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Celebrating 75 Years of Theatre at Gustavus
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Alumni actors Kevin Kling '79, Michael Glenn (Waldhauser) '97, and Karen Edbjornson '80 with director/professor Rob Gardner on the set of The Cherry Orchard. (See pp. 16–23.)

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Crabapple trees bloom above a newly mown lawn on the eastern hillside of the Gustavus campus.
Photo by Anders Björling '58
Engaging the world

It is typical in this space for me to write about good news at Gustavus. It’s important for alumni to hear about things like academic successes, special events and celebrations, efforts to advance international education, new college leadership, strategic planning work, and matters of diversity in its many forms here on campus. There is always good news on this campus.

But Gustavus, like all colleges and universities these days, is not without some real challenges. Having recently returned from a three-day meeting with over 300 private college presidents, discussing and debating the issues of the day, I’ve made a list. Though not a complete list by any means, and not arranged in any particular order of importance, here are my top 10 challenges for institutions like ours over the next decade.

1) Managing the relationship between cost and tuition increases, financial aid, and rising student debt.
2) Strengthening institutional evaluation and assessment processes for student learning outcomes and the overall student experience.
3) Increased political pressures and mandates related to standardization, government controls, and oversight.
4) Changing student demographics in Minnesota and nationwide.
5) Building a more culturally and racially diverse campus environment.
6) Establishing clarity of institutional identity and distinctiveness.
7) Creating opportunities for, and meeting the challenges of, internationalizing the campus to prepare all students for global citizenship.
8) Increasing the investment in improving academic quality while controlling cost escalation.
9) Deepening and broadening the revenue base.
10) Fostering collaboration and less competition with peer institutions.

Certainly, these challenges can and will be met here at Gustavus. That’s why we are doing all the strategic planning now underway. And that’s why the new people in leadership positions here are so important, working together with a committed and creative faculty and a dedicated board of trustees to ensure a vital and sustainable Gustavus long into the future.

As I have suggested before, ideas from our alumni about what the College is doing now and what it might do in the future are always welcome. If you wish to contribute suggestions about improving the present or the future, let us know. We’ll certainly try to keep you informed about progress on these challenges and on other fronts along the way.
This year is the tercentenary of the birth of Carolus Linnaeus (Karl von Linné; 1707–1778). While internationally most recognized for his work in botany and taxonomy, Linnaeus was also active in other fields, particularly ethnography and ethnobotany (before those terms were coined). He is also remembered for his work with his students—his “apostles”—whom he sent around the globe to map and document God’s creation and bring back a little bit of the outside world to transplant in Sweden. Linnaeus was a man of his time, the Enlightenment, but also a man ahead of his time; he was an assiduous scientist, but also a man prone to take poetic license when describing his own achievements; he was a prolific though sometimes controversial contributor to knowledge, loved by his students, feared and sometimes loathed by his colleagues, ignored by few.

The Linnaeus tercentenary will be commemorated in several countries and in multifarious ways. The University of Uppsala, Sweden, Linnaeus’ academic home for more than four decades, will have an entire Linnaeus year of celebrations. London, where the major Linnaeus collections are located, will recognize his significance as a botanist. Pennsylvania will highlight the work of Pehr Kalm, the “apostle” whom Linnaeus sent to North America for a three-year visit to gather specimens and document folk life (1748–1751). And Gustavus, whose arboretum carries his name and whose Twinflower (the Arboretum newsletter) reflects his spirit, will have several events to honor the man internationally best known for his naming of plants and animals. He named humans, too. He classified us as Homo sapiens. With characteristic self-assertion, he named himself “Prince of Botany.”

Gustavus began its Linnaeus commemorations in December 2006 when Anders Björling and Roland Thorstenson presented a program on their journey to Swedish Lappland and northern Norway at the annual American-Scandinavian Yuletide Breakfast. In August 2006 Anders and Roland followed the route Linnaeus took in 1732 and documented alpine flora for the first time. Inset: Linnaea borealis, the common Linnaea, also known as the twinflower.

Following in the footsteps of Linnaeus, Roland Thorstenson (left) and Anders Björling stand atop Vallevarre Mountain overlooking Kvikkjokk, in Swedish Lappland, where Linnaeus observed alpine flora for the first time. Inset: Linnaea borealis, the common Linnaea, also known as the twinflower.

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Their journey to Lappland yielded verbal and visual documents as well; Roland gathered material for a semester course on Linnaeus, and Anders took pictures for an April photo exhibit.

Several programs and events celebrating Linnaeus are scheduled for this spring. All are open to the public. For more information, call the Linnaeus Arboretum (507/933-6181).

Spring semester – Roland Thorstensson will teach a full-semester course on Linnaeus and his world;
March 26 – St. Peter Continuing Education: Roland Thorstensson will talk about Linnaeus, “the one and the many,” and Cindy Johnson-Groh, associate professor of biology and executive director of Linnaeus Arboretum, will examine Linnaeus’ scientific contributions;
April 11 – An exhibition of Anders Björling’s nature photography taken during his “Linnaeus trek” in Sweden will open at the Melva Lind Interpretive Center (a similar exhibition also will be on display at the Arts Center of Saint Peter);
April 24 – “From Skåne To Lappland – Travels through Sweden with Carl Linnaeus,” a multimedia presentation by Anders Björling and Roland Thorstensson;
April 25 – Linnaeus Symposium. There will be Linnaeus events all day on campus and several speakers, including ethnobotanists Paul Alan Cox and Mark Plotkin, writer Paula Robbins, a Pehr Kalm historian, and Hans Odöö, a Swedish journalist-naturalist who is also a Linnaeus impersonator;
May 23 – Linnaeus was born in 1707, “...between the month of growing and the month of flowering, when the cuckoo was announcing the imminence of summer, when the trees were in leaf but before the season of blossom . . .”

Roland Thorstensson, professor of Scandinavian Studies, has taught Swedish language and Nordic culture courses since joining the Gustavus faculty in 1971.

St. Dennis to lead Church Relations

The Rev. Grady St. Dennis ’92, who has been serving Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis since 1999, has been named director of church relations at Gustavus Adolphus College.

In his new position, St. Dennis will lead efforts to nurture and strengthen the College’s relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its congregations, particularly those in the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations.

“We are thrilled that the Rev. Grady St. Dennis has accepted the invitation to join us in this important role,” Gustavus President Jim...
College taps alumna for financial aid post

Mary Booker ’91 returned to her alma mater in January as Gustavus Adolphus College’s new director of student financial assistance. Booker, who previously worked for Gustavus in admission and financial assistance between 1994 and 1999, had been associate director of financial aid at Dartmouth College since 2001.

Reporting to Vice President for Admission and Student Financial Assistance Mark Anderson, Booker is responsible for coordinating the often complex financial assistance process for Gustavus students. “The expertise that Mary brings, along with her knowledge of national trends in student aid, will help the College use our financial aid money to best benefit our students,” Anderson stated in announcing her appointment.

With 71 percent of current Gustavus students receiving need-based financial assistance and more than $20 million in scholarships and grants given annually, financial assistance is a key component when prospective students make decisions about their academic futures. A combination of rising tuition rates and the constant flux of state education funds makes the financial assistance office especially important at Gustavus.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Gustavus in 1991, Booker completed an M.A. in ethnic studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Her career at Gustavus began in 1994 when she became an assistant director of admission. She advanced to the position of assistant director of financial aid in 1997. In 1999, she left Gustavus to become the associate director of financial aid at Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio), moving to a similar post at Dartmouth (Hanover, N.H.) in 2001.

“As an experienced financial aid administrator and leader devoted to diversity in education,” Booker stresses, “I believe this will be a unique opportunity for me to give back to an institution that has meant a lot to my personal and professional growth.”

New Vice President for College Relations named

Gwendolyn Freed has been named vice president for college relations at Gustavus. In her new position, Freed leads the College’s strategic communications efforts and oversees the Division of College Relations, including marketing, public relations, media relations, online and print communications, special events, fine arts promotion, sports information, and internal communications.

She began her duties Dec. 18, 2006.

Freed comes to Gustavus from Best Buy and has a background in corporate and higher education communications, journalism, fund development, and nonprofit leadership. As senior community relations specialist at Best Buy, her chief responsibilities were corporate communications and Twin Cities grant making through the Best Buy Children’s Fund. Previously, she was the executive director of the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies and a major gifts officer at the Minnesota Orchestra.

Her journalism background is extensive. As a staff reporter for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, she wrote about business and the arts. Her freelance work has been published in the Wall Street Journal, New York Newsday and the Detroit News. She served as editor in chief of Chamber Music magazine and is the author of Musician’s Resource (1997), a guide to educational programs.

Freed is completing a master’s degree program in public and nonprofit leadership and management as a Thomas Swain Fellow at the University of Minnesota’s Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. She holds a master’s degree in music from The Juilliard School in New York and a bachelor’s degree in music from Oberlin College in Ohio. She is a board member and former lay counselor for Crisis Connection, a Twin Cities mental health agency. Freed is married to Kenneth Freed, a violinist for the Minnesota Orchestra and music director of the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. They live in Edina, Minn., with their three children.
Teacher preparation programs have long known that they cannot do it alone. Developing opportunities for pre-service teachers to participate in K-12 classrooms throughout their education program is the goal of all teacher education departments and an expectation for any accredited institution.

The education faculty at Gustavus has long maintained a relationship with the St. Peter School District. While these exchanges have been wonderful learning experiences for Gustavus’ pre-service teachers, I wondered if these opportunities were in any way helpful to the school district. Having learned about the potential of service-learning from ongoing faculty development experiences, I set out to try to improve the relationship to benefit both the college students and the middle school students.

Service-learning is based on the premise that the experience will provide mutual benefits for the student and the community being served. A true service-learning project would require my students to address the needs of our school partner as a part of my course. This meant lots of changes for me as the instructor. With support from Noreen Buhmann, the College’s community service director, and input from the school district administration, I began to look for ways that the education students could enhance their learning by providing a service to the school.

Initial conversations with middle school administrators and counselors raised the question of whether their middle school students were aware of bullying within the school, and if the problem was as widespread as some people thought. The district was instituting an anti-bullying policy, and while students were to be briefed on the policy requirements and expectations on the first day of school, there were questions about what the next steps should be. The school wanted more information about the extent of bullying and the needs of their students. The end result of these ongoing conversations was a solid commitment from both institutions to “the bullying project.”

The school’s primary concern was to find out more about how bullying was impacting the students. Not everyone was convinced that bullying was a problem. Eager to quantify the prevalence of bullying in the school, the middle school methods students offered to develop a survey to assess the needs of the school and to help build awareness of bullying at the local
level. This met the need of the school site partner and provided opportunities for pre-service students to look more closely at the use of data gathering to shape school decision making and to focus on the developmental needs of pre-adolescents.

Thus began the parallel work of developing a survey instrument while addressing the other objectives for my course. Meetings with the school’s middle school team charged with looking into developing stronger homeroom sessions were used to share ideas and flesh out both the survey product and the process. In the beginning of the semester, my students read their assigned text and articles, but I added additional readings on the topics of bullying and service-learning.

Our school partner determined that it would be helpful to give the survey and then follow up with an awareness activity presented during homeroom. After the college students had developed the survey, they would facilitate its delivery in the homeroom. Because the school was in the process of reviewing and developing a more “advisory-like” homeroom program, middle school methods students had a chance to create these advisory sessions, giving them opportunities to work with pre-adolescent learners and get to know first-hand what support could be offered in advisory-like sessions.

As a class, the pre-service teachers came up with three guiding questions to use a focus for their survey: 1) Did the middle school students really know what bullying was, and did they recognize bullying behavior? 2) What types of bullying behaviors were happening to middle school students? 3) How pervasive were these various bullying behaviors in the school? As the next step in this work, the college students individually developed survey questions that would address the focus questions based on what they read and what they felt would be important to know.

After a final draft had been reviewed and approved by the school counselor and planning team, two-person teams of Gustavus pre-service teachers administered the survey in middle school homerooms. Once the surveys were completed, they were analyzed to determine the focus questions.

"We wanted to talk as a department about how best to infuse life into psychological topics in a way that 18–22 year old psychology undergraduates can relate to and understand,” explains Marie Walker, associate professor of psychology, about her department’s seminar. As a structure for these discussions, the department faculty discussed Malcolm Gladwell’s recently published Bööks, a book that looks at decision making, social judgment, and first impressions.

Additionally, psychology faculty received a tutorial in E-Prime, a software package for creating computer-generated experiments. Psychology major Jake Anderson ’02, who has been working at the University of Minnesota’s psychophysiology lab in the last few years, provided the instruction in E-Prime. Walker notes that the faculty will be able to use the software in their own research, in their classes, and with student advisees who could develop their own directed research projects.

**Going Right to the Source: Analyzing Students’ Online Research**

Not surprisingly, many of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library’s resources are online. But just how well do students understand the research process using online resources? How can students’ information-seeking behaviors inform library website design? And how can faculty and librarians collaborate to improve student research? Anna Hulseberg and Michelle Anderson Twait ’98, both librarians at Gustavus, hope to answer these questions analyzing data in the usage of the library website. “We hope to explore students’ overall understanding of the research process,” Hulseberg explains, “focusing in particular on how students use the library’s website to access materials for research and coursework.” “Based on our findings,” Twait adds, “we plan to redesign the website to provide better access for students and more focused support for teaching and learning at Gustavus.”

**Why Read? Why Write?**

In “The American Scholar,” Ralph Waldo Emerson suggests that “Books are the best of things, well used; abused, among the worst. What is the one end, which all means go to effect?” Emerson’s reply: “They are for nothing but to inspire.” Yet anecdotal evidence suggests that we live in an increasingly technological world where success is measured by financial gain or scientific achievement. Reading literature, for many children and adults, seems a quaint luxury with little relevance to the real world. But not for faculty and students in the English Department, who embarked on a semester-long conversation about the importance of reading and humanistic study. Supported by a grant from the Faculty Development Program, faculty and students initially focused their discussions on Mark Edmundson’s Why Read? They then welcomed the author to campus for the annual Lefler Lecture. As the culmination of this department seminar, at the end of the semester, the students in Rebecca Fremo’s Senior Seminar on Creative Nonfiction read from their long projects, suggesting that not only is it important to understand why we read, but that it is equally vital to understand why we write.
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pleted, the methods students compiled the data. The school site wanted the raw data, so the students did no statistical analysis; however, a look at the data indicated that there clearly were varying perspectives among the middle school students regarding what bullying really was and whether it occurred in their school.

The feedback from the middle level students showed that for some kids, bullying was indeed a problem, while for others, bullying issues were not on their radar at all. As a result, the school site planning team wanted to provide explicit examples of the offensive behavior, to help “open the eyes” of students to the plight of some of their peers, as identified by the survey. Because the middle school students were going to be held to the specifics of the school bullying policy, the planning team wanted to be sure that all students were clear on the expectations. Discussions of how to present realistic images of bullying resulted in the selection of a video that would be shown to students.

To address the question of “what next?” the college students began to plan a follow-up homeroom session. Simply giving a data report would not be an appropriate means of sharing the results. They wanted to highlight that a number of students taking the survey had identified particular bullying behaviors and specified that these actions were occurring. They planned to segue into the video as a means of providing examples for those who were “in denial” or unaware of the extent of the problem or the misery that that bullying created. At this point, they had read about planning and practiced writing objectives and assessments in class. In groups they developed ideas for the follow-up that were agreed upon and written up as a draft “lesson plan.”

So what were the results of this service-learning project? For the college students, in-class feedback and reflections indicated that they appreciated the opportunity to do real work with students and that this interaction with young adolescents both heightened their knowledge and their interest in teaching middle school students. Their conversations had more depth and real-life examples. Specifically, the creation of the survey called for the students to collaborate, to identify goals and questions, to write questions that would give them results, and then tabulate and identify what the data said. Allowing the survey to be the work of the college students and not a “re-shaped” version created by the instructor made it real, and the subsequent discussion about use of data and appropriate ways to gather data and analyze it took class discussions into new areas.

As for the school site, they reported an increase of documented student reports of bullying behaviors at the middle school level, and a heightened awareness of the occurrence of such behaviors among faculty. The survey gave them initial information to use for further planning and faculty development.

In the semesters following the initial launch of the bullying project, the course instructor and middle school planning team have continued to meet and extend this work. Each semester, a focus is identified to continue the awareness of bullying and increase student sensitivity to the needs of others. Anti-bullying strategies, complete with role-playing and the use of scenarios, were implemented the second semester. By the third semester, the planning team felt that the school needed to step back and work on relationship-building to help students develop a “kinder, gentler” attitude toward their peers, especially those they did not identify as their friends.

The implementation of service-learning has opened the doors to a real shared learning experience for all those involved, shifting the direction of the learning in ways that are still evolving. The benefits for the students at the middle school, who were provided with information and support regarding bullying, and the opportunities for pre-service students to work and learn within classrooms with experienced staff and real students all combined to make for a complex, messy, and wonderful learning experience for all involved. The bullying project made the learning real for my students.

Debra Pitton is associate professor of education at Gustavus and has been a member of the faculty since 1997.

Longtime employees recognized

A number of support staff employees were honored for their service to the College at the 2006 Staff Holiday Luncheon, held on Dec. 20. Pictured here are 2006 retirees and those who were recognized for 25 years of service.

Retirees – Pictured is Betty Jean Passon, custodial (28 years of service). Not able to attend was Nadine Zuhlisdorf, administrative assistant, Department of Chemistry (32 years).

25 Years – Below, from left: Nancy Sanderson, administrative assistant, Department of Music; Todd Block, plumber, physical plant; Betty Maas, Dining Service; Corky Biehn, Dining Service; Kathy Allen, administrative assistant, Career Center; and Diane Wilson, custodial.
66th Festival of St. Lucia ushers in Christmas season

Sophomore Gretchen Libbey, Minnetonka, Minn., reigned as St. Lucia at the College’s 66th 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.

Libbey is pictured here with the Lucia Court prior to the special chapel service on December 9. Fellow sophomores in the 2006 Lucia court were, from left, Hannah Wunsch, Omaha, Neb.; Holly Andersen, Glenville, Minn.; Libbey; Delphine Broccard, Bloomington, Minn.; and Kristin Mummert, Albert Lea, Minn.

Children of Gustavus employees traditionally participate in the Lucia procession as star children and tomten: This year, they were, from left, Josephine Carlson, daughter of John and Heidi Rostberg Carlson ’88 ’93, both on the athletics coaching staff; Mara and (far right) Josiah Johnson, director of the Center for Vocational Reflection, and his wife, Kim Devine-Johnson ’85; Greta and Lilly Anderson, daughters of Jeff Anderson, international student services coordinator, and his wife, Sheila; and Gavin Dobosenski, son of Matt Dobosenski ’99, media services coordinator, and his wife, Gigi Wait Dobosenski ’98.

