Selvaraj and his partners created a 14-month plan detailing among other key action items market research in Bangalore, plans for staffing, and revenue and funding tactics.

The award also joined Selvaraj with the senior vice president of production for HBO Films, Jay Roewe (pictured left with Sid), who happens to be a member of the BU Board of Overseers and who has volunteered to advise the Fourth Estate’s founders on how to launch their venture. “Sid is clearly in the realm of entrepreneurship in what he’s trying to put together, which is intriguing,” Roewe says.

“Then there’s the relevancy of a media type of venture in this day and age. I feel that I might even learn some things with the project.”

The Fourth Estate’s media packages will be designed for seven forms of distribution: film and TV, radio, theatre, publishing, advertising, public relations, and animation. Its first venture, according to Selvaraj, is the “AIDS Sutra” campaign, for which the film department will create a documentary about someone with the AIDS/HIV virus. The radio department then could create several podcasts to discuss concrete solutions, and the animation department could create a short piece about an HIV-positive 10-year-old girl. The point, Selvaraj says, “is to reach people in rural India, who do not have enough information about AIDS.”

Selvaraj welcomes e-mails from potential collaborators and alumni who might have advice they’re willing to share; for more information, contact him at selvaraj@bu.com.

Chemistry Alumni Symposium

The Gustavus Department of Chemistry invites alumni and friends to visit the campus for a special event. In addition to presenting its annual fall research symposium, the department has arranged for several alumni to talk about their work. This will be an excellent time to reconnect with classmates and network with other alumni.

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Service and Retirement Recognition

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

25 Years
Donita Clifton, benefits director. Not pictured are Denis Cnkovic, professor of Russian studies; Barbara Kaiser, associate professor of mathematics and computer science; Patricia Kazarow, professor of music and Tim Kennedy ’82, director, communication services and sports information.

35 Years

30 Years
Front row: David Reese, associate professor of economics and management; Paul Tillquist, executive consultant, institutional advancement; and Jim Welsh, associate professor of geology. Back row: Bev Gustafson, adjunct instructor of music, and Stan Shetka, professor of art and art history. Not pictured are John Bungum, professor of economics and management, and Dennis Henry, professor of physics.

40 Years
Tim Robinson, professor of psychology.

Retirees
Dennis Henry, professor of physics, and Steve Hogberg, gift planner. Back row: Ed Thorstenson, visiting instructor and academic librarian, and Byron Nordstrom, professor of history and Scandinavian studies. Not pictured are John Bungum, professor of economics and management; Tom Thorkelson, men’s and women’s track coach, strength coach, and Lund Center special events coordinator; and Steve Wilkinson, men’s tennis coach.

Art Glass ’42, biology, lives in St. Peter’s Capitol Heights with wife Gladys. He joined the reunion classes of 1959 and 1964 at Commencement 2009. Tom Gover, chemistry, and wife Mary live in Richfield in a home overlooking Wood Lake. Milt Brostrom ’49, mathematics and computer science, and wife Elaine live at Realife Apartments in St. Peter. Stephen Hilding ’58, mathematics and computer science, and wife Arlene live in St. Peter where they enjoy events planned by the music department and the staff of Christ Chapel at Gustavus. Bernard Hoogenboom, chemistry, and wife Louise make their home at Pine Pointe in St. Peter. Samih Ibrahim, mathematics and computer science, lives in Bloomington. Samih has led annual tours to her native Egypt since her retirement. Chet Johnson, geology, and his wife, Marian (Swanson ’41), live in St. Peter and this year celebrated their 65th Christmas together. Arne Langsjoen ’42, chemistry, and his wife, Carol (Gaustad ’42), live in St. Peter. Their home was destroyed in the ’98 tornado and Arne now lives in the Valley View addition. Carol is at Pheasant’s Ridge Care Center in St. Peter. Not pictured are John Bungum, professor of economics and management, and Dennis Henry, professor of physics.

