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Thinking about our future

Lately, across the Gustavus campus, we’ve been thinking a lot about the future. The context for that thinking is a new strategic plan. By June we intend to have a draft of a plan ready for review by the trustees. Drawing on our history and who we are today, we want to set clear directions outlining a framework for the future that is both compelling and useful.

At this writing, components of the plan are in various stages of development. A faculty committee is thinking about the future of the academic program. Two related task forces have been working at a new articulation of the relationship between the College and the Church. Plans to enhance international experiences for our students are being developed. New ideas about energy conservation and environmental sustainability are part of this planning work. And creating greater diversity across the campus remains an important goal.

In support of all these initiatives, we are creating new revenue sources and long-term financial projections. New ideas are no good if they’re not supportable. We’re also imagining new strategies for making Gustavus far more visible. I think, too often, our current and potential constituencies have too little knowledge and appreciation about how great this college really is.

Part of our thinking about the future is related to our distinctive past. I was in Sweden recently as part of our effort to create more opportunities to strengthen student exchanges, faculty interactions, and potential funding sources and to support our Scandinavian Studies program. We were also there to build stronger alumni and donor relationships and, of course, to foster our important relationship with the Nobel Foundation.

On the other side of the world, and less related to our past, was a recent trip to the Far East. I made with other presidents from a number of Minnesota private colleges. Beyond eye-opening personal experiences, I hope that new contacts made in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Singapore may open some doors to future student experiences there.

In mid-January the entire campus community was invited to gather for a “Campus Conversation.” Close to 800 members of the Gustavus community gathered to talk together about their perspective on what a new vision for the College might be. The results of those conversations between students, faculty, administration, staff, and College trustees will become a part of our thinking about the future also.

So, we have many people thinking seriously about many different segments of our future here. Since we’re inventing the process as we go, it seems a bit disconnected at times, but I am convinced that a plan will emerge that informs, integrates, and leads Gustavus into a new future. We’ll keep you informed along the way.

James L. Peterson ’64
President
Following the success of its inaugural showcase concert in the Twin Cities last spring, the Gustavus Adolphus College Department of Music is taking its 2006 Music Showcase to Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis on Sunday, March 12.

The showcase, which is slated to begin at 2 p.m., features individual performances by the College’s three premier touring ensembles—the Gustavus Choir, the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, and the Gustavus Wind Orchestra. The Gustavus Choir, led by conductor Gregory Aune, is now planning for a South American tour in 2007. The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Warren Friesen, played to overflow audiences in China in 2004. The Gustavus Wind Orchestra, led by conductor Douglas Nimmo, has just returned from a concert tour of east-central Europe.

“The Gustavus Music Showcase is a special opportunity for musicians at Gustavus to display their musical talents for a new audience in an exciting venue,” says senior Colin McGuire, who is concertmaster of the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are $20 for general admission and $10 for students 18 and under. Call the Orchestra Hall box office at 612/371-5656 or 800/292-4141 for ticket information and reservations. A reception in the Orchestra Hall lobby follows the concert. For more information about the Gustavus Music Showcase, visit <www.gustavus.edu/music showcase>.
The date of the 19th annual convention of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations—Saturday, April 22—happens to coincide with Earth Day this year, so it’s appropriate that the theme of this year’s convention is creation care and “green discipleship.” Gustavus will host pastors and delegates from many of the 511 ELCA congregations in the region and across the country that are currently members of the association.

The convention opens at 9:30 a.m. with a worship service in Christ Chapel, with the Rev. Gary Anderson ’62, who is currently serving as chaplain at Luther Seminary, as homilist. During its business meeting, the association will elect members to its own board and to the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees. The recipient of the 2006 Covenant Award, recognizing an individual who has made distinctive contributions to strengthen the partnership between the College and member congregations, will be announced.

The keynote address of the convention will be presented at 11 a.m. by Larry Rasmussen, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. With many religions—including Christianity—focusing these days on being good stewards of the planet, Rasmussen has chosen as his topic “Discipleship in Today’s World: Religion and Ecology,” looking at how “creation care” communities draw upon the deep traditions of Christian faith.

Workshop sessions in the early afternoon will offer further discussion of ecological and caretaker issues.

Registration materials are being mailed to delegates and pastors. If you do not receive a mailing, or are interested in attending the convention as a guest, contact Marilyn Beyer in the Office of Church Relations (507/933-7001, or mbeyer@gustavus.edu). Pastors and delegates who register for the convention by April 7 will receive more information about board candidates by mail.

Judy Douglas has been honored at the annual BACCHUS-GAMMA Network General Assembly in Orlando, Fla., as the 2005 Outstanding Adviser of the Year for institutions of our size. This is the fifth time in the program’s 30 years that Judy has received this prestigious national award. One of the principal criteria for award selection is “caring and dedicated service to peer educators.”

Recent visitors to the Gustavus website may have noticed a number of exciting new changes, including a fresh look and, in certain sections, a bevy of enhanced features. Many of the new elements come courtesy of a recent partnership with the Buffalo, New York-based LiquidMatrix Corporation, a subsidiary of the College’s database system provider, Datatel. Working closely with the offices of Admission and Alumni Relations, LiquidMatrix has tailored a suite of specialized applications designed to help both offices reach their strategic goals and supplement day-to-day routines. While many of these augmentations are purely administrative in nature, allowing staff to better manage data, communications, and content, a handful serve to very noticeably enhance the end-user experience.

For example, visitors to Admission pages can click a “personalize this site” link and proceed to offer more details about themselves. By collecting the information submitted by viewers through this completely voluntary sign-in process,
Lucia tradition continues

Sophomore Emily Barnard, Bloomington, Minn., reigned as Lucia at the College’s 65th annual celebration of the Festival of St. Lucia. The festival is a Christmas-season tradition at Gustavus that reflects the College’s Swedish heritage and celebrates the “return of light” to the world.

Barnard is pictured here as her “crown of light” was lit by Chaplain Brian Johnson ’80 for the special chapel service on December 8 while her fellow sophomores in the Lucia court looked on. From left on the stairs are Alicia Blomquist, Owatonna, Minn.; Kathleen LeBlanc, Richfield, Minn.; Barbara Guy, Chanhassen, Minn.; Carlie Mauss, Lino Lakes, Minn.; and Lindsay Peak, Stillwater, Minn.

The Lucia children (some visible at far left) were Signe Jeremiason, daughter of Jeff Jeremiason, assistant professor of chemistry and director of the Environmental Studies program, and his wife, Maria; Eric Carlson, son of Kirk Carlson ’95, associate director of student financial assistance, and his wife, Lisa; Eric Eckheart, son of Kari and Christopher Eckheart, both on the athletics coaching staff; Grace and Jacob Pehrson, children of Amy Gerber Pehrson ’91, assistant director of the Center for Vocational Reflection, and her husband, Pat; and Isaac Oachs, son of Dan Oachs ’97, systems administrator for Gustavus Technology Service, and his wife, Lori.

LiquidMatrix-powered pages can then display customized content that matches the user’s specified interests. As more prospective students, parents, and alumni opt to make the Web—a once impersonal vehicle for communication—the first stop for information, this ability to customize a visitor’s Web experience could reap near-instantaneous rewards.

Although many of the refinements were and will be limited to the Admission and Alumni sections, a number of improvements were carried over through the rest of the Gustavus website. Initially spurred by the desire to present visitors with a consistent design, the Web Services team used the opportunity to increase the overall usability, accessibility, and standards compliance of the site. Many of the updates were intended to “pave the way” for future, expanded integration with LiquidMatrix, the idea being that, eventually, a number of the system’s content management tools could be made available to others, on and off campus, increasing the number of publishers and simultaneously making site maintenance easier for all.

While many of the individual enhancements—beyond the merely aesthetic—may go unnoticed by most, visitors should still encounter a fast, friendly, and feature-rich website. The goal is to continue providing visitors and staff with the tools and resources they need, with minimal aggravation.

Jerry Nowell joined the Gustavus Technology Services team as Web communications coordinator in February 2005.
2000 graduate recognized by Association of Congregations

Jean Paul Bigirindavyi honored for work with youth and peace

The Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations has bestowed its 2005 Association Service Award upon Jean-Paul Bigirindavyi ’00, founder of the Youth Intervention for Peace Project (YIPP), an organization that seeks ways to equip youth of cultures in conflict with alternative skills in negotiation, mediation, and community-building. Acting on behalf of the association, President Jim Peterson ’64 presented the award to Bigirindavyi at a chapel service on November 2, 2005.

Bigirindavyi is originally from the East African country of Burundi, which with neighboring Rwanda has been devastated by a civil war between rival Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups. He arrived at Gustavus after losing a leg to a landmine during the ongoing violence and surviving the 1994 genocide. His experiences led him to develop a passion for peace in his homeland and an interest in conflict resolution.

While pursuing a master’s degree in international conflict transformation/resolution at the University of Notre Dame in 2002, he formed YIPP with the aim of creating a model for conflict management using youth as instruments in the peace-building process. He tested the model in Burundi with intercommunity peace dialog and seminars, youth peace clubs, community service, and rehabilitation/integration programs.

The program started in Burundi has been so successful that it has now been expanded to include neighboring Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Bigirindavyi has even been invited to conduct peace-building workshops for Palestinian youth in Bethlehem. It has proven to be such a viable model for community conflict management programs that proposals have been advanced to use it to address urban gang violence and relationships in multicultural at-risk youth populations here in the United States.

YIPP’s success led Bigirindavyi and five of his friends from Gustavus (Ross Anderson ’01, Kristin Dykstra ’01, Peter Rasmussen ’01, Carin Skoog ’00, and Ben Thompson ’01) to form a non-profit organization, Youth Intervention for Peace International (YIPI), to manage its programs. The St. Paul-based grassroots organization is now expanding its fundraising efforts. For more information about YIPI, visit the organization’s website at <www.yipinternational.org>.

The Association Service Award recognizes Gustavus alumni “who, through a mature understanding of their faith, have distinguished themselves in their commitment and contributions to a sense of community, service to others, an international perspective, and behaviors that work toward a just and peaceful world.”
"Pray, but roll up your sleeves"

101 years in the Gustavus religion department

by Kathryn Christenson

The three patriarchs" is the title Clair Johnson confers on himself and two fellow emeriti professors of religion, Bernhard Erling ’43 and Robert Esbjornson ’41. Collectively, their three careers add up to 101 years of teaching at Gustavus.

All three arrived in the 1950s. "It was the Christianity department then," Erling says. "Students were required to take a course in the department each semester. Freshmen studied Old Testament in the fall, New Testament in spring, each being a two-hour course.

"I think students weren’t expecting these to be as demanding as three- and four-hour courses, but I used fairly substantial texts in addition to the Bible. We each taught one of the upper division courses, for example Christian theology, ethics, or Luther." Erling’s Gustavus career spanned 31 years, 1957–1988.

The name change from the Christianity to the religion department in the 1960s brought a series of other shifts, according to Esbjornson. "We used to be an entirely Lutheran faculty. That changed with the arrival of Bill Dean in 1968 and Conrad Hyers in 1977. Later, women became an important part of the faculty and brought new ideas with them." Esbjornson’s Gustavus teaching career stretched from 1950 to 1983, 33 years. Johnson says, “I was doing what I wanted to do, teaching at a college like this. I told my students that this was one place in the Lutheran church where they might be saved by their good works. ‘Pray, but roll up your sleeves, study, and work hard.’” Johnson taught for 37 years, 1958–1995.

All three men still live in St. Peter. Widowers Esbjornson and Johnson have moved in recent years to a senior residence. Erling and his wife, Marilyn, remain in the home where they used to entertain students and where Erling held some class sessions. Erling, Esbjornson, and Johnson get together regularly every two weeks, along with Stan Benson ’51, also of St. Peter.

The three patriarchs reflect upon their students. "When we began teaching senior seminar, students wrote senior theses," Erling says. "I found students were often unwilling to revise their work. They took the words of Pontius Pilate seriously: ‘What I have written, I have written.’"


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Johnson likes to list the number of past and present Gustavus faculty and administrators among the students he shared with Erling and Esbjornson: Jim Gilbert ’62, Bruce Gray ’61, Robert Helgeson ’84, Christopher Johnson ’85, Dennis Johnson ’60, Jim Peterson ’64, Randall Stuckey ’83, and Barbara Mattson Zust ’76 are among those on his roster.

"One of the most important things I learned from my students is that there is no such thing as a stupid question," Esbjornson says. "One student’s question leads to someone else’s thinking and learning."

Esbjornson states what all three affirm about the importance of the Christ Chapel program to the department and the college. "It demonstrates that you can have worship alongside of study in an academic institution."

He continues, “I’m surprised at the number of Gustavus students majoring in religion now. It tells me something good must have been happening all these years.”

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Crossing la frontera in St. Peter

Professor champions awareness of Latino community in Minnesota

by Barbara Fister

Gastón Alzate, director of the Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies program at Gustavus, is used to crossing borders. A native of Colombia, he crosses disciplinary boundaries every time he teaches students about the Latino community in Minnesota, borrowing not only from the social sciences and humanities but even using a concept from geometry: false invisibility.

“Mexicans are visible in St. Peter, objectively speaking,” he explains, “but not perceived—in the same way that a three-dimensional figure loses one dimension when seen in a two-dimensional drawing or sketch.” A survey of faculty and students conducted by his students in 2000 found that 80 percent of respondents were unaware that St. Peter had Latino residents. Since then, awareness has improved considerably, thanks to the work of an innovative service-learning program, AMIGOS.

The program started in 2001 when two students, Christine Weber ’02 and Emily Dale ’02, designed an independent study under Alzate’s guidance to uncover the reality of Latino life in St. Peter and to develop several projects to help young Latino students and their parents residing in the Green Valley trailer park. According to Alzate, “AMIGOS works mainly with after-school programs providing educational and recreational support for Mexican kids, teens, and adults. Our main goal is to accompany and support Mexicans in their adaptation to life in Minnesota and their daily struggle with language and cultural barriers.” As Gustavus students work to make these families visible, their efforts also help Anglo students and their teachers gain a greater understanding of their hometown in all its dimensions.

Apart from opportunities to

More opportunities to serve and learn

The Community Service Office works closely with faculty to design service-learning components for courses. Here is a sampling of the many projects underway:

- After encountering social justice issues during a Service Learning for Social Justice program in Guatemala, Deb Pitton decided to implement a program close to home. Education students in her course about middle school teaching methods are working with the St. Peter School District to develop programs that tackle the problem of bullying.
- In a Women’s Studies course on healthcare issues facing marginalized people, Kay Moline’s students worked with the Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota to research children’s healthcare issues in their home legislative districts and lobby their legislators on children’s behalf.
- June Kloubec’s health and exercise science students have developed a program to serve as fitness mentors to seniors in the St. Peter community.
- In a course on abnormal psychology, Marie Walker’s students worked at the St. Peter Health Care Center’s Special Care Unit to develop relationships with Alzheimer’s patients so that they could create “memory books” for them.
- Michael Klimesh’s accounting students worked with Nicollet County Environmental Services Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop a revolving loan program to update septic systems in the county. The League of Minnesota Counties is considering statewide adoption of this program.
serve the community, the program also offers learning experiences for students. Their knowledge of standard Spanish is enriched as they encounter contemporary Mexican Spanish as it is spoken in the United States. Their understanding of cultural and social issues in Latin American studies is sharpened by seeing them applied in daily life. And, perhaps most importantly, students gain a personal experience that makes what they are learning real. “I found in service-learning the perfect pedagogical balance to bring to life the social and political problems of Latin America and Latinos in the United States,” Alzate says. “The point of departure for me is that each student establishes a friendship, a personal and individual friendship with one member of the Mexican community. Once this is established, no matter how hard the topic is, the student will find a solution for the challenges the topic addresses.”

Such learning, while a departure from traditional classroom experiences, offers students opportunities to explore their own cultural and spiritual beliefs, to experience diversity in the heart of rural Minnesota, and to apply what they have learned in authentic ways. They get a head start on the College’s mission to help students lead lives of leadership and service. They learn, on a local level, what it means to work toward a just and peaceful world. Though that seems a tall order for a single service-learning program, Alzate has a simpler way of describing it: “I hope that the AMIGOS experience will not be just another college experience but a lifelong desire to contribute in changing the world in which we all live.”

Barbara Fister, an academic librarian at Gustavus since 1987, also serves as a coordinator of the Faculty Development Program.

Creating commitment

Service Learning for Social Justice program fosters faculty civic engagement

by Elizabeth Baer

The young woman in the trim green uniform furtively beckoned to us from a crumbling doorway. On this warm afternoon in Havana, we were casually exploring the city forbidden to most Americans. Nancy Hanway, associate professor of Spanish, translated the woman’s offer: for one American dollar, she would show us an antique pharmacy behind the door she appeared to be guarding. Intrigued, we paid and followed her. The tour of the beautifully intact turn-of-the-century store was hurried; at one point, the young woman fretted about her boss returning before she ushered us out.

This brief serendipitous exposure to pre-Castro Cuba turned out to be an epiphany about the challenges confronting one of the few countries still espousing Communism. The young woman was an employee of the Castro government, protecting this historical site. As such, she would be paid in pesos and would trade at the bodegas, government-sponsored stores where she could buy bulk products such as rice, beans, coffee, oil, and cigars. But she might desire
the more exotic products on sale at the “dollar” stores: jars of olives, hair dryers, toilet paper, and other items unavailable to those who could pay only in pesos. So she, a representative of the Cuban government, used her entrepreneurial spirit to earn a few dollars. The dual economy in Cuba is a kind of metaphor for the schizophrenic nature of Cuba today: espousing Marxism, making capitalistic compromises to survive.