Admission reps at major college fairs

Admission counselors will represent Gustavus Adolphus College at a number of major college fairs in the coming months. Please encourage prospective students with whom you are acquainted to stop by to visit!

Mar. 6 Xavier High School College Fair Appleton, Wis.
Mar. 12 West Des Moines College Fair West Des Moines, Iowa
Mar. 13 Belmond College Fair Belmond, Iowa
Mar. 14 Algona College Fair Algona, Iowa
Mar. 15 Estherville College Fair Estherville, Iowa
Mar. 15 Spencer College Fair Spencer, Iowa
Mar. 15 Storm Lake College Fair Storm Lake, Iowa
Mar. 17 Seattle PNAAC College Fair Seattle, Wash.
Mar. 18 Portland PNAAC College Fair Portland, Ore.
Mar. 20 City High School College Fair Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 27 Sioux Falls College Fair Sioux Falls, S.D.
Apr. 9 Barrington College Fair Barrington, Ill.
Apr. 10 Harper College College Fair Palatine, Ill.
Apr. 11 Lyons Township College Fair LaGrange, Ill.
Apr. 12 The Glenbrooks College Fair Northbrook, Ill.
Apr. 12 Jones College Prep College Fair Chicago, Ill.
Apr. 16 North Central College College Fair Naperville, Ill.
Apr. 17 Hinsdale Central College Fair Hinsdale, Ill.
Apr. 18 Niles West College Fair Skokie, Ill.
Apr. 19 Rosary High School College Fair Aurora, Ill.
Apr. 19 Fox Valley College Fair St. Charles, Ill.
Apr. 23 Lurverne High School College Fair Lurverne, Minn.
Apr. 23 Pipestone High School College Fair Pipestone, Minn.
Apr. 23 Windom High School College Fair Windom, Minn.
Apr. 24 Fairmont High School College Fair Fairmont, Minn.
Apr. 24 Mankato East H. S. College Fair Mankato, Minn.
Apr. 25 MSU, Mankato College Fair Mankato, Minn.
Apr. 25 South Central College College Fair Fairbault, Minn.
Apr. 25 Albert Lea High School College Fair Albert Lea, Minn.
Apr. 26 Riverland C & T College College Fair Austin, Minn.
Apr. 26 Winona High School College Fair Winona, Minn.
Apr. 29 Rochester C & T College College Fair Rochester, Minn.
Apr. 29 St Louis All-Metro College Fair St. Louis, Mo.
May 9 Mason City College Fair Mason City, Iowa

For further information on the above fairs, or to get information on all the college fairs at which Gustavus will be represented, call Alan Meiers ’87 at 800/487-8288.
2007 summer sports camps at Gustavus

Gustavus’ strong athletics tradition is reflected in numerous sports camps held on campus during the summer. All camps listed feature knowledgeable coaching staffs, top-notch athletic facilities, and quality dining service and housing accommodations. Complete summer camp information is posted at www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/camps/.

**Gustavus Golf Camp**
Boys and girls, ages 9–17:  
June 10–14  
Contact Scott Moe,  
507/933-7610  
smoe@gustavus.edu

**Gustavus Basketball & Leadership Camps**
Grades 7–8: June 10–14  
Grades 8–9: June 17–21  
Grades 6–7: June 24–27  
Grades 6–7: June 28–July 1  
Grades 8–10: July 8–12  
Grades 9–10: July 15–19  
Varsity: July 22–26  
Contact Mark Hanson,  
507/933-7037  
mjh44@gustavus.edu

**Gustavus Volleyball Camp**
(for grades 8–12)  
Day camp options, all 8 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.:  
Gustie Camp: July 23 and 24  
Setter/Hitter Camp: July 25  
Offensive/Defensive Camp: July 26  
Overnight option:  
Gustie Competition Camp:  
July 27 (6 p.m.–)  
July 29 (4 p.m.)  
Contact Kari Eckheart,  
507/933-6416  
keckhear@gustavus.edu

**Gustavus Hockey & Leadership Camp**
Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams: July 8–12  
Mites: July 9–13  
Defensemen Skills Camp: July 13–15  
Girls: July 15–19  
Contact Brett Petersen,  
507/933-7615  
bpeters4@gustavus.edu

**Tennis & Life Camps**
Junior Camps (ages 11–18):  
June 11–14, June 28–July 1, July 9–12, July 23–26, August 6–9, August 9–12  
Junior Camps (ages 14–18):  
June 18–21, July 5–8, July 16–19, July 30–August 2, August 2–5  
Tournament Player Camp (Ages 14–18): June 25–28  
Adult Camps (ages 18–80):  
June 7–10, June 14–17, June 21–24  
Family Camps (ages 8–80):  
July 12–15, July 19–22, July 26–29  
Contact Steve Wilkinson,  
507/931-1614  
swilkins@gustavus.edu

**Southern Minnesota Throwers Camp**
Three one-day Shot Put Camps: June 11, June 18, June 25  
Three one-day Discus Camps: June 12, June 19, June 26  
Contact Tom Thorkelson,  
507/933-7657  
tork@gustavus.edu

**Gustavus Swimming Camps**
Sprint & Achievement Camp:  
June 13–17  
I.M. Camp: June 20–24  
Contact Jon Carlson,  
507/933-7694  
carlon@gustavus.edu

**On the hill**

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Saudi artist’s work explores religious and social belief systems

by Donald Myers ’83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art is currently showing Fatimah in America: An Installation by Hend Al-Mansour, which will be on view until March 4, 2007. Hend Al-Mansour is a well-regarded artist from the Twin Cities who was a principal organizer of and contributor to the critically acclaimed 2003 exhibition Sheherazade: Risking the Passage, held at El Colegio Gallery in Minneapolis. She was born in Saudi Arabia and trained in medicine in Egypt. She immigrated to the United States in order to avoid Saudi oppression of women and became an artist, earning her M.F.A. from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in 2002. Her work deals with her identity as an Arab woman and how that interacts with her Islamic faith.

Al-Mansour describes herself: “I am a Saudi woman artist. I use the beautiful language of art for the sake of social change towards justice, equality, and freedom of expression. My work explores religious and social belief systems, especially those dealing with women, sexuality, and understanding the other.” She also frequently explores in her work Arab and Jewish relationships, and was one of five artists featured in the recent exhibition Israel/Palestine: A Home Divided (at Saint Mary’s University, Winona).

The installation Fatimah in America deals with the lives of several Muslim women in America, exploring their relationships to both the traditional, Islamic culture and the very different culture of America, and how the women negotiate their personal identities between these two often-frictional entities. Al-Mansour notes that some Muslims left home in search of a dreamland, hoping to “begin a fresh and fulfilling life away from bad economy, bad governments, or social injustice. But they found that they had also left behind sweet languages, rich traditions, familiar faces, and most importantly a distinctive identity. As immigrants, they have passed into a blurred zone where both cultures consider them part of the other. In the dawn of the twenty-first century, with the clash between the Islamic world and the West, these American Muslims carry the extra burden of defending one part of their identity against the other.”

The exhibition consists of architectural spaces created for each subject portrayed. These have been adorned in various ways, including with stylized figures and faces integrated with Islamic ornamentation and Arabic calligraphy that the artist silk-screened on fabric. Each space is personalized, with the decoration tailored to the personality and individual situation of each woman. The Fatimah in America installation is the artist’s fully developed statement on her subject, and it relates to a smaller, earlier exhibit held at the University of St. Thomas last year. The more extensive Hillstrom Museum of Art installation was planned to include the assistance of interested students, to involve them in an artist’s work and allow them to gain valuable experience. The aid of the College’s professional carpenters was also an important part of the process, and all these assistants are gratefully thanked.

Fatimah in America is a collaborative project between the Hillstrom Museum of Art and the Diversity Center, and is further supported by the Ethel and Edgar Johnson Endowment for the Arts, Gustavus Adolphus College, and the College’s Women’s Studies Program.

Author Donald Myers ’83 has directed the Hillstrom Museum of Art since its opening in 2000. He is also an instructor in art history at Gustavus.
Conferences, anniversaries mark Spring 2007

**March**

**March 4**
Art Exhibition: *Fatimah in America: An Installation* by Hend Al-Mansour, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. (See p. 13.)

9–10 Conference: “Building Bridges” student-led diversity conference, “Find Your Voice: Putting Awareness into Action,” with keynote speaker Lisa Ling, host of the award-winning documentary series *Explorer* on the National Geographic Channel, Alumni Hall, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507/933-7449).

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9–10 Conference: “Working for Change: Creating Career Paths to Make a Difference,” conference and concert sponsored by the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA) and its affiliate institutions, for undergraduate students and HECUA alumni exploring callings and careers with a focus on social justice, with keynote speaker Karen Bossart Rusthoven ’66, founder and principal of Community of Peace Academy, Jackson Campus Center, starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Brian Koeneman, internship director (507/933-7532).

18 Music: *Gustavus Symphony Orchestra*, Warren Friesen, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

19–April 22 Art Exhibition: *Don Palmgren: A Retrospective*, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Mar. 19, 7–9 p.m.

24 President’s Ball, Landmark Center, St. Paul, 6 p.m. Ticket required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

27 Music: *Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert*, Patricia Kazarow, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

**April**

14 Music: *Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert*, Steve Wright, director, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

25 Symposium: *Linnaeus Symposium*, celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of Swedish botanist and explorer Carolus Linnaeus and featuring journalist and Linnaeus impersonator Hans Ödöö, ethnobiologist Paul Alan Cox, and writer Paula Robbins, Christ Chapel and Alumni Hall, opening at 10 a.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520). (See p. 5.)

28 *Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations* 20th annual convention: “Living a Life of Leadership: Intersecting with Christ,” with keynote speaker Mary K. Nelson ’61, president and CEO of Bethel New Life of Chicago, Christ Chapel, opening at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration required for delegates from member congregations; for more information, contact the Office of Church Relations (507/933-7001).

29 Music: *Gustavus Woodwind Ensembles Spring Concert*, Ann Pesavento, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

29 Music: *Adolphus Jazz Ensemble*, Steve Wright, director, and *Gustavus Chamber Singers*, Gregory Aune, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

29 Music: *St. Ansgar’s Chorus*, Gregory Aune, conductor, and *the Birgitta Singers*, Travis Sletta, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

**May**

2 The 27th *MAYDAY! Peace Conference*: “Community
Food Security,” with keynote speakers Mike Hamm, C.S. Mott Chair of Sustainable Agriculture at Michigan State University, and Janet Poppendieck, author of Sweet Charity?

Emergency Food and the End of Entitlements, and featuring a “100-mile meal,” Christ Chapel, opening at 10 a.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

4 Music: A Steinway Celebration! A special student program recognizing the College’s “All Steinway School” designation, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for more information, contact the Office of Fine Arts Programs (507/933-7363).

5 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 College Relations (507/933-7520).

5 Music: The Gustavus Choir 75th-Anniversary Concert, Gregory Aune, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for information about other anniversary events, contact Dean Wahlund, director of special events (507/933-7520).

5–27 Art: Senior Studio Majors’ Exhibition, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: May 5, 4–7 p.m.

6 Music: Gustavus Percussion Ensembles

Spring Concert, Robert Adney and Paul Hill, conductors, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

7 Lindau Symposium: “Religion in American Public Life,” featuring Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, founder of the Institute for Religion and Public Life and editor-in-chief of its journal, First Things; Alumni Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge. (See p. 27.)

9–13 Theatre: The Tempest, by William Shakespeare, directed by Amy Seham, with Rob Gardner as Prospero, 8 p.m. (May 9, 10, & 11), 7 p.m. (May 12), and 2 p.m. (May 13). Ticket required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

11–13 A Celebration of 75 Years of Theatre at Gustavus Adolphus College, including “Decadal Cuttings,” May 12, Alumni Hall, 1 p.m., and a special performance of The Tempest, May 12, Anderson Theatre, 7 p.m. See full schedule of events on p. 23; for more information and reservations, contact Barbara Larson Taylor ’93, Office of Alumni Relations (507/933-7515).

12 Music: Gustavus Wind Orchestras in concert, Douglas Nimmo, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

13 Music: Lucia Singers’ Mothers Day Concert, Patricia Snapp, conductor, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

25–26 Alumni Reunion Weekend: 40th, 45th, and 50th anniversary class and 50-Year Club reunions; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation, May 26, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or www.gustavus.edu/alumni/).

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

Commemoration: Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m. (ticket required); commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting), 2 p.m. Ticket required for exercises if they are moved indoors; for more information, contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

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

Additional schedules, information and updates

Sports Up-to-date sports schedules may be found on the World Wide Web, through the Gustavus homepage (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 also may be found.

The Arts To receive a more complete fine arts schedule or more information on fine arts events noted in the calendar, contact Al Behrends ’77, director of fine arts programs, by phone (507/933-7363) or e-mail (al@gustavus.edu). Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
This is a historic spring for Gustavus theatre, as the department celebrates two major milestones: the 75th anniversary of the first College-authorized stage production and the beginning of a faculty-directed dramatics program, and the retirement of longtime professor Robert Gardner. Next to the iconic Evelyn Olson Anderson ’29, for whom the theatre is named, Gardner is the College’s longest-serving theatre professor. “(Faculty) personalities shape departments,” he says. And that’s certainly been true of theatre.

The program began inauspiciously in the 1931–32 academic year. According to the 1932–1933 Gustavian annual, “As a result of much agitation for public dramatics, the college board granted the plea for two public performances a year under faculty supervision. A mammoth pageant and an all-college play were well presented this year.” The pageant, a spectacle depicting the role of
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*produced at Gustavus Adolphus College*  
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Lutheranism in history and focusing on the contributions of Swedish Americans historical pageant, was performed during commencement week and featured a cast of 125 characters.

The first play, *The Queen’s Husband*, by Robert Sherwood, was presented in the local high school auditorium in April 1932, directed by speech professor Evan Anderson. Eventually, an old gymnasium on campus was remodeled into a performing space, but for most of the first decade, there was rarely more than one production staged in a year, directed by various speech and English department faculty. The plays were primarily melodramas or comic entertainments. The program continued within the Speech Department.

The theatre program took a major step forward in 1938, when Evelyn Olson joined the faculty. She had graduated from Gustavus in 1929 and had made a career for herself as a director. She had studied under Anderson and, even as an undergraduate, she had viewed him as her ideal. The two were married in 1939 and theirs was a decades-long romance and professional partnership.

Evelyn Anderson transformed the department. She was a woman with a strong personality and a dramatic, theatrical manner. She was known for her eccentricities, but she was highly intelligent. In addition to the classics, she had a penchant for cutting-edge plays—and she had the courage to produce them. She directed Sartre’s *No Exit* as early as 1948, and *Marat/Sade* (complete with nudity) in 1968. All her work was done with great style and elegance, and she built the department in the same manner. For more than 30 years, Anderson was a one-woman show and her sensibilities prevailed.

The next watershed year was 1971. The program had grown sufficiently to warrant additional faculty (and a new department name—

Carol Becker ’50, Betty Jane Johnson ’47, Maurine Ibberson ’49, and RoseMarie Gregg ’50 in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* (1946).
Speech and Theatre—by 1969), and Rob Gardner was hired. In addition, after almost 25 years of staging plays in a cramped theatre in the Classroom Annex, Anderson achieved her dream and the theatre, which was ultimately named for her and her husband, finally became a reality. She had wanted a professional theatre, what she called “a miniature Guthrie,” and she made it happen before she retired in 1974.

Gardner, who exhibited a more laid-back temperament than Anderson, presided over the diversification of the department. The hiring of William Levis as another director, Kelly Forde as technical director, and David Olson as artist-in-residence brought a wide range of new perspectives, influencing both repertoire and production styles. This initiated a decade that was, as Gardner described it in an article on the 25th anniversary of Anderson Theatre in 1996, “expansive and occasionally explosive.”

Those years saw the first musical, the first student-created work, the first African American play, the first professionally choreographed dance concert, and the first productions mounted in Black Box and in the scene shop. The program became a separate academic department, the Department of Theatre in 1977.

This “chaotic vitality” gave way to what Gardner called “a more disciplined organization in the eighties and nineties.” In part, that grew from the hiring of Steve Griffith ’75 in 1979. Hired as a design instructor and tech director, he also proved to be an excellent administrator and served several terms as department chair. Until his departure in 2006, he was successful in growing the program, transforming

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*Top: Macbeth’s three witches: Adelaide Rethwilt ’54, Marilyn Nelson ’54, and Betty Malmborg ’55 (1953).*

*Above: Steve Benson ’63 and Elsa Cornell Eckhoff ’61 in Look Homeward, Angel (1961).*

*Opposite: Cheryl Downey ’66 and Susan Pepin ’55 in The Miracle Worker (1962).*
the performance spaces, and increasing the size and scope of the faculty. At the same time, rehearsal processes were made more professional, courses and performances were integrated with the general education program, and cooperation with the music department led to the establishment of biennial musical productions.

These years also saw a big change in the addition and development of the dance program. It began modestly in the 1970s, was stabilized in the early 1980s, and took off with the hiring of Michele Rusinko in 1988. The department’s official name was changed in 1989 to the Department of Theatre and Dance. The dance program is currently bursting at the seams, with two full-time faculty members and a variety of part-time staff and choreographers overseeing two dance companies.

According to Gardner, the hiring of Amy Seham in 1997 brought another seismic shift in the focus of the department. With productions like The Laramie Project and Scenes from an Execution, she has brought a new emphasis on social justice issues, broadening the perspective of students and audiences alike. Seham has also been interested in creating pieces of theatre, most notably The Tornado Project in 1998, about the massive storm that devastated the campus earlier that year.

In this climate, a student-run social action theatre group, “I Am . . . We Are,” came into existence. They create their own plays on social justice and produce shows about campus life for incoming students, referencing homophobia, racism, and date rape. This group has significantly impacted campus life and represents a partial fulfillment of the College’s mission of creating a more just and peaceful world.

Gardner’s retirement, along with several other key faculty positions that will be filled in the coming year, means that the department is in another period of transition. New voices will bring new visions that

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will shape the future of the department. But it seems clear that efforts will continue to broaden the scope of the program, including developing a focus on cultures outside our own and increasing the international dimension.

A lot has changed in 75 years. The Gustavus Department of Theatre and Dance has been through several golden ages. And this is only the beginning. Proposals are in the works to refurbish Anderson Theatre and to create a new Black Box space. These would accommodate more student work and allow other rehearsal and performance space for the dance program. As new personalities shape the future, the high standards that have been set since the beginning of the department will carry it forward into a glorious future.

Author Randy Beard ’78, a theatre major at Gustavus, is now literary manager of Park Square Theatre in St. Paul and also a member of the Playwrights’ Center in Minneapolis. As a freelance journalist, he continues to write about classical music for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.
Harren eighth at NCAA Championships, All-America for second consecutive year

Hailey Harren completed her standout cross country career with an eighth-place finish at the 2006 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, held in West Chester, Ohio. Harren recorded a time of 23:12 over the 6,000 meter course, which was 40 seconds behind overall champion Sarah Zerzan of Willamette.