Their home in St. Peter and do a bit of traveling as well. Larry Potts, chemistry, spent the past retirement year at the University of Minnesota where he participated in chemical research. His wife, Jill, continues her work in the Department of Education at Gustavus. Al Splittgerber, chemistry, and wife Pat make their home in St. Peter. Richard Fuller, physics, and wife Judy live in Falcon Heights, where both are active in community education projects.
From Anderson Social Science:
Verlin Carlson ’57, psychology, and wife Kay make their home in St. Peter. ■ Ellis Jones ’52, economics management, and his wife, Janet (Hanson ’54), live at Central Square Apartments in St. Peter. Ellis continues his work with the Minnesota GYManda Ganu Association, an organization dedicated to the Welsh tradition of song ■ Claire McGrodtie ’52, economics and management, and wife Ursula live at Pine Pointe in St. Peter. ■ Ellery Peterson ’49, economics and management, and wife Carol make their home in St. Peter.

From Vicknir-Confer Holls
Ann Brady, English, lives in Long Beach, NY ■ Claude Brew, English, and his wife, Sandy (Book Mark), make their home in St. Peter. ■ Claus Buchman, English, and his wife, Margie (Book Mark), divide their time between St. Peter and New Mexico ■ Larry Owen, English, lives in Morris. Larry’s wife, Kathleen, died in January 2009 at their winter home in Fort Worth, TX ■ Greg Mason, English, and his wife, Ruth, live in St. Paul. Greg received a Fulbright and taught this past year in Montenegro, Europe ■ John Rezmerski, English, and his wife, Lorna, live in Mankato. John has been part of several local tributes to Bill Helm ’65, who died in March of this year; Larry Owen joined him in the Gustavus tribute ■ Aaron Everett, foreign languages, and his wife, Mary, divide their time between their home in St. Peter, and Rio Rancho, NM ■ Amado Lay, foreign languages, and his wife, Miriam ’86, are living in Aurora, CO ■ Roger McKnight, Scandinavian studies, and his wife, Barbara Zutt (Mattson ’76, nursing), live in St. Peter. Roger has just written and had published a new book, Seved Tied and Silentied Voices: Separation and Social Adaptation in Two Swedish Immigrant Families.

From Folke Bernadotter Memorial Library: Howard Cohrt, library, and his wife, Tamie, make their home in St. Peter. Howard resides at Pheasant’s Ridge Care Center ■ Guenter Esslinger, library, lives in La Mesa, CA, where he volunteers as an ESL coach ■ Michael Haueseer, library, and his wife, Irene Morris, live in St. Peter.

From Old Main: Norman Waibek, political science, lives in Morgantown, WV ■ Don Ostrom, political science, and his wife, Donna, live in Minneapolis. They attended the inauguration festivities in Washington, DC, in January ■ Bernhard Erting ’43, religion, and his wife, Marilyn, live in St. Peter, where they are regular attendees at the 10 a.m. service in Christ Chapel ■ Conrad Hylers, religion, and his wife, Gerry, live in Holiday, FL ■ Clair Johnson, religion, lives at The Wilds in St. Peter. He continues his interest in sports and celebrates 50 years of being a Gustie basketball fan ■ Stewart Flory, classics, and his wife, Ellie Paraskova ’99, make their home in St. Peter ■ Patricia Freiert, classics, and her husband, Will (classics), make their home in St. Peter, where Patricia continues her artistry in fabrics.