The occasion for the visit to Cuba was a program called Service Learning for Social Justice, a faculty development program founded in 2002 at Gustavus to foster civic engagement and awareness in our teaching, no matter what the discipline. Typical Ph.D. programs train faculty in the “content” of their fields but rarely in pedagogical technique; also often neglected is the effort to draw links between biology, classics, or philosophy and the contemporary issues of the 21st century. Gustavus espouses a commitment to justice and to prepare our students for lives of service, and many faculty are deeply devoted to such an idea in their own lives. But how to make the connection in our classrooms?

This dilemma crystallized for me in a conversation with a professor of history who was preparing to teach a course on the tradition of American radicalism and activism but was at a loss as to how to contact current activists in Minnesota who might speak to his students or, better yet, engage his students in working toward equality. It was a dilemma I had faced in teaching courses on the Holocaust. The mantra of the field of Holocaust studies was, for many years, “Remember” and “Never Again.” Yet Pol Pot killed almost two million people in the 1970s in Cambodia; 800,000 died in three months in Rwanda in 1994, killed with greater efficiency than Jews in Nazi Germany, though machetes were the primary weapon of the genocidaires. As I write, the slaughter continues in Darfur while the United Nations deliberates over whether the deaths of 400,000 and the rapes of thousands of women “rises to the level” of genocide. “Never Again” sounds increasingly hollow and I have struggled to find ways to make my students aware of contemporary social justice issues and their own obligation to address these issues while in college as well as in their chosen vocations.

The Service Learning for Social Justice Program was created to address this felt need. It is the brainchild of a collaboration among the Center for Vocational Reflection, the Diversity Center, the dean’s office, the faculty development office, and the work I do in my capacity as the Raymond and Florence Sponberg Chair of Ethics. The program includes a pedagogical workshop on service-learning (community service in the context of a credit-bearing course), a reading seminar, an international study tour focused on an issue of social justice, and an immersion day to look at related issues in our own communities. Participating faculty pledge to incorporate service-learning into their work at the College in some way.

With each iteration of the program, we have journeyed to a different international destination. In 2002, we traveled to Northern Ireland to study “the Troubles,” the conflict between the indigenous Irish Catholics and the Protestant descendants of the colonizing British. In 2003, the group spent ten days in Guatemala, endeavoring to understand the genocidal civil war there, a conflict between the Maya Indians and the descendants of the Spanish conquerors. In 2004, Cuba was our destination as we learned about both the successes and the challenges of the 1959 revolution. In June 2006, another group will travel to Namibia to look at the post-apartheid society that is struggling with HIV/AIDS and a host of other issues.

All told, close to 80 members of the faculty have benefited from this program, which is funded by the Bush Foundation, the Lilly Foundation, and contributions from Gustavus offices as well as the Sponberg Chair endowment.
2006 summer sports camps at Gustavus

Gustavus’ strong athletic tradition is evident with numerous summer sports camps. All camps listed feature knowledgeable coaching staffs, outstanding athletic facilities, and quality dining service and housing accommodations. Complete summer camp information is posted at <www.gustavus.edu/on-campus/athletics/camps/>.

Gustavus Golf Camp
Boys and girls, ages 9–17: June 11-15
Contact Scott Moe,
507/933-7610
<smoe@gustavus.edu>

Gustavus Hockey and Leadership Camp
Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams: July 9–13
Mites: July 10–14
Defensemen Skills Camp: July 14–16
Girls: July 16–20
Contact Brett Petersen,
507/933-7615
<bpeters4@gustavus.edu>

Gustavus Basketball and Leadership Camps
Grades 6–7: June 10–13
Grades 6–7: June 14–17
Grades 7–8: June 18–22
Grades 7–8: June 25–29
Grades 8–10: July 5–9
Grades 9–12: July 9–13
Varsity: July 16–20
Contact Bob Erdman,
651/488-8442, or
Mark Hanson,
507/933-7037
<mjh44@gustavus.edu>

Tennis & Life Camps
Junior Camps (ages 11–18):
June 5–8, June 19–22,
July 12–15, June 22–25, June 29–July 2,
July 10–13, July 24–27, August 3–6
Tournament Player Camp (Ages 14–18):
June 26–29
Adult Camps (ages 18–80):
June 8–11, June 15–18, July 6–9
Family Camps (ages 8–80):
July 13–16, July 20–23, July 27–30
Contact Steve Wilkinson,
507/931-1614
<swilkins@gustavus.edu>

Gustavus Volleyball Camp
(day camps for grades 8–12,
10 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.)
Gustie Camp: July 31–August 1
Setter/Hitter Camp: August 2
Offensive/Defensive Camp: August 3
Contact Kari Eckheart,
507/933-6416
<keckhe@gustavus.edu>

Gustavus Swimming Camps
Sprint & Achievement Camp: June 14–18
Technique & Achievement Camp: June 19–24
Contact Jon Carlson,
507/933-7694
<carlson@gustavus.edu>

Southern Minnesota Throwers Camp
(for boys and girls, grades 8–12)
Four one-day Shot Put Camps
June 14, June 21, June 23, June 28
Four one-day Discus Camps
June 15, June 22, June 24, June 29
Contact Tom Thorkelson,
507/933-7657
<tork@gustavus.edu>

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Hillstrom Museum of Art exhibits Italian Renaissance ceramics

by Donald Myers ’83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art is currently hosting the traveling exhibition *Marvels of Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics from the Corcoran Gallery of Art Collection*, on view through March 19, 2006. Maiolica, a form of tin-glazed ceramics that flourished in Italy in the 16th century, was often heavily decorated, with natural images such as floral motifs, with abstract images, or, especially, with narrative scenes. The latter were often based on designs by well-known Renaissance artists such as Raphael (1483–1520), and were frequently from classical myth, history, or Christian iconography.

One such piece in the exhibition is the Plate with *The Massacre of the Innocents*, made around 1527–1530 by the Urbino artist Francesco Xanto Avelli da Rovigo, one of the most prominent of maiolica makers. It features a classicized depiction of the story from St. Matthew’s Gospel in which Herod, thwarted in his efforts to find and kill the Christ Child whom he feared, orders the massacre of all children of about his age. Several figures, carrying out Herod’s orders, stand in the center of the composition on a pedestal in front of an Ionic column and direct the slaughter below. Muscular nude or semi-nude soldiers, in complex poses that reflect the work of Michelangelo (1475–1564), wrench children from their hysterical mothers. The image de-
The Corcoran Gallery of Art’s collection of maiolica numbers around 120 pieces, and nearly one third of these are included in the exhibition. The Corcoran collection, one of the most significant in the United States, was donated by copper baron William A. Clark, who became fabulously wealthy in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Clark was notorious for his greed, and for the manner in which he became senator from Montana, the state in which he made his fortune from copper mining. His first election, in 1899, was overturned because of fraud due to his bribery of state officials; he was elected more legitimately in 1901, serving until 1907. When he retired from the Senate, he was one of the wealthiest people in the “Gilded Age.” Clark moved to New York City, where he had built on Park Avenue a lavish and incredibly expensive mansion with more than 100 rooms. The mansion was widely derided both for its architecture and its pomposity. Mark Twain commented on the “assfulness” of “this coarse and vulgar and incomparably ignorant peasant’s glorification of himself.”

Whatever his personal qualities might have been, Clark’s collection was a very fine one that consisted of some 800 works of art, including not only maiolica but also Renaissance and later paintings and sculpture. The entire collection was donated to the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 1925 upon Clark’s death, making that institution the principal repository in Washington, D.C., of Renaissance and Old Master art until the opening of the National Gallery of Art in 1941.

Marvels of Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics is organized and circulated by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and made possible by the Scott Opfler Foundation, Inc. The exhibition’s appearance at the Hillstrom Museum of Art is supported by the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation and the Artist Series of Gustavus Adolphus College. A lecture on maiolica held in conjunction with the exhibition and given on February 12 by Catherine Hess, associate curator of sculpture and works of art at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, was supported by the Lecture Series of the College. The exhibition is accompanied by a free, full-color brochure and a catalogue available at modest charge, both written by guest curator Jacqueline Marie Musacchio, a historian of Italian Renaissance art who teaches at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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February
6–Mar. 19
Art Exhibition: Marvels of Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics from the Corcoran Gallery of Art Collection, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., and 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

March
3 St. David’s Day Celebration:
Mini Gymnana Ganu (Welsh hymn-sing) in Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Service open to the public without charge, but reservations required for lunch; for more information, contact the Office of the Chaplains (507/933-7446) or the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).
3 Artist Series: Teresa Walters, Piano, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
11 “Building Bridges” Diversity Conference: “The Unspoken Voice,” with keynote speaker Inge Auerbacher, author and Holocaust survivor, Alumni Hall, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. For information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507/933-7449).
12 Gustavus Music Showcase: The Gustavus Choir, the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, and the Gustavus Wind Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, 2 p.m. Ticket required; contact Orchestra Hall Box Office (612/371-5656 or 800/292-4141).
17–18 Music: “Tubonium,” Midwest Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference, Harold and Ruth Schaefer Fine Arts Center. For information, contact the Department of Music (507/933-7364).
17, 18, and 19 Dance: Pushing the Limits: The Spring Dance Concert, directed by Michele Rusinko and Maria Gomez Tierney, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Mar. 17 & 18) and 2 p.m. (Mar. 19). Tickets required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
18 President’s Ball, International Market Square, Minneapolis, 6 p.m. Tickets required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
19 Music: Joseph Haydn’s Seven Last Words of Christ, performed by string quartets of the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
25 Gustavus Library Associates Easter Bunny Breakfast, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 9:30–11 a.m. Reservations required; contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).

April
3–26 Art: Clay Bodies by Student Bodies annual ceramic exhibition, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., and 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Mon., Apr. 3, 7–9 p.m.
7 Music: Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Home Concert, Warren Friesen, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
8 Music: Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert, with the Adolphus Jazz Ensemble, Steve Wright, director, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
12 Moe Lecture in Women’s Studies: Angela Davis, Alumni Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
19 MAYDAY! Peace Conference: “AIDS + Africa: The Unfolding Crisis,” with keynote speakers Robert Gallo and Marjorie Mbilinyi, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).
22 Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations annual convention: “Earth and All Stars: Our Place in God’s Creation,” keyed by theologian Larry Rasmussen, Christ Chapel, opening at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration required for delegates from member churches; for more information, contact the Office of Church Relations (507/933-7001).
28 Arbor Day: Celebration in
On view in the Hillstrom Museum from April 3 through 26 is the exhibition Clay Bodies by Student Bodies. Conceived by Professor Lois Peterson, Clay Bodies is an annual juried exhibit of ceramic work by students in undergraduate and graduate programs in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The special guest juror for this instance of the exhibition is prominent ceramicist and author James C. Watkins of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, who will present a free workshop on ceramics technique on April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Schaefer Fine Arts building on campus. Watkins' ceramic work Bird Basket (2000) is illustrated here.

May

6 Honors Day: Convocation, Christ Chapel, 10:30 a.m.; Honors Recital, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).

6 Music: Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Douglas Nimmo, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

6–28 Art: Senior Art Exhibition 2006, Hillstrom Museum of Art, Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., and 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Sat., May 6, 4–7 p.m.

7 Music: St. Ansgar's Chorus and Birgitta Singers, Gregory Aune and Travis Sletta, conductors, Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

14 Music: Lucia Singers' Mother's Day Concert, Patricia Snapp, conductor, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

26–27 Alumni Reunion Weekend: 50th Anniversary Class and 50-Year Club; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation (May 28, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m.). Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or <www.gustavus.edu/alumni/>.

27 Music: The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Season Finale, Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

28 Commencement: Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting), 2 p.m. Tickets required if moved indoors; for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).

Sports

Up-to-date sports schedules may be found on the World Wide Web, through the Gustavus homepage (www.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).
Here’s a party game for number-crunchers: Mention educational assessment around a group of teachers. Add up all the flinching and cringing in the room. Subtract those who swear it’s the work of the devil and divide the result by the number of people who really, really wish you’d change the topic.

The bottom line is that assessment has always been a touchy equation. But a new air of assessment is in place at Gustavus Adolphus College this year in the form of two new grant-funded initiatives—one already in progress and one set to launch in the fall. And that’s in addition to the ongoing, campuswide assessment conducted by departments and programs, supported by the Office of Institutional Research. It all adds up to a lot of new information for Gustavus leaders toward the ongoing goal of providing an excellent college experience for students.

Gustavus Adolphus College is participating in two substantial national studies spanning several years. One assesses the College’s ability to foster an outstanding learning environment as it pertains to three distinct areas. Another uses information gathered here as part of a national study of liberal arts education.

These two new initiatives are in addition to the ongoing, overall assessment that takes place every year through the College’s Office of Institutional Research. That office’s director, David Menk ’94, sees his job as making sure the Gustavus community gets feedback on the College’s effectiveness from every possible angle—including talk at the family dinner table.
Gustavus has long been subject to accreditation from a number of sources, but there’s been a growing excitement about assessing the more intangible aspects of a college. And for colleges such as Gustavus that enjoy a historic reputation for both academic excellence and a life-enriching campus experience, the idea of being able to assess such qualities is ideal. It’s why Gustavus applied to be part of the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education.

“In my 20 years, people have always done it. It’s just never been formally expressed,” says Barbara Fister, a librarian at Gustavus and co-coordinator of the College’s Faculty Development program.

**THE WABASH STUDY**

Anybody who has sat in a meeting to hammer out a mission statement knows that it’s a time-consuming task in which a lot of work goes into what is eventually a fairly simple statement. But once that statement is emblazoned on the plaques and other promotional materials, the tricky part is just beginning. How, in effect, do you know if you’re living up to goals such as “We aim to educate students to become clear and effective thinkers, to communicate effectively and to productively engage with the world?”

Fister is the College’s liaison for the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education, which is gathering information and data from 18 colleges and universities.

*by Joe Tougas*
Its two basic goals are to determine what teaching methods, programs, and institutional structures support liberal arts education, and to develop new ways of assessing a good liberal arts education.

The Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education is sponsored and led by the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. Sixty colleges from around the country applied for the study. Eighteen, including Gustavus, were selected. The schools in the study are a mix of community colleges, research institutes, regional universities, and liberal arts colleges. From each, 250 students will take part.

Gathering four years’ worth of input from Gustavus students, the Wabash study is one of the most comprehensive studies of its kind. Beginning in fall 2006, it will track student volunteers throughout their four years at Gustavus.

“That will be very helpful for our long-term planning,” Fister says. “We’ll know where to put our energies and resources.” Over the years, the students will complete a series of surveys regarding their Gustavus experience. Focus groups, in-depth interviews, and reviews of institutional documents are also involved.

Areas measured by the Wabash study include: effective reasoning and problem-solving; an inclination to inquire; integration of learning; intercultural effectiveness; leadership; moral reasoning and character; and well-being.

“There are things we talk about in our mission statement,” Fister says. “This will help see if it’s working. I think it will also help us articulate what liberal learning is for, what the value-added is for going to a school like this.”

Wondering whether a college is meeting its loftier goals is nothing new, of course. Faculty do it formally and informally all the time. The difference, Fister argues, is that the curiosity is about to get formalized.

The outcomes of the Wabash study will have a tremendous impact on faculty development in a way that differs from the traditional accreditation, Fister notes.

“I’m sure when the next accreditation visit comes, we’ll tell them about it,” Fister says. But that’s not what’s driving it. “We just really want to know this stuff.”

The Wabash initiative will be nothing less than a benchmark study in higher education, Fister maintains. “We’ll get a lot out of it but we’ll also be contributing to a higher understanding of what liberal arts is all about.”

Faculty have responded quite well to this brand of assessment, she adds.

“Assessment has this negative side. If you turn it around and look at it from the other side, it’s a chance to turn your curiosity into something that really matters.”

The Teagle Foundation is a philanthropic organization formed in 1944. It aids higher education, among other institutions, to “advance the well-being and general good of mankind throughout the world,” in the words of its founder.

The foundation will fund surveying work at Gustavus for three years. Formally titled “Measuring Intellectual Development and Civic Engagement Through Value-Added Assessment,” the project will in 2006 focus on writing skills. Following years will deal with critical thinking and civic engagement on campus. As the College’s winning grant proposal states: “We all aim to educate students to become clear and effective thinkers, to communicate effectively, and to productively engage with the world.”

According to project liaison and Gustavus assistant professor of English Rebecca Taylor, the project will evaluate how well the College already achieves that goal while uncovering new ways to ensure continued success. Gustavus is one of six colleges collaborating to conduct this study. The others are Alma College (Alma, Michigan), Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.), Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, Ill.), Luther College (Decorah, Iowa), and Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio).

The first phase is to examine writing samples—Taylor hopes for about 400—from first-year students in the fall, then again in spring. Papers from juniors will also be collected in spring. The papers will likely be in the format of analytical and argu-
mentative writing, bearing evidence of how well students express themselves and support their points of view. These samples will be examined by faculty members throughout the six colleges and liaisons such as Taylor will return to their respective colleges with ways to share the outcome with colleagues.

“The data that we collect will help us persuade prospective students, their parents, accrediting agencies, and others that attending a liberal arts college really does make a difference,” says Taylor.

Fister points out that the Teagle goals are nothing out of line with what faculty have always done.

“Individual teachers are always evaluating their students’ writing and helping them with it,” Fister says, “but this is a way to get an overall picture and see if we’re making a difference.”

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

For five years, David Menk has been Gustavus’ director of institutional research. His job is to help the College form a more complete picture of the Gustavus experience, a picture that alumni know is framed by much more than classes, faculty, and grades.

It’s essentially measuring the quality of life with input from some of the main players in that life, namely the students, parents, faculty and staff, and alumni. And while the information from such assessments does get back to the community, it doesn’t take the shape of a typical job evaluation.