Harren, who was attempting to become only the third individual in NCAA Division III women’s history to win two individual national titles, came up just short of making history. The race was run in very difficult conditions as heavy rains in the West Chester area left the course essentially under water.

The senior from Cold Spring, Minn., becomes only the third runner from Gustavus to earn back-to-back All-America honors, following Dana Peterson and Kara Bloomquist in 1994 and 1995. She is the first to ever post back-to-back top 10 finishes.

The 2006 season was a special one for Harren as she won every race that she competed in with the exception of the national meet. She won the MIAC individual title for the second consecutive year and was named MIAC Female Runner of the Year, and she also won the NCAA Central Region Meet for the second consecutive year and was named the Central Region Runner of the Year.
Volleyball Coach Kari Eckheart named MIAC Coach of Year

Gustavus volleyball coach Kari Eckheart was honored by the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as co-Coach of the Year for her efforts in directing the Gusties to a second-place finish and a record of 9–2 in regular-season conference play. Eckheart shared the honor with Tim Mosser of Concordia and Gina Rollie of Hamline.

Eckheart, who just completed her tenth season as head coach, helped her squad post the program’s best record (9–2) and highest finish (second place) in 20 years. She molded a solid group of returnees with a talented group of newcomers into one of the finest teams in the MIAC. The Gusties were the #2 seed in the MIAC post-season tournament and earned a first-round bye. In the semi-finals, Gustavus was knocked out of the tournament by St. Ben’s 3–1 in a hard-fought match.

Eckheart has compiled a record of 151–133 overall and 56–54 in the MIAC over the past 10 seasons. In the past three years, Eckheart has directed her squads to a record of 51–27 overall and 22–11 in the MIAC, including conference finishes of second (2006), third (2004), and fifth (2005).

Fall Sports Summary

by Tim Kennedy ’82

Football – The Gustavus football team finished the season with four consecutive victories to post a record of 6–4 overall and 4–4 in the MIAC (fifth place). Coach Jay Schoenebeck’s squad posted wins over Williamette, Hamline, Macalester, Augsburg, Concordia, and Carleton. Five players were named to the all-conference team including senior linebacker Adam Miron (Princeton, Minn. – first team), junior linebacker Jared Sieling (Watertown, Minn. – first team), senior defensive tackle Nick David (Morristown, Minn. – second team), senior defensive back Kevin Hegland (St. Michael, Minn. – second team), junior quarterback/kicker Jordan Stolp (Mankato, Minn. – second team), and sophomore offensive lineman Jared Thelenmann (Kilkeeny, Minn. – second team). Senior defensive back Brian Evans (Gaylord, Minn.) was named to the MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Men’s Soccer – The Gusties were co-champions of the MIAC (with St. John’s) during the regular season with a record of 9–1–0 and won the MIAC playoff championship for the third time in the last four years with a 2–0 win over Hamline. Coach Larry Zelenz’s squad earned its fourth consecutive bid to the NCAA tournament and was selected to host a sectional tournament. The Gusties defeated Loras 1–0 in the first round and then suffered a heartbreaking 1–0 loss to Wartburg in the sectional championship game. The team finished the season with a record of 17–2–1 overall and was ranked #22 in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III poll. Senior midfielder Matt Broin (Minnetonka, Minn.), junior forward Mike Butterworth (Anchorage, Alaska), and senior goalkeeper Tyler Garry (Sioux Falls, S.D.) were all named to the all-conference and all-region teams. Senior forward Alex Groth (Waupaca, Wis.) was named to the MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Women’s Soccer – Coach Mike Stehlik’s squad closed out the season on a three-match win streak and finished sixth in the MIAC with a mark of 5–4–2 (8–8–1 overall). Twelve of the Gusties’ 16 matches were decided by one goal and six went into overtime. Senior forward Amy Larson (Plymouth, Minn.) and senior defender Shannon Quealy (Anchorage, Alaska), and senior goalkeeper Tyler Garry (Sioux Falls, S.D.) were both named to the all-conference team. Larson was also named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Team along with senior midfielders Liz Petersen (Stillwater, Minn.) and Alison Rethweisch (Lakeville, Minn.).

Volleyball – The Gustavus volleyball team posted its best conference record in 20 years, finishing with a regular season conference mark of 9–2, good for second place. The Gusties earned a first-round bye in the MIAC playoffs, but then lost in the semifinals to St. Ben’s, 3–1. Coach Kari Eckheart’s squad placed second at the Sugar Loaf Invitational and third at the Pikes Peak Classic during the season. Junior setters Andrea Kron (Cold Spring, Minn.) and Jennifer Thelenmann (Le Sueur, Minn.) were both named to the all-conference team. K Kron, who became the 11th player at Gustavus to compile 1,000 career kills during the season, was also named to the MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Men’s Cross Country – Coach Jed Friedrich’s runners completed their season with an eighth-place finish (out of 12 teams) at the NCAA Central Region meet. At the conference meet, held at Como Park Golf Course in St. Paul, the team was led by junior Chris deLaubenfels (Mount Vernon, Iowa), who earned all-conference honors with a 14th-place finish (tie).
Women’s Cross Country – The Gusties wrapped up their season with a fourth-place finish at the MIAC championships and an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. Coach Jed Friedrich’s squad finished one point behind St. Olaf in a battle for third place at the conference meet. Senior Hailey Harren (Cold Spring, Minn.) finished first individually, while teammate Sarah Bernhardson (Eden Prairie, Minn.) placed seventh. Both earned all-conference honors. At the region meet, Harren claimed the individual title for the second year in a row, while Bernhardson earned all-region honors with a 26th-place finish.

Men’s Tennis – The Gustavus men’s tennis team once again hosted the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Midwest Regional Tournament in early October, and three Gustavus players claimed the singles and doubles titles. Senior Jesse Brauer (Mankato, Minn.) won the singles title, defeating teammate Andy Bryan (Edina, Minn.) 4–6, 6–2, 7–6 (8–6) in the championship match. In the doubles draw, sophomores Mike Burdakin (Bettendorf, Iowa) and Charlie Paukert (Grand Forks, N.D.), who were seeded fifth, surprised teammates Brauer and Bryan 6–4, 1–6, 10–8 to claim the title. At the ITA Small College Championships, Brauer posted a mark of 1–2 in three matches and finished in seventh place, while Burdakin and Paukert won their first match but then dropped the next two to finish in fourth place.

Women’s Tennis – The Gustavus women’s tennis team took part in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Midwest Regional hosted by Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Senior Lauren Hom (Stevens Point, Wis.) had a successful weekend as she advanced to the semifinals in singles and the finals in doubles with partner Sierra Krebsbach (North Oaks, Minn.). In singles play, Hom lost to eventual champion Molly Fiala of Coe 5–7, 4–6 in the semifinals, while in doubles play, Hom and Krebsbach, who were seeded second, lost to top-seeded Amanda Santa-Romana and Elicza Buys of Carthage 8–9 (5–7 in the tiebreaker) in the championship match.

Men’s Golf – Coach Scott Moe’s squad turned in a solid fall season to currently be ranked 12th in Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Division III poll. The highlight of the fall season was a second-place finish at the MIAC championship. Senior Erik Tone (Willmar, Minn.) led the team at the conference tournament, finishing second individually and earning all-conference honors. Joining Tone on the all-conference team were juniors Jordan Hawkinson (Chisago Lakes, Minn.), who finished fifth, and Eric Harris (Eden Prairie, Minn.), who placed ninth.

Women’s Golf – The Gustavus women’s golf team recorded a strong fall season, winning two tournaments (the UW-Eau Claire Invite and the Division III Midwest Classic), and finishing second at the MIAC championship. First-year Kali Griggs (Burnsville, Minn.; fourth), junior Rachel Roberg (Rice Lake, Wis.; sixth), and sophomore Kimbra Kosak (Grand Rapids, Minn.; tenth) earned all-conference honors by placing in the top ten at conference tournament. Gustavus enters the spring season ranked second in the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Division III poll.
A gift to Gustavus Adolphus College from Phil '58 and Nancy Lindau given prior to Phil’s death last April will establish a symposium at Gustavus Adolphus College that will bear his name. The first Lindau Symposium, which the Lindau family and College officials anticipate will be an annual event, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, and will feature the Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, a conservative Catholic intellectual whose topic will be “Religion in American Public Life.”

Phil Lindau, a commodities trader and executive who served Gustavus as a board member, campaign chair, and longtime volunteer leader, was passionate about the faith-life intersection and the church-relatedness of his alma mater. The symposium established in his honor aims to provide a forum in which diverse intellectual voices and mainstream beliefs and values can be brought together in a liberal arts environment. Future topics may encompass economics, politics, and stewardship, according to Chris Gilbert, professor of political science who is coordinating the program.

The inaugural Lindau Symposium speaker, Richard John Neuhaus, argues that religious ideas and voices—particularly Christian ones—have a place in American public life. For 30 years an activist pastor at St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., Neuhaus grew disillusioned with cultural revolution and liberation theology in the mid-'70s and became a leading advocate of “democratic capitalism” and a critic of liberalism. In 1984 he published The Naked Public Square: Religion and Democracy in America, which asserted that secular voices and big government had crowded religion out of the “public square.”

In 1990 Neuhaus converted to Catholicism, a move that sent shock waves through Lutheran circles due to his prominence as a Lutheran theologian. He was ordained a Catholic priest a year later. Neuhaus is founder and director of the Institute on Religion and Public Life in New York City and editor of First Things, an ecumenical journal notable for its commitment to Catholic orthodoxy and its ties to conservative political ideas. His most recent book is Catholic Matters: Confusion, Controversy, and the Splendor of Truth (2006).

The Lindau Symposium is open to the College community and the public without charge.

Friends of Music to support student-musicians

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Brenda Moore has announced the formation of a “friends of music” group to assist with scholarship and tour support for Gustavus music students.

Gustavus Friends of Music is a network of alumni, parents, and friends who seek to make a difference in the lives of student-musicians at the College. Goals of the initiative are 1) to provide funding for the Jussi Björling Music Scholarships, the department’s primary award for recruiting music students with extraordinary talent and potential for success; 2) to underwrite and enhance ensemble tours, which complement each student-musician’s course of study and at the same time strengthen the College’s visibility in the larger community; and 3) to lay a foundation for continued success and future growth of the Department of Music.

Individuals wishing to join in this initiative may contact the Office of Gift Planning at Gustavus (800/726-6192 or giftplanning@gustavus.edu) for more details. The group is already helping to provide music scholarships to students who might not otherwise be able to afford the cost of a Gustavus education. With your assistance, the gift of music may be multiplied: Music at Gustavus, in the form of coursework and performances, becomes music from Gustavus—those professors and teachers, conductors and performers, and others who have music-related vocations or avocations and who do so much to enrich their communities everywhere.

New advancement professionals

Two new team members joined the institutional advancement staff on January 15.

Kari Clark ’91 fills the gift planner position left vacant when Teresa Harland ’93 was promoted to associate vice president for advancement. Since graduating from William Mitchell Law School in 1995, Clark had spent the majority of her planned-giving career working for Childrens Hospital in St. Paul. She will work from her Twin Cities home.

Tony Pasiak has been hired as associate director of the Gustavus Fund, a position created as a part of the College’s campaign readiness strategy. Tony has spent most of his career doing annual fund/alumni relations work for his alma mater, Hamilton College, a private liberal arts college located in New York. He recently moved to St. Peter and had been commuting to Normandale Community College, where he worked with that school’s annual fund. Tony’s wife, Katie, works as a forensic psychologist at the state hospital in St. Peter.
### 2006–2007 Alumni Fund report

Results through December 31, 2006; Alumni Fund year closes May 31, 2007. To make your gift prior to May 31, go online to www.gustavus.edu or call 866/487-3863

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Winiecki climbs Denali solo

While growing up, Mitchell Winiecki ’06 was always intrigued with Denali (Mt. McKinley), the highest peak in North America at 20,320 feet. He got his shot at the mountain this past summer while on an internship in Alaska. After flying into Denali’s base camp, Winiecki and his climbing partner hauled their gear for over four days to a camp at 11,000 feet. But before ascending to the next camp at 14,000 feet, Winiecki’s partner quit. At 16,000 feet Winiecki buried his food in the snow and then went back down to acclimatize. At 17,000 feet he met up with two men; they were snowed in a few days before ascending to 18,500 feet, where they encountered whiteout conditions, forcing them back to the camp at 17,000 feet. While descending, the lead climber fell as the trail gave way and pulled Winiecki off the mountain. The trailing climber and Winiecki jammed their ice axes into the ground and stopped the lead’s fall. When they got back to camp, the other two told Winiecki they were going to quit.

Determined to reach the summit, Winiecki rested for a day before ascending to 17,000 feet and getting snowed in again, this time for four days. Despite 40- to 50-mph winds and a –30° F. temperature, he reached the summit and celebrated for about two minutes before beginning his descent. With frozen hands and no partner, a photo was not taken at the top, but he does have this shot from the climb. “I try not to view it as a victory over the mountain,” he says about his feat, “but rather if you’re going to climb, you have respect for it.”
Football 50 Year Club Homecoming gathering


Class Agent: Ruth Snyder Larson
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Marvin Holt, Plymouth, was honored by Minnesota congressman Jim Ramstad for his military service in WWII and the Korean War.

Class Agents: Frank ’58 and Ruth Vikner Gamelin
E-mail: 1937classagent@gustavus.edu
Bernhard LeVander, Arden Hills, has written his memoirs, titled Call Me Pete.

Class Agent: Charles Lusk
E-mail: 1941classagent@gustavus.edu
Bessie Hobart Chenault, Austin, TX, started a Bible study at the assisted living community where she lives.

Class Agent: C. Eddie Johnson
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Esther Marie Johnson Edman, Fairmont, is on the board of trustees of the Fairmont Hospital Foundation and the finance committee of the Red Rock Center for the Arts. Pearl Horman Johnson, Duluth, after 23 years, retired as docent at Glensheen Mansion. Marvin Palmquist, St. Croix Falls, WI, is director of the Lutheran Orient Mission Society. Walter Youngquist, Eugene, OR, is a consulting geologist and author.

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Class Agent: position open
E-mail: 1944classagent@gustavus.edu
Margaret Anderson Brakel, West Chester, PA, enjoys playing organ and chess and traveled this year to California and Australia. Lorraine Holmgren Jacobson, Briceyln, has two grandchildren at Gustavus and another starting next year. Betty Hedin Olson, Peoria, AZ, is a teacher assistant at Montessori Kingdom of Learning.

Class Agent: position open
E-mail: 1945classagent@gustavus.edu
Mary Ann Peters Anderson, Fergus Falls, and husband, Paul Anderson ’47, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and traveled this year to Sweden and Germany.

Class Agent: B. Kent Blackhurst
E-mail: 1947classagent@gustavus.edu
B. Kent Blackhurst, Medford, OR, retired as an attorney at Hornecker Cowling. Hiram Drache, Fargo, ND, received the Oak Grove Lutheran High School, Fargo, ND, “Living the Mission” Award, the highest award given by the school. He also completed A Century In The Park, the definitive history of Oak Grove Lutheran High School since its founding 100 years ago. Harold Odland, Bloomington, is a retired Fourth District judge but still sits on court periodicals.

Class Agent: Lorrie Johnson Leaf
E-mail: 1948classagent@gustavus.edu
Harold Mattke, St. Louis Park, traveled this fall to California. Karl Sturmick, Olympia, WA, is active playing bridge, pool, and poker, and enjoys the theatre.

Class Agent: Pete Erickson
E-mail: 1949classagent@gustavus.edu
Dotti Olson Benjamin, Redondo Beach, CA, retired as a real estate agent for Barker Realty. Paul Edstrom, Eagan, enjoys spending time with his grandchildren (four of the five live in Minnesota). George Schultz, Bandera, TX, is visitation pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Bandera and on the board at Noah’s Ark Daycare Center.
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Class Agent: Gloria Mortell Benson
E-mail: 1950classagent@gustavus.edu

John and Carol Ostgaard
Esbjornson, Willmar, traveled this year to Sweden, Denmark, and
Norway with their children, Pete Lokkesmoe, Elgin, IL, recently
moved to the Greens of Elgin.

51 Class Agent: Dorothy Johnson Lutz
E-mail: 1951classagent@gustavus.edu

Donn Larson, Duluth, wrote the histori-
cal vignettes for the 75th season of the
Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra.
Janis Hake Hanson, Omaha, NE, divides
time between Omaha, NE and Palm Sprin-
gs, CA.

Marion Odberg Olson, Minnetonka,
plays in the Minneapolis Police Band
and Thrivent Senior Band.

52 Class Agent: Barb Eckman Krig
E-mail: 1952classagent@gustavus.edu

Wally Dotts, Citrus Heights, CA, works part-time at Fren mort Programmer

Illeen Nelson Gunderson, Sioux Falls, SD,
is substitute teaching in the Sioux Falls
School System.

Oma Lee Wittman Iverson, Sioux City, IA,
traveled last summer to Norway.

Maynard Jacobson, Sunfish Lake, is an emeritus professor of medicine
at University of Minnesota Medical
School.

Rod Johnson, Webster

Groves, MO, is a clinical
social worker in private practice.

Ellis Jones, St. Peter, is active
organizing seminars for church
secretaries and the an-
nual St. David’s Day celebra-
tion at Gustavus.

Paul Lindau,
Beaver Dam, WI, retired as visitation
pastor at First Lutheran Church in

Beaver Dam.

Clair McRostie, St.
Pete, is owner of McRostie Financial
Planning.

John Mielke, Stone

Mountain, GA, is president of Aeolus

Richard Pedersen, Le Sueur, is
president of the Mound Cemetery
Association.

Donald Peterson,

Roseville, CA, is owner and president
of Eden, Inc.

Bob Werness,

Bloomington, retired as vice presi-
dent and funeral director at Werness
Brothers Funeral Chapels.

Peter Zimmermann, Munich, Germany,
produces television documentaries.

54 Class Agents: Forrest Chaffee, Helen
Fargesen Hokenson
E-mail: 1954classagent@gustavus.edu

Janet Hanson Jones, St. Peter, re-
tired as a part-time clerical worker at
Johnson & Hoehn CPA.

Jean Simonson Roloff, Moline, IL,
enjoya golf, spending time in Maui, and
spending time in Chicago with her
four grandsons.

55 Class Agent: Dick Defelme
E-mail: 1955classagent@gustavus.edu

Anne Ekberg Johnson, Webster

Groves, MO, is a self-employed clini-
cal social worker.

Calvin Vaubel, Edina,
retired from the U.S. Treasury
Department.

56 Class Agents: Carolyn

Jen Brusseau, JAnn

Johnson Lundborg
E-mail: 1956classagent@gustavus.edu

Dick Derauf, Madison, WI, is an
account manager at Dairyland
Packaging Company.

