

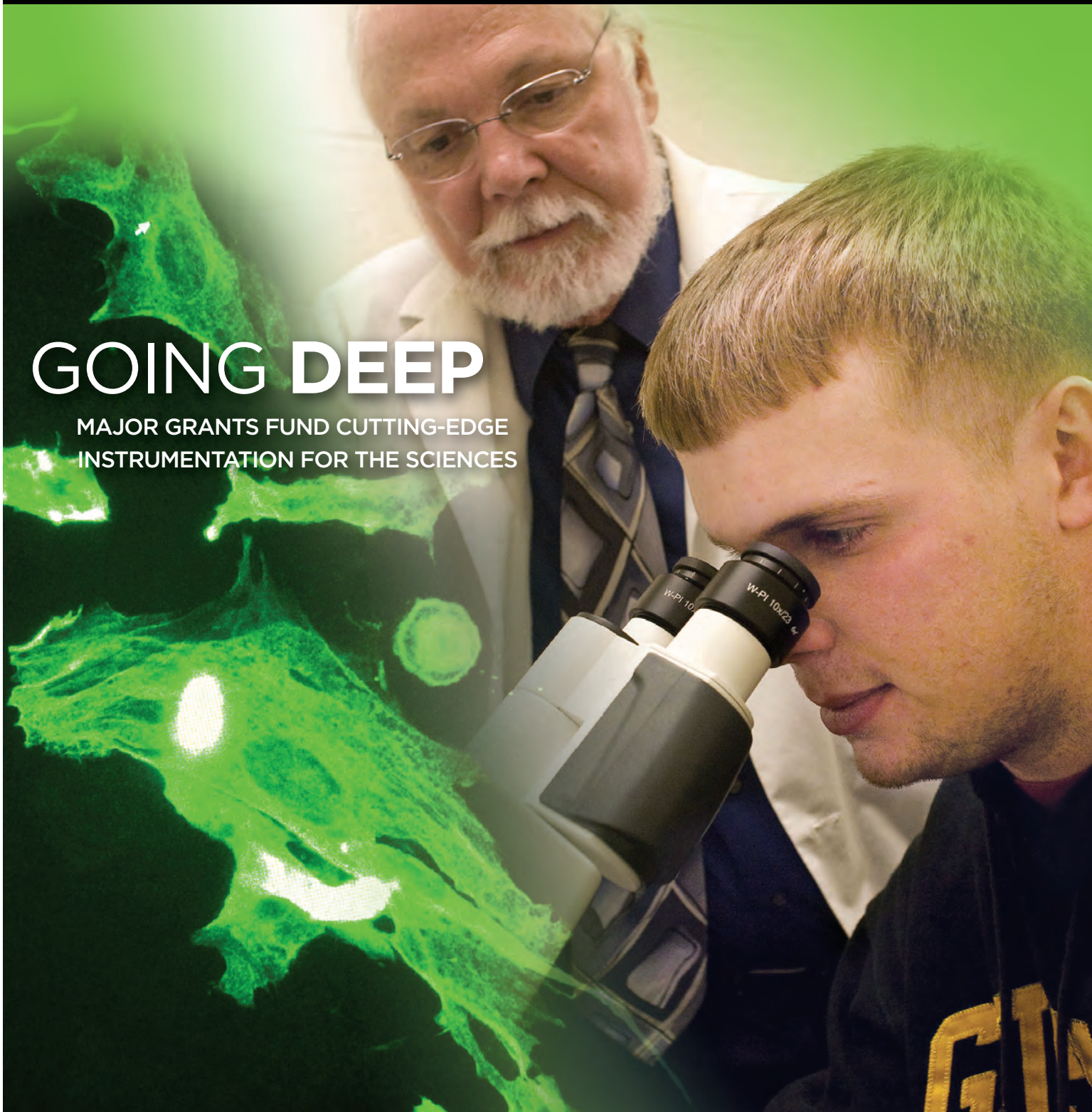
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Look at all the things I missed!

Jake Searmans '10



Our little college is quickly approaching a milestone in its history—its 150th anniversary, or, in the parlance of those who have words for these things, its *sesquicentennial*. Institutions of higher education love anniversaries: they divide the historical continuum into neat intervals so we might measure progress, mark changes and new programs and facilities, tout our survival, and make plans for a future that very few of us can imagine.