“So often people think of assessment as people looking over their shoulder,” Menk says. “Assessment is seeing how you’re doing.”

And as Menk can attest, there’s no end to Gustavus’ desire to make sure it’s providing the best possible services to students, communities, and families. A primary task of his is overseeing the Integrated Post-Secondary Educational Data sharing, which basically requires gathering hard facts such as student numbers, academic profiles, and employee numbers and comparing them with similar types of colleges.

But these are cold numbers, relatively straightforward. A second facet of the job is conducting surveys not only of students, but of alumni, parents, and College employees. For students, it begins with the national CIRP (Cooperative Institutional Research Program) survey that asks a wide range of questions of incoming students. Given during orientation, these surveys produce a picture of lifestyles and expectations of those who are entering Gustavus.

These surveys give Menk—and the College—a handle on such issues as hours spent studying, goals and beliefs, past academic history, and health issues. For instance, Menk says, recent surveys show that interest in formal religion is down, while an interest in spirituality is up.

When the information is gathered, Menk presents the findings to the Administrative Council, members of which discuss the findings with individual departments to plan a course of action. The Gustavus Counseling Center is one of many programs that take an active look at new results to make sure staff are prepared for shifts in issues such as student anxiety or feelings of being overburdened—indications of which are found in the surveys.

All participation in these surveys is voluntary.

“There are schools that have extremely formal criteria in place,” Menk says. “We do a very good job of informal assessment. We do a lot better than we realize.”

The more members of the community understand that the feedback resulting from these surveys is not an individual report card but an overall one, the easier it is to accept the information, Menk says.

“All this data is not a grade, it’s ‘use it if you’d like’—and ‘can this data help you?’” Menk maintains. “Once they [College staff] see it working, they see it not as a performance review but how it can help them. And as you do that more and more, then you realize how nice this data is to have.”

Last year more than 3,000 alumni were surveyed on their connections to the College. Questions were along the lines of how the Gustavus experience changed them and what effect it had on their lives today in matters both physical and spiritual.

Surveys are sent to parents of Gusties as well. Doing so makes sense on a number of fronts, not the least of which is recruitment. After all, it’s the parents who sit across the dinner table and hear stories about college.

“If their perception is their students are—or are not—having a good experience here,” Menk says, “they’re talking to other people.”

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—Rebecca Taylor
“The word ‘orphan’ never existed in African language because children are taken care of by the community. AIDS changed all that.”
When we arrived at KIWAKKUKI, an organization dedicated to working with people with AIDS in Moshi, Tanzania, we were greeted by the staff jubilantly singing “Things are getting better.” Given what we were to learn about the reality of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa generally, and Tanzania specifically, the sentiment, although heartfelt, seemed premature.

I had journeyed to Tanzania in July 2005 for a two-week symposium on HIV/AIDS and Gender. Co-sponsored by the Division of Higher Education and the Schools of the ELCA and Tumaini University, Tanzania, with funding support from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, the symposium brought together seven U.S. faculty from ELCA colleges and seminaries and nine Tanzanian faculty from Tumaini University. We were teacher-scholars from a variety of disciplines—theology, social work, law, medicine, psy-
chology, and my own field of literature— assembled in order to present research, discuss ways to incorporate issues of HIV/AIDS and gender into curricula and individual course syllabi, and initiate cross-cultural collegial relationships. In American higher education, as Dr. Shoonie Hartwig, project director for the symposium, notes, “Africa is too often the neglected continent in curricula offerings.” Educational institutions in the United States exhibit a certain “narrowness of vision,” she says, “a preoccupation with both individual and national self-identity, the north or west or ‘developed’ parts of the world.” This symposium, aptly titled “Partners for Educational Progress,” started to address these challenges for both Tumaini University and ELCA colleges and seminaries by accenting the interdependence of the global community.

“it’s all around taking responsibility”

On the day we visited the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC), draped over clotheslines in the center courtyard of the three-story hospital were scores of kanga traditional pieces of cloth, brightly col-

MAYDAY! Conference 2006

“AIDS + AFRICA: THE UNFOLDING CRISIS”

Despite accounting for just over 10 percent of the world’s population, sub-Saharan Africa is home to more than 60 percent of all people living with HIV/AIDS—about 28.5 million people. This is the staggering statistic that focuses the 2006 MAYDAY! Conference, “AIDS + Africa: The Unfolding Crisis.”

Although Eastern Europe and Central and East Asia today show the sharpest increases in HIV prevalence, sub-Saharan Africa continues to be the area of the world most affected, with 64 percent of new infections occurring in countries such as Lesotho and Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. In 2005, an estimated 3.2 million people in the region became newly infected with HIV, and 2.4 million adults and children died from AIDS. Individual countries only begin to display the scope of the medical and humanitarian crisis.

Nigeria is home to more people living with HIV than any other country in the world, except for South Africa and India.

In Swaziland, more than 45 percent of pregnant women tested positive for HIV in 2004, up from 34 percent four years earlier.

Mother-to-child transmission of HIV, virtually eliminated in industrialized countries, still remains a significant source of new infection in sub-Saharan African countries.

In South Africa, adults who tested positive for HIV were less than 1 percent in 1990, but the percentage soared to almost 25 percent in 10 years.

Ethiopia has more than 1.5 million people living with HIV, yet fewer than 10 percent of people in need of the antiretroviral course of therapy were receiving it by mid-2005. In other countries in sub-Saharan Africa, such as Lesotho, Ghana, and Mozambique, as well as Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe, the same treatment percentages can be seen—more than 90 percent of people in need of antiretroviral therapies are not receiving them.

These statistics tell only part of the story of HIV/AIDS. The
ored with patterns of birds, leaves, or geometric shapes. Lying virtually still in the heavy air, surrounded by dirty white cement walls, the presence of the *kangas* was jar-ringly unexpected—U.S. hospitals don’t allow their laundry to be seen publicly—yet strangely reassuring. They were a vibrant symbol that KCMC is, after all, a hospital filled with people engaged in the work of humanity: fashioning prosthetics, performing cataract surgeries, treating patients for malaria or pneumonia, and ministering to those people infected with HIV/AIDS.

The first AIDS cases were diagnosed in Tanzania in 1983; 20 years later more than 176,000 cases have been reported, but Dr. D. F. Mosha, director of research and consultancies at KCMC, suggests that “only 1 in 14 AIDS cases is reported.”

Because of these numbers, the next generation is imperiled, also. At least 30 percent of the 1.5 million babies born in Tanzania are at risk of contracting HIV through mother-to-child transmission. Young people aged 10 to 24 account for one-third of HIV cases. Along with malaria, AIDS is now one of the leading causes of death in Tanzania, and in sub-Saharan Africa there are now more than 3.5 million people living with and dying from AIDS.

Clearly, KCMC is in the midst of overwhelming work, yet it is not alone in doing the work of humanity.

Kikundi cha Wanawake Kilimanjaro Kupambana na UKIMWI, shortened to KI-WAKKUKI, and translated into English as “Women Against AIDS in Kilimanjaro,” is a

2006 M AYDAY! Conference adds to the story with keynote addresses by two prominent scholars, Dr. Robert C. Gallo and Dr. Marjorie Mbilinyi, that will articulate the scientific history and socio-political ramifications of the disease. Seminars and workshops focusing on education and activism will complement the lectures and merge local social justice and human rights issues with the global.

Dr. Robert Gallo, whose work with AIDS precedes the disease’s connection with HIV, is in residence on the Gustavus campus for two weeks this spring as the Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Distinguished Professor. Gallo and Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris are recognized as co-discovering the HIV virus as the cause of AIDS. In 1996, *Science* magazine hailed Gallo’s discovery that natural compounds known as chemokines can block the HIV virus and halt the procession of AIDS as one of the year’s most important scientific breakthroughs. A two-time recipient of the Albert Lasker Award in Medicine, Gallo is director of the Institute of Human Virology and Division of Basic Science at the University of Maryland’s Biotechnology Institute; prior to that, he spent 30 years at the National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Marjorie Mbilinyi’s training as a sociologist, with particular interests in gender, social justice, and the global political economy, uniquely positions her in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Mbilinyi, one of the most influential figures in women’s studies in Africa, is one of the founding members of the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP), a non-governmental organization based in Dar es Salaam focused on promoting gender equality and equity in areas such as women’s health, domestic violence, and female political representation. Mbilinyi has numerous publications on women and work, healthcare issues, and the social and political effects of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

M AYDAY! 2006, “AIDS + Africa: An Unfolding Crisis,” will be held Wednesday, April 19. Dr. Gallo’s keynote address will take place at 10 a.m. in Christ Chapel; Dr. Mbilinyi will deliver her keynote address at 1 p.m. in Alumni Hall. The conference is free and open to the public. Following the afternoon address, attendees are invited to participate in several workshops and smaller discussions about HIV/AIDS.
not-for-profit community outreach center located among fabric stores and markets on dusty Mankinga Street in Moshi. The waiting room is filled with women, men, and children who have come to KIWAKKUKI for testing and counseling, information, and hope. Founded in 1990, KIWAKKUKI was started by women of Moshi as an ad hoc response to the AIDS crisis and works to sensitize, educate, and facilitate treatment for HIV/AIDS infected people in communities in the Kilimanjaro region. The word “orphan” never existed in African language, Dafrose Itemba, director of KIWAKKUKI, explains, “because children are taken care of by the community. AIDS changed all that. . . Now everything is falling apart.”

But KIWAKKUKI is doing what it can to hold the community together by mobilizing the people, Itemba explains. “No one is telling the stories of the children who are infected with HIV or who are orphaned by AIDS,” Itemba continues. To make matters worse, she explains, Tanzanians are hearing different messages about HIV/AIDS, one from the government, one from churches, and one from community outreach organizations such as KIWAKKUKI. As a result, “traditional safety nets,” such as non-governmental organizations, the churches, and the government, won’t stop AIDS. Instead, she makes clear, “it’s all around taking responsibility.”

About eight hours after we boarded the 21-passenger bus in Moshi, we arrived in Dar es Salaam, the haven of peace, on the coast of Tanzania. Dar es Salaam was the center of German colonial administration during the early twentieth century; after World War II, the country became a U.N. trust territory, controlled by the British. In 1959, Britain agreed to establish internal self-government, and Tanganyika, as the country was formerly called, became independent in 1961 and a republic in 1963. The archipelago, including the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, joined with the mainland to become the United Republic of Tanzania in 1965. Although the more centrally located city of Dodoma became the capital in 1973, Dar es Salaam remains the largest, busiest city, with more than 2.5 million inhabitants.

One of our visits in Dar es Salaam was to the main office of WAMATA, the acronym for Walio Katika Mapambano Na AIDS Tanzania, translated in English as “Those in the Struggle against AIDS in Tanzania.” The organization, started in 1989, was the first in Tanzania devoted to HIV/AIDS education and counseling and, in fact, trained many of the NGOs and other AIDS organizations that have since been established in the country. “Our role is to give people information,” explains Theresa Kaijage, WAMATA’s director, in order to “open a forum and let people use their own conscience.” WAMATA counselors go out into the communities and visit people in their homes. These counselors are, the director comments, “people on the front line,” and the war imagery is not incidental. WAMATA’s philosophy is to convince families of people with AIDS to see them as partners, not as victims. Once this change of mindset occurs, Kaijage says, then people can “turn their grief into strength.”

The highway between Dar es Salaam and Iringa, a city of 100,000 urban inhabitants situated in the southern highlands, flows through a plain that is home to Mikumi National Park, then ascends into the Udzungwa Mountains and follows the Little Ruaha River. Covering the slopes are armies of thick-trunked and short-limbed baobab trees. On the ground, underneath these baobab trees, by the side of the highway that cuts through this forest, are red tomatoes and purple onions, stacked in five gallon buckets, for sale to the motorists who pass by. This also is the highway from Tanzania to Zambia and beyond, and as a result, the prevalence of HIV/AIDS increases sharply along this route because of the truckers moving from town to town.

In the late 19th century, Germans, including missionaries from Berlin, colonized the area of East Africa now known as Tanzania; connections between mission work and colonialism, thus, have never been too deeply obscured. In 1939, the first African leaders were ordained to lead congregations. Today, there are 20 dioceses of the Evangelical Church of Tanzania. Iringa, one of the 20, is in tough country, surrounded by semi-desert or rainy mountains or grasslands that are cultivated by hand tools. Inadequate infrastructure, coupled with a poor development plan for the re-

Top: Outside a church in Iringa. Middle: Traditional tribal dancers. Bottom: At a church auction the group attended.
gion, doesn’t offer much hope for the people of the area. As a result, young boys and girls from the Iringa region generally leave the area to become house servants elsewhere or venture to other countries to work in goldmines. As Iringa’s Bishop Owdenburg Mdegella offers, “Today, the challenge of the diocese is whether we will be having healthy people who are surviving for the next decades.”

In order to meet this challenge, the focus in Iringa is on education. “HIV/AIDS is not a story,” Bishop Mdegella says, “[it] is not a myth . . . there’s no secret anymore.” Yet many ministers still deny that they have parishioners with HIV/AIDS in their churches. Courses in life skills and information about HIV/AIDS are offered to 15 villages in the diocese through the mid-level grades. Church and community leaders are educated about the disease in the hope that they will break their silence. Such approaches begin to address the socio-economic causes of HIV/AIDS in addition to the biological and behavioral factors. Marjorie Mbilinyi, director of the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP), argues that malnutrition, inadequate health services, poverty, and lack of ownership of medical supplies and pharmaceutical resources have disadvantaged Africans in responding to the challenge of HIV/AIDS. Access to clean water, taken for granted in the United States, is only one example of the challenges faced by Tanzanians. According to research conducted by the TGNP, it takes about 26 gallons of water each day—for drinking, cooking, and bathing—to adequately provide for a person suffering from AIDS. “Ask alternative questions,” Mbilinyi challenges, and she poses one herself: “Why are Africans the largest group of people affected by HIV/AIDS?” The effects of globalization, she continues, with its focus on open market policies, investor-friendly environments, and increasingly powerful multinational corporations, are creating a larger gap between the rich and poor, and focusing attention away from the domestic market. “Profits, not people, are now being put first,” Mbilinyi concludes.

During my two-week seminar in Tanzania, however, it became apparent that, for some, people are being put first. As we left KIWAKKUKI, the outreach counselors who had gathered to meet with us broke into the simple song with which we were greeted: “Things are getting better,” they sang over and over again, as way of thanking us for our presence and interest in their work and the people with whom they work. In the face of overwhelming odds, their optimism was startling. Yet in the days I spent in Moshi and Dar es Salaam and Iringa, the sad stories of illness and loss gave way to a reality filled, most importantly, with bursts of hope and profound expressions of human generosity and understanding.

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If you were up in time to arrive on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus at 5 a.m. on just about any Tuesday or Thursday during this past fall term, you would have seen nearly two dozen men and women leaving to go to the hospital. They weren’t hurt, nor were they sick. But they had to arrive at a hospital in the Twin Cities before 7 a.m. or else they’d be late for clinicals.

The early risers were nursing students at the College leaving campus to take part in the clinical experiences required for their major at participating hospitals in Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Edina, Shakopee, and New Prague. In addition to the clinicals and their liberal arts core classes, the students will spend hours each day in nursing theory classes, which are held in Mattson Hall, the new nursing and education facility on campus, which was dedicated last October.

Gustavus nursing traces its roots back to 1898, when the Swedish Lutheran Church founded the Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing. There existed a special relationship between Gustavus and Bethesda Hospital, which was apparent from the beginning. By 1948, Bethesda nursing students were required to spend a semester at Gustavus, taking courses in ethics and religion. In 1956 the Gustavus Department of Nursing was formed when Bethesda passed its nursing program to Gustavus. In the spring of 1960, the first Gustavus nursing class earned bachelor’s degrees from the College.

The Department of Nursing at Gustavus Adolphus College currently comprises 4 faculty members, 2 lab facilitators, and 44 students—20 in their senior year and 24 in their junior year. (Next year the department will have 24 seniors and 24 juniors, as it is expanding.) The Gustavus Department of Nursing operates in conjunction with the nursing department of St. Olaf College in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Nursing Consortium (MINC), a union formed in 1986 that is...
Students are encouraged to care for a patient Nursing (MBN).

Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing (MBN).

“The consortium was formed in order to continue attracting nursing students at a time when nursing was not as popular as it had been in previous years,” says Barbara Mattson Zust ’76, assistant professor of nursing at the College and a graduate of the Gustavus nursing program. The consortium originally comprised Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Olaf College, and the College of St. Catherine, but it became a duo in 1991 when the College of St. Catherine left the consortium.

“The nursing programs at St. Olaf and Gustavus are identical,” says Judy Gardner, associate professor of nursing and current chair of the department. “Each school has the same classes in the same curriculum.” Nursing consortium faculty teach on both campuses.

This year, the consortium has increased the number of students in the Class of 2007 from 20 to 24 for each school, starting a trend that is expected to be followed in colleges and universities across the country. The new curriculum brings with it a new course in healthcare issues, to be taken by nursing students in their junior year. The course is open to both nursing majors and non-nursing majors, an unprecedented move for the department.

The Gustavus Department of Nursing emphasizes a holistic approach to nursing. Students are encouraged to care for a patient not just physically but also psychologically, culturally, spiritually, and developmentally.

Students interested in becoming nurses take prerequisites for the major and general education classes during their first or second years. In the junior and senior years, students admitted to the nursing major complete the nursing classes while finishing their liberal arts education.

“As part of the new curriculum,” says Gardner, “we require that our students take four nursing courses in the first semester of their junior year as an immersion experience.”