57 Class Agents: Nancy Retter Grimes,

Clem and Maryly Mattson Nelson
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Jinny Field Cable,
Eaton, OH, travels
frequently in her motor home to air
shows where her husband competes.

Emily Backlund Cole, Muscatine,
IA, is organist at Zion Lutheran
Church.

Roger Dahlen, Springfield,
VA, attended an Elderhostel called
“The Splendor of Rome” and will be
a volunteer pastor during Advent at
Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
in California.

Marcia Halgren Dale,
Long Lake, is part-time organist at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Lois Wicktor Falk, Bemidji, is an
adjunct staff member at Bemidji
State University.

Anderson Galvin, Red Wing,
volunteers at the local theatre, sings in
City of Lakes Chorus, and spends the
winter in Phoenix.

Beth Carlson Heilge,
Edina, is a contracting off-
cer for the Federal Aviation
Administration.

Charles

Hendrickson, St. Peter, is owner and
president of Hendrickson Organ
Company.

Lynn Rhyme Herr,
Lebanon, NJ, retired as judge in the
Superior Court of New Jersey.

Richard Hingquist, Minneapolis,
is president/retail management for
H.O.B.O. – Galleria.

Bruce

Johnson, Corvallis, OR, is an electric-
ian, locksmith, and owner of
Service Associates.

Gary Knoll, Benndict, enjoys ice fishing,
wood working, hunting, volunteering at
church, bicycling, and downhill ski-
ing.

Joyce Kviklid Knoll,
Benedict, is active in Hope
Lutheran Church, enjoys sewing,
reading, bicycling, downhill skiing,
and spending time at the lake.

Glenn Leaf, Winona, is interim pas-
tor in Pine River.

Mary Anderson
Lueger, Park Rapids, is organist and
senior choir accompanist at Calvary
Lutheran Church and plays keyboards
with the Upper Mississippans and
the New Orleans Jazz Band.

John Livingston, Minneapolis,
traveled this year to Sweden, Finland,
and Vancouver.

Willard Lorette, St.
Cloud, works part-time as a district
court judge for Stearns County.

Roger Lund, Olympia, WA, and
Connie S9, are directors of Capital
Healing Rooms.

Joanna Spooner
Lundblad, Naples, FL, is owner/inte-
rior designer for Innovision
Interiors Inc.

Rodger Lundblad,
Naples, FL, is a board member for the
Fairview Foundation.

Richard

Lurth, Mankato, is president and
owner of Lurth Organ
Company.

Glenn

Mauston, Placidia, FL, enjoys golf and
serves on the church
council.

Lois

Mauston, Placidia, FL, volunteers
in her church and community and acts
in community theatre productions.

Clem

Nelson, Shoreview, is president of
American Phoenix, Inc.

Maryly

Mattson Nelson, Shoreview, is direc-
tor of the Larks Women’s Chorus,
and is involved at Incarnation Lutheran
Church, and Gustavus Library
Associates.

Claudia Nimmerichter,
Fort Walton Beach, FL, is retired
training director for the services
squads at Dover Air Force Base.

John Olen, Santa Barbara, CA, is
a sales associate manager at Macy’s
Department Stores.

Barbara

Ford Olson, Plymouth, is a staff physician
at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud.

Pat Hoecke Olson, Menifee, CA,
is active at Faith Lutheran Church as a
Sunday school teacher and WELCA
member.

Phyllis Holmberg
Olson, St. Michael, works part-time at
the University of Minnesota on
cancer research projects.

Phyllis Fox
Paulson, Lake Elmo, watches her
granddaughter once a week and is
planning a mission trip to Vietnam.

John Peterson, Edina, works part-
time selling life insurance.

R. John
Singh, Goon Rapids, teaches commu-
nity adult evening education, sup-
plies vacant pulpit service, and
handcuffs horses across the country.

Bev Bloomquist
dorado, McLean,
VA, is a substitute teacher at Langley
High School.

Judy Anderson
Tucker, Las Vegas, NV, is taking
dance lessons and dances with the
Sun City Dance Company.

Phyllis
Meier Tweton, Grand Forks, ND, is
an administrative assistant at
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Science.

Robert
Wahman, Duluth, traveled this year to
Bermuda and Costa Rica.

Rod Wustrum, Park Rapids, trav-
elled this year to China, Thailand,
and Japan.

58 Class Agent: Owe
Sammelson
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Noel Behne, Corrales, NM, is senior
vice president of business develop-
ment at First Community Bank.

Bill Binger, Minnetonka, is a water-
color artist, is involved in a comput-
ner club, and volunteers with WAMSO.

Mike Dale, Long Lake, is a part-
time sales associate at The Foursome
Clothing.

Jim Edman, Circleville,
OH, traveled this year to Alaska,
Costa Rica, and Arizona.

Darlene
Thompson Kriewall, Bloomville,
and her husband, Duane, celebrated
their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Elam O’Connor, Pemberton
Ridge, New Brunswick, recently start-
ed taking violin lessons with the
concert master of the Symphony New

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A lifelong connection to Gustavus

by Jan Ledin Michaletz ’74
President, Gustavus Alumni Association

At a holiday social gathering, I was engaged in polite “party conversation” with a Gustavus alumnus who was unaware of my involvement with the Alumni Board. After enthusiastically recounting tales of his four years in college, he shared his opinion that “that alumni group is always trying to get my money.” I was struck by the sentiment that efforts to help the College could be misconstrued as “college vs. alumni.” Or US versus YOU.

The Alumni Board represents everyone who ever attended the College. Using a well-developed network of class agents who gather news about your personal events and accomplishments, we attempt to maintain a connection between people and an institution.

We are currently focusing some of our efforts on ways to engage more alumni in the life of our college. The Engagement Committee is currently charged with the task of planning and executing the second Gusties Gather. This event, which made its debut last August at nearly 60 sites, is national in scope. In neighborhoods all over the country, small groups will meet for coffee or dinner. The purpose is simply to meet other Gusties who live in your area. Several gatherings also included prospective students. During my local gathering, I was struck by the collegiality of people from different generations as they found instant connections. Although we had all had different experiences, there was a commonality that transcended age. If you are willing and able to host a small gathering of Gusties living near you this summer, please contact the Alumni Office. As a board, we hope that these human connections will result in more involvement in the life of the College.

When we graduate from college, we need to find new ways to participate in the life of the school. It’s not a case of “us” against the College. The Alumni Association and the Alumni Board seek to find ways to connect alumni with the College to support its mission, its staff, and most importantly, its students. Part of that support is our intentional presence at College events; part of our support is our intentional financial support. And while it becomes the duty of class agents and the Alumni Board to seek ways to increase financial support, we do so out of a belief that the College ought to be supported in its mission to educate young people as well as prepare them for a life of service.

To paraphrase a series of commercials for a popular credit card, here’s a breakdown of life during college:

- New clothes: $298.00
- Dorm necessities: $413.00
- Tuition: $32,710.00
- Lifelong Gustavus connection: priceless.

We need you to keep the priceless connection.

Brunswick ■ Barbara Jensen Olson, Atlanta, GA, enjoys spending time with three grandchildren, who all live within one mile of her.

59 Class Agent: Carol Johnson Heyl
    e-mail: 1959classagent@gustavus.edu
    Bruce Heyl, Menasha, WI, is a part-time psychiatrist ■ Jeanette Westberg Johnston and Cameron Johnston ’60, Moscow, ID, enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren and participating in activities at University of Idaho.

60 Class Agent: Dennis Johnson
    e-mail: 1960classagent@gustavus.edu
    Robert Fenske, Marshall, is commissioner of Lyon County ■ Byron Helgeson, Winter Park, FL, is a senior vacation club guide at Disney Vacation Club ■ Carolyn Kvam-Hansman, Punta Gorda, FL, traveled this fall to Germany ■ Clay McCoy, Winter Park, FL, retired as professor of entomology at University of Florida.

61 Class Agent: Virgene Grack Sehlin
    e-mail: 1961classagent@gustavus.edu
    Mike Blaese, New Hope, PA, is vice president, medical affairs for Immune Deficiency Foundation ■ Roger Fletcher, Blue Earth, is a self-employed Realtor ■ Ted Johns and Marietta Bittrich Johns ’63, Sunrise Beach, TX, split their time between San Diego, CA, and Austin, TX, and enjoy global travel with Opportunity International ■ F. Milo Olson, husband of Carole Paulson Olson, Wautoma, WI, and father of Erik ’90 and Johanna ’94, died on December 24, 2006 ■ Lowell Rasmussen, Nevis, splits time between Nevis and Florida.

62 Class Agents:
    Sandra Luethke Buendorf, Jan Effert Hoomani, Ben Leadholm
    e-mail: 1962classagent@gustavus.edu
    Dennis L. Anderson, Tucson, AZ, divides time between Duluth, MN, and Tucson, AZ ■ Jackie Falk Anderson, Bloomington, is a substitute teacher in the Minneapolis and Eden Prairie ISD ■ Jim Anderson, Rochester, is owner of All Vehicle Sale ■ Karen M. Anderson, San Francisco, CA, is a self-employed “stager”/interior design for Stagecoach by Karen ■

Lowell Anderson, Crawfordsville, IN, retired as interim pastor at Christ Lutheran Church ■ David Auten, Selma, CA, is owner of an almond ranch in central California ■ Joyce Hegland Balstad, McIntosh, is a blackjack dealer at Shooting Star Casino ■ Linda Johnson Blanding, Los Altos, CA, is co-owner of Blanding Properties ■ Gail Lindsey Breen, Charlotte, NC, is retired office coordinator for Wachovia ■ Darrol Bussler, Waconia, is a professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ Margo Callaghan, Sun Lakes, AZ, retired from MPL Enterprise and now sails half the year in Panama and Colombia. She is a translator, author, watercolor artist, and singer ■ Ann Chleese, Golden Valley, retired from teaching in the Robbinsdale ISD ■ David Christiansen, Des Moines, IA, is a private practice psychologist ■ Arthur Collins, Hayden Lake, ID, is an independent insurance agent ■ Evij Gustafson Davenport, Houston, TX, traveled to Morocco last winter ■ Bill Eckerly, Cedar Rapids, IA, is self-employed ■ Matthew Eckman, Duluth, is a physician at Polinsky Medical Rehab Center & Duluth Clinic ■

Jan Grack Eggersgloss, Maple Grove, retired as an adjunct instructor at Concordia College ■ Myrna Zielecke Fish, Scituate, MA, is a mental health professional in private practice ■ Sam Fornythe, Alton Bay, NH, retired as president of Triple S ■ Terry Frazee, Spicer, is on the board of directors of the Green Lake Association ■ Solveig Overdahl, Goldstrand, Plymouth, is a home-maker ■ Bill Grove, Alexandria, is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker ■ Gayle Garven Hanson, Bloomington, is a physician assistant for Advancements in Dermatology ■ Steve Hanson, Osakis, is a family practitioner at the Osakis Medical Center ■ Alfred Henderson, Chanhassen, retired as a senior portfolio manager at Ameriprise Financial Services ■ Reet Lind Henze, Huntsville, AL, is professor emeritus for University of Alabama in Huntsville ■ Judy Flom Shoemaker-Hill, Los Altos, CA, is author of Lady Loozers ■ Jan Effert Hoomani, Raleigh, NC, is a self-employed commercial real estate broker and property manager ■

Curt Johnson, Woodbury, is a Realtor with ReMax Advisors West ■ Dale Johnson, Lutheran Church ■ David Auten, Mendota Heights, is a driver for Apple Valley Red-E-Mix Concrete ■ David L. Johnson, Lancaster, PA, served last year as interim director of a social service agency and traveled this fall to...
UM/Morris names building to honor 1954 grad

When David Johnson ’54 became the third chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris in 1990, his first home in Morris was a room in Independence Hall, traditionally a student residence hall on the campus. To honor the bond forged with students during Johnson’s quarter-long stay at this first residence, UMM renamed the hall in Johnson’s honor as David C. Johnson Independence Hall at a ceremony on October 2, 1990. In addition, the hall was named in honor of David C. Johnson.

Gusties in attendance at the naming ceremony were from left: Jo Jensen Tolleson ’60, Sandra Clark Volland ’57, Paul Volland ’57, Joan Bonn Wright ’55, Dick Brubacher ’54, Janet Christenson Carlson ’53, Bob Erdman ’56, Judy Lund Erdman ’57, Jan Huntington Nelson ’61, Paul Tillquist ’63, Dave Johnson ’54, Ruth Anderson Tillquist ’63, Steve Benson ’63, Carol Johnson, John Wright ’54, Dennis Johnson ’60, Steve Johnson ’80, Tracey Anderson ’86, and Diane Klemmhnagen ’83. Also at the event but not pictured were Kristine Johnson Duboulay ’90, Herb Halverson ’54, Barbara Gause Johnson ’54, and Nancy Hagberg Johnson ’55.

Tanzania ■ Gloria J. Johnson, Plymouth, works at Talbots ■ R. J. Joseph, Edina, is a real estate agent for Twin City GMAC Real Estate ■ Kay Jurgenson, Shoreview, along with two other retirees, has opened a hermitage and spiritual growth place for small groups and individuals called “A Sabbath Place” in Shoreview ■ Brenda Pick Keith, Lincoln, NE, retired as executive assistant at the Lincoln Children’s Museum ■ John Kerry, Eagan, retired as an insurance agent at Farmers Insurance Group ■ John Lundblad, Northfield, is an attorney for Lundblad and Zimnick ■ Craig Martens and Diana Jacobson Martens, Rochester, are enjoying retirement including spending the winter in California, skiing in Colorado, and spending time with four grandchildren, and traveled last year to Washington and Banff ■ Newell Nelson, Great, SC, is director of media, marketing, and volunteerism for Hollywild Animal Park ■ Carla Swanson Nelson, Fargo, ND, retired as a real estate agent at Metro, Inc. Realtors ■ David W. Nelson, Golden Valley, enjoys travel and spending time with his four grandchildren who live close ■ Joan Creighton Nemitz, North Branch, is a triage nurse with Allina Medical Systems ■ Gwendolyn Westman Nesburg, Fairfax, took a bike trip in Germany and two ski trips to Colorado ■ David Noer, Greensboro, NC, is a professor at Elon University ■ Bill Nordstrom, Edina, is a self-employed lawyer ■ Lyle Norris and Charlene Lundahl Norris ’63, Fairmont, divide time between Fairmont, MN, Apache Junction, AZ, and working at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO ■ Annette Hoffman Olson, Eden Prairie, works part-time at Iverson’s Scandinavian Import Shop ■ Folkie Person, Pocatello, ID, teaches English at Idaho State University ■ Brad Pester, Eden Prairie, is a retired stockbroker for Dean Witter Reynolds ■ David Renneke, Rock Island, IL, is emeritus professor of physics at Augsburg College ■ Gerald D. Swanson, Kansas City, MO, is a component engineer at Honeywell ■ Janet Swanson Swanson, St. Peter, is employed at Scholarship America ■ Marlan Peterson Swanson, Richfield, is art consultant and gallery owner of Marlan Swanson Enterprises, LLC, doing business as Swanson Gallery ■ Ramona Ulrich Swenson, Red Oak, IA, teaches eighth grade in the Red Oak Public Schools ■ Joan Boyum Varares, Greensboro, NC, is program manager at the Center for Creative Leadership ■ Bruce Thorson, Waite Park, is a senior engineer at Braun Intertec ■ Val Whipple, Ivanhoe, is a semi-retired insurance agent and Realtor and coaches high school basketball ■ Roger Wyland, Lake Elmo, is partner at Weber & Troseth Inc. ■

63 Class Agents: Bill Lohts, Paul Tillquist ■ e-mail: 1963classagent@gustavus.edu ■
Bruce and Janet Sandberg Benson, Pequot Lakes, divide time between Pequot Lakes, MN and Mesa, AZ ■ Elli Gilbert Holt, Harker Heights, TX, traveled this year to Vietnam ■ Cameron Kruse, Mendota Heights, is an associate principal engineer at Braun Intertec Corporation ■ John Monson, Long Prairie, retired as superintendent of the Long Prairie Country Club ■ Janet Spilseth Rodning, Bloomington, is a dental hygienist for HealthPartners, Inc. ■

Lois Banke, Ashland, OR, is a trainer in safe community nursing and director of education at Asante Health System ■ Mark Eckman, Duluth, is on the board of directors of Spring Point Project, a non-profit organization developing disease-free pigs to serve as islet cell donors for transplantation into humans with diabetes ■ Alan Hoppes, Puyallup, WA, is IT manager for the Port of Tacoma ■ Gordon Olson, Tipton, IA, is an agent for State Farm Insurance ■ Rudd Thabes, Bagley, is a family physician at the Clearwater Clinic and was re-elected as county coroner.

64 Class Agents: Linda Leonardsen Hallman, Joanna Carlson Swanson ■ e-mail: 1964classagent@gustavus.edu ■
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Croonquist honored with named scholarship

Shortly before his death October 14, Wilt Croonquist ’59 learned that the Minnesota Business Finance Corporation was honoring him by naming the Wilt Croonquist Scholarship in recognition of his many years of service on the MBFC Board of Directors. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a qualified applicant electing to attend the Upper Midwest Basic Economic Development Course held every July at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. The course, accredited by the International Economic Development Council, is an intensive, weekend program focusing on the theory and practice of economic development fundamentals. The scholarship was established to assist individuals, like Wilt, who have enjoyed a career in business or industry but, rather than retiring, have chosen to give back to their community and to the state of Minnesota by beginning a second career in economic development, bringing the skills and experience gained in their fields into the public realm.

Class Agent:

Denny Aguilar, Leawood, KS, is president of Aguilar Ag Group, Inc. John K. Anderson, Troutdale, OR, is city administrator for City of Troutdale. Margaret Eckman Anderson, Coupeville, WA, is a part-time receptorist at Chateau St. Michelle Winery. Carla Anderson Bataelden, Dayton, is a self-employed artist. Bob Berg, Oakdale, retired as data processing supervisor at State Farm Insurance. Lois Fitzhenberger Birch, Spring, WI, is a social worker at Greenway Manor Nursing Home. Mary Nystrom Brockman, Fort Madison, IA, teaches French and basic writing skills at Southeastern Community College. David Buckner, Burnsville, is director of technology at Jones-Harrison. Karla Watrud Buckner, Burnsville, retired as a second-grade teacher at Shannon Park School. David Carlson, Edina, is president of Compass Capital Management. Marcia Lorimer Carlson, Edina, is a retired RN from Methodist Hospital. Cheryl Klemenhagen Collins, Duluth, is a substitute teacher for the Duluth ISD. Marilyn Bliss Dissell, Hibbing, is a nurse at Guardian Angels Health & Rehabilitation Center. Susan Erickson Dobbelstein, Bemidji, is director of home care hospice at North Country Home Care/Hospice. Kay Hendrickson Duddelbe, Pipestone, is a health assistant in the Pipestone ISD. Steve Emerson, Fergus Falls, retired as executive director of the Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce. Penny Kuehn Fannemel, Aitkin, is a teaching assistant at Rippleside Elementary. John Folkerds, Buffalo, is a substitute teacher at St. Joseph Lutheran Church. Gordon Frisch, Santa Fe, NM, is a writer and video producer at GraceLine Productions. Caroline Mooney Gibbs, La Crosse, WI, is plant support tech for Centurley. Mary Lundberg Greschner, St. Paul, retired as an English teacher at Lakehead Union High School. Todd Harris, Platteville, CO, is water quality officer for Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. Jane Forsman Harrison, Platteville, WI, is a customer service specialist at Land’s End. Sara Jacobson Hensley, Ventura, CA, is a sales associate and department lead at Mervyn’s Department Store. Nadine Wiechmann Hunt, Grosse Pointe Park, MI, retired from Raymond James Financial Services.