From Schaefer Fine Arts Center: John Braun, speech, and his wife, Mimi, divide their time between St. Peter and Naples, FL ■ Rob Gardner, theatre, and his wife, Judy Gardner, nursing, live in St. Peter. Rob has been active in Twin Cities theater productions and was named Best Actor in a Supporting Role for 2008 by Lavender magazine ■ Bill Roberz ’51, speech, and his wife, Marilyn (Barnes ’51), make their home in St. Peter ■ Don Palzmansk, art, lives in St. Paul ■ Paul Baumgartner, music, and his wife, Helen Baumgartner, music, make their home in St. Peter, where they continue teaching piano and presenting concerts. Helen plays violin with the Mankato Symphony ■ Ruth Gilse, music, and her husband, Tom, live in Mankato ■ Mark Lammers, music, and his wife, Caroline, live in Tucson, AZ. Mark is active as a trombonist and a researcher in the field of music and sound ■ John McKay, music, and his wife, Sara, live in St. Peter. In 2008 John presented a concert tour featuring the world premiere of The Six Wives of Henry VIII ■ Phil Knust ’46, music, lives in Colby, WI.

From Lund Center for Physical Education: Nancy Baker ’56, physical education, and her husband, Richard, make their home at Baker’s Bay on Lake Washington ■ Vic Gustafson ’42, physical education, lives at Heritage Meadows in St. Peter ■ Gretchen Koehler, physical education, lives in St. Peter. Gretchen established a meditation center in Linneaus Arboretum ■ Dennis Raarup ’58, physical education, and his wife, Sharon, make their home in Littleton, CO. In March Dennis was honored by the Colorado High Activities Association as a “High School Hero” for his dedication, devotion, leadership, and continued efforts to make schools, athletics, and communities stronger and better ■ Don Roberts ’56, physical education, and his wife, Nancy (Lea ’56), live in St. Peter ■ Myer “Whitey” Skoog, physical education, lives at Heritage Meadows in St. Peter. The University of Minnesota honored him recently by retiring his basketball jersey ■ Gary Reinholtz, athletic training, and Brenda Larson Reinholtz ’59, physical education, divide their time between homes in St. Peter and Florida.

From Mattson Hall: Ron Green, education, and his wife, Donna, live in St. Peter. Ron joins Ellis Jones in the activities and promotion of the Minnesota GYManda Ganu Association, an organization emphasizing the Welsh tradition of choral music ■ Al Pearson ’65, education, and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in St. Peter and spend time at their Wisconsin lake home ■ Jane Coleman, nursing, lives in Waseca, where she co-owns “Healing Hands Wellness Group.” Her website is www.wasecahwhw.com ■ Ruth Dannemeh, nursing, lives in St. Paul, and has been volunteering at nearby public and parochial schools. She also works with international students in a community college nursing program ■ Hazel Johnson, nursing, lives in St. Anthony ■ Sally Harding, nursing, lives in Minneapolis.

President Ohle to host Oberammergau Passion Play tour

Erratum
We reported in the summer 2009 issue of the Quarterly a baby, Joseph, born to Megan Shorma Arnold ’01 and Scott Arnold ’00 on April 2, 2008. That was close but not correct. Megan’s husband is indeed Scott Arnold, but not Scott P. Arnold ’00. Meanwhile, Gustavus grad Scott Arnold and his wife, Rosa Gleade Arnold ’99, have their own baby to report: Leo, born on April 30, 2009.
Evelyn Bonander ’59, M.S.W., grew up in a parishion in Braham, Minn., so the ethic of social work and the connection between faith and service to others were impressed upon her from an early age. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with majors in sociology and anthropology and psychology and took her first job as an adoption caseworker for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

In 1966 Evelyn received her master of social work degree with honors from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She would hold positions in St. Louis as a medical social worker for the neurosurgery service at Barnes Hospital and for the rehabilitation service at Washington University Medical Center until she was named director of social work at Barnes Hospital/WUMC in 1971.

Evelyn moved to Boston in 1985 to accept a position as fourth director of social services at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and soon became the executive director, with accountability for the operations of social services, chaplaincy, and patient/family lodging. During her tenure at MGH for 19 years until her retirement in 2004, Evelyn promoted fundamental changes in practice and care delivery: she spearheaded a new clinical focus on end-of-life care, wellness, and survivorship; and she pioneered social work’s enhanced involvement in patient care delivery across the continuum.