At the same time, the Department of Nursing takes measures to encourage its students to engage in sports, arts, and other valued liberal arts activities, in spite of the rigorous curriculum. Through developing students with liberal arts backgrounds, the nursing faculty hopes to send them out to the job market with superior critical thinking skills and well-rounded personalities.

Students are awarded a bachelor of arts degree with a major in nursing after completing the requirements of the program, which include ten lower division courses that are open to the entire campus (such as biology, chemistry, and cultural anthropology), and eleven nursing-specific upper-division courses (such as healthcare issues, nursing concepts, and adult, child, family, mental, and public health).

Students are eligible to apply for initial licensure through examination by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and, upon licensure, can apply for certification as a public health nurse in Minnesota.

For the four professors on the nursing faculty, working for two years with a tightly knit group of 44 nursing majors creates a unique relationship between teacher and student. “We care for them as they care for their patients in clinicals,” Gardner maintains.

Students in turn reportedly feel a bond with both the program and the faculty.

“These professors are some of the most wonderful people on campus,” says nursing major Hillary Hilligoss, a senior from Hibbing, Minn. “[They] are attentive,” adds Heather Priestler, a junior from Mounds View, Minn. “They accommodate situations as best they can so that we remain healthy and learn.”

Being a nursing student is not just about the relationships, however. It’s also about hard work. “To survive, you have to be dedicated and willing to put forth energy,” Priestler says, “or else it’s not going to work out. [The professors] set the bar high—they have all semester—and it will only go higher.”

This article is part of a series of department profiles appearing in the Quarterly on a regular basis. Author Shawn Kamesch, a senior English major from Norwood-Young America, Minn., was an intern in the Office of Marketing and Public Relations during the Fall 2005 semester.

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E-SCORES!

The Gustavus sports information office is offering a score updating service free of charge to all fans of Golden Gustie athletics. In cooperation with Stretch Internet, Gustavus is offering E-SCORES, a program that allows you to sign up to receive results of Gustavus athletic events. You can receive the results as a text message on your cell phone or by e-mail on your computer. All that is required is registration by interested parties on the E-SCORES website. You can choose how you want to receive the results and which results you want to receive. The use of your text messaging and e-mail is confidential, and you will not receive marketing messages or calls if you sign up for this service. Feel free to call Sports Information Director Tim Kennedy at 507/933-7647 if you have any questions. To register for this new service, please visit the E-SCORES website at <http://escores.stretchinternet.com/login.php?sch-gac>.

Hailey Harren wins NCAA cross country championship

Gustavus Adolphus junior Hailey Harren (Cold Spring, Minn.) captured the individual title at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Methodist Theological School and the Dornoch Golf Club in Delaware, Ohio. Harren outdistanced runner-up Julia Rudd of UW-LaCrosse by eight seconds. Harren, who picked up her sixth individual title of the season, ran side-by-side with Rudd through the first four kilometers, but began to build a lead over the final 1.5 kilometers, traversing the 6-kilometer course in a time of 21:52.9. Gustavus senior Kourtney Joyce (Wadena, Minn.) finished 55th in a time of 23:19.20.

Harren is the second Gustavus cross country runner to capture an individual NCAA championship. Sarah Edmonds ’93 also captured the title, in 1992. Harren completed a “trifecta” of sorts this season, capturing the MIAC championship, the Central Region championship and the NCAA championship. Harren also won titles at St. John’s, St. Olaf, and Wartburg this season and finished second at the Roy Griak Invitational hosted by the University of Minnesota.

Harren was named Division III National Female Athlete of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) following the championships. Harren also received MIAC Female Cross Country Athlete of the Year honors as well as Division III Central Region Female Athlete of the Year honors from the USTFCCCA.
Second in nation

Soccer team makes run at national championship

by Tim Kennedy ’82

The Gustavus men’s soccer team concluded its 2005 regular season with a seven-match unbeaten string (6–0–1) and earned a share of the MIAC title with Macalester. The Gusties entered the MIAC playoffs on a roll and were excited about making a post-season run with a veteran team. However, in the semifinal round of the MIAC playoffs, the Gusties were knocked out by St. John’s, which tied the Gusties 0–0 through two overtimes and then advanced by winning a shootout by the score of 3–2.

Suddenly, the hopes of an exciting run through the NCAA tournament for this team were in serious jeopardy. Coach Larry Zelenz and his squad would have to wait for three agonizing days to find out if the NCAA tournament selection committee would grant them an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Then, on Monday morning, November 6, the Gusties’ season was extended with an invitation to the national tournament.

Coach Larry Zelenz and his squad took advantage of this second chance by making the most memorable run through the NCAA tournament in the program’s history, a journey that would take them to Whitewater, Wis., and Grand Rapids, Mich., before climaxing in Greensboro, N.C., for the NCAA Division III Final Four.

The unseeded and unranked Gusties opened the tournament in Whitewater, Wis., with a 1–0 win over #14 Hope College. The next day, Gustavus tied #21 Wheaton 1–1 in overtime and then advanced to the sectional tournament by winning a shootout with the Thunder by the score of 3–1.

The next weekend, Coach Zelenz and his squad faced Loras College in Calvin, Mich. Six inches of new snow and cold conditions greeted the team, but the weather could not slow down the streaking Gusties, who rolled past the continued on next page

Fall Sports Summary

Football – Coach Jay Schoenebeck’s (’80) squad got off to a rough start, losing its first five games; however, this young Gustie squad rallied to win three of its last five games and finish with a record of 3–7 overall and 3–5 in the MIAC. Four players received second team all-conference honors, including sophomore quarterback Jordan Stolp (Mankato, Minn.), junior defensive lineman Nick David (Morristown, Minn.), senior tight end Jamie Germisch (Madison Lake, Minn.), and sophomore linebacker Jared Sieling (Watertown, Minn.). Senior running back Drew Stifter (Watertown, Minn.) was selected the team’s Most Valuable Player.

Men’s Cross Country – The Gusties posted an eighth-place finish at the MIAC championships and wrapped up their season with a 13th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. Junior Alex Zupan (Monona, Wis.), who was the team’s top performer all season, placed 21st at the MIAC championships and 20th at the NCAA Central Region meet.

Men’s Soccer – Coach Larry Zelenz directed his squad to its second consecutive MIAC championship (sharing the title with Macalester). The Gusties then made a remarkable run through the NCAA Division III tournament, advancing to the national championship match before losing to Messiah College 1–0. The team finished with a record of 17–3–5 overall and 7–1–2 in the MIAC. Senior midfielder Bobby Kroog (Bloomington, Minn.) was named the MIAC’s Most Valuable Player and was joined on the all-conference team by senior defender Jordan Iblings (Plymouth, Minn.) and senior midfielder Jon Astry (Eden Prairie, Minn.). Kroog and Iblings were also named to the NSCAA All-West Region team.

Men’s Golf – The team wrapped up a successful fall season with a second-place finish at the MIAC championships. The Gusties placed fourth or higher in all five tournaments in which they participated during the fall season, including a first-place continued on page 33
The 2005 MIAC co-champion men’s soccer team gathered for a photo after winning the NCAA Sectional title in Grand Rapids, Mich. Kneeling from left: Jack Underwood, Caleb Bousu, Jon Astry, Jeffrey Johnson, Tim Gendron, and Ryan Beduhn. Standing: head coach Larry Zelenz, Matt Brain, Todd Johnson, Doug Schroeder, Tyler Garry, Chris Pinahs, Tore Johnston, Alex Groth, Jordan Iblings, Grant Morlock, Trevor Brown, Sam Barthell, Mike Butterworth, Jeff Aasness, Ben Heupel, Matt Strom, Danny Suchy, Bobby Kroog, assistant coach Joe Hartwell ’05 (partially obstructed), and Nell Nelson.

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Duhawks 3–0. The win allowed Gustavus to advance to the sectional finals for the second consecutive year. The Gusties defeated #15 Fredonia State 2–0 in the championship and became the first men’s soccer team in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to advance to the NCAA Final Four.

The Gusties would spend a very special Thanksgiving weekend in Greensboro, N.C., battling for the 2005 NCAA Division III soccer title with defending champion Messiah College (Penn.), Whitworth College (Wash.), and Plattsburgh State (New York). Coach Zelenz’s squad would face #3 Whitworth in one national semifinal match.

On a clear and chilly Friday night (Nov. 25), Gustavus continued its improbable run to the national title with a thrilling 2–1 win over Whitworth. Junior forward Alex Groth (Waupaca, Wis.) scored an early goal for the Gusties and the game was tied 1–1 at the half. Jeffrey Johnson (soph., Tonka Bay, Minn.) propelled the team to the national championship match when he scored off a deflection in the 75th minute. Gustavus put good pressure on the Falcons late in the game but could not register the equalizer, allowing Messiah to capture the national title.

Bobby Kroog (sr., Bloomington, Minn.), Jon Astry (sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.), and Jordan Iblings (sr., Plymouth, Minn.) were named to the Final Four All-Tournament team for the Gusties.

Gustavus ended its remarkable season with a mark of 17–3–5 overall and broke the school record for games played in a season with 25. The old mark was 23 set in 2005.

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Larry Zelenz named NSCAA National Coach of the Year

AFTER guiding the Gustavus Adolphus men’s soccer team to its most successful season in school history, head coach Larry Zelenz has been named the 2005 NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Zelenz guided the Gusties to a 17–3–5 record, a share of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season title (7–1–2), and a runner-up finish in the NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Championships last fall.

Gustavus fell 1–0 in the championship final to defending national champion Messiah (Pa.) and finished with a No. 2 national ranking by the NSCAA. Zelenz, a four-time MIAC Coach of the Year (1989, 1994, 2000, 2003), is 224–96–39 in 20 seasons at Gustavus Adolphus and has guided six teams to NCAA Tournament berths (1993, 1994, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005). He was also named the 2005 NSCAA West Region Coach of the Year for a second consecutive time.

Bobby Kroog named All-America in men’s soccer

Gustavus Adolphus College senior midfielder Bobby Kroog (Bloomington, Minn.) has been named to the 2005 National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Division III All-America Third Team.

Kroog, a second-team selection in 2003 and a third-team selection in 2004, is one of a trio of three-time honorees on this year’s list. A 2005 co-captain, Kroog tallied 14 goals and 8 assists for 31 points while directing traffic in the midfield during the season. Kroog has been an offensive mainstay during his career, compiling 80 points on 36 goals and 8 assists to finish fifth in both career goals and points at Gustavus.

A four-time letterwinner, Kroog was named the Most Valuable Player of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and earned both All-MIAC and All-West Region honors for a third consecutive year.
standout Hailey Harren (Cold Spring, Minn.). Harren won the MIAC championship, the NCAA Central Region championship and the NCAA Div. III national championship. Other standouts for the Gusties included senior Kourtney Joyce (Wadena, Minn.) and junior Ashley Cronen (Kandiyohi, Minn.). Joyce finished third at the MIAC meet and fifth at the NCAA regional, while Cronen finished 14th at the MIAC meet and 15th at the NCAA regional. Harren, Joyce, and Cronen all received all-conference and all-region honors.

Women’s Golf – The Gusties finished second at the MIAC championships, just three strokes behind champion St. Thomas. Coach Scott Moe’s (’95) squad, which is ranked third nationally, finished first at the Concordia Invitational and the Midwest Classic. Three Gusties earned all-conference honors by virtue of finishing in the top ten: Erin Schliep (Rochester, Minn.) and Kelli Groff (Bloomington, Minn.) tied for second, and Alana Reetz (Milaca, Minn.) was tenth. The team is very much in contention for a berth to the NCAA tournament in May.

Women’s Soccer – Coach Mike Stehlik’s team finished with a record of 7–10–1 overall and 4–6–1 in the MIAC, which was good for an eighth-place finish. This young Gustie team finished on a strong note, winning four consecutive matches to complete the season. Senior Tori Boughton (Edina, Minn.), who led the conference in saves with an average of 8.59 per game, was selected to the all-conference team.

Women’s Tennis – Coach Jon Carlson’s (’88) squad turned in another strong performance at the ITA Midwest Regional Tournament, which was hosted by Gustavus in late September. Junior Jaime Gaard (Edina, Minn.) defeated junior teammate Lauren Hom (Stevens Point, Wis.) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 to win the singles title. In doubles play, Hom and partner Marla Menne (sr., White Bear Lake, Minn.) claimed the regional title by defeating a duo from Carthage College 9-8 in the championship match.

Hom and Menne claim national doubles title

The Gustavus women’s tennis doubles team of Lauren Hom (jr., Stevens Point, Wis.) and Marla Menne (sr., White Bear Lake, Minn.) wrapped up a perfect fall season by winning the Division III doubles title at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Small College Championships. The tournament, which was held in Fort Myers, Fla., brought together the eight regional champions to compete for the national title.

Hom (at left in photo) and Menne opened the tournament with a 7–6 (3), 6–0 win over Erin Andrede and Connie Shim of DePauw in the quarterfinals. The duo then advanced to the finals with a convincing 6–2, 6–1 win over Tatiana Steinberg and Sandra Montez of the University of Redlands. In the championship match, Hom and Menne claimed a thrilling 3–6, 6–1, 10–4 victory over Hali Walther and Jenna Mezin of Wellesley College.

Playing together for the first time this fall, Hom and Menne posted a perfect 8–0 mark against Division III competition. They are the second duo from Gustavus to win the ITA Division III doubles title, as Tracy Erickson ‘95 and Lisa Broughten ‘98 finished first in 1994.
Enthusiasm grows for athletic fields project

Pack the house!

"Pack the House" is the rallying slogan to gain support for the proposed new football stadium. The goal is to achieve commitments from former football players, other alumni, parents, and friends of the College for 2,000 “seats,” at $1,000 per seat. Commitments will carry a three- to four-year payoff period. For example, a donor might make a gift of two “seats” ($2,000) and elect to pay off the commitment over 48 months at $41.66 per month. While the gift of a seat does not entitle the giver to a reserved space at home games, donors will be publicly recognized in some way in the new facility. Contact Athletics Director Al Molde ’66, at 507/933-7617 or <amolde@gustavus.edu> for more information. Let’s pack the house!

Why a new stadium now?

The athletic fields and facilities project is much more than a new location for football. The decision to move the field and build a stadium is anchored in the need for additional campus facilities. The strategic plan proposes development of a mall west of Christ Chapel to accommodate that need. Olin Hall was the first building to be located on the west mall, but the current stadium site effectively blocks further development.

A task force has been working for two years to assess requirements for a new academic building to be sited on the west mall. Several of the social science departments are experiencing significant student growth. Some of these departments are located in the former library building, which was built in 1948. The space is no longer adequate. Discussions have considered how the social sciences can better link together to prepare students for life and work in the 21st century. Interdisciplinary and interdepartmental programs are already in place and others are being discussed, including an interdisciplinary Center for Ethical Leadership. A new academic building will help facilitate such programs.

College officials are also working on plans to expand the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. Additional space is needed to accommodate printed materials, access technologically sophisticated research tools and resources, and provide space for College and Church archives.

All these initiatives depend on moving the football field. Since the stadium is nearly 80 years old, the board made the decision to begin fundraising that would not only provide a field in a new location, but also a new stadium. And, since the stadium and field will be built where the present baseball field is located, a new baseball field would be constructed near the northwest corner of the campus, to the west of the tennis center.

Honoring the tradition

The south entrance plaza of the new football field and stadium will celebrate the rich tradition of Gustavus football, the coaches and outstanding players who have contributed to that tradition, and the donors who make that tradition live for future generations. Plans call for Gustavus’ four championship coaches—George Myrum, Lloyd Hollingsworth, Jocko Nelson, and Denny Raarup—to be honored with commemorative plaques on permanent display in the plaza.

To see an architect’s imagining of the proposed features of a new Gustavus football field and stadium, go to <www.gustavus.edu/campus progress/footballstadium/videos.cfm> and download a virtual tour.

Reds announce project support

Tau Psi Omega, now in its 101st year counting from its founding as a secret society, can lay claim to being the oldest fraternity on campus. This diverse group of men has a long and proud history of camaraderie and loyalty . . . and, oh, we should also mention “fun”!

Many of the members in the fraternity have been football players. A small group of Reds has been meeting regularly since leaving Gustavus and, upon hearing of the plans for Gustavus to build a new football stadium, is focused on mustering enthusiasm and support for the project. They decided to adopt a goal of 100 percent participation by every Red and $1 million, to be prominently recognized near the south plaza of the proposed new stadium. To date, over $500,000 has been pledged.
My brother’s gift

by Jean Anderson

Editor’s Note: David Anderson graduated from Gustavus in 1975 and William Mitchell School of Law in 1979 but lived with multiple sclerosis for the last half of his life before succumbing to it in 2003. This article was written for the Fargo Forum in August 2005 by David’s sister, Jean Anderson, director of development for Hospice of the Red River Valley in Fargo, N.D. The David L. Anderson endowed scholarship will help Gustavus students beginning in the 2006–07 academic year.

His might be an odd question, but do you wish he would have left it all to you?” My friend Camille posed the question to me over the phone one night as we were talking about my brother David’s estate.

Estate seems an odd word since David lived for 25 years of his short life as a poor man. On the flight home from an international law internship in Denmark, he started having double-vision, the first symptom he would experience of the ugly disease of multiple sclerosis; and so my brother never had the kind of income one might associate with a future career as an attorney. Instead, a $504 social security disability check came to him each month.

When he died unexpectedly at age 50, however, he suddenly became “rich.” A life insurance policy he had purchased as a young law student paid out $70,000 to his estate. His estate in this case meant me, and three charitable organizations: Comstock Lutheran Church, the Crystal Cathedral (the spiritual homes of his youth and short life), and his alma mater, Gustavus Adolphus College.