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Karen Nilsson Nelson, Staples, received the 2006 Barbara O’Grady Leadership Award given by the Public Health Association of Minnesota and is director of public health for Wadena County and community health services administrator for the Morrison-Wadena Board of Health. Arlyn Tolzmann, Westminster, CO, is pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
■ Kathy Dahl Tunks, Wilmington, NC, is women’s apparel sales representative for Kathy Tunks & Associates
■ Gunnar Viljaste, Duluth, is president of Arrowhead Equipment Company
■ Owen Wahlstrand, Eau Claire, WI, is employed by Cummins Filtration
■ June Hagglund Weind, Toronto, Ontario, retired as a kindergarten teacher in the Toronto School District
■ Gary Wollschlager, Fairmont, is an attorney at Wollschlager, Tow, Welder, Ringquist Law Firm
■ Karen Langsjoen Zins, Nicollet, is manager of the Book Mark at Gustavus.

68 Class Agents: Gayle Affolder Carlson, Eagan, teaches German at Eagan High School; Doug Beck, Salem, is network administrator for the USDA
■ Mary Lock Palm, Springfield, VA, is a nurse practitioner in cerebrovascular service at Inova Fairfax Hospital
■ Judy Ophem Schwakopf, Overland Park, KS, is regional education coordinator at Carondelet Health of Kansas City
■ Doug Streed, Ramona, CA, retired as a captain for United States Air Force.

69 Class Agents: Dave and Jane Norman Leitzman
■ Gayle Affolder Carlson, Eagan, teaches German at Eagan High School; Dave Carlson, Savage, is network administrator for the USDA
■ Mary Lock Palm, Springfield, VA, is a nurse practitioner in cerebrovascular service at Inova Fairfax Hospital
■ Judy Ophem Schwakopf, Overland Park, KS, is regional education coordinator at Carondelet Health of Kansas City
■ Doug Streed, Ramona, CA, retired as a captain for United States Air Force.

70 Class Agents: Karol Klirt Greupner, Lindy Turner Pudy
■ Patricia Gebert Adams, St. Paul, is public health director of the Dakota County Public Health Department
■ John Anderson, Ely, is owner and operator of Anderson’s Resort
■ Carol Christianson Dolan, Plymouth, retired as a physical education and health teacher
■ Mark D. Johnson, Nashport, OH, retired as a store manager for J.C. Penney
■ Dick Krueger, Wayzata, retired as director of compensation at General Mills
■ Tom Thorkest, St. Peter, is head track and field coach for Gustavus.

Class Agent: Bruce Johnson
■ e-mail: 1971classagent@gustavus.edu
■ Brad Ashford, Omaha, NE, is vice president of business development at Advanced Research Solutions
■ Judy Barnes, Palm Coast, FL, is a broker associate at Hammock, Dunes Real Estate Company
■ Judy Broad, Minneapolis, is an obstetrics nurse/midwife at the Hennepin County Medical Center
■ Bill Carroll, Rochester, is a plan document analyst in compliance at the Mayo Clinic
■ Robert Finck, Wayzata, is self-employed
■ Carol Saeger Gercke, Parker, CO, is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Littleton Hospital Birthplace
■ Mary Melby Hanson, Waconia, retired from teaching first grade in the Norwood/Young America ISD
■ Phil Hanson, Waconia, retired as a high school football and baseball coach in the Watertown/Mayer ISD
■ Brad Johnson, Minneapolis, is a self-employed attorney
■ Gary Jepps, Puyallup, WA, is pastor for Pilgrim Lutheran Church
■ Jerry Lowell, Goleta, CA, is chief administrative officer for the education abroad program at University of California
■ Susan Johnson Moore, Mankato, retired as a teacher in the Mankato School District
■ Yoshiro Okada, Albuquerque, NM, is an associate professor and directs a biomedical brain research center at University of New Mexico
■ Mary Jane Hansen Schuck, Willmar, teaches Spanish in the Willmar ISD
■ Jane Simcox Schuette, Belle Plaine, is owner of the Schuette Shoppe
■ Cynthia Kisch Shotwell, Harlem, GA, is a part-time outpatient case manager at Walton Rehabilitation Hospital
■ Tom Talmo, Excelsior, is a software engineering manager at MTS Systems
■ Dottie Mattson Winterton, Midway, UT, teaches radiology part-time at Weber State University.

Friends from the Class of 1960 spent several days together at Martha’s Vineyard last September. Pictured from left are Nancy Anderson Wiberg, Bev Lingwall Mooney, Barb Nordstrahm Hanson, Marilyn Windedahl Franzen, Karen Schendel Nybo, Marilyn Wlikand Anderson, and Anne Kitty Wiberg.

Stewart Anderson, Northfield, is a medical technologist at Allina Health Systems
■ Janice Wescott Anderson, Eagan, teaches in the St. Paul ISD
■ Jennifer J. Anderson, St. Louis Park, is self-employed
■ working with mind-body medicine
■ Lee Blanc Anderson, Ely, is a math professor at Vermilion Community College
■ Kris Lein Andrejewski, Woodstock, GA, teaches preschool at Transfiguration Catholic Church
■ Karen Hovde Bang, Red Wing, teaches sixth grade in the Red Wing ISD
■ Cindy Beck, Brooklyn Park, teaches third grade at L.O. Jacob Elementary
■ Doug Beck, Brooklyn Park, is a pharmacist at Cub Foods
■ Vail Rollings Belgard, Garden City, is office manager at the Land magazine
■ Valerie Barnett Benda, Middleburg, FL, is director of the art enrichment program for the Clay County School Board
■ Marilyn Rauch Benson, Bloomington, is a special education teacher in the Edina ISD
■ Jeri Peterson Bergquist, Reynolds, ND, is pastor for Reynolds Lutheran Parish
■ Vicki Arendon Bess, Burnsville, is a human resources generalist for the City of Burnsville
■ Lynn Wiklund Boehne, St. Peter, is a pharmacist
■ Tom Bohne, St. Peter, is an instructor for South Central College in North Mankato
■ Nancy Hanson

Boxrud, Ham Lake, retired as office manager at Container Graphics
■ Sharon Ramberg Brahe, Waconia, is a manager at the Ridgeview Medical Center
■ Virginia Johnson Brun, Big Lake, is a CPA at Johnson Brun & Co.
■ John Busse, Bloomington, is a rehabilitation consultant for Busse Consulting
■ Kathy Pegors Busse, Bloomington, is a public health nurse-clinical services for the City of Bloomington Division of Public Health
■ Peg Pearson Christenson, St. Paul, teaches psychology and sociology at St. Cloud State University
■ Brian A. Davis, Apple Valley, is a pilot for Sun Country Airlines
■ Todd Doeken, Kenneth City, is a clinical nurse specialist at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic
■ Terry Anderson Corwin, Valley City, ND, is a professor at Valley City State University
■ Jamie Dedolph, Fort Collins, CO, is owner of the Bio Energy Group
■ Dave Dorn, Plymouth, is a physical scientist at the Noran Neurological Clinic
■ Alexis Smith Edmond, St. Louis, MO, retired as a third-grade teacher in the Lindbergh ISD
■ Giola Mauritz Egan, Fairfax, VA, traveled on a church mission trip to New Orleans to help with hurricane recov-
Attention Gustavus armed services veterans

The Alumni Association would like to gather and record data of former students who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please send your name, class year, branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), and dates of service for active duty and/or reserve. We also thank you for your service.

Karen Johnson Elshazy, Orono, is senior advisor to the president of the American Refugee Committee. Karen Sue Storlie Finck, Wayzata, is CEO, psychotherapist, and consultant for Health Counseling Services. Steven Fischer, Plymouth, is chief information officer at the Center for Diagnostic Imaging. Marilyn Foss, Aspen, CO, is owner and president of Mountain Mortgage. Curtis Fossum, Sacramento, CA, is assistant chief counsel for California State Lands Commission. Bob Fransen, Minneapolis, is in real estate management/development with Capital Growth Real Estate. Vicky Johnson Goplin, Rosemount, is an adjunct faculty member in education leadership at Luther Seminary. Craig Goudy, Edina, is an attorney and partner at Cox, Goudy, McNulty & Wallace. Ronald Gustafson, St. Cloud, retired from NCR Corp. and the St. Cloud Times. Ranae Hanson, St. Paul, is a faculty member at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Jan Sorensen Hart, Mount Pleasant, SC, is owner/pianist of Bach to Broadway. Patricia Hande Hartman, Eagan, teaches social studies at Simley Senior High. Susan Carlson Hayes, Montgomery, is a media specialist and elementary art teacher in the Montgomery/Lonsdale ISD. Mandy Crews Heard, Eau Claire, WI, is human resources manager at Fall Creek Valley Care Center. Vernon Hedin, Farwell, is a dairy and grain farmer with Hedin Sunrise Holsteins. Greg Hitter, San Luis Obispo, CA, is a self-employed lecturer, author, healer, psychologist. Lynne Burnham Holmquist, Omaha, NE, is a self-employed writer and trainer. Cathe Zimmerman Hughes, East Lansing, MI, is an ESL teacher in the Haslett Schools. Kathy Ray Hulpbjerg, Burbank, CA, is a middle school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District and was accepted as a member of the National Honor Roll’s Outstanding American Teachers for 2005–2006. Kathryn Loren Jespen, Puyallup, WA, is school nurse for the Pay-Allup School District. Cherry Nelson Jordan, New Prague, is manager of human resources and administration at GP Companies. Sue Niebuhr Karmick, Hastings, is employed by Hastings ISD 200. Susan Kilbel, Beckenham, England, is a self-employed counselor. Susan Kelly Krueger, Wayzata, retired as a music therapist. Joan Gunberg Lambert, Burnsville, is a self-employed interior designer. Carolyn Thoreson Larson, Edina, is a school psychologist in the Robbinsdale ISD. Marla Knoop Lichtenl, Fountain Valley, CA, is a self-employed consultant in healthcare and health ministry. Denny Lind, Eden Prairie, is a senior vice president at Marshall Bank First. James Luey, Parker, CO, is supervisor scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Bruce Lungstrom, New London, retired as a special agent with the Illinois State Police. Carolyn Uhlerka Maas, Watertown, is a Title I head teacher at Lester Prairie Elementary. Gregory Mattson, Maple Grove, is a sales representative at CPU Options. Steve Maurer, Minnetonka, is general counsel for Digi International. Suzanne Weber McCormell, Grand Marais, is owner of Dream Catcher Enterprises, Inc. Barbara Hofford Merrill, New Brighton, is a substitute teacher for St. Anthony/New Brighton Schools. Paulette Albertson Metts, Mendota, IL, is nurse manager at Misericordia. Kay McNamara Minnich, Burnsville, is director of insurance valuation at Ameriprise Financial. Jamesetta Alexander Newland, White Plains, NY, is director and nurse practitioner at Primary Health Care Associates at Pace University Lienhard School of Nursing, editor in chief at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, and an adjunct associate professor in the Lienhard School of Nursing. Linda Mannila Nordlund, Littlefork, is a family nurse practitioner at the Littlefork Medical Center. Sharon Tvee Olson, Savage, is manager of revenue requirements at John Stauruhd. Linda Heltman Papik, NE, is a laboratory manager for Crete Area Medical Center. Donna Jacobson Peterson, Circle Pines, teaches music at Golden Lake Elementary. Mark Phillips, Oakdale, is a self-employed consultant. Jill Marking Polanco, Bloomington, is an internal medicine department assistant at Park Nicollet Health Services. Barbara Hoistad Poland, St. Louis Park, is a school nurse in District 281. Bernard Powers, Charlotte, NC, is director of graduate programs at College of Charleston. Arla Walton Prestin, Eau Claire, WI, is a Title I teacher in the Chippewa Falls ISD. Joy Sauereby Prichard, Apple Valley, is a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. Chuck Puffer, New Prague, is a self-employed dentist. Lana Erickson Puffer, New Prague, is coordinator of early child programs for the New Prague ISD. Marthea Opsahl Putnam, Apple Valley, is an RN at Children’s Hospitals and Clinics. Jane Peterson Ridnour, Des Moines, IA, is a retired elementary teacher for Des Moines Public Schools. 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Kristine Hanson Simmons, Acworth, GA, is a substitute teacher in the North Cobb Christian School. Jon Skaal, Stillwater, is program director for VSA Arts of Minnesota. Billy Steiner, North Mankato, has played with his band, City Mouse, which he started during his junior year at Gustavus, in all 16 Rock Bend Folk Festivals held in St. Peter. Eric Stokhuyzen, Hilversum, Netherlands, is director of alliances at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Paul Sundberg, Acworth, GA, is senior vice president at Flex HR.

Coleen Johnson Swanson, New London, teaches Spanish at Willmar High School and is a Spanish interpreter for Willmar Medical Clinic. Gail Siverson Swanson, Rockford, is a self-employed consultant. Joyce Tesarek, Minneapolis, is a self-employed veterinarian and received the Cezriel Palma Bronze Medal and Citation from the government of the Czech Republic for “Extraordinary Contributions to Czech-American Relations.” Dennis Teske, Rochester, is owner/vice president of Gillepsie Sporting Goods. Robert Thomson, Littleton, CO, is an area sales manager for 3M. Penny Peterson Tollefsrud, Eagan, is a special education teacher in the Minneapolis School District. Dean Wahlund, St. Peter, is director of special events at Gustavus. Kathy Cruse Wehking, Hectar, teaches kindergarten in the Buffalo Lake/Hector Schools. Kathe Moline Widen, Woodbury, is a preschool and kindergarten teacher at Woodbury Lutheran School. LaVonne Williams Thorud, Bloomington, is an educator in the Minneapolis ISD. Marjie Wittman, Kent, WA, is a regional consultant for the U.S. Public Health Service. Mary Wollan, Spring Park, is operations manager at the Hennepin County Medical Center. Allie Young, Stow, MA, is research vice president/analyst for Garten, Inc. Carl Zeifert, New Ulm, is working in human resources for the City of New Ulm.
Julie Hortiz Goudy, Edina, is an administrative assistant at Schwart’s Consumer Brands North America. Deborah Jean Templin, New York, NY, appeared as a judge in a Law & Order television episode airing in November 2006 that also featured actor Chevy Chase; she also has recently appeared in the play Take Me Along at the York Theatre and on Guiding Light. Mark Zeise, Lakeville, is a science teacher and baseball coach in the Lakeville ISD.

Roy Zimmermann, St. Paul, is a patent searcher at Medtronic.

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Gregg Carlsen, Stillwater, is executive editor for Reader’s Digest’s Family Handyman magazine and is author of the book Cabin Lessons. Lois Josefson, Fergus Falls, has joined the Minnesota Private College Council as senior vice president; she is a past president of the American Association of University Women, a member of the alumni board of directors for the University of Minnesota, and a private piano instructor and choir director at Wayzata Community College.


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Brian Falk, New Brighton, is a public accountant for Deloitte Tax. Paul Hoffman, Appleton, WI, is president and owner of Hoffman Corporation, a real estate developer. Marcia Lujan Janzen, Minnetonka, is a senior director at GBK Custom Research. Nancy Paetz Kath, North Oaks, teaches in the Mounds View ISD.

Jerry Klint is vice president of construction for Ameristar Casinos. Deb Knudson Lundbohm, Baxter, is a part-time golf shop buyer at Madden’s Resort.

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Tidemann releases book

After retiring from active ministry as a pastor, Paul Tidemann ’60 has completed a book titled Ordinary Moments: Ordinary People Blessed by God. It is a book of reflections on preaching, including a preface on a theology of preaching and then a series of sermons, most of which have some commentary to indicate what was going on in the life of the church or the world that gave rise to the sermon. It is available through the Book Mark (phone 800/647-9307, or log onto www.bookmark.gustavus.edu).

LeVander recognized with NRECA award

Harold (Hap) LeVander Jr. ’62 has been named recipient of a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Regional Award recognizing outstanding service to rural electrification at the state and regional level. LeVander, a lawyer with the Twin Cities law firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenton & Vogt, has served Minnesota electric cooperatives for the past four decades, helping forge laws and legal decisions that have influenced the whole nation. He has represented the cooperatives on regulatory issues before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding rates and service territory disputes as well as on labor, employment, and other general corporate matters. The award is especially significant because recipients are nominated by their peers.

A member of the Public Utilities Sections of both the Minnesota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, LeVander has been a member of the board of advisors of the Electric Cooperative Bar Association since 2000 and currently serves as the advisory board vice chair. He was recently named a 2006 Minnesota Super Lawyer in the field of energy law.


Eagan, is second vice president and actuary at St. Paul Travelers. Liz Brink, Cody, WY, is self-employed at Barb Bennett Copoulis, Eden Prairie, is income tax department manager at Stan Copoulis Services. Shannon Smith Deer, Spring 2007 • 37
Three Gustavus Distinguished Alumni Citation recipients from the Class of 1966 attended their 40th-anniversary reunion last October. Pictured from left are Cheryl Downey (2000, entertainment), Linda Guider Huett (2004, business), and Karen Bossart Rusthoven (2006, education).

Nobel Conference participants
Classmates from the Class of 1962 reunited at the Nobel Conference on the future of medicine in October 2006. From left are Gwen Westman Nesburg, Reet Jacobson, and Anthony Village High School teacher Cheryl Ansley.