When I arrived at Gustavus in the mid-'60s, soon after it had celebrated its centennial, it was smaller than it is today—in many ways. Enrollment was about 1,600; off-campus study was still a rather exotic option. Our student body is now more than 50 percent larger. And in this issue of the *Quarterly*, CICE director Carolyn O'Grady gives the reader a sense of the centrality of study away in today's curriculum and today's world, arguing that it is “an essential component of preparing for a successful life and career.”

As I enrolled for my first college term, I entertained the idea that I might major in political science. At that time, however, Gustavus didn't even have a political science department and offered only a few government courses within the Department of History. As you'll read in this issue's feature profile, the Department of Political Science has now reached its 40th year on campus—I was a senior when the department was established with the arrival of Ron Christenson, and already well on my way to an English major. The Department of Political Science is well on its way as well.

Feet squarely in the humanities, I took my mandatory natural science classes (biology, with a lab component) and then filled my schedule with English and history courses. My interest in science grew after I had been out of college for a decade or so. Today I look at the new research instrumentation the College has acquired for physics, chemistry, biology, and new cross-curricular initiatives—an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer, a Polytec PSV-400 scanning laser Doppler vibrometer, a Zeiss LSM 700 laser scanning confocal microscope (all featured in another article in this magazine)—and envy the students who will have the opportunity to use them for collaborative research projects, unlocking worlds too small to see and too complex to predict.

As we approach the College's sesquicentennial, faculty and staff serving on various anniversary steering and advisory committees have been asking everyone, “How do you think Gustavus should mark this anniversary?” I seem to be marking it by cataloging all the things I've missed out on!

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Thorstensson honored with H.M. the King's Medal by Swedish crown

by **Matt Thomas '00**

Professor of Scandinavian Studies Roland Thorstensson has been honored by the King and Queen of Sweden with H.M. the King's Medal. He accepted the award in Stockholm in late January.

H.M. the King's Medal was created in 1814 and is presented to Swedish and foreign citizens for special merits as well as to officials of the Royal Court for long and faithful service. While the specific achievements leading to the honor are not revealed, Thorstensson has many accomplishments to his name since his arrival at Gustavus in 1971 that qualify him. He, along with fellow faculty members Byron Nordstrom and Roger McKnight, helped to develop the unique and nationally respected Department of Scandinavian Studies at the College. He helped to create the Out of Scandinavia residency program, which brings Nordic writers and artists to campus. He has championed study of the Sami, the indigenous people of northern Scandinavia. In 1975 he and his wife, Edi, created Sjölundén—the first Swedish language village under the Concordia College Language Villages system—and were its first deans from 1975 to 1977. Recently, Thorstensson designed a new Semester in Sweden program at Gustavus and served as its first faculty director.

"Last spring I was in the Royal Palace with the 13 Gustavus students who were with me in Sweden on the Semester in Sweden program," Thorstensson notes. "It will be great to go to the palace together with my wife, Edi, this time. I will receive the King's Medal as a recognition of her work for Scandinavian

studies at Gustavus as well."

Thorstensson is the first person affiliated with the College to be honored with the King's gold medal since 1976, when the Swedish monarch visited Gustavus during a U.S. visit. ■

Chester Johnson, 1913-2009

61 years of service to College and the Church

by **Matt Thomas '00**

His connection to Gustavus Adolphus College went back nearly 70 years—as professor, archivist, and "keeper of the flame." When Professor Emeritus of Geology Chester O. Johnson died on Dec. 8 at the age of 96, a chapter of the College's history ended as well.

The founder of the College's geology department, Johnson taught at Gustavus from 1940 until 1978. Following his retirement from teaching, Johnson continued to work at the College as an archivist in the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. In 1978, he became the Minnesota Synod archivist of the Lutheran Church in America. In 1988, when the ELCA was created, he assumed the position of Lutheran Church Collection archivist until his second retirement in 2001. He and his wife, Marian '41, continued to be active in

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Emily B. Johnson Mamun '03



Chet Johnson, pictured in 2002 at the rolltop desk he had in the geology department for 20 years before "foolishly giving it up to the Archives." He reclaimed it when he started working in the Archives in 1978 but declared that it "really is a presidential desk, having been used by three Gustavus presidents" (Matthias Wahlstrom, at least as early as 1902; P.A. Mattson, 1904-1911; and O.J. Johnson, 1913-1942).



CHESTER JOHNSON

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the College's life, coordinating the annual Scandinavian Yule Tide and May breakfasts and regularly attending fine arts events and other functions.

Johnson influenced many Gustavus students during his 61 years of service to the College and the Church, including Walter Youngquist '42, who established two endowments at the College in honor of Johnson. The Chester O. Johnson