Perhaps most of his estate would have come to me, except that when two friends and I were clearing out his room after he died, I found among his files one marked Will. I flinched seeing it and then opened it to find, in a plain business envelope, a yellow sheet of paper filled with David’s crab-like handwriting and the beginning words, “I, David Lawrence Anderson, being of sound mind and body (sort of) . . .” I burst out laughing and knew in that instant that David’s legacy gifts to me were clearly his humor and steadfast spirit of dogged hope.

But my friend’s question, “Did I want it all?” lingered. In the first while, I thought “Yes, I want more.” Given a chance, I’m always able to think of a few wonderful things to do or buy if I just had more money.

But in actuality, the answer to my friend was “No.” I didn’t want all my brother’s money. What I really wanted, of course, was my brother back, but that wasn’t about to happen. And before David’s unexpected death, what we had wanted was to have some of his life insurance released early so that he could have lived an easier life, but that never came to be.

The “more moments” I wanted with my brother came to me instead in a muted shadowed fashion. During the past 16 months since David died, some of the most cherished moments my family and I have had have been thinking about, preparing for, and disbursing the gifts David left to his favorite charities.

Last November, on the anniversary of his death, our family and friends from Comstock Lutheran Church ate muffins, David’s favorite food. We put a birthday candle in each one and sang “Happy Birthday” to celebrate the first year of his new life in heaven. Then we honored his generous spirit by handing a check over for the benefit of the church’s work. We shed a few tears, but we also had some good laughs.

At the end of last year, my niece Karen and I traveled to California to deliver some of David’s legacy to the Crystal Cathedral. And in one final tribute, an endowed scholarship has been established at Gustavus Adolphus College in David’s name. Starting next year and for years to come, a student will benefit from his generosity.

One of the twists of all of David’s giving has been its quiet impact on my own work as director of development for Hospice of the Red River Valley. For years I have advocated naming your favorite charities in your estate plans, whether it’s your will or as a beneficiary of an IRA, 403 (b), 401 (k), or life insurance policy, and I have made my own plans accordingly. Now though, I know deep in my core the sweet satisfaction that comes when you get to be the transporter of someone’s generosity to the community.

Because I miss my brother dearly, I’ve discovered a great goodness and grace exists in bringing him to life via his gifts to others. Not only do we get to pass on David’s generosity, but we also recall and pass on his humor and optimism.

Since my brother’s death, I look at estate gifts in a whole new way. Now I see them far beyond a potential tax benefit for those making the gifts. They are a way to leave another kind of legacy. This one is to your family—the legacy of a generous spirit.
Musical legacy prompts scholarship

The Aaron and Geoline Pearson Family Music Scholarship is a gift from Valborg Pearson of St. Peter, Minn., and honors the memory of her parents, Aaron and Geoline, and her siblings, Mildred, Theodore, Ruth, Victor, and Paul. The family has a long history in the St. Peter and Scandian Grove areas, with Valborg’s grandparents, the Rev. Jon and Sarah Pehrson, arriving in St. Peter one year after the Sioux uprising. Jon Pehrson served as pastor of Scandian Grove and First Lutheran churches and attended the dedication of Old Main, Gustavus’ first building, in 1876. Geoline’s grandparents were early settlers in the Norseland area, and it was to their homestead farm that Aaron and Geoline moved the family in 1915.

While agriculture was the family’s vocation, music was their unique gift and pleasure. All were such accomplished musicians that they created a family orchestra (see picture). After attending Gustavus, Aaron taught violin in the Music Conservatory at Gustavus, performed, conducted the Gustavus orchestra (1905–1907) and the family orchestra, and made violins. Geoline graduated from the conservatory and was a gifted pianist. Ruth toured with Gustavus choirs as guest violinist while others studied music and taught piano. Valborg, herself a violinist, retired from 30 years of teaching in the Mankato elementary schools.

The scholarship will be given with preference for piano or string instrument students who require financial assistance to attend Gustavus. In addition to the scholarship, the Pearson family’s musical legacy continues at Gustavus through the gift some years ago from Valborg and her sister Ruth of a double-bass viol for the Gustavus Orchestra.

2005 Phonathon is most successful ever

During the month of November, more than 350 Gustavus students participated in the 2005 student phonathon, “Puttin’ the Fun into FUNdraising,” helping to raise over $213,000 for the Gustavus Fund. Mark Allen ’86, vice president and chief information officer for Midwest Wireless Communications, and Doug Dittbenner ’90, director of regional operations–Mankato for Sprint PCS, whose companies co-sponsored the event, provided cell phones and service during each of the 17 nights of calling.

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Political science department announces first Christenson Scholarship winner

Lindsey Reimnitz, a senior political science major from Armour, S.D., was officially recognized as the first recipient of the Ronald S. and Rolf S. Christenson Scholarship in Political Science at Gustavus Adolphus College during ceremonies held in the department’s offices in Old Main on November 18, 2005.

The scholarship endowment fund was established in 2000 by Kathryn Kidd Christenson, a former associate in development and public affairs and instructor in English, women’s studies, and political science at the College. Following the inaugural awarding, it subsequently will be awarded annually in the spring to a junior political science major “judged exemplary in the excellence, depth, and imagination of his or her academic performance in political science and who has a demonstrated interest in public service.” The scholarship will be disbursed for use during the awardee’s senior year at the College.

“The political science faculty could not have made a better choice than Lindsey Reimnitz as the first recipient of the Christenson Scholarship,” Kathryn Christenson stated. Reimnitz, who spent a semester of her junior year studying in India, plans to join the Peace Corps in Africa following her graduation in May 2006.

The scholarship was established in memory of Kathryn’s late husband, Ronald, founder of the College’s political science department (taught 1969–1998) and winner of the College’s Edgar Carlson Award for distinguished teaching in 1993, and of their late son, Rolf, a U.S. Army airborne ranger instructor and honor guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

“Building this fund has been a dream for six years,” Christenson says. “I’m especially grateful to Teresa Harland ['93] of the College advancement office, to Timothy Johnson '93 and Rachel Vagts '93 for their volunteer fundraising efforts, and to Ron’s former students for their contributions.”

Inheritance: How much is enough?

As parents and grandparents reach an age when they seriously analyze their financial situation and financial plans, some ask their advisers not only about the best ways to provide for heirs, but also about how much is good for them. One woman told her financial planner, “Of my five children, three are doing well and don’t need any inheritance from me, but the other two are just waiting for me to die.”

Another person told his financial adviser that although he wanted to help in some way with his grandchildren’s education, he remembered that the sacrifice and prioritizing required to provide for his own children became a source of pride for the family. He said some observers might criticize, but after consultation with his children, he and his wife decided they would not remove from them the sense of accomplishment in providing for their own children. They decided they would participate in their grandchildren’s education costs, but not do it all, even though they find themselves with sufficient resources to do so. They also want to help students outside their family, students with promise who otherwise would not have the opportunity for further education. So their gifts both now and in the future will help students through scholarships, but also through support for faculty and teaching and for special projects at educational institutions they care about.

Gustavus encourages parents and grandparents to consult their financial advisers, to talk with their children, and then to make plans that balance gifts to heirs with gifts to charitable organizations. Gift Planning staff would be happy to talk about possibilities at Gustavus, for gifts now and for legacy gifts in the future.
The mission of the Alumni Association is to facilitate among former students lifelong relationships with Gustavus and with each other that will enable alumni to actively advance and engage in the mission of the College.

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Romanian holiday
Judy Lund Erdman ’57 recently spent three months in Romania as a volunteer, teaching English to children who had lived in a children’s home in Cristuru Secuiesc (Székelykeresztúr in Hungarian) that had closed two years earlier. She also camped with the children for two weeks in July. Her daughter Beth Braun ’86 visited for ten days in October 2005, and this photo of the two of them was taken when they traveled across the Carpathian Mountains to the Moldovian region of eastern Romania, homeland of the Csángós, an isolated ethnic group that speaks an ancient Hungarian tongue.

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Birthday revelers

Last summer, Evodia Borg Vandree '37 celebrated her 90th birthday with family members at her Minnesota cabin, and her Gustie family gathered for a photo. Seated is Evodia Borg Vandree '37, and standing from left are John Vandree '68, Karna Peterson '63, Ester Peterson Clanton '92, Christopher Clanton '92, Marty Vandree '71, Dan Borg '53, Mary Vandree Clanton '66, Merida Peterson Worner '59, Jim Clanton '66, and Phil Peterson '59.

34 Class Agent: Florence Kjellgren Peterson, Minneapolis, lives in the Augustana Apartments.
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35 Class Agent: Phyllis Carlton Humphrey, San Diego, CA, enjoys walking on the beach, spending time with family, going to La Jolla Playhouse and the Old Globe Theatre, playing Scrabble and bridge, and reading.
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38 Class Agent: Robert E. Olson, Palm Harbor, FL, is an active pediatrics consultant.
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41 Class Agent: Muriel Puelston Lindberg and Leland Lindberg, Golden Valley, volunteer at church and Park Nicollet Clinic and enjoy living at the Calvary Cooperative Harriet Stakke Noble, South Bend, IN, is very active in DAR and in charge of the library at Grace United Methodist Church.
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42 Class Agent: C. Eddie Johnson
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43 Class Agents: Elmer Anderson, S. Bernhard Erling
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Rosalie Brahee Anderson, Hillsboro, ND, is active with birding and church
Mark Holmes, Bloomington, was on the program for the Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table in October, which had over 500 in the audience.

44 Class Agents: Emer Anderson, F. B. Smith, D. Anderson
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Viola Hanson Russell, Stillwater, enjoyed a three-week visit last summer by her daughter and three granddaughters who live in Denmark.

46 Class Agent: Arlene Sorenson Higgins
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Doris Johnson Briere and Mel Briere '45, Sun City West, AZ, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2005.

47 Class Agent: Bob Wieman
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Sherman Burns, White Bear Lake, and wife, Candace (Westberg '49), have moved to an assisted-living facility, Health East Residence.

48 Class Agent: Lorrie Johnson Leaf
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Roger Boras, Elkins Park, PA, received the 2005 P.E. Macallister Field Archaeology Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research
Harold Edel, Moose Lake, spent time at a resort in Detroit Lakes, had successful back surgery, and is wintering in Texas.

49 Class Agent: Peter Erickson
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Shirley Davies Johnson, Milaca, spends winters in Arizona

50 Class Agent: Gloria Martell Benson
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Robert Mikelson, Naples, FL, and Mitzi (Walker '52) went on a “Lutherland and Beyond” tour in Europe
Richard Priest, Las Vegas, NV, has an elementary school named in his honor, which now has over 900 pupils.

51 Class Agent: Dorothy Johnson Lutz
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Dean Berg, Federal Way, WA, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination
Earl Leaf, Willmar, traveled to Sweden
Dennis Loftstrom, Overland Park, KS, is chief operations officer, vice president, and doctor for International Health Partners in Tanzania
Robert Luedtke, Fairmont, is a retired travel agent for Luedtke Travel
Dorothy Johnson Lutz, Duluth, is a self-employed piano teacher
Rhoda Smith Nelson, Hayward, WI, splits time between Hayward and Mesa, AZ
Sam Odell, Queen Creek, AZ, is coaching golf, tennis, and basketball for several
Queen Creek area high schools

Robert Olson, Bloomington, is a physician at Bloomington Lake Clinic. Edith Peterson Vogt, Olivia, is secretary/receptionist for Curtis Sather, CPA. Her oldest son, Mark, died in July 2005.

54 Class Agents:
Forrest Chaffee, Helen Forsgren Hokenson
Dick Bublitz, Woodland Hills, CA, is actively involved in magazine advertising and owns RC Bublitz & Associates travel agency.

55 Class Agent:
Dick DeRemee

56 Class Agents: Carolyn Jens Brusseau, JoAnn Johnson Lundborg
Frederic O. Anderson, Folsom, CA, is a computer scientist for his own company, Propartners, Inc. John Annexstad, Walker, is still traveling and lecturing on Antarctica. Lee R. Carlson, North Oaks, is president of Main Motor Sales Company. Dick Derauf, Madison, WI, is account manager for Dairyland Packaging Company. Bob Erickson, Chanhassen, is semi-retired and is adjunct professor at University of St. Thomas and Boise State University. Charles Haney, Corvallis, OR, is a retired pastor. Joan Lindall, Parkers Prairie, is a retired social worker. Andrea Fogelberg Luedtke, Fairmont, is a retired travel agent for Luedtke Travel. Erland Nord, Edmonton, Alberta, is working in Mission to Islam. Ruth Chell Oliphant, Edina, is the children’s choir director at Normandale Lutheran Church. Roger Schmidt, Edina, is director and founder of Infrared Solutions, Inc.

57 Class Agents: Nancy Reiter Grimes, Clem and Marlys Mattson Nelson
Dick Gastler, Duluth, is on the board of the St. Louis County Historical Society.

58 Class Agent:
Owen Sammelson

50th ANNIVERSARY
May 26–27, 2006
Reunions 2006
50 Year Club & Class of 1956
May 26 & 27, 2006
October 6 & 7, 2006
Homecoming & Family Weekend

Information will be included in class letters and on the alumni website, and will be sent to reunion classes.
Alkali pioneer

For 50 years, Jim Dye ’49, emeritus professor of chemistry at Michigan State University, has been exploring the chemistry of alkali metals. His lab can claim many firsts stemming from the elements in the first column of the periodic table. But his crowning achievement may be the first that was reported in the Journal of the American Chemical Society and summarized in the October 10, 2005, issue of Chemical + Engineering News: the synthesis of a room-temperature-stable electrolyte.

Alkali metals form some of the most simple and common compounds known, such as table salt. But, as Dye and others have shown over the years, these elements also can form some complex and unusual compounds, such as alkaliides and electrides. Alkaliides are compounds in which the alkali-metal cations are charge-balanced by electrons trapped in the crystal lattice structure of the molecule. Dye’s group has made a few dozen alkaliides since the late 1960s, but just a handful of electrides. One of the difficulties in producing electrides has been their thermal instability, which has required them to be prepared, isolated, and characterized at about –20°C. or below. “As a result,” Dye notes, “the study of electrides has been a lonely venture, confined largely to our research group for the past 20 years.”

The key to coming up with a stable electrolyte has been the design and synthesis of a “cryptand,” a cage-like chelating ligand of a proper size to bind an alkali-metal cation. Dye knew from his earlier work that replacing the ether oxygen atoms in the cryptand with amine nitrogen atoms greatly enhanced their thermal stability. His group synthesized a cryptand that would allow optimum orientation of the nitrogen atoms for binding cations and made an analog in which a sodium anion is the counter-ion instead of an electron. The result of all this was an air-sensitive electrolyte that is stable up to about 40°C. before it begins to decompose.

Dye’s latest work “is typical of his deliberate, broad, and very thorough investigations,” says one of his colleagues from the DOE’s Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University. One of Dye’s earlier isolations helped the Ames group solve an old problem of isolating a particular anion in crystalline salts some 30 years ago.

The search for new stable electrolytes is likely to spread rapidly to other research groups, according to Dye. The weakly bound electrons in the electrolytes make them potentially useful for photoelectron and thermoelectron emission. They could serve as infrared-sensitive detectors and thermionic power or refrigeration sources, he says.

A 1955 MIAC football champions

At Homecoming 2005, teammates from the MIAC championship football team of 1955 attended the Football 50 Year Club reunion luncheon. Pictured from left are Roger Krantz ’57, Larry Baker ’56, Ron Nelson ’58, Chuck DeCorsey ’57, John Peterson ’57, Don Hausken ’56, Gary Gustafson ’57, and Don Roberts ’56.

track and football at Mountain View High School.

59 Class Agents:
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Muriel Doherty Haegle, Federal Way, WA, traveled this year to Palm Desert, CA, Arizona, Italy and Austria, and Wapato Point on Lake Chelan.

60 Class Agent: Dennis Johnson
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Jan Jensen Eilers, Belview, is active with church activities, visiting her mom in the nursing home, playing cards, and wearing red and purple with fellow "hatters" Byron Helgeson, Winter Park, FL, is semi-retired from the Disney Vacation Club.

61 Class Agent: Virgene Grack Sehlin
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Alan Eliason, Eugene, OR, has published over 20 books and 30 articles.

- Jan Sanftner Elevkrog, Birmingham, MI, is assistant dean at Oakland University College of Arts & Sciences.
- Roger Fletcher, Blue Earth, is a self-employed Realtor/broker.
- Mary Annestad Francis, Juneau, AK, is executive director of the Alaska Council of School Administrators.
- Bruce Gray, St. Peter, is a senior gift planning associate at Gustavus.
- Rudy Gulstrand, Cleveland, OH, works part-time as a pharmacist.
- Joanne Larson Karvonen, St. Paul, is a retired research administrator for the VA Medical Center.
- Wayne Knesekern, Richland, IA, is controller for Thaddeus Computing, Inc.
- James Krough, Wayzata, is owner of Northland Medical, Inc.
- Patti Maedi Krough, Wayzata, is studio manager for Lonna Moscow’s Center for Mind & Body Fitness.
- Joan Swenson Lippert, San Clemente, CA, works at Wells Fargo.
- Jim Mortenson, Bloomington, is construction manager for PCL Construction Services.
- Judie Brown Mortenson, Bloomington, is secretary at St. Stephen Lutheran Church.
- Irene Pearson Nielsen, Lindsborg, KS, is owner of Stockholm Restaurant and Tearoom, an affiliate of Irene’s Teas, Etc.
- Carole Paulson Olson, Wautoma, WI, is a self-employed principal for the Carole & Milo Olson Foundation.
- Lorna Jafvert Reed, Friendswood, TX, is a substitute teacher for Clear Creek ISD.
- Janice Gardner Strand, Deerwood, is a retired owner/landscape horticulturist for Midwest Horticultural.
- Gloria Eckberg Swenson, Plymouth, is a clinical lab technician for Park Nicollet Clinic.
- Gordon Thies, Temecula, CA, is a retired professor.
- Doriann Fredrickson Thompson, Greeley, CO, is an adjunct instructor in anthropology at University of Northern Colorado.
- Doug Weber, Blue Earth, is a self-employed independent insurance agency owner.
- Carolyn Wedin, Frederic, WI, is professor emeritus at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and a part-time community education instructor at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College.
- Jim Wilberg, Silverthorne, CO, is a retired pastor for Vienna Community Church.
Class Agents:
John Engstrom, Sturgeon Lake, recently completed a nine-month interim position as pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Duluth, the church he served from 1983 to 1993.