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**Distinguished Alumni Citation – Evelyn Bonander ’59**

**Wisdom, vision, and leadership**

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Bill Green ’72, J.D., Ph.D., a professor of history at Augsburg College in Minneapolis since 1991 who had served on the Minneapolis School Board for eight years, was named interim school superintendent in 2006 in the aftermath of the forced resignation of the previous superintendent, Thandiwe Peebles, who had been hired less than two years before. He quieted that tumult and moved quickly “into the fire,” in the words of another board member, to seek out some of the district’s harshest critics and assure them that their views would be heard. He brought in academic and financial specialists to help steer the district toward marshaling its dwindling budget behind best academic practices for reaching failing students. Longtime public school critics in the district were struck by his ability to listen and his unfailing student advocacy.

When the board began to consider whether to conduct a national search for a permanent superintendent, they heard—from advisory groups of parents and community hearings that their best candidate was already on the job. Bill joined the Minneapolis School Board in 1993 and was its chair in 1996, 1997, and 1998. He was named to the West Metropolitan Education Project Joint Powers Board in 1995 and the Metropolitan Learning Alliance Joint Powers Board in 1996, serving both until 2001. Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed him to his Task Force on School Finance Reform in 2003.

On Feb. 13, 2007, the Minneapolis School Board unanimously awarded Bill the post of Minneapolis school superintendent after he received an overwhelming show of public support. Bill assumed the job officially at a time when the district had shrunk to its smallest enrollment in more than 20 years—partly due to district students moving to charter and suburban schools. The district had shown some progress in narrowing its racial achievement gap, but the mandate has been to accelerate that pace to avoid further enrollment losses.

In July 2009, Bill announced that he will step down at the of the 2009-10 school year and return to his “two first loves: teaching and writing.”

Bill’s priorities were to build and repair relationships in the community and in the district, to establish a realistic strategic plan for the district’s future, and to focus attention on student achievement. He has been widely applauded—by immigrant populations, parents, teachers, and the media—for his outreach and work done with groups such as the Hmong Thai settling in northwest Minneapolis, who now have a K-8 Hmong magnet school enrolling more than 350 students. And the Gustavus Alumni Association applauds him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in education.
Through his vision and innovation, Ray Norling ’56 has had a significant impact on the turkey industry in Minnesota, the nation, and the world for several decades—and the ongoing research and development being conducted by Life-Science Innovations (LSI), the umbrella organization he formed to provide leadership, coordination, and capital resources for his poultry operation and nine other affiliated Willmar-area agribusinesses, promises to continue making significant advances for years to come.

A year after graduating from Gustavus, Ray was already involved in his family’s business with the Norling Silo Company in Willmar, Minn. In 1958 he moved to Willmar Poultry Company (WPC), which his father had helped to found in 1945. As the company diversified and expanded to include 18 subsidiary businesses, including Farm Service Elevator Co. and Midwest Data, Inc., Ray took on more responsibility, becoming plant manager and vice president, then executive vice president, and ultimately president. Today WPC and its affiliates in LSI employ more than 1,200 people in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Virginia and produce and market 30 million day-old turkey poults yearly. In 1999 WPC hatched its 1 billionth egg!

In 1983 WPC partnered with an independent entrepreneur to form Nova-Tech Engineering, which would develop automation and robotic systems that are leased to turkey, chicken, and duck hatchery customers in North America, Europe, and Asia. In 1986 Ray’s company began the research process to develop proprietary vaccine technology and five years later successfully introduced an SRP (siderophore receptors and porins) vaccine to its breeder operation. By 2002 a separate affiliate, Epitopix, had been formed to consolidate vaccine R&D and development of SRP technology into a distinct company, and within two years it had established a USDA-licensed vaccine production facility and had developed its first proprietary licensed veterinary vaccine for non-poultry species. Recently, Epitopix received a $3.4 million award from the federal government to do exploratory research on vaccines for anthrax in humans.