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Council Kay Nord Hunt, St. Paul, is an attorney for Lommen Abdo Cole King & Stageberg PA Beth Leland Jacobson, Brinley, is a Spanish and ESL teacher in the United South Central School District Mark Jaeger, Red Wing, is a probation officer with Goodhue County Court Services Mary Hannon Jaeger, Red Wing, is a flight attendant at Northwest Airlines Geri Linnell Jarrard, Naperville, IL, is a human resources consultant with Humana Insurance Company Sandy Standke Jirele, Oswatonna, is an accountant specialist at Express Personnel Services Cyndee Johnson, Proctor, teaches physical education in the Eko ISD Joel A. Johnson, Portland, OR, is senior project manager for Nike, Inc. Deanne Berg Juckovich, Mercer Island, WA, is an RN at the University of Washington Medical Center Rebecca Barnes Kahl, Spokane, WA, is a physical therapist at St. Luke’s Rehabilitation Sheldon R. Klukas, Eden Prairie, is a project manager at United HealthCare Paul Knautz, Abbotsford, WI, is a special education teacher at Colby Elementary School Barb Lunde Kvale, Toledo, OH, is assistant nursing director/RN at University Medical Center Kris Swan Leek, Minneapolis, teaches in the Eagan/Apple Valley/Rosemount ISD Nick Legeros, Edina, is a bronze sculptor; 12 of his works were included in his fall art exhibit, “Recipes in Bronze, Sculpture of Nicholas Legeros,” during September and October at O’Shaughnessy Educational Center, University of St. Thomas David Linnes-Bagley, Minneapolis, is manager in the marketing department of Northwest Airlines Laurie Linnes-Bagley, Minneapolis, is a self-employed contract trainer Leo Litvin, Bloomington, is a marketing representative for Winthrop Resources Corporation Robert Lundberg, Bakersfield, CA, is general manager of Grant Construction SI Matthes, Plymouth, is an executive vice president at Wells Fargo Karen McCall, Minneapolis, is owner/graphic designer for McCall Design, Inc. Kevin Miller, Edina, is senior vice president of global finance companies at HSBC Securities USA Lynne Cheney Mills, Barron, WI, is an RN at WTC Dave Moran, Eagan, is an attorney at Winthrop & Weinstone Nancy M. Mosher, Burnsville, is an independent distributor at Neways International Greg W. Nelson, Maple Grove, is a dentist at Rogers Dental Center Linda Fredell Nelson, Burnsville, is a self-employed master certified life coach Bob Nickleby, Woodbury, teaches physical education and health at Woodbury Senior High School Susan Link O’Connell, Excelsior, is a licensed school nurse for Eden Prairie ISD Steve O’Neill, Shakopee, teaches health, coaches, and is athletic director at Wayzata Central Middle School Dave Olson, Edina, is a self-employed licensed psychologist Kit Stoutenburgh Olson, Edina, is the gifted resources teacher for Edina Public Schools Debi Gribble Otto, Litchfield, is a chief operating officer at Mark1 of North America Mark Padfield, Marin, NC, is an actuary at Hewitt Associates Brian Parr, Grand Forks, ND, is a dentist at the Parr Family Dental Center Doug Pavelka, Eden Prairie, is vice president of operations at IDQ Companies Carol Hande Petersen, Elly, teaches in the Ely ISD Bruce D. Peterson, Willmar, is director of planning and development services for the City of Willmar Jackie Neeck Peterson, Plymouth, is a self-employed public relations consultant Wayne Peterson, Plymouth, is pastor at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church Gary Phlstrom, Mendota Heights, is an attorney in private practice Barbara Pohlan, Cedar Point, NC, is president of Triangle Occupational Medicine David Potter, Plymouth, is a spiritual care counselor at the Hazelden Foundation Birdie Rand, Edina, is an independent sales representative Terril Rand, Minneapolis, is clinical nurse specialist for Hennepin County Medical Center Nancy Valo Reed, Edina, is a nurse practitioner for Park Nicollet Clinic Steve Richtsmeier, Tewksbury, MA, is principal scientist at Spectral Sciences, Inc. Paula Dumberi Rock, Eden Prairie, is a women’s healthcare nurse practitioner at Planned Parenthood of Minnesota Deb Thorsen Ronglien, Eden Prairie, is a self-employed watercolor artist Rad Royer, Evelth, is self-employed Yvonne Magnussen Salmonson, Cannon Falls, is a nurse at the Fairview Red Wing Medical Center Mark Scharmer, Lakeville, is executive vice president of insurance operations at Federated Mutual Insurance Company Jill Cronk Schendel, Brooklyn Center, is a self-employed musician Erik Schoen, Minneapolis, is a self-employed financial services representative William Schnell, Duluth, is an orthopedic surgeon with Orthopedic Associates Carlene Lindstrom.
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Last September Gustie friends enjoyed a trip together in Ireland. They are pictured in Sligo at the tomb of W.B. Yeats, Nobel Prize-winning Irish dramatist, author, and poet. From left are Phil Carlson ’68, Cheryl Braunworth Carlson ’68, Sue and Dick Carlson (parents of Andrew ’00 and Leslie ’03), Nathan Tolzmann ’92, Jeanne Mingus Tolzmann ’97, and Arlyn Tolzmann ’65.

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Dancing with the Gusties!

CarolConnom Favelle '69 (left) and instructor Jay Larson '85 met by chance with Amy Stark '76 at a ballroom dance competition at Newport Beach, CA, in October 2006. Jay and Carol are from Cinema Ballroom in St. Paul, MN, while Amy takes lessons in California. Carol and Amy traded stories about both being psychology majors at Gustavus in between doing the tango, cha-cha, and rumba. Joy, an environmental studies major while at Gustavus, has been teaching ballroom dance for the past 20 years, winning many national awards.

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Promoting family dinners

A countywide gathering billed as “Come to the Table” was held Sept. 30, 2006, to celebrate families around Minnesota’s largest dining table at the Carver County fairgrounds. More than 800 people attended. Anna Hansen Edlund ’92, Daniel Jackson ’10, Grace Luhmann Hegener ’66, Bob Roepke ’68, and Maureen Twining Farrell ’75 were among the planners who worked together to bring it about.

The Eat.Talk.Connect! Campaign is an initiative of the Carver County Health Partnership promoted in churches, schools, and workplaces of Carver County to encourage families to eat meals together at least three times a week. Its purpose is to increase family communication and connect family members in intentional, effective, caring ways—a challenge in today’s busy world of over-scheduled kids, hectic households, and text messaging and e-mail communication. “Finding out that we were all together made it more fun,” says Hegener. “Did we share stories of college days?”

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Park Nicollet Gusties in Kyoto

Abbie Peterson DeYonge '04, Jodi Peterson Roehm '91, Sam Carlson '68, and Tina Hallberg Lukanen '94 visited the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto, Japan, in November 2006. The four work for Park Nicollet Health Services in St. Louis Park, MN, and were in Japan for a Gemba Kaizen experience. Their trip included learning and experiencing the process improvement concepts and tools developed by Toyota, which they are working to apply to health care at Park Nicollet.

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Gusties know about student life

Gusties seem to be infiltrating other private colleges lately. Above, Gusties Bucky Zietz ’70, Raj Sethuraju (former Gustavus employee), Koaren Williamsen-Garvey ’95, and Laura Riehle-Merrill ’98 gathered at a recent event at Carleton College. All are now professional staff in Carleton College’s Division of Student Life. Below, three more in student life at Central College in Pella, IA.: from left are Claire Anderson ’05, hall director in her first year at Central; JoNes VanHecke ’89, dean of student life and assistant professor of education, also in her first year; and Bonnie Dahlke ’00, director of student involvement and orientation, now in her third year. In addition, Mike Boschee, former assistant men’s basketball coach at Gustavus, is now in his third year as the head men’s basketball coach at Central.

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Gustavson family completes fourth transcontinental ride

The Gustavson family finished their fourth transcontinental bike ride on July 30, completing a ride from San Francisco, CA, to Savannah, GA, in 30 days. They also rode across the country in 1990, 1995, and 2000. Pictured from left are most of the family Gusties in the entourage: Gary ’71, Katie Cullen Gustavson ’01 and daughter Tyra, Mark ’01, and Elaine (P ’96 ’01). Gary felt great riding with two new titanium hip replacements.

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Talking geography

Three geography majors reconnected with a couple of their major advisers at the Class of ’76 reunion in October 2006. From left are Professor Emeritus Bob Moline, Dennis Murphy, Kevin Walli, Janna King, and Professor Bob Douglas.
Community breakfast organizer tackles racism

Lucy Nelson Zanders ’77 has played an integral role in coordinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfasts in St. Paul, through her volunteer work with a General Mills planning team. The breakfasts are organized with the help of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches and the United Negro College Fund and aim to help eliminate racism in the community. They take place in St. Paul neighborhoods and give the community an opportunity to celebrate the work of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. In the past, they have also been great vehicles to raise money for various charitable causes, including scholarships for students affected by Hurricane Katrina, after-school youth programs, and community programs that help to promote cooperation between different religions and cultures.

Lucy works with teams of ecumenical volunteers two to three times a month to plan the breakfasts. Through her past experiences working with youth in the community, she has an understanding of which programs would be interesting and appropriate. She finds speakers, ministers, and activities that reflect the interests and values of the community. Lucy is also involved in organizing the “Facing Race” project, a community dialog on eradicating racism. The Saint Paul Foundation provides the materials for the conversation, and groups host them in the community.

Lucy became involved in the breakfasts through her work with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. The Council needed more volunteers as the breakfasts were growing in popularity. Lucy was asked to be an event coordinator. With her leadership, the breakfasts have expanded to five sites. Lucy and her volunteers were also working to establish a site at the Science Museum of Minnesota to coincide with the opening of an exhibit on race in January.

Lucy believes her time at Gustavus allowed her to experience fellowship and living together in harmony with people who are different. “I came from a Baptist background, but I acclimated well to a Lutheran setting at Gustavus,” Lucy says. “These breakfasts allow people from all faiths to work together for a common cause, and create discussion among community members.”

Since 2002 Lucy Nelson Zanders ’77 has been an integral part of General Mills’ Martin Luther King Jr. planning team involved with the King community breakfasts. She is second from right in the middle row.
Selected for Scottish curling tour

Cyndee Johnson ‘79, Proctor, was selected to represent the United States Women’s Curling Association (USWCA) in the 2006 Scotland Curling Tour. Every 10 years, 20 members of the USWCA are selected to participate in a curling tour of Scotland. Five U.S. teams, comprising four curlers each, toured Scotland from Nov. 3 to Nov. 25, competing with 17 different curling clubs throughout the country.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected,” Johnson notes. There are four regions of the USWCA throughout the United States, and the teams were selected from those regions. Assigned to teams by the Tour Committee, Johnson’s teammates came from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Massachusetts.

As a player, Johnson has competed for more than 16 years with the Duluth Curling Club. She has participated in the Open State Bonspiel, The USWCA All-American Bonspiel, the Olympic trials, and national competitions. As a coach, she led the Duluth Curling Club’s Junior women’s team for several years, making it to the final four of the Junior Nationals each year. Her team went on to the Junior World Championship in 2004, finishing fourth.

In addition to her flourishing curling career, Johnson has taught physical education at Eko Elementary School in Eko, MN, since 1977. She was named 2004 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year in Minnesota.

Kling releases Alive

Twitc Cities playwright and storyteller Kevin Kling ‘79 has released a new CD, Alive, which features nine new stories told by Kling in front of a live audience in St. Paul. Several stories have been broadcast on NPR, including “Softball,” “Beaver in a Box,” and the holiday fishing epic “The Ballad of Rien Huber.” For more information about Kling and his other works, visit www.kevinkling.com.

Kling, who lives in Oklahoma City, New Mexico, is assistant professor of English at Abilene Christian University.

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Gilyard and Cerwin team to fight leukemia

Last June, Scott Gilyard ’83, president of the division of Medco Containment Services that manages Medco’s relationship with United Health Services, was named 2006 Man of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the top fundraising honor accorded by the society. While that recognition is noteworthy, the background story is even more compelling.

In January of 2006, after several weeks of flu-like symptoms, Gilyard was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). He went to Mayo Clinic for a second opinion and was scheduled for a bone marrow transplant, which entailed chemotherapy and full-body radiation to eliminate his old immune system and wipe out the leukemia. He was hospitalized for the transplant and for the 100 days post-transplant. “I was very fortunate because my sister was a perfect match,” Gilyard says. “Normally, any one sibling has a 25 percent chance of being a match, and I have only one sibling.”

While Gilyard recuperated at Mayo Clinic, his friends feverishly led fundraising efforts in his honor, raising over $45,000 in his honor over an eight-week period to help him earn the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Man of the Year award. Man and Woman of the Year candidates and their support groups raised a record $96,000 for the society’s campaign in 2006 (the third year in Minnesota).

Behind the scenes, a leadership team of society volunteers is instrumental to building the campaign’s success—by nominating the select group of fundraisers and by staging the Grand Finale Gala. Coincidentally, Ami Cerwin ’04 was the 2006 event planner. Cerwin had volunteered her time and talents in memory of her mother, Lauri, who died of AML in December of 2002.

After graduating from Gustavus, Cerwin had moved to Boston, where she pursued event planning for Hilton and Sheraton hotels. During this period she first volunteered for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In 2004, she signed up for one of the society’s “Team in Training” events and trained to run a half marathon in Bermuda. “I raised $4,500 in my mother’s memory, and crossing that finish line in Bermuda is a moment I will never forget,” she says. “And, I am grateful to my family, friends, and community, including Gustavus, because all of them were a huge support by organizing benefits, concerts, and other special fundraising events—in addition to their kind words and shoulders.”

Cerwin moved back to Minnesota in January 2006, taking a position as event planner for Greater Twin Cities United Way. She also contacted the Golden Valley Leukemia & Lymphoma Society office to volunteer for the 2006 Man and Woman of the Year campaign. With help from society staff and volunteers, she led the orchestration of an extremely successful and memorable Grand Finale Gala at St. Anthony Main Event Centre in Minneapolis.

Gilyard had every intention of attending the June Grand Finale Gala (out of the approximate 225 people who attended the gala, more than 80 of them were Gilyard supporters). Unfortunately, complications prevented him from being present to accept his award—only days before the gala, Gilyard’s doctors advised him to remain at Mayo and have a lung biopsy because he had been suffering from inflammation.

Ninety days post-transplant, Gilyard’s white cells began to show abnormal activity, and he relapsed back into a leukemic phase. He and his wife, Lisa back normal. I guess you could call the combination of the GVH and GVL—regardless of the complications—a blessing in surprise, because shortly after that blood test, a bone marrow biopsy also came back normal. That was Aug. 2, 2006—I was in remission, and I have been ever since!”

Gilyard had lost nearly 70 pounds, and the new objective was for him to regain his weight, strength, and general health. He maintains a regimen of several antibiotics, antifungals, and antivirals to protect what he describes as “my fledgling immune system.” He adds, “I’m being weaned off steroids, and perhaps in a year I will be medication-free.”

“I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the prayers, support, meals, and help with transportation provided by so many of our friends from our community (Medina, MN), children’s school (Providence Academy), church (St. Barnabas Lutheran in Plymouth), work (Medco Health) and, of course, family,” Gilyard says. “One of the most rewarding blessings to come from this harrowing experience is to feel the love and support of friends and family when you really need it. My friends from Gustavus were among the first to rush to my side and offer support. Humor and silence, tears and laughs, physical presence and e-mail/CaringBridge (internet) entries were never-ending. I can’t imagine going through this without these wonderful people. The same was true of those we know through our children’s school. . . . Lisa was an absolute rock for me! The kids were incredibly supportive, while trying to live normal lives at school, in sports, jobs, etc. My parents basically put 2006 on hold to either be with me or to relieve Lisa so that she could be with the kids part of the nearly six months that I lived in Rochester and recuperated in Medina.”

Gilyard returned to work on January 2, 2007, after more than 11 months out because of disability. Today, both Gilyard and Cerwin are 2007 Man and Woman of the Year leadership team members. Ironically, they did not know of “their” AML connection, nor that they are both Gustavus grads, until they began planning for the society’s 2007 recognition event. The 2007 campaign will officially begin April 12, and it will be capped nine weeks later at a Grand Finale Gala on June 14.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the largest funding agency of blood cancer research in the world. At least 75 percent of all fundraising dollars is dedicated to its programs. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has invested more than $483 million for research specifically targeting leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. To learn more about the society and its programs, visit www.lls.org/mn/man&woman.
Earnings prestigious public health fellowship
Bonnie Madsen Brueshoff ’79, deputy director of the Dakota County Public Health Department, has been named a 2006 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. The national fellowship program develops leaders who will guide improvements in the U.S. health care system, and Brueshoff is one of only 20 nurses in executive leadership roles nationwide awarded the prestigious fellowship this year. Through mentorship, seminars, and an independent learning plan, the three-year program provides an opportunity to develop critical leadership skills and to collaborate with nursing and healthcare leaders throughout the country. In addition, Brueshoff will conduct a leadership project with support from the Dakota County Public Health Department and funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

“The Executive Nurse Fellowship provides an opportunity for me to work with a nationally recognized team of experts and leaders from around the country,” says Brueshoff, “and to bring this collective knowledge back to improve public health in Dakota County.”

In her current position as deputy public health director, Brueshoff, who earned her master’s degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1989, manages and provides leadership for three major program areas: family health, health promotion, and correctional health. She works under the direction of Pat Gebert Adams ’70, public health director, who is also a Gustavus alumna. Gustavus ties run in the family as well. Bonnie is married to David Brueshoff ’77, and their son, Ben, is a member of the class of 2005. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and healthcare of all Americans.

Empty nest with three at Gustavus
Phil and Holly Nelson’s home in Lakeville is quieter this year with all three of their children enrolled at Dad’s alma mater. Pictured from left are Phil ’82, Holly, Drew ’07, Melinda ’08, and Lane ’10.

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Supporting Microentrepreneurism in the Philippines

John Owens ’84, chief of party for Microenterprise Access to Banking Services (MABS) in the Philippines, and his associates at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have come up with a whole new way for microenterprise clients to send and receive money as well as to pay loans and make deposits all via their cell phones.

Through its microfinance program in the Philippines, USAID has found a way for Filipino microentrepreneurs to make loan payments with text messaging, which can help lower transaction costs significantly. The new service, called G-Cash, essentially turns a cell phone into an “electronic wallet” that people can use to send and receive payments via text message. Filipinos can use G-Cash to make payments to utility companies, pay tuition to schools, make purchases at retail outlets like Shakey’s Pizza and McDonalds, and even pay business registration fees.

The Philippines may be the text-messaging capital of the world. About 33 million Filipinos own cell phones and send an estimated 200 million text messages a day. But there is more to text messaging than personal communications. As of March 2006, 1.3 million people were using the G-Cash system, which handles about $100 million per day. This includes microenterprise clients using their phones to bank.

“Using cell phones to send and receive money isn’t just something that big businesses can use,” says John Owens, chief of party for MABS since 2001. “It can change the way rural microentrepreneurs operate and make a living.”

Owens says. “Text messaging and cell phones have changed the way Filipinos live and connect with each other—and we think it will change microfinance.”

The MABS program helps to expand the availability of rural banks to provide G-Cash services and also helps to facilitate Central Bank approval for interested and qualified rural banks. To get these banks prepared to process mobile-phone banking transactions using the G-Cash platform, Owens’ MABS team developed manuals and trained staff at more than 200 rural banks.