Floyd Flowers, De Kalb, IL, is a retired social worker.

Class Agents:
Robert Ekstrom, Minnetonka, is semi-retired from CMS Direct.

Kenmore Johnson, Excelsior, is CEO for Catalog Marketing Services, Inc.

Karen Nielsen Nau, Prior Lake, spent 3-1/2 months teaching English in China last spring and is back teaching full-time in Prior Lake.

Class Agents:
Kathleen Bigalke Ciabattoni, San Francisco, CA, retired in May 2005.

Karen J. Larvick, Jefferson City, MO, teaches piano at University of Missouri.

Class Agents:
Mark Harvey Anderson, Longley, WA, is self-employed.

Julie Stensland Andrews, Viera, FL, is communications manager for Lockheed Martin.

Eunice Madsen Carlson, Jacksboro, TN, is a volunteer for Mission of Hope, Remote Area Medical, and Lions International projects.

Rebecca Shager Gessner, Arizona City, AZ, is retired from the Hennepin County Coordinated Home Services.

Bill Holm, Minneota, manages the Writer’s Week in Iceland.

Jim Luther, Edina, was inducted into the Edina High School Athletic Hall of Fame where he was head baseball coach from 1981-2000.

Class Agents:
Sharon Anderson Engman, Joyce Henrikson Ramseth, Mary Strand Slinde

Lynn Johnson Anderson, Longley, WA, is an RN at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, WA.

Luanne Nelson Bachman, Plymouth, is an instructor/nursing faculty at Minneapolis Community & Technical College.

Nancy Brink, Rainier, WA, is provider/caregiver for Mil-Ore Brink Adult Family Home, which is named after her parents, Milton and Lenore Brink.

J. Paul Carlson, Minnetonka, is a hematologist and oncology physician for Park Nicollet Clinic.

Jim Clanton, Omaha, NE, is a self-employed consultant.

David Doering, Redwood Falls, is a retired chemistry and math teacher for Wabasso ISD #640.

Dick Edstrom, St. Peter, is an investment counselor.

Gary Engen, Stillwater, is an investment counselor for Triton College.

Diane Hayenga Foote, Deephaven, is owner of Diane Foote Design Associates, Inc.

Sandra Gunderson Goff, Great Falls, MT, is an RN/health educator at Benefis Hospital.

Jerry Gustafson, Tucson, AZ, is retired controller for Oro Valley Country Club.

Eric Gustavson, Mound, is an associate pastor at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church.

Celebrating their ordinations

While in Carefree, AZ, in November 2005, two Gustie intern pastors currently attending Luther Seminary ran into some Gusties who had attended Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, IL, and were celebrating their 45th ordination anniversary.

Pastors, spouses, and interns pictured are, from left, Becca Wold ’98, Lucille Gesme Chell ’56, Dean Swenson ’55, Jim Chell ’56, Kevin Bergeson ’02, Dorothy Palm Chilkott ’58, Charles Colberg ’56, Dodee Lofstrom Colberg ’57, and Dick Chilkott ’56. Wold is interning at Sierra Lutheran in Sierra Vista, AZ, and Bergeson is at Community Lutheran in Las Vegas, NV.

Staying in touch

Since their graduation, five women from the Class of 1949 have gathered at least once a year just to stay in touch. Seated is Joan Turner Reed; standing are Bernice Lundgren Hanson, Jean Horan Langsjoen Hogan, Dorothy Rasmussen, and Ardis Johnson Lund.

40th ANNIVERSARY
October 6–7, 2006
Hopkins ISD #270 from teaching first grade in the Annandale, retired in June 2005
Young Rembrandt’s Cologne, is owner of Custom Associates is a consultant for G.L. Hegener & Gracia Luhmann Hegener.

Victoria
Cathie Finch Hall, Annandale, retired in June 2005 from teaching first grade in the Hopkins ISD #270 Sue Tillman Hallin, Tonka Bay, is a teacher at Young Rembrandt’s Dorothy Gustum Hedberg, St. James, is a retired pre-kindergarten/kindergarten teacher Ted Hedberg, St. James, is a retired school counselor Gracia Luhmann Hegener, Cologne, is a consultant for G.L. Hegener & Associates Richard Hegener, Cologne, is owner of Custom Formulations, Inc. Fred Holmquist, Minnetonka, volunteers through Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in the “Link Program,” which involves phone visits with shut-in members Margaret Raedeke Holste, Wayzata, is a retired school social worker for Mound Westonka High School Donley Johnson, Forest Lake, is retired director of administration and instruction for Forest Lake ISD #831 Elouise Anderson Johnson, Excelsior, is an administrative vice president for Catalog Marketing Services, Inc. Woody Johnson, Mangilao, Guam, is a dentist for Harmon Loop Dental Kathy Glaeser Johnson, Forest Lake, is retired teacher/coach/athletics director for Century Junior High School Ada Karlsson Kirscher, Roseville, retired as a labor/delivery nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital Jerry Kozitza, St. Paul, is a reader/test scorer for Data Recognition Corporation Brent Krantz, Columbia, SC, is professor of surgery at University of South Carolina Karen Hoagland MacKenzie, Anderson, SC, is teaching anatomy and physiology at Greeneville College Gary L. Nelson, Yakima, WA, is chief pharmacist for Yakima Indian Health Center Karyl Enstad Rommelfanger, Manitowoc, WI, is a retired German and Spanish teacher for Manitowoc Public Schools Karen Bossart Rusthoven, St. Paul, is founder/administrator for Community of Peace Academy Barb Lund Satran, Bismarck, ND, is a substitute teacher for the Bismarck ISD Carl Sjöding, Duluth, is a physician for West Duluth Clinic Mari Weisert Smith, Irvine, CA, is a self-employed educational therapist Connie Tucholke Treis, Fresno, CA, is a marriage family therapist and administrator for Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. and is youth minister at Church for Today Paul VanDerSchaaf, Geneseo, IL, is first vice president/investments for Smith Barney Vernon Victorson, Albany, NY, is pastor of First Lutheran Church Kathryn Wellington, Bellingham, WA, is project lead, violence prevention and education, for Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH).

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Warren Beck, Greenwood, is president/commercial real estate developer for Gabbert & Beck, Inc. Benay Borene Jaeger, Glenwood, retired from the Montevideo Public Schools Dewey Roach, Phoenix, AZ, is a retired school psychologist Eric Stemman, Hanover, PA, is chaplain at Hanover Hospital.

68 Class Agents: John and Kris Lundberg Moorhead, Paula Navarro email: 1968classagent@gustavus.edu

Ron Ackerman, Fridley, was inducted into the Pipestone-Jasper Athletic Hall of Fame for wrestling Beth Chindvall Anderson, Braintree, is home-schooling her son, Mark Jonathan, who has Down syndrome Anne Berg Carlson, Minnetonka, is a parent educator for Edina ISD #273 Julie Hilleren Edstrom, Stillwater, is starting a breast cancer awareness and recovery program at Lakeview Hospital and is about to publish her first book about managing life transitions Jim Henrichsen, Grand Rapids, is a self-employed attorney Janie Hawkes Hokanson, Holiday, FL, and her husband, Karl, are team managers at Holiday Self Storage. They live in and manage a 700-unit storage center with an eight-bay car wash onsite and rent Budget trucks Rick Jaeger, Glenwood, retired from the Montevideo Public Schools Dave R. Olson, Savage, is a network administrator with the USDA-National Agriculture Statistics Survey Richard Scherer, Edina, is a Hennepin County district court judge and chair of the Hennepin County Domestic Violence Homicide Review Committee Kirk Sikorowski, Burnsville, sold Little Oscar’s Family Restaurant and works for Silver Sages Financial Elizabeth Logan Sulik, Belle Harbor, NY, is director of external affairs and development for Peninsula Hospital Center and was appointed to the board of trustees of the Queens Library by New York mayor Michael Bloomberg Arv Zenk, North Mankato, retired after 17 years with Taylor Corporation.

69 Class Agents: Dave and Jane Norman Letzmann email: 1969classagent@gustavus.edu

Mike Bussey, Wheaton, IL, is national consultant for YMCA of the USA Paul O. Enstad, Palatine, IL.
At the Willmar High School Class of 1955’s 50th anniversary reunion last summer, 10 of the 15 who enrolled together at Gustavus in September 1955 gathered for a photo. Pictured from left are Jack Proeschel, Ralph Olson, Barbara Endersbe Wallin, Paul Westgard, Sandy Alivy Lyons, Witt Cronquist, Tusa Johnson Bergman, Clyde Rensted, Duane Aldrich, and Ann Hendrickson. In June 1959, nine graduated with the Class of 1959, four had transferred and graduated from the University of Minnesota, and two left college. Not pictured are Cliff Johnson, David Johnson, Nancy Oman Ward, Myron Wahlstrand, and Owen Wallin (deceased).

Gusties from Willmar High

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Gustie Pages can be found at www.gustavus.edu/alumni/gustiepages/
Annual Bob Krough Golf Invitational

Voted one of the Top Five new resort golf courses in the country, the Wilderness Golf Course at Fortune Bay Casino in Tower, MN, was the site of the 2005 Bob Krough Invitational Golf Tournament. During play, the tournament executive committee regularly explored the course’s sand, water, rock formations, and trees on the 7,200-yard layout. Executive committee members and responsibilities are, from left, Doug Perkins ’61 (sponsors’ tent locations), Jerry Thrall ’60 (environmental concerns), Bob Krough ’60 (executive director), Chuck Smith ’59 (food and beverage), Jim Donicht ’60 (pro-am charity tournament), Arlan Burmeister ’60 (crowd control), Doug Pritchard ’59 (golf instruction school) and Jim Krough ’61 (satellite units placement). Committee members not pictured are Mark Anderson ’60 and Andy Stamson ’63 (both assigned to physical therapy tent and weight training center).

Spring golf tourney named to honor Krig

Gustavus golf coach Scott Hoe ’95 has announced the annual spring Gustavus men’s golf tournament has been named the Bobby Krig Invitational, in honor of Bobby Krig ’53, who died September 15, 2005. This year’s tournament will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18, 36 holes Monday at LeSueur Country Club and 18 holes Tuesday at Ridges of Sand Creek near Jordan. Krig had a lifetime of support and involvement with the Gustavus Ridges of Sand Creek near Jordan. Krig had a lifetime of support and involvement with the Gustavus golf program, beginning as a team member, coach and, until his death, a key volunteer for the golf program and the annual summer men’s golf tournament that benefited the golf program.

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Gusties in Minnesota trade mission delegation with China

Last November Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty and a delegation of Minnesota business and education leaders, including several Gusties, visited China to explore business and educational opportunities. Pictured from left in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing are Paul Hansen ’73, international trade representative at the Minnesota Trade Office and delegation coordinator; Gustavus President Jim Peterson ’64; Bill Brekke ’74, senior commercial officer, U.S. Embassy, Beijing, China; and John Hasselberg ’74, associate professor of management, College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University.


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Making homelessness history

When the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin County jointly created a new position late last year to oversee efforts to end chronic homelessness in the city and county, they turned to Cathy ten Broeke ’91, who has been a tireless advocate for the homeless for more than a decade. She was profiled in a feature article by writer Sarah McKenzie that was published in the December 19 Journal newspapers as she assumed her new responsibilities.

Following her graduation from Gustavus, ten Broeke started working nights at St. Stephen’s Shelter in Minneapolis while also holding down a day job. She soon quit the day job and became director of the shelter, staying there for eight years. She then glimpsed the workings of local government as a policy aide for Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman for three-and-a-half years before being awarded a 16-month Bush fellowship, which allowed her to study innovative ways to prevent homelessness being implemented around the country. She also earned a master’s degree in public policy from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs as a Bush fellow.

The problem of homelessness, ten Broeke told her interviewer, is a relatively new one. Homeless populations in cities nationwide started to swell only within the past 25 years. “We as a society have become complacent, believing that this has always been a problem and will always be with us, so we have to figure out how to manage it,” she said. “This is not the case. We do not have to manage homelessness—we can end it.”

There are an estimated 1,045 single homeless adults—in shelters or on the streets—in Hennepin County, about 500 experiencing homelessness with their families, and about 250 homeless youth. The Minneapolis Public School system estimates that it has another 4,500 youth in its schools who are either homeless or “precariously housed.”

Among the more innovative solutions she observed while on her Bush fellowship were a project in Philadelphia involving an outreach team that swept the streets and matched the homeless they encountered with a variety of housing resources and social services, and New York City’s “Housing First” program, which offers housing first rather than expecting a homeless citizen to jump through a number of hoops before being considered. Ten Broeke would like to see Minneapolis explore a similar initiative, and in fact St. Stephen’s Shelter has already launched a pilot program that places homeless people in apartments with subsidized rent.

Several advocates for the homeless say ten Broeke’s passion and diplomatic skills will be an asset for the position. Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybek says she has “the unique ability to relate to both elected decision-makers and homeless people at the same time.” Laura Kadwell, the state’s director for ending long-term homelessness, is eager to work with ten Broeke.

State officials have set a goal of 2010 to end long-term homelessness by creating 4,000 additional units of supportive housing statewide. So far they have secured funding for about 670 supportive housing units, 258 of them in Hennepin County.
Gustavus poets featured in new limited-edition anthology
The 2005 Winter Book of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA), released in November 2005, features the work of three writers with Gustavus connections. There Is No Other Way to Speak, MCBA’s 17th Winter Book publication, is an anthology edited by Bill Holm ’85 featuring work by Holm and 12 other Minnesota poets, including Phil Bryant ’73, associate professor of English at the College, and John Rezmerski, professor emeritus and former writer-in-residence at Gustavus. Since 1988, MCBA has engaged artists, designers, papermakers, bookbinders, and printers in producing handmade, limited-edition books featuring work by Minnesota authors. The 2005 Winter Book is available in deluxe, standard, and chapbook editions and, for the first time, an audio version produced on CD in collaboration with Essay Radio, on which all of the writers featured in the anthology read their own contributions. To order the anthology, or for more information, call 612/215-2520 or visit MCBA’s website, <www.mnbookarts.org>.

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Minnetonka ISD #276. Joy Folvord, Lakewood, CO, is a research associate at University of Colorado. Wally Guptill, Lino Lakes, is lead IT analyst for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Julie Brown Hartmann, Tucson, AZ, is an operating room nurse at the Tucson Medical Center. Sandy Erickson Hasse, North Mankato, is a physical education teacher and assistant athletic coordinator at Garfield Elementary. John Hogenson, Plymouth, is executive pastor at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church. Terri Hobson Horn, Madison Lake, is a public health nurse for Le Sueur County. Becky Stelljes Huebner, Mendota Heights, is a microbiologist for Regions Hospital. Rich Hughes, St. Louis, MO, is national program manager for 1-800-BoardUp, Inc. Gretchen E. Johnsen, Woodbury, is family practitioner and medical director for the Allina Medical Clinic in Cottage Grove. Tom Johnson, Waconia, is owner/operator of the Sign of the Eagle. Eric Johnsrud, Winona, is partner/attorney for Pfhuetcher, Pederson & Johnsrud. Kari Miller Johnsrud, Winona, teaches second grade at Madison Elementary. Pam Peterson Kelly, Keokuk, IA, is travel coordinator for First Community Bank. Jill Ross Kes, Faribault, is health care coordinator for Minnesota State Academies. Kathy Talus Keyzer, League City, TX, is clinical faculty at University of Houston. Jan Klingman, Seattle, WA, is a propulsion engineer for the Boeing Company. Joyce DETLEFSEN Komorowski, Burnsville, is a teacher at Dakota Hills Middle School. Barry Larson, Austin, is a family practice physician at the Austin Medical Center. Pam Vandervort Larson, Austin, teaches chemistry at Pacelli High School. Sara Sandvig Ljungman, Ann Arbor, MI, is a pediatrician at University of Michigan, West Ann Arbor Health Center. Penny Wahl Madrid, Buttonwillow, CA, is administrator/principal at Buttonwillow Elementary. Mark Mannela, Osseo, is elementary physical education teacher/specialist in St. Peter ISD #508. Lynn Knebel Manning, Franklin, MA, is a sales representative for M. Holland Company. Jim Mariano, Appleton, WI, is a cardiologist for Appleton Heart Institute. Martha Risendal McCartney, St. Paul, is a self-employed accountant. Joan McKearnan, St. Paul, is a biology instructor for Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Tom Mobbeck, Chaska, is in technology services at Prudential. Pete Mumford, Dayton, is principal test engineer for Secure Computing. Robert Nartonis, Elm Grove, WI, is senior vice president for M. A. Mortenson Company. Nancy Fleming Nelson, Woodbury, is vice president and chief actuary for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Brian Oliver, Kensington, MD, is section chief for National Institutes of Health. Jane Breckner Pederson, Frederic, WI, is vice president at Data Sales Company, Inc. Mike Petersen, Minneapolis, is a self-employed dentist at Primrose Family Dental. Naomi Isenberg Quimby, St. Paul, is a stay-at-home mom. Linda Norman Reding, Maple Grove, is director of commercial marketing communications for Medica. Bruce Rehwaldt, Plymouth, is senior project manager and part owner of Liesch Associates. Kathryn Hoff Rehwaldt, Plymouth, is owner/president of Hoff Marketing Corporation. Susan Bold Schumacher, Plymouth, recently published an article in MEDSURG Nursing and a chapter in a book by the Alzheimer’s Association related to care of dementia patients in the hospital. Dave Seely, Albion, MI, is in the physics department of Albion.
Slumber party for ’66ers

On October 8, 2006, 19 members of the nursing class of ’66 enjoyed dinner at Susan Johnson Lehmann’s home, followed by a slumber party. It was a great opportunity to renew friendships and reminisce with stories of times at Gustavus and Bethesda. First row, from left: Luanne Nelson Bachman, Sandra Gunderson Goff, Susan Johnson Lehmann, Karen Kjos Forsyth, Karl Nielsen Schlichten, and Elaine Vigness Bell; second row: Susan Bentzinger Olson, Rachel Gilbertson Lind, Karen Nielsen Pike, Karen Shulstad Seitz, and Joan Augustson Kodet; third row: Joyce Harrington Hegstrom, Toni Holmberg Wahlstrand, Gracia Luhmann Hegener, Connie Tucholke Treis, Gail Waite Lawrence, Carolyn Calph Larson, Trudy Harris Ferschl, and Marcia Wilson Borgie.