After partnering with a second developer to spin off Ag Forte, an advanced genetics and hatchery operation, Ray had the vision and insight to form Life-Science Innovations in 2005 to provide strategic guidance and administrative support for what had grown to be 10 affiliated biotech, engineering, genetics, and agricultural industries. LSI teamed with Nova-Tech to purchase a 37-building, 110-acre, former state hospital campus for all their affiliates, establishing MinnWest Technology Campus in Willmar. The innovative arrangement promotes cross-company collaboration and broadens the base of the companies in the various industries, making recruiting easier.

In 2007 Ray, now “semi-retired,” and his longtime business partner, Ted Huizinga, were recognized by the National Turkey Federation with the NTF Lifetime Achievement Award for their dedication to innovation in turkey production. And the Gustavus Alumni Association also honors Ray, with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of business.
**Homecoming & Family Weekend 2009**

**Friday, October 9**

12 p.m. **Class of ’69 Golf Outing** – Shoreland Country Club
5:30 p.m. **Class of ’69 Dinner** – Shoreland Country Club, St. Peter
6 p.m. **Commission Gustavus 150 Dinner** – Evelyn Young Dining Room
6:30 p.m. **Class of ’94 Dinner** – Stella’s, Minneapolis
7 p.m. **Class of ’84 Party –** Richard’s Pub, St. Peter
7 p.m. **Class of ’04 Party –** Kieran’s Irish Pub, Minneapolis
7 p.m. **Weekend Movie: Up** – Wallenberg Auditorium
7:30 p.m. **Class of ’99 Dinner** – W Minneapolis (The Foshay)
8 p.m. **Homecoming Coronation and Variety Show** – Alumni Hall
10 p.m. **Weekend Movie: Up** – Wallenberg Auditorium

**Saturday, October 10**

9 a.m. **Granlund Sculpture Tour** – meet outside Christ Chapel
9 a.m. **Granlund Sculpture Tour** – Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center
9 a.m. **City Tour and Coffee Shop Stop** – 3 Flags
9 a.m. **Seminar: Planning Ahead for a Semester Abroad** – Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center
9 a.m. **Seminar: Parenting Successful College Students** – Heritage Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center
9 a.m. **Seminar: History of Gustavus and Building a Greater Gustavus Tornado Video** – St. Peter Banquet Room, Jackson Campus Center
9 a.m. **Linnaeus Arboretum Fall Fest** – Lind Interpretive Center (through 3 p.m.)
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**Sunday, October 11**

10 a.m. **Worship Service with Holy Communion** – Christ Chapel
11 a.m. **Ala Carte Jazz Brunch** – Evelyn Young Dining Room (through 12:30 p.m.)
1:00 p.m. **Dessert Reception and Presidential Address** – Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms
1:00 p.m. **Music Performances** – Christ Chapel

For more information and to register for events, go to gustavus.edu/alumni.
**arts on campus**

A FOCUS IN/ON project touching upon the hydrogeology of western Kansas will be presented by the Hillstrom Museum of Art in conjunction with the College’s 2009 Nobel Conference, titled “H₂O: Uncertain Resource,” which will consider the current state of world water resources. Dry Creek Bed, Kansas, a 1912 oil painting by Swedish-American artist Birger Sandzén (1871–1954), will be discussed in an essay co-written by Museum Director Donald Myers ’83 and James Welsh, chair of the Department of Geology. Sandzén worked much of his career in central and western Kansas, and the Hillstrom painting is based on his exploration of Wild Horse Creek in Graham County, near where his wife’s parents lived. The painting will be considered in the context of the artist’s career in general as well as for insights it sheds on the geology of western Kansas, specifically the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the world’s largest. The painting and the FOCUS IN/ON essay will be on view at the Museum’s Nobel reception on Tuesday, October 6, 6–8 p.m.