The use of mobile-phone banking represents the latest step forward in one of USAID’s most successful microfinance projects to date. MABS, launched in 1997 with only four participating banks, leverages the Philippines’ existing network of rural banks around the country to provide financial services to microentrepreneurs in rural areas.

Today, the MABS team works with more than 80 rural banks and 275 branch offices to help them profitably expand their services to low-income entrepreneurs. Most of the participating banks now have profitable microfinance loan portfolios and have expanded their deposit services, leading them to expand their services to more rural clients.

In the past eight years, more than 750,000 micro loans, totaling more than $165 million, have been disbursed to more than 260,000 microentrepreneurs. More importantly, participants have also expanded their savings services and now manage more than 880,000 micro deposit accounts. MABS has expanded to serve all regions of the Philippines in response to growing demand for training in microfinance best practices.

The program’s success prompted a visit last June to one of the participating rural banks (the Cagayan de Oro branch of the GreenBank of Caraga) by the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Kristie Kenney, who recognized the major role played by MABS and its microenterprise clients in the growth and expansion of GreenBank.

With mobile-phone banking, that expansion may accelerate even more. “Text messaging is so easy for people to do,” Owens says. “Text messaging and cell phones have changed the way Filipinos live and connect with each other—and we think it will change microfinance.”
LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Batz publishes leadership book
Leadership Matters is an executive handbook written by Paul Batz ’95 and his business partners Sandra Davis and Bob Barnett at MDA Leadership Consulting, Minneapolis. The book was introduced in 2006 at the High Performance Leadership Forum held in Minneapolis. Batz and his partners articulate and explain the 13 roles leaders are expected to perform on a day-to-day basis by their subordinates. The book is for people who are learning to lead in environments in which their organization has placed a high degree of trust in them to make the right things happen. MDA’s perspective is that leadership is the most critical factor in determining an organization’s success. Organizations that prosper and sustain success do so because of strong leaders. (For more information, visit www.mdaleadership.com.)

A sterling moment
Patti Boyce Leaf ’87, Liz Audit Niblock ’87, and Brenda Frisk Erikstrup ’86 enjoyed their own mini-reunion when Silpada Designs independent representatives convened at the Silpada Designs National Conference in Kansas City last July. Silpada Designs markets sterling silver jewelry.

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The big 4-0
Six members of the Class of ’88 took a “40th-birthday vacation trip,” without husbands and kids, to Captiva Island for a week. Celebrating the milestone are, from left, Anne Sarkinen White, Mary Schonfelder Lee, Kari Hubbard Witt, Julie Elvestrom Kuehn, Kris Amundson Gritters, and Jojo Wackerfuss Quackenbush.
Kelliher elected Minnesota House Speaker
Margaret Anderson Kelliher ’90, Minneapolis, has been elected Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, becoming only the second woman in Minnesota history to hold the position. Kelliher was elected to the House in 1998 and worked as an aide to two legislative leaders. In the house she is regarded as an expert on the state budget and has been an advocate of public subsidies such as the Guthrie Theater and planned Twins ballpark. Although representing an urban district, Kelliher is an advocate for statewide issues of healthcare, education, environment, renewable energy, and reduced property taxes.

Band connections
The 17th annual Gustavus Honor Band Festival was held at Gustavus in early November 2006. Led by Douglas Nimmo, professor of music and director of the wind orchestras at the College, the festival is a two-day, intensive instrumental music experience for talented high school musicians. More than 90 students from 42 high schools participated in this year’s festival, including two flutists from wind orchestras at the College, the festival is a two-day, intensive instrumental music experience for talented high school musicians. More than 90 students from 42 high schools participated in this year’s festival, including two flutists from

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Reed Deegan, North St. Paul, teaches in the Mendota Heights ISD. Beth McFroom Dinger, Barnum, is band director for grades 5–12 and general music teacher for grades K-6 in the Barnum ISD. Justin Dinger, Barnum, is a paraprofessional in the Croquet Schools. Brooke Ditzu, Cottage Grove, is an administrator at Seward Redesign. Jake Dobosenski, Duluth, is a lab technician at Lens Crafters. Kristin Donley, Minneapolis, received a Ph.D. in physical therapy from University of Minnesota and is a physical therapist at the Institute for Athletic Medicine. Brandon Dunigan, Blaine, is a CPA for CBIZ. Nick Dwyer, Rockford, is employed at University of Minnesota Medical School and is a pediatric resident physician at University of Minnesota. Nikki Norton Ehrich, Lake Elmo, is an elementary teacher in the Centennial ISD. Carly Eichorst, St. Paul, is a financial aid counselor at Augsburg College. Amy Ellingson-Itzin, Worcester, MA, received a M.D. degree from University of Minnesota and is a resident physician at University of Massachusetts. Katja Weiss Erickson, Minneapolis, is a project accountant for Opus Corporation. Matt Erickson, Minneapolis, is working for Boston Scientific. Katja Ericson, Columbia, MD, is a case manager, emergency shelter for Domestic Violence Center of Howard County. Janelle Evenson, Mound, is a CPA at Boulay, Hegne, Zibib & Company. Danielle Faribault, Minneapolis, is the Circle Program Associate at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Trisha Loveland Fisher, Plymouth, is district administrator for Dick’s Sporting Goods. Michael Formas, Brighton, MA, is a senior hedge fund accountant at Investors Bank and Trust. Missa Peterson Fougner, Woodbury, received a master’s degree in physical therapy from College of St. Catherine and is a physical therapist for HealthEast Optimum Rehabilitation. Viviane Foyou, Morgantown, WV, is a Ph.D. student at West Virginia University. Dan Galvin, Shoreview, is a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Burnett. Kara Fox Galvin, Shoreview, is an international student advisor at University of Minnesota. Chris Green, Beverly Hills, CA, is a television producer at 3M. Wendy Bryant Griak, Minneapolis, is an illustrator and animator at Griak and Company. Melissa Vierling Grostyan, Maple Grove, is a preschool teacher in the Elk River ISD. Elizabeth Grzechowiak, Minneapolis, is vice president at Phamex Global ’90, director of theatre at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. The book began life as a song that Boledel composed back in 1999 for the Dives, the four-piece band he plays with. After fans began suggesting that it would make a great book, bandmate and colleague Andy Overem, an art professor at Bethany, got around to illustrating it during a sebacculous few years ago, and now a local press has printed it. Copies are available through the Gustavus Book Mark (800/647-9307 or www.bookmark.gustavus.edu).

Lullaby becomes children’s book

Hushabye Blushabye is the title of a new children’s book written by Peter Boledel ’90, director of theatre at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

Recked art

Art and recycling united in “Biographical Extensions I,” the November exhibition in the UBS’ 12x12: New Artists/New Work series at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) in Chicago. The exhibition was mounted by Material Exchange, a collective of three Chicago-based artists including John Preus ’93 that aims to minimize unnecessary waste through the creative redesign and reuse of objects. For the project, Material Exchange collaborated with nine additional individuals including students, friends, and other artists to give discarded MCA office and building materials new life and value as sculptural art.

For three months prior to their 12x12 exhibition, Material Exchange collected and packaged various types of surplus and art-related waste from the MCA store, warehouse, and office spaces. Out of these recycled materials Preus and his fellow artists created both a site-specific and material-specific installation featuring 2 x 2 x 2 foot sculptural cubes of trash including old brochures, books and papers, surplus wood from art crates, and an old speaker. After the MCA exhibition, the cubes were dispersed throughout Chicago to be used as planters.
GUSTAVUS ALUMNI

All-Gustie law firm

Three Gusties make up the all-Gustie law firm of Johnson & Turner in Forest Lake, MN. The firm specializes in family law and domestic violence litigation. Pictured from left are Karla Ash Lien ’97, who serves as paralegal and office manager; Chris Johnson ’93, attorney; and Chris’ sister, Erin Johnson Turner ’97, attorney. Lien and Turner met in Section 1C of Norelus Hall during their first year at Gustavus and have remained best friends since.

Nelson, Minneapolis, is an audio engineer at Echo Boys Music. Peter Nerthoin, Marine on St. Croix, is executive director of InsulinDependence. Annie Oakes, St. Paul, is development assistant for benefit events at Children’s Hospitals & Clinics of Minnesota Foundation. Andrew Ohrt, Seattle, WA, is a project engineer at Delta Environmental Consultants.Kristin Olson, Janesville, teaches first grade in the Janesville ISD. Kirk Overaaas, Mankato, is a caretaker for Atwood Petersen. Minneapolis, is a student at University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Ingrid Pederson, Solana Beach, CA, is property manager at ERA Coastal Properties. Ariana Petersen, Minneapolis, received a master’s degree in teaching with a K-8 teaching license from Hamline University. Bryan Peterson, Minnetonka, is a T1 network coordinator at Stockamp & Associates in Minneapolis, is a senior associate consultant at Stockamp & Associates. Erica Schmidt, Minneapolis, is an RN at Methodist Hospital Birth Center. Renee Schmitt, Minneapolis, is an import coordinator at Target Corp. Katie Carlson Schoeppen, Duluth, is executive assistant to the publisher at Duluth News Tribune. Matthew Schoeppen, Duluth, is a regional labor market analyst for State of Minnesota. Denae Schultz, Farmington, is working for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Nicole Schultz, Cambridge, is an RN at University of Minnesota Medical Center at Fairview. Jennifer Boorman Schurrer, Zimmerman, graduated from University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and is practicing at Companions Animal Hospital and is a graduate student in infectious agents at University of Minnesota. Robert Schurrer, Zimmerman, is a provider analyst at Medica.

Nida Scott, Savage, teaches in the Shakopee ISD. Jen McCall Seidell, Mendota Heights, is a veterinary student at University of Minnesota and works at Grand Avenue Veterinary Center. Lisa Senne, Minneapolis, teaches math at Central Middle School. Holly Sewell, Portland, ME, is a graduate student in the physician assistant program at University of New England. Shannon Swanson Severud, Rice Lake, WI, is a self-employed landscape designer. Bria Ekstrand Shea, Inver Grove Heights, is a law student at William Mitchell College of Law. Tina Sheetz, Little Canada, is a veterinarian at Banfield, The Pet Hospital. Kelly Simon, Saratoga, FL, is a merchandiser for The Founders Golf Club. Vidya Sivan, Boston, MA, is program coordinator at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Jayne Sommers, St. Peter, is an area coordinator for residential life at Gustavus. Alec Sonsteby, Moorhead, is an academic librarian at Concordia College. Anna Garbsch Sorenson, King of Prussia, PA, is a vicar at Grace Lutheran Church in Norristown. Laura Hanson Spangler, Brooten, is a ninth-grade special education teacher in the Alexandria ISD. Cory Starkweather, Minneapolis, is an ACS internal auditor for Honeywell. Amy Strand, Dallas, TX, is a children’s counselor at The Family Place. C.B. Thomas, Robbinsdale, is an IT auditor at Target Corp. Katie Thompson, St. Paul Park, teaches in the Maplewood/North St. Paul/Oakdale ISD. Matt Tjoaas, Robbinsdale, is an associate chemist for Valpar Corporation. Dana Anderson Tran, South St. Paul, is a youth counselor at Cornerstone. Jason Tran, South St. Paul, is a financial analyst at US Bank. Sara Sertich Trembath, Ann Arbor, MI, is manager of strategic services for ePrize. Travis Trembath, Ann Arbor, MI, is an MBA student at University of Michigan. Linda Reuter Tripp, Woodbury, is a student in physical therapy at College of St. Catherine. Marit Vagstad, Boston, MA, is marketing manager for Houghton Mifflin Co. Tommy Valentini, Minneapolis, is a Ph.D. student in kinesiology at University of Minnesota and assistant men’s track coach at Gustavus. Jared Vinar, Lakeville, is a sales representative at Cable Connection and Supply. Kirk Walberg, Ramsey, is a margin specialist at RBC. Dain Rauscher, Kristin Montgomery.

Walberg, Ramsey, works at Lincoln Elementary in Anoka. Tyler Wenkus, Eden Prairie, is assistant vice president at Builders Mortgage Company. Andrea Wentzel, Kansas City, MO, is music therapist for Rainbow Mental Health Facility. Anna Couseley Wildgrube, Fairbault, is a veterinary student at University of Minnesota. Annika Wilson, Maple Grove, is a project manager at Weber Shandwick Worldwide. Sarah Wolter, Northfield, is a visiting instructor in the Department of Communication Studies at Gustavus. Leah Langehaug Wong, Minneapolis, is vice president of event management at Ridgeway International. Kate Hashig Wright, Mahtomedi, is a loan officer at Edina Realty. Michelle Kurtz Wright, Savage, teaches at Valley View Middle School in Edina. Kellie Erdal Yanda, Edina, student-taught at New City Charter School in Minneapolis. Robert Ziemer, New Hope, is obtaining an alternative teaching certificate at Marian College of Fond du Lac.

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Angela Balm Ahlgren, Menomonee Falls, WI, is an RN at Community Memorial Hospital. Jaime Haugen Amnis, Austin, TX, is a marketing assistant for Hormel Foods Corporation. Carla Kern Betchworth, Apple Valley, received a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy from Bethel Seminary and is a marriage and family therapist for FamilyMeans in Stillwater. Erik Christenson, Deerwood, works at the Christenson Insurance Agency. Chad Custer, Duluth, NC, is a mechanical engineering student at Duke University. Danielle Dykse, Brooklyn Park, is studying at the University of Amsterdam for her master’s degree in international development. Lauren O’Connor Dwyer, Rockford, works in human resources at Carpathia. Jason Flibors, Ormsby, is director of government affairs and lobbyist for the Twin West Chamber of Commerce. Breena Grand, Chicago, IL, is coordinator for master of arts programs in humanities at University of Chicago. Emileaan McClusich Graupmann, Northfield, teaches at Northfield High School.

Class of 2003
Hailperin connects alumni with students

Gustavus Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Max Hailperin (left) hosted three events in November to connect alumni who majored in math or computer science with students studying in the same fields, to talk about careers. The informal sessions took place over pizza dinner at Godfather’s in St. Peter.

Right: Eight alumni gathered November 15 for conversation with current Gustavus students about math careers. Pictured from left are Anna Gutman ’05, David Myers ’05, Bill Kunze ’03, Katherine Pavlek Kunze ’03, Matthew Miller ’05, Nathan Annis ’03, Eric TeBrake ’03, and Justin Thorson ’03. These alumni represent a variety of career paths: law school, energy management, the insurance industry, consulting, operations research, and a government agency.

Below: Nine alumni gathered November 20 to meet with 10 current computer science students. Pictured from left are Phillip Knoll ’03, Josh Hill ’04, Justin Stevens ’08, Tim Fontana ’07, Josh Pioske ’08, Tony Lapakko ’08, Karl Selander ’10, Ben Hardy ’05, Ben Hays ’07, Braden Rogness ’07, Alex Wauck ’09, Garrett Kolpin ’04, Nathan Selander ’03, Michael Schmit ’06, John Engebretson ’00, Mike Pone ’00, Steve Anders ’10, Victoria Connors ’05, and Josh Knutson ’09.

Swanson Hauge, Minneapolis, is attending St. Mary’s University for a license in K-12 principalship. Matthew Henniek is studying chemistry at University of Alabama. Meghan Severson Johnson, Savage, works at Shop NBC. Heidi Lindell, Farmington, is an RN at United Hospital. James McHugh, Iowa City, IA, graduated from University of Iowa Law School and is an assistant county attorney for the Buena Vista County Attorney’s Office. Ambyrn Melius, Chicago, IL, is lead outreach case manager for Franciscan Outreach Association. Sonja Spande Menard, St. Louis Park, received a master’s degree in teaching from University of St. Thomas. Jon Meyer, Hugo, is a sales representative for Farner Bocken. Stephanie Nelson, Davis, CA, received a master’s degree in social sciences from University of Chicago. Lindsay Parker Nerland, Minneapolis, works at Thomson West and is a graduate student in Augsburg’s MBA program.

Greg Nick, Sedona, AZ, is a family counselor for Catholic Charities. Sigrid Gustafson Petterson, Brussels, Belgium, is working in treasury support for IKEA Service Centre. Nicole Polance, Lakeville, is an RN at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Joanie Preiner, Wayzata, received a master’s degree in education from University of St. Thomas and is teaching fourth grade in Eden Prairie. Thomas Schmit, Burien, WA, is an associate technical sales representative for Lafarge N.A. Laura Schultz, Plymouth, graduated from University of Minnesota College of Law. Tom Scott, Savage, is a real estate adviser at Edina Realty. Adam Smith, St. Paul, is a merchandiser for CHS. Meredith Godfrey St. Pierre, St. Paul, is annual fund manager for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Upper Midwest. Jeffrey Strom, Bloomington, is a graduate student in water resource science at University of Minnesota, Duluth. Adam Stubbenbick, Cairo, Egypt, is a pastoral intern at St. Andrew’s United Church of Cairo. Jonathan Tripp, Woodbury, is an operations accountant at US Bank. Michael Will. Minnetonka, graduated from University of St. Thomas Law School and is an attorney at Ternaar, Archibald, Pfefferle and Griebel. Eric Wirta, Wadena, is a physicians’ assistant at the Fairview Clinics of Red Wing and Ellsworth, WI. Vanessa Young, Minneapolis, is a dental student at University of Minnesota.
Gustavus collaborates with Wolf Ridge

by Sara Baer ’08

Future educators have been going to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN, since 1974 to get hands-on experience working with students on outdoor and environmental programs. The center’s training program allows graduate students to learn how to teach in the outdoors. In 2004, Wolf Ridge developed a student-teacher program for undergraduates that would allow them to get the same training as graduate students, while completing requirements for graduation.

“This program is the first of its kind in the nation. Student teachers have found it very valuable, and want to support it and see it grow,” says Joe Wolewski, program director at Wolf Ridge. “Gustavus is the only school that was brave enough to collaborate with us initially, and Gustavus students are lucky to be going to a school that supports innovative ideas.”

Each year, Gustavus education majors have the opportunity to complete the student-teaching requirements for their degree while learning to implement environmental education into curriculum. These students spend seven weeks at Wolf Ridge, eight weeks in traditional classrooms across the state, and finally return to Wolf Ridge for an additional 23 weeks. During their time at Wolf Ridge, they learn techniques and teaching methods, attend seminars, and are evaluated by staff. When they leave Wolf Ridge, they have an opportunity to incorporate the skills that they have learned into a traditional classroom setting.

When the program began in fall 2004, there were three students involved: Kim Swanson ’04, Jenni Edlund ’04, and Megan Donohoe ’05. In the following year, Holly McGovern ’06 and Dave Dressler ’05 completed the program. Holly and Dave fulfilled the classroom experience component at Grainwood Elementary in Prior Lake under the direction of Sandy Karow Timmerman ’84, who has been teaching classes at Wolf Ridge annually for several years. There the student-teachers honed their leadership skills and increased environmental awareness among students. As one of their projects, they started a recycling program and encouraged all of their students to participate. Integrating environmental education into a classroom setting is a must, because it encourages future generations to consider environmental problems. Young people learn to make responsible decisions that affect society.