Gusties in Honduras

Gretchen Dahl Ehresmann ’75 (left) and Barbara Zimmann Coores ’83 (right) met at a workshop on sustainable development as part of the Conference on Honduras in Copan Ruinas, Honduras, in October 2005. Barbara and her husband, Marco, sponsor the annual conference, which focuses on healthcare, education, and community-building. Gretchen is a physician in Northfield, MN, and travels to Honduras on medical missions with MEDICO.
Gusties discuss football stadium at Wild game

A group of football alumni met at a Minnesota Wild hockey game in December to discuss progress of the fundraising effort for the new football stadium and athletic fields. Kneeling from left are Jim Bjork '82, Gustavus head football coach Jay Schoenebeck '80, and Richard Olson '82. Standing from left are Ed Drenttel '81, Brad Hanson '76, Bill Hicks '79, Ken Ericson '84, Jim Hicks '85, Jay Cope '81, George Hicks '75, JC Anderson '82, Dean Kraus '89, Brent Staples '98, Tim Schwartz '90, Charlie Wirth '79, John Otteson '73, Steve Ogren '73, and Erik Hendriksen '92.

Deer River, is working in payroll and collections for the Deer River Dental Office □ Diana Ptolos Choles, Oregon, WI, is a physician at the Dean Medical Center □ Carla Johnson Conradt, Austin, is a news reporter for KAAL-TV 6 □ Julie Latterell Dickinson, Spring Valley, WI, is manager-funds/accounting for the St. Paul Foundation □ Scott Dingman, Chesterfield, VA, is a self-employed registered principal □ David Ellington, Jackson, WY, is president of Northstar Solutions LLC □ Dan Felton, Laurel, MD, is a self-employed artist/performer/actor □ Jane Peterson Ferdowski, Shoreview, is program manager for the Common Link at Owakihi, Inc. □ Megan Genest Tarnow, St. Paul, is a self-employed software consultant □ Babette Gordon, Alexandria, VA, is commander/judge for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps □ Libby Copeman Gould, Sioux Falls, SD, is vocal music teacher for grades 6–12 in the Harrisburg Public Schools □ Nancy Frek Grandy, Fort Lewis, WA, is a battalion commander for the U.S. Army □ Linda Green, St. Paul, is ESL instructor for Minneapolis Community College □ Rebecca Holt Gueratne, West St. Paul, is owner of Mother Earth Gardens □ Wendy Davies

Gustafson, Eden Prairie, is doing some part-time consulting □ Wyelene Haase, Washington, DC, is employed at the Department of Justice □ Jon Haddorff, Jackson Heights, NY, is director of major gifts for Public Theater □ Daniel Herzog, White Bear Lake, is comptroller for APA Enterprises in Blaine □ Joe Holt, Allenton, WI, is vice president for Auxiant, formerly known as MBA, Inc. □ Tom Illies, Edina, is division marketing manager for Farmers Insurance □ Daniel Jansen, San Francisco, CA, is president of internet services group for Wells Fargo Bank □ Shawn Baker Jansen, Sandstone, is billing analyst for Nemadji Research Corporation □ Bill Jansen, Sandstone, is field operations analyst for Nemadji Research Corporation □ Nancy M. Johnson, Minneapolis, teaches health and coaches in Columbia Heights District #13 □ Daniel Kallgren, Marinette, WI, is associate professor of history and associate campus dean at University of Wisconsin □ Nancy Halverson Kallgren, Marinette, WI, is an attorney at Nancy J. Kallgren Law Offices LLC, focusing on estate planning, probate, and trust administration □ Debbie Ostling Keifer, New Richmond, WI, is an accountant for Daren Powers, CPA □ James Kieley, Plymouth, is employed at Microsoft Corporation □ Karen Westlund Kirby, Waconia, is district manager at American Family Insurance □ Deb Ross Kittlesen, Faribault, is a teacher at Faribault Middle School □ Kristin Kopplin, Mount Shasta, CA, is a clinical psychologist for Heal Therapy, Inc. □ Patrice Kortuem, Alexandria, VA, is senior advisor to the administrator for the EPA □ Kristin Thureen Kosminskas, Blaine, is an RN/quality management specialist for UnitedHealth Group □ Mark Kruger, Minnetonka, is senior employment and labor attorney for Cargill, Inc. □ Carol Wertsjes Kuster, Boone, IA, is general manager for KWBG Radio □ Paul Legaard, Broomall, PA, is a lawyer with Cozen O'Connor's Philadelphia office, was named a 2005 Pennsylvania Rising Star by Philadelphia magazine and Pennsylvania Super Lawyers – Rising Stars Edition □ Tamara Wiebusch Liansi, Mahwah, NJ, is business development manager for Kraft Foods □ Chuck Linderkamp, Minneapolis, is a self-employed professional musician □ Jeff Lunde, Rochester, teaches psychology and geography at Mayo High School □ Maynard Mantle, Mankato, is IT development manager for Carlson Craft □ Michele Vossen Martin, Plymouth, is senior vice president at Bremer Bank, NA □ Diane Ousley Melcher, North Aurora, IL, is practice manager for DuPage Medical Group, Cardiology □ Tim Mettler, Byron, is a senior analyst/programmer at the Mayo Clinic in the area of patient management □ Shelley Johnson Midthun, Waconia, is an RN, C.I.C.U., at Ridgeview Medical Center □ Michael Miller, Indianapolis, IN, is assistant research professor at Indiana University School of Medicine □ Greg J. Nelson, Plano, TX, is a stay-at-home dad and serves as cub master of his son's Cub Scout pack □ Charlotte Pratt Nordstrom, Minneapolis, is a counselor at Century College □ Joel Norton, New Brighton, is a physician assistant for Boynton Health Services □ Leslie Good Norton, New Brighton, is a physician in family practice for the Silver Lake Clinic □ Mike Oakes, Oakdale, is a vice president at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage □ Beth Grossman Ostreich, Farmington, is receiving supervisor for Archivers □ Laura Peterson Olson, Burnsville, is director of operations for Optum □ Johann Peikert, Eau Claire, WI, is a
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Noer recognized for Michigan governor’s biography

Soap: A Biography of G. Mennen Williams, a new book by Thomas Noer ’66, has been selected by the Michigan State Historical Society for its Award of Merit as the Outstanding Book of 2005. Published by the University of Michigan Press, the book is the first biography of the six-term Michigan governor, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, and Michigan Supreme Court justice. Noer is Value Distinguished Professor of Humanities at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.
Novotny show draws alumni
Comedian Scott Novotny ’75 returned to Gustavus during Homecoming Weekend to give a show in Jussi Björling Recital Hall. Classmates and fellow theatre department grads gathered at the reception following his performance. Front row from left are Gail Matthias ’75, Novotny, Linda Wallenberg Bragg ’75, and Bev Gustavson Kreiss ’75; back row: Dave Hendrickson ’75, Steve Griffith ’75, and Milo Lundblad ’76.

Return to Tanzania
During January Term in 1995, Thad Peterson ’78 hosted Gretchen Leff ’95 (left) and Mya Follansbee ’95 (right) for a study-abroad course in Tanzania. Last August the two women returned to see Peterson at his home. Thad and his brothers, Dave ’73 and Mike ’82, founded Dorobo Safaris, a safari tour company, and a non-profit organization called The Dorobo Fund for Tanzania.
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High School ■ Lori Munter Larson, Cottage
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Thrivent Financial for Lutherals ■
Nicole Lavoi, Minneapolis, is as-
sociate director at the Tucker Center
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Sports at University of Minnesota ■
Jen Robb Lee, Bolingbrook, IL, is a
stay-at-home mom ■ Robert
Leibforth, Lake Zurich, IL, is a
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District #214 ■ Mark Lerud, Elk
River, is logistics manager for
Antioch Company ■ David Lipek,
Brownwood, is purchasing/customer
service for Hageney North America ■
Anna Mix Lokensgard, Shakopee, is a customer
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Library Media in Burnsville ■ Valisa
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Elementary ■ David W. Peterson,
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Lynch ■ Holly Haushildt
Peterson, Saratell, is a hospitalist for
CentraCare Clinic ■ Rick L.
Peterson, Owatonna, is owner of
Waseca Chrysler Center ■ Darcey
Price, New Prague, is vice president for
UnitedHealth Group ■ Timothy
Quady, Apple Valley, is owner of
Blue Rhino Studios ■ Stephanie
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Markets ■ Matt Reinertson, St.
Bonifacius, is a certified athletic
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Steven Ritz, Chaska, is exercise
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Hennepin County ■ Lorrie Winch
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Thomsen takes on Carmen
Mark Thomsen ’78 made his debut with Chicago’s celebrated Lyric Opera the
torturous role of Don José in a revival of the Lyric’s production of Bizet’s
Carmen. Thomsen “met the challenge with a Josel of great musicality,” ac-
counting critic Mark Ketterson in the December 2005 issue of Opera News.
“offering a characterization that was truly frightening in its dissolution into
obscene rage.” Ketterson noted that Thomsen’s artistry “made for an im-
pressive musical contribution to Lyric’s season-opener.” He is pictured at the
opening night dinner/ball with mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, who sang the
role of the Gypsy Carmen, and his wife, Naomi (Jordahl) ’78. Thomsen
is scheduled to be back with the Lyric in February and March 2006, singing
the role of Don José in Carmen once again.

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sistant at Johnson Outdoors.
Globetrotters cross paths again
Following their graduation in 1992, Chris Clanton (left) and David Harper (right) headed in different directions. Chris was off for stints in the Philippines and Australia working for Navitaire, a wholly owned subsidiary of Accenture. Harper recently returned from a yearlong business assignment in Amsterdam, working for Imation. It was difficult to maintain contact through the years and the changing locations, but the two recently had an opportunity to reunite in Minneapolis. “It seemed as if we just graduated yesterday,” says Harper. “We spent several hours laughing and reliving our Gustavus memories.” Both had participated in the Gustavus Semester Abroad as students and maintain that it was that experience that prepared them for international assignments. “Gustavus provided us with not only a fantastic education,” Harper notes, “but also life-changing opportunities.” Clanton is now vice president of operations for Navitaire and Harper is channel marketing manager for Imation.

Chance meeting on Glacier ferry
Jim Lundy ’81 and his family were taking a ferry across Swiftcurrent Lake in Glacier National Park in July 2005 when they noticed some others on the boat with “GAC” apparel. They started talking and Jim learned that some of the group were from the Eagan area. The Lundys live in St. Paul, “so we were almost neighbors, and so far from home!” At the end of the ferry ride they decided to take a group shot for the Quarterly, with Josephine Lake and, beyond that, the Garden Wall in the background. Pictured from left are Jenny Messner Bland ’02, Jim Lundy ’81, Mike Bland ’02, and Kirsten Walters ’99.

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Richert promoted to Air Force “full bird” colonel

Randy Rickert ’85, commander, 51st Security Forces Squadron at Osan Air Base, South Korea, has been promoted from lieutenant colonel to “full bird” colonel; he is pictured with his family (and his Gustavus football cap) at the Great Wall of China during their Christmas vacation: from left are Andrea Hasse Richert ’85, Shelby, Randy, and Jessica.
Teaching sports in China
Robb DeCorsey ’91, Jordan, MN, traveled to China last summer and taught in an English language immersion program in the city of Linyi. DeCorsey was the physical education teacher for the program and taught Chinese children ages 5–17 a modified version of lacrosse and whistle ball. He also learned they were crazy about basketball. In preparation for the trip, he toted two dozen lacrosse sticks and bats and balls. DeCorsey is currently working with the Gustavus men’s basketball program and is junior varsity coach. Pictured with DeCorsey in front of Tiananmen Tower, Tiananmen Square in Beijing, is his wife, Stacy, and their son, Drew, and daughter, Dobbs.

Henneman named manager of $2.5 billion growth fund
Mark Henneman ’83, Apple Valley, MN, has been appointed co-manager of the $2.5 billion Mairs and Power Growth Fund effective January 1, 2006, joining William Freels, who had been sole portfolio manager since June of 2004. Henneman, who earned his MBA from the University of Minnesota and also holds the C.F.A. designation, has been a member of Mairs and Power’s professional investment team since June of 2004. The Mairs and Power Mutual Funds are managed by Mairs and Power, Inc., an SEC-registered investment advisory firm in St. Paul, Minn., which was founded in 1931 and currently has over $4 billion in assets under management. The Growth Fund was started in 1958.

Named to teachers’ “who’s who”
Jill Johnson Smith ’91, kindergarten teacher and reading specialist in Madison, WI, has been nominated for and selected to “Who’s Who among America’s Teachers.” The recognition program gives outstanding students the opportunity to nominate teachers of knowledge, passion, and dedication who have been most influential during their academic careers and who have significantly impacted their lives. Smith, who teaches in the Madison Metro ISD, earned her master of science degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.


Aaron Sickman, Burnsville, is communications manager for the Minnesota Wild NHL franchise. Kristin Smith, Durham, NC, is English professor and department coordinator at Durham Community College. Michael Soost, Janesville, is research assistant for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Traci Swenson, Little Canada, is English teacher and gymnastics coach at Stillwater Area High School. Michele Thiemann, St. Paul, is a resident in family medicine. Alison Ashmore Thompson, Norman, OK, is a stay-at-home mom. Kari Treichel, St. Paul, is senior software engineer for PTC, Inc. Julie Schuelke Trierweiler, St. Michael, is senior project analyst for NetWolves. Tim Tweedy, Neenah, WI, is a self-employed dentist. Jennie Schaefer De Vano, Madison, WI, is reference and instruction librarian at University of Wisconsin. John Vano, Madison, WI, is an EDI for Epic Systems Corp. Tony Velasquez, Jacksonville, NC, is an officer for ground supply at the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters.

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Whale tale: Nadine Lysiak tracks range of imperiled species

by Steve Waldhauser ’70

For a young woman born and raised in practically landlocked Minnesota, Nadine Lysiak ’03 has taken to the high seas like a . . . well, like a whale.

A North Atlantic right whale, to be exact.

In the few short years since her graduation from Gustavus, Nadine has become a seasoned mate on National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research cruises to the Bay of Fundy and the Great South Channel of the North Atlantic Ocean, a published author, and now the recipient of a generous grant to assist her study of the growth, migration, and range of the rare and imperiled right whale.

Lysiak was an honors history and biology double major at Gustavus, where she won a Goldwater Scholarship and presented research in both of her majors at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR). She is now pursuing graduate study in marine biology through Boston University’s marine program at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass., and is also a guest student at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She expects to earn her Ph.D. in 2008 with a dissertation on “Application of Stable Isotopes in North Atlantic Right Whales (Eubalaena glacialis)” and contribute to conservation efforts for the species.

North Atlantic right whales are among the rarest of large whales, with a global population of only around 350 individuals. Past research has provided much information on this species’ foraging ecology, seasonal migration, and reproductive dynamics, but major gaps still exist in knowledge of distribution, habitat use, and annual movement patterns. While researchers know that right whales of the northwest Atlantic feed primarily in the coastal waters of New England and Canada’s Maritime Provinces in seasonal habitats, and that pregnant females calve in southeastern U.S. waters, the full geographic distribution of the right whale remains elusive. Lysiak suspects that their actual range extends well outside the internationally protected areas established as a result of limited observation and earlier research.

Just as Henry Higgins claimed to know a Londoner’s residence by speech patterns, so Nadine hopes to determine a whale’s range by what it has eaten. Her preliminary work has demonstrated that right whale seasonal habits each carry regionally distinct chemical tags, which are transferred to right whales via their food—microscopic zooplankton. She has proposed analyzing the stable isotope signature of the whales themselves (particularly their baleen plates), as well as their zooplankton prey and water source, to determine the animals’ feeding and movement patterns. The baleen plates, which serve to strain the whales’ prey from the water column, are composed of keratin and are ideal for stable isotope study, since they grow continuously over each year and store a long-term chemical record. Lysiak has collected baleen samples from animals that have stranded over the past 30 years and older specimens housed at museums, which can be compared to zooplankton samples taken from known and potential foraging areas to determine migration patterns.

During the past year, Nadine and her co-investigators have presented early findings of their isotope study at three major conferences: the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography summer meeting in Santiago de Compostela, Spain; The North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium meeting in New Bedford, Mass.; and the 16th biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Animals in San Diego, Calif. With an earlier research article on zebra fish already in press at the international journal Animal Behaviour, Lysiak is now working with her whale study colleagues to prepare an article on stable isotopes in whale baleen as indicators of feeding and movement patterns, to be submitted to the journal Nature.

Nadine has been the co-principal investigator for several grants supporting her whale research, and has just completed work supported by a significant grant from the National Marine Fisheries Service awarded in 2004. She recently received word from her adviser and co-investigator, Michael Moore, that she has earned a $50,000 renewable research award through the Ocean Life Institute of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in support of her work.
Holiday cheer from these ’92s

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On Saturday evenings Club 3 Degrees transforms its facilities into “Life After Two,” a place where people can buy a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, hash-brown bake, sausage, and other food such as chicken wings and pizza from 1 to 4 a.m., after other clubs and bars close. Most customers are people enjoying the late night-life of the city and workers coming off work. In a Minneapolis StarTribune article by Tim Harlow published on November 19, 2005, Bianchi-Rossi was quoted, “This is a place where people can come and chill, eat, and then go home. We are now an alternative to pizza or driving 10 minutes to Perkins.” Club co-founder Nancy Aleksuk is quoted as saying, “The idea of Life After Two” is to introduce people to the club in a non-threatening way, provide a relaxed atmosphere to listen to music, and with any luck have them come back for a Christian show.” Bianchi-Rossi is one of only a handful of full-time staff members and, as club manager, coordinates and works with over 200 volunteers, 16–20 each night. More information about the club is available on the Web at www.club3degrees.com.”

Press man Lars Erickson ’96 (left) has been named press secretary for Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire (right), who was sworn in as Washington’s 22nd governor on January 12, 2005. Erickson served as national press coordinator and director of election-night media operations for Kerry/Edwards 2004.
Triathletes
Former cross country teammates Jana Dilley ’00, Julie Smiley ’00, and Ann Flecthall ’00 met up in Monterey, CA, for the Pacific Grove Olympic-distance triathlon last September. Jana and Ann both finished the race and Julie came to cheer them on.

Help for guys who can’t shop
An online personal shopping business launched in September by Michelle Courtright Bjork ’99 was featured in the “Source” section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune on December 15. The site, called www.romeo.com, is aimed at men who are buying gifts for their friends, girlfriends, wives, sisters, and mothers. “The key is just to make guys’ lives simple in giving gifts,” says Michelle, who maintains that she started the service “to help guys who can’t shop. . . . who don’t have the time or the patience or the taste.” Michelle and an associate travel across the country visiting trade shows and artisans to find the gift items they offer through Romeoshops. Generally, they seek gift items with broad appeal—candles, slippers, silk pajamas, and similar items—but with distinctive style. “We always look for the details in things,” Michelle says. “You can’t go into a mall and get this stuff.” Sales have been brisk.

Wallace, Pine Island, is a physician assistant at the Mayo Medical Center. Jill Sorenson Weiland, Lakeville, is product manager for Gander Mountain. Casey West, Minneapolis, is service manager for Heating & Plumbing Consultants in Webster. Christian White, Northfield, is first officer for Mesaba Airlines. Timothy Wilson, St. Louis, MO, is a Ph.D. student in immunology at Washington University Medical Center. Jacob Zdon, St. Paul, is an intern at the Food Borne Illness Unit of the Minnesota Department of Health.

School/Robb Trenda, Minneapolis, teaches sixth grade at Glen Lake Elementary in Hopkins. Emily Trnka, Princeton, is a teacher at North Elementary in the Princeton Public School District. Jason Turner, Edina, is account executive for Countrywide’s Full Spectrum Lending Division. Julie Tutas, Lake Mills, WI, is a pharmaceutical sales representative, district trainer, and field expert at TAP Pharmaceuticals. Katie Lovas Vick, St. Cloud, received a master’s degree in education from College of St. Scholastica and teaches first grade in the Princeton Public Schools. Kara Wachlarowicz
Tom Scott, Savage, is a Realtor for Edina Realty and was named Super Real Estate Agent by Mpls./St. Paul Magazine and Twin Cities Business Monthly.

Paul Sellers, Mendota Heights, is a law student at William Mitchell College of Law and works at the Dakota County Attorney’s Office.

Jill Severtson, Boulder, CO, is an administrative assistant at CTSI.

Lauren Swanstrom, St. Paul, received a master’s degree in intercultural studies from Wheaton College.

Mary Rosener Swigum, Seattle, WA, is pursuing a master’s degree in family therapy at Seattle Pacific University.

Amy Tilgges, North St. Paul, is mock-up coordinator for Gartner Studios, Inc.

Jerry Washington, Norristown, PA, is a personal trainer for Personal Evolution and owner of Platoon Fitness Outdoor Training.

### DC-area Gusties meet

On October 23, 2005, the Washington-Baltimore alumni chapter held a get-together at Bailey’s Pub and Grill in Arlington, VA, where they watched the Minnesota Vikings defeat the Green Bay Packers on the big-screen TV. Gusties in the photo are, from front row from left: Renee Donahue ’05, Jana Spohnberg ’68, Jenny Yang ’04, and Jessica Schieber ’05. Back row: Tom Klun ’05, Melissa Barkalow ’02, Tobias Stalter ’02, Jocelyn Bauer ’98, Erin Klein ’05, Carl Ferkinhoff ’05, Carrie Hibbard ’05, and Josh Carlson ’05.
Ministering in Rwanda

Angela Fay Kirchner ’02 and her husband, Jacob, traveled to Rwanda for two weeks last June with a ministry called Global Family Rescue to help families, specifically those orphaned or widowed by the 1994 genocide.

Reunited in Yosemite

Bethany Mueller ’03, Nathan Keller ’02, and Emily Orling ’01 reunited in Yosemite National Park (where Orling was working over the summer) this past September for a photo at Tuolomne Meadows. Mueller (left) had joined Keller in San Francisco, CA, for the journey after finishing her work with Nativity House, a homeless shelter in Tacoma, WA. Keller (center) continues to work on habitat restoration for endangered species with the National Park Service.
Vanjoske, Brooklyn Park, teaches physical education for Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11. Jeremy Wilson has been deployed to Iraq until 2007.

Liz Zappettillo, Shippensburg, PA, is PCA at United Cerebral Palsy.

**Weddings**

Barbara Brunkow ’56 and Adrian Timmer, 6/25/05, Kalamazoo, MI.

Kathleen Iverson ’71 and Glen Winchell, 12/31/04, Arden Hills, MN.

Mark Hedlund ’76 and Shundirka Love, 8/13/05, Plano, TX.

Pamela Herder ’76 and Paul McQuaid, 2/9/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Cheryl Olson ’78 and Brad Skow, 9/3/04, Shoreview, MN.

Lois Cordes ’85 and James Gemlo, 11/12/05, Centerville, MN.

Julie Latterell ’86 and Scott Dickinson, Spring Valley, WI.

Terri Wendland ’86 and Terry L. Carson, 7/16/05, Bradley, SD.

Kristin Anderson ’89 and Vincent Vanella, 10/8/05, Eden Prairie, MN.

Annette Lutjen ’89 and Joshua Deden, 6/12/04, Savage, MN.

Susan Brown ’91 and Edward Soehnel III, 9/25/04, Aurora, CO.

Sharon Cutting ’91 and Steve Mueller, 6/19/04, Portage, MI.

Gordy Gutowsky ’91 and Nancy Smith, 11/11/05, Wayzata, MN.

Lizanne Hart ’91 and Douglas Foote, 9/6/03, Brooklyn, NY.

Wendy Nelson ’91 and Lee Weaver, 5/28/04, Cumberland, WI.

Dale Berg ’92 and Jane Aukes, 11/11/05, Golden Valley, MN.

Jennifer Meese ’93 and John Green, 6/24/05, Ramsey, MN.

Amy Rouleau ’94 and Brant Munson, 5/28/05, Bismarck, ND.

Douglas Thießen ’95 and Anne Schmidtbauer, Minneapolis, MN.

Corey Christensen ’96 and Jodi Christensen, 9/24/05, Spicer, MN.

Lance Hampton ’96 and Pollyanna Hamilton, 7/3/05, Pittsburgh, PA.

Amy Klund ’96 and Chris Gerst, 7/10/04, Minneapolis, MN.

Shannon McGee ’96 and Chris Franson, 7/30/05, Plymouth, MN.

Erika Olson ’96 and Peter Eckman ’96 and, 6/11/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Rebecca Ostrom ’96 and Randall Morris ’98, 9/4/04, St. Paul, MN.

Rebecca Wagner ’96 and Damon Lee, 9/10/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Erin Walton ’96 and John Kerns ’96, 9/2/05, St. Louis Park, MN.

Kimberly Zonderman ’96 and Tony Bahl, 7/23/05, Burnsville, MN.

Robert Cramer ’97 and CarLee Hoffman, 10/8/05, Verona, WI.

Elizabeth Fell ’97 and Mike Loken, 11/4/05, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Sarah Lobland ’97 and Eric Johnson, 10/15/05, Seattle, WA.

Brian Rotig ’97 and Kristy Anderson, 7/16/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Melissa Stirn ’97 and Erik J. Johnson, 1/1/05, White Bear Lake, MN.

Elizabeth Böhline ’98 and Andrew Landon, Cannon Falls, MN.

Ed Geiss ’98 and Linda Kelly, 10/1/05, Carbondale, CO.

Jill Kalla ’98 and Tim Rogge, 11/19/04, Richfield, MN.

Jamie Voss ’98 and Andrea Bertucci, 6/25/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Stephanie DeFranco ’99 and Matthew Schmidt, 7/23/05, St. Paul, MN.

Matthew Johnson ’99 and Briania Ceder, 8/8/05, Delano, MN.

Scott Smyrer ’99 and Kara Heryla, 10/29/05, Rogers, MN.

Jessica Tougan ’99 and Jeremy Van Tassel, 11/25/05, Rochester, MN.

Dustin Haedt ’00 and Stephanie Haedt, Austin, MN.

Kirsten Kratz ’00 and Mark Blaseck, 7/16/05, Redmond, WA.

Rachel Larson ’00 and Adam Bebus, 11/26/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Oliver Major ’00 and Shelly Buda, 7/9/05, Minneapolis, MN.

Katharine O’Connell ’00 and Michael Merrell, 10/16/05, Fort Collins, CO.

Adam Bengtson ’00 and Nicole Reda, Rosemount, MN.

Cassie Carver ’01 and Mark Larson, 10/15/05, Vadnais Heights, MN.

Lana Eiselepet ’01 and Aric Matzek, 10/22/05, River Falls, WI.

SheliaMarie Gilbert ’01 and Andrew Ratcliffe, 10/21/05, Savannah, TX.

Megan Gunderson ’01 and Juan Paredes, 11/19/05, Napa, CA.

Rebecca Kelley ’01 and Scott Brewer, 10/29/05, Alexandria, VA.

Jaclynn Moen ’01 and Andrew Miller ’00, 9/9/05, Burnsville, MN.

Megan Shorma ’01 and Scott Arnold, 8/13/05, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Leah Stafki ’01 and Chris Greauv ’02, 9/3/05, Los Angeles, CA.

Mary Vogen ’01 and Chad Roswick, 10/1/05, Chaska, MN.

Kara Wachlarowicz ’01 and Matthew Wallace ’03, 8/13/05, Pine Island, MN.

Mary Dahmen ’02 and Jason Lundquist, 10/14/05, Bloomington, MN.

Courtney Grant ’02 and Carlos Martinez, 7/30/05, Eden Prairie, MN.

Kristin Johnson ’02 and Steve Knutson, 5/21/05, Hopkins, MN.

Matt McCabe ’02 and Jennifer Scott, 11/26/05, Anthem, AZ.

Kristi Montgomery ’02 and Kirk Walberg ’02, 7/9/05, Ramsey, MN.

**Watch that bus**

That watch you may have seen on the side of a Twin Cities bus last fall belonged to Elizabeth Seefeldt ’05. Actually, it was one of the designs the studio art and art history major submitted to a competition the Mall of America sponsored as part of its “More Ways to Be You” campaign. After learning about the competition last August, Elizabeth designed six watches on her computer using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator and sent them in. She received notification in September that one of her designs had been selected as a finalist from among hundreds of entries and was informed a few weeks later that she had won the competition. Her winning design was showcased on bus sides throughout the Metro area from mid-October to mid-November.

**Butorac wins Luxembourg Tennis Doubles Challenger**

Eric Butorac ’03, Rochester, MN (right), and his partner, Chris Drake, won the $150,000 Luxembourg Pro Doubles Challenger and continue their climb up the world doubles tennis rankings. The Luxembourg title adds 100 ATP points to their total; as of December 12, they were ranked 184th in the ATP Doubles Entry World Rankings. If the pair can break the top 150, they can play in the Wimbledon qualifying tournament.

Butorac’s success has received attention including an article written by Michael Rand in the sports section of the January 4, 2006, issue of the Minneapolis StarTribune. According to the feature, while trying to make it as a professional tennis player in Europe, Butorac has slept on a floor, been asked by a doubles partner to smuggle him across an international border in the trunk of his car, and eaten spaghetti with ketchup to save money (sometimes adding mayonnaise to make a sauce that he says tastes “surprisingly good”).

Two years ago Butorac won the NCAA III tennis doubles title with partner Kevin Whipple ’03, now a teaching pro at the White Bear Tennis Club. Drake also has a Minneapolis connection: His father, Bill Drake, played #1 singles and doubles at the University of Minnesota in the early ’70s at the same time Eric’s father, Tim ’75, was playing for Gustavus and winning an NAIA national doubles title.
Halfway around the world, President Jim Peterson ’64 happened across Kate Podvin ’05 (left) and Amber Wilson ’05 on a little side street in Beijing. Peterson was in China with a Minnesota delegation of business leaders and educators; Podvin and Wilson are teaching in Seoul, South Korea, and just happened to be visiting Beijing during a school break.

“The Gustie connections that are made all over the world always amaze me!” Podvin wrote to Peterson in a note accompanying a photo she sent to Peterson. “Amber and I still bring up the incident of running into you, and we think to ourselves how wonderful it is to know that in such a huge and sometimes confusing world there are still connections that bring us home. It was a reassuring feeling for me (at least) to see someone familiar in such an unfamiliar culture. We were just wanted you to know that you made our day . . .” Podvin and Wilson are due to come back to the United States in August 2006.
For information about chapters and activities in your area, contact your chapter agent or the Alumni Office at 800/487-8437 or e-mail <alumni@gustavus.edu>.

Results through December 31, 2005; Alumni Fund year closes May 31, 2006.
To make your gift prior to May 31, go online to <www.gustavus.edu> or call 866/487-3863

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At their annual Christmas luncheon, a number of employees from the support staff were honored for their service to the College.

Retirees
Virginia Stamps, lab technician, chemistry (22 years of service); and Harold VanDorsten, operating engineer, physical plant (30 years). Not pictured: Linda Elvee ‘92, administrative assistant for classics, nursing, philosophy, political science, and religion (16 years).

25 Years
From left: “Whitey” Greenig, lead carpenter, physical plant; Philly Kaufmann, administrative assistant, alumni relations; and Rick Bruns, irrigation specialist, physical plant.

30 Years
Harold VanDorsten, operating engineer, physical plant; Ann Friederichs, administrative assistant, advising/counseling center; Judy Walthausser, administrative assistant, admission; and Dennis Witte, groundsperson, physical plant.

In Memoriam
Theodore Conrad ’25, Minneapolis, MN, on December 29, 2005. He was a former ELCA pastor, taught at Gustavus, Augustana.

Arianna, to Anna Nelson ’01 and Aaron Banks, 3/4/05.
Mya, to Billie Shorma Vest ’01 and Joshua Vest ’02, 11/23/05.
William, to William Warner ’02 and Nikki Lindstrom ’02, 9/1/05.
Caden, to Angie Drews Youngerberg ’02 and Benjamin Youngerberg, 6/20/05.
Boston, to Kara Haroldson Pryde ’03 and Daniel Pryde, 7/2/05.

Honeywell and is survived by three children and a brother, Paul ’47.
Helen Sundholm Vikner ’43, St. Peter, MN, on January 23, 2006.
Howard Felt ’50, Waconia, MN, on January 10, 2006. He was a retired employee in the engineering department for the City of Minneapolis and is survived by his wife, Marjorie, three sons, and two daughters.
Patricia Pool Hasse ’51, Maple Grove, MN, on January 20, 2006. She was retired office manager for W.R. Maleckar Co. and is survived by three sons and daughter Andrea Richert ’85.
Robert Heim ’51, Hermantown, MN, on January 19, 2006. He was a retired chemist for Dawson Mills (AGP) and is survived by his wife, Rose, and three daughters.
Dewey Litsheim ’52, El Cajon, CA, on January 2, 2006. He was a retired employee of ARCO and is survived by one son, one daughter, and brother Waldo ’54.
Karen Peterson Zilliox ’63, Alexandria, MN, on September 23, 2005. She had been a public health nurse consultant for the State of Minnesota and is survived by her husband, Lawrence, and two children.
Judy Hayenga Barone ’68, Fort Wayne, IN, on December 4, 2005. She was former vice president/investments for Smith Barney and is survived by one son, one daughter, and sister Diane Foote ’66.
Gary Oltmans ’73, Worthington, MN, on February 15, 2005. He was supervisory veterinary medical officer for the USDA at Campbell’s & Swift and is survived by his wife, Lynn, and four siblings including Shirley Bishop ’63 and Dennis ’67.
James Corda ’82, Kenosha, WI, on November 24, 2005.
Kristin Wold Collins ’88, Fresno, CA, on October 7, 2005. She had been a neonatal ICU nurse and is survived by her husband, Tim, two children, her parents, Norman and Mary Beth Larson Wold ’60 ’61, and her grandmother Marguerite Herberg Schmidt ’32.
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