In addition to the students in the student-teacher program, there are many other Gustavus graduates who have been involved in other ways in the Wolf Ridge training program. Gusties who participated in the graduate naturalist program at Wolf Ridge include Jill Johnson ’04 (completed Wolf Ridge program in 2005), Erin Manning ’04 (2005), Adam Long ’03 (2004), Michael Bilingtong ’02 (2003), Marie Desaulniers Miller ’02 (2003), Chip Bratford ’04 (2001), Gretchen Engstrom ’98 (2000), Angela Borland ’93 (1999), Becky Crooble Meyer ’96 (1997), Todd Winter ’94 (1995), Denise Klieker Semanchin ’96 (1995), and Ric Swanson ’90 (1991).

Teaching at Hamline University: Melody Walker, Chaska, teaches kindergarten at Sunset Hill Elementary; Carolyn Gamble Wanamaker, Maplewood, is studying organic chemistry at University of Minnesota; and Ellie Young, Bloomington, is a physician assistant at France Avenue Family Physicians.

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Nathaniel Barrett, Winona, is employed by Fastenal, Inc.; Renee Donahue, Minneapolis, is a medical student at University of Minnesota; Lance Hendrickson, Owatonna, is a commercial insurance underwriter for Federated Mutual Insurance; Nate Hitch, Lakeville, is a financial adviser at AXA Advisors; Lesli Huett, Brooklyn Park, teaches first to fifth-grade music at Westwood Intermediate and Woodcrest Elementary in Blaine; Johanna K. Johnson, Grass Valley, CA, is a graduate student at Yale Divinity School; Jackie Koopman, St. Louis Park, is team supervisor for Chrestomathy, Inc.; Kristen Mickelsen is a graduate student at Indiana University; Ellen Muggli, Cedar Park, TX, is a resource teacher at Rising Stars Preschool; Melissa Brasel Paulson, Hartford, WI, is a customer service manager at Reuber’s County Market; Jean Pearce, Grand Forks, ND, is a medical student at University of North Dakota School of Medicine; Matt Polski, Maple Grove, works at Fallon Worldwide’s video/commercial production department as a video editor; Nathan Porath, Eagan, is head guard at Water Park of America and attending University of Minnesota in dentistry; Genevieve Quist, Essex Junction, VT, who attended Gustavus her freshman year and graduated from Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 2005, has been awarded a 2007 Rhodes Scholarship and will pursue a master’s degree in philosophy in comparative social policies at the University of Oxford, England, in October 2007; Austin Sponsel, Minneapolis, is co-owner with her sister, London, of Sponsel’s Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard, Jordan. Their decision to take over the business after the death of their father was featured in the September 22 issue of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal; Sarah Greninger Stoub, Pingree Grove, IL, is a graduate student at Northern Illinois University; Karl Tschiya, Richfield, is a claims representative at AIG.
The world on a string

Peter Hedberg '05 has barely had time to take a breath since receiving a letter of accreditation last fall from the World section editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune that allows him to string for the newspaper in Europe. He started in Warsaw, staying with an old family friend of Gustle Travis Lennax '05, then went to Geneva to work at the Palais de Nations (United Nations). From there it was on to Ecuador on a press junket organized through the U.N. for two weeks. He then returned to Geneva and a few days later hopped a plane back to Warsaw. In November he headed for Greece, "and what comes next I have no idea, [I'm] just flying by the seat of my pants really." He’s pictured in Ecuador, with Cotopaxi in the background.

Clayimation education

An innovative "clayimation" program has become popular with public school students in the Twin Cities’ Northwest Suburban Integration District, and it’s especially gratifying for Josh Granlund ’02, a program specialist who teaches the art form. Granlund was likely introduced to clay by his late grandfather, sculptor Paul Granlund ’52, but he’s using it in a completely different way.

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Weddings

Norman Nelson ’49 and Darlene Miller, 5/27/06, St. Charles, IL.
Linda Lindborg ’64 and Dennis Baehr, 10/7/06, La Crosse, WI.
Arla Walton ’72 and Dick Prestin ’71, 8/12/06, Eau Claire, WI.
LaVonne Williams Thordur ’72 and Gary Thorud, 3/5/05, Bloomington, MN.
Linda Hanninen ’79 and William Carlzon, 8/5/06, Maple Grove, MN.
Melissa Velikash ’87 and James McPhee, 9/28/06, St. Cloud, MN.
Jan Bjorklund ’89 and Melanie Weiss, 5/27/06, Bad Nauheim, Germany.
Kristin Haag ’92 and Robert Leitel, 10/7/05, Denver, CO.
Kristin Barbari ’93 and Nathan Schatz, 8/11/06, Austin, TX.
Elizabeth A. Peterson ’93 and Timothy Kiesbach, 9/9/06, Rochester, MN.
Todd Schwanke ’94 and Marsha Allen, 5/20/06, Milwaukee, WI.
Gretchen Michlitsch ’95 and Allen Hillery, 6/23/06, Winona, MN.
Heather Wollschlager ’96 and Jeremy Rondorf, 9/10/06, Blaine, MN.
Stacy Friberg ’97 and Matt Fiedler, 5/21/05, Madison, WI.
Ryan Lamberty ’97 and Kimi Orthez, 7/23/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Amy Lavin ’97 and Dave Ryan, 9/16/06, Bloomington, MN.
Martha Malinski ’97 and Scott Shoemaker, 8/19/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Angela Sands ’97 and Steffen Thieringer, 7/9/06, Eden Prairie, MN.
Andrew Velikash ’97 and Laura Velikash, 7/21/06, South St. Paul, MN.
Tom Kelsey ’98 and Hope Dahl, 10/27/06, St. Paul, MN.
Amanda Paulson ’98 and Greg Laden, 8/19/06, Coon Rapids, MN.
Kristi Pettis ’98 and Mark Osterlund, 8/4/06, Billings, MT.
Benjamin Reitan ’98 and Emily Hemstreet, 4/29/06, Chaska, MN.
Jennifer Robe ’98 and John Reiland, 7/8/06, Oshkosh, WI.
Paul Tarnowski ’98 and Heidi Amend, 8/5/06, River Falls, WI.
Joe Wahlberg ’98 and Katie Rykkeli, 9/23/06, St. Paul, MN.
Rebecca Carlson ’99 and Wardell Haywood, 7/28/06, Stillwater, MN.
Tonya Hartmann ’99 and Tony Meyers ’00, 8/18/06, Brooklyn Park, MN.
Eric Klaers ’99 and Anthony Hilton, 7/8/06, Plymouth, MN.
Angela Schuette ’99 and Rory Meagher, 10/13/06, Bloomington, MN.
Kari Twedt ’99 and James Thompason, 7/8/06, Bangkok, Thailand.
Kelly Fletcher ’00 and Jeffrey Robertson, 6/3/06, South St. Paul, MN.

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Swenson escorts Mondale
During last fall’s campaign season, Matt Swenson ’06 (right) drove former Vice President Walter Mondale from the Twin Cities to Albert Lea for a fundraiser. During their time together in the car, Swenson learned that Mondale was a Macalester College graduate, so they discussed their liberal arts educations. Swenson boasted about his Gustavus experience and the profound effect that Gustavus has had on his life, then proceeded to give Mondale his gold Three Crowns lapel pin.

Jill Miller ’00 and Andy Wohloutka, 10/28/06, Bird Island, MN.
David Murphy ’02 and Nicole Cath, 10/7/06, Shoreview, MN.
Kathryn Galloway ’01 and Owen Thoele ’01, 10/21/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Kelly Martin ’01 and Aaron Schoenecker, 7/25/06, Eden Prairie, MN.
Matt Miller ’01 and Lauren Miller, 9/9/06, Rockford, MN.
J.R. Roever ’01 and Suzanne Tack, 8/16/06, Milwaukee, WI.
Laura Ydut ’01 and Chad Custer ’03, 9/30/06, Durham, NC.
Lisa Abo ’02 and Matthew Cisewski, 8/12/06, Lino Lakes, MN.
Dana Anderson ’02 and Jason Tran ’02, 8/28/06, South St. Paul, MN.
Christina Coleman ’02 and Ryan Montgomery, 10/14/06, Plymouth, MN.
Micaela Erdall ’02 and Rob Yanda, 3/25/06, Edina, MN.
Elizabeth Grinstein ’02 and Nick Grzechowiak, 5/6/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Chad Henke ’02 and Molly Henke, 4/1/06, Waconia, MN.
Kristin Hoffman ’02 and Robert Peaveler, 10/14/06, Greensburg, PA.
Brooke Jenkins ’02 and Eric Dugdale, 6/25/05, Wayzata, MN.

Trisha Loveland ’02 and Ben Fisher, 9/30/06, Plymouth, MN.
Jennifer McCall ’02 and John Seidl, Mendota Heights, MN.
Nissa Peterson ’02 and Brady Fougnier, 6/10/06, Woodbury, MN.
Kathleen Batalden ’03 and Justin Smith, 5/27/06, Arvada, CO.
Paul Biederman ’03 and Katherine Biederman, 12/31/05, St. Peter, MN.
Erik Colon ’03 and Mike Koolen ’03, 7/29/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Torri Greer ’03 and Paul Regan, 10/21/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Rachel Gruber ’03 and Matt Beran ’04, 7/8/06, Shakopee, MN.
Sarah Holm ’03 and Jared Pospisil, 7/29/06, Laporte City, IA.
Alicia Lunde ’03 and David Newell ’03, 9/8/06, Bellingham, WA.
Erin Schumacher ’03 and Aaron Zondervan, 10/7/06, Wedena, MN.
Katherine Schwer ’03 and Shane Weckworth, 9/2/06, Clairefield, MN.
Sonja Spane ’03 and Dana Menard ’01, 11/4/06, St. Louis Park, MN.
Kurt Bauerly ’04 and Jill Harrison, 8/27/05, Osseo, MN.
Adam Cornell ’04 and Aubrey Onken, 9/9/06, Minnetonka, MN.
Carolyn Gamble ’04 and Tim Wanamaker ’04, 7/1/06, Maplewood, MN.
Rachel Johnson ’04 and Nicholas Brisson, 10/21/06, St. Paul, MN.
Michelle Kroenke ’04 and Chris TeBroke ’04, 10/21/06, Eden Prairie, MN.
Aanna Letnes ’04 and Marcus Johannes, Eagan, MN.
Tracy Holertz ’05 and Erick Hoberg ’02, 10/14/06, Mankato, MN.
Megan Johnson ’05 and Luke Friedrich, 9/30/06, St. Paul, MN.
Andrew Madison ’05 and Amy Herron, 8/5/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Karl Tsuchiya ’05 and Theresa Bardy, 10/7/06, Richfield, MN.
Kelly Anderson ’06 and Matt Diercks ’04, 10/21/06, Eagan, MN.
Ryan Casper ’06 and Natalie King, 8/6/05, North Mankato, MN.
Jennifer Hanson ’06 and Jacob Yost, 7/29/06, St. Peter, MN.
Sarah Schmidt ’06 and Andrew Cramblit ’04, 8/26/06, Mankato, MN.
Thea Schrump ’06 and Ross Stodola, 7/15/06, Norwood, MN.
Tanna Tuomie ’06 and Brady Hoffman ’05, 10/20/06, Mounds View, MN.

Aidan, to Patrick Boline ’81 and Erin Boline, 6/15/05.
Kristina, to Claire Serrano Rauls ’85 and James Rauls, 11/3/06.
Chloe, to Brian Bowes ’87 and Teresa Bowes, 6/10/06.
Zachary, to Dan Buchanan ’87 and Tammy Buchanan, 8/2/06.
Thomas, to Chris Grabran ’87 and Patricia Grabran, 10/7/06.
Olya, by adoption from Ukraine, to Peggy Studanski Hengen ’87 and John Hengen, born 5/12/97, adopted 9/25/06.
Leul, by adoption, to Sarah Howell ’87, born 10/10/01, adopted 1/06.
Kristian, to Gretchen Roble Hudeack ’87 and Alan Hudeack.
Edward, to Paul Koch ’87 and Michelle Koch, 10/30/06.
Isaac, to Missy Hammond Matthys ’87 and Russ Matthys, 10/1/06.
Evan, to Chantal Dozol.
Weatherford ’87 and Derek Weatherford, 9/18/06.
Samantha, to Gregg Goedde ’89 and Jennifer Goedde, 9/18/06.
Blake, to Adam Juntunen ’89 and Coleen Juntunen, 3/1/06.
Peter, to Nicolet Luhan Berkey ’90 and John Berkey, 8/31/06.
Aaron, to Chris Clemenensen ’91 and Anita Clemenensen, 8/15/06.
Claire, to Todd Menssen ’91 and Connie Menssen, 6/6/06.
Jack, to Katie Heffernan Carson ’92 and Nathan Carson, 9/16/06.
Sandra, to Sara O’Neil Fish ’92 and Richard Fish, 3/9/06.
Griffin, to Mark Hagen ’92 and Deana Hagen, 3/10/05.
Madeline, to Gina Sexton Halstrom ’92 and Mark Halstrom, 12/20/05.
Jol, to John M. Harris ’92 and Tondra Harris, 8/2/06.
Sylvie, to Tamara Heggestue Hedeen ’92 and Jason Hedeen ’91, 6/18/06.
Ethan, to Kerri Kelly Kingsvater ’92 and Dick Kingsvater, 3/15/06.
Rylen, to Jennifer Maether Kissell ’92 and Jeff Kissell, 10/15/06.
Lillian, to Peter Klutondu ’92 and Anjela Shutt, 7/29/06.

Births

Erratum

The birth ascribed to Liz Wehman Freeman ’84 in the Winter 2006–07 Quarterly is her grandchild, not her own child. Our apologies.
Homework help from the First Lady
Kelsey Okey ’05 (green sweater) is pictured with First Lady Laura Bush and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty when they visited the Meadowbrook Community Center in St. Louis Park in June 2006. Okey teaches first grade at Peter Hobart Primary Center in St. Louis Park and once a week instructs at Homework Help, which is an after-school program at Meadowbrook, a low-income housing development. As part of her “Helping America’s Youth” promotion, Laura Bush stopped by during a visit to the Twin Cities to view the homework-help program and meet the kids and the teachers.

William, to Melissa Hultgren Engel ’98 and Matthew Engel ’98, 10/18/06.
Chloe, to Tiffany Tharaldson Hollembuck ’98 and Grady Hollenbeck.
Aidan, to Petty Johnson ’99 and Shannon Johnson, 9/28/06.
Caroline, to Heath McClelland ’98 and Todd Giennapp, 11/1/06.
Zoe, to Becky Lynn Vanderwerf Myers ’98 and Kevin Vanderwerf Myers ’97, 3/24/06.
Emily, to Shelley Kuehn Ohnsorg ’98 and Brian Ohnsorg ’97, 8/16/05.
Parker, to Kirsten Languth Dussault ’99 and Ryan Dussault ’99, 2/8/06.
Jana, to Sara Schaefer Faust ’99 and Jeffrey Faust ’99, 7/15/06.
Paige, to Mike Johander ’99 and Holli Johander, 10/16/06.
Oliver, to Colleen Brady Lindstrom ’99 and Matthew Lindstrom, 10/22/06.
Olivia, to Krista Larson Pawlicki ’99 and Jeff Pawlicki, 7/29/06.
Gavin, to Maggie Skelton ’99 and Mathew Sherman ’99, 10/24/06.
Oliva, to Mike Wanous ’99 and Holly Wanous, 7/10/06.
Andrew, to Valerie Laabs Bandas ’00 and Scott Bandas, 5/2/06.
Owen, to Michelle Kneeland Barbeau ’00 and Justin Barbeau ’98, 9/29/06.
Thomas, to Kara Trapp Oien ’00 and Marc Oien ’00, 5/2/06.
Kate, to Jessica Johnson Schmidt ’00 and Luke Schmidt ’99, 9/6/06.
Cael, to Ashley Jensen ’01 and Cortnee Jensen, 12/15/05.

Benjamin, to Elise Kahl Knobloch ’01 and Geoff Knobloch ’00, 11/11/06.
Chase, to Sara Sorensen Quale ’01 and Dustin Quale, 8/28/06.
Avery, to Jamie Brekke Sheldon ’01 and Eric Sheldon, 10/26/06.
Elway, to Emily VanHee Berg ’02 and Jesse Berg, 8/7/06.
Devin, to Melanie Grell Connolly ’02 and Sean Connolly, 3/23/06.
Elia, to Lisa Krause Glaser ’02 and John Glaser, 5/7/05.
Jack, to Sarah Garrison Moe ’02 and Scott Moe ’95, 9/23/06.
Addeson, to Ann Plaatz ’02 and Derrick Jenniges, 6/22/06.
Annabelle, to Sarah James Rice ’02 and David Rice, 7/9/06.
Mollie, to Kellie Erdall Yanda ’02 and Rob Yanda, 7/3/06.
Lyndon, to K.J. Swanson Hauze ’03 and Eric Hauze ’03, 9/27/06.
Aiden, to Katie Ulwelling Thatcher ’03 and Brian Thatcher ’01, 8/16/06.
Eljah, to Sheri Rickabacka Dack ’04 and Jonathan Dack, 8/1/06.
Griffin, to Sandra Rash Dunigan ’04 and Brandon Dunigan ’02, 8/11/06.

In Memoriam
Verona L. Albrecht ’32, St. Peter, MN, on October 10, 2006. She was a retired employee of Gustavus.
Karl Klein ’32, St. Peter, MN, on January 11, 2007. He was owner of American's Youth.
Ryan Taylor ’02 and Jeff Larson ’02 won first prize with their entry of a 60-second commercial in the “Make Your Own Grain Belt Premium Commercial Contest,” winning, $1,000 and a year’s supply of Grain Belt, and having their commercial made available on disc to bars across Minnesota. “The Wingman’s MVP” is about a guy who covertly flashes signals to his friend at the bar to help him distract the attention of a pretty girl’s gal pal so he can be alone with her. The wingman theme was the only one like it out of 51 submissions last summer.

Taylor and Larson have been working on film projects for several years, with their roommates appearing in several, including “The Wingman’s MVP.” To fulfill one of the requirements of the commercial contest—to feature local music—their commercial included music of Filthy Divine, a Minneapolis band, courtesy of Göran Schuck ’97 at Two Fish Studios in Minneapolis. Taylor owns and operates Prime Productions in Minneapolis where he directs commercials and film. Their commercial can be viewed at www.primeproductions.com/grainbelt.mov, and second- and third-place winners at www.grainbelt.com.
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During its international concert tour to Spain and Portugal in January, the Gustavus Choir participated in evening Mass at the Royal Chapel of Seville Cathedral, Spain’s largest church and the third-largest cathedral in the world. The choir, led by Gregory Aune, is celebrating its 75th anniversary year. Photo by Dean Wahlund ’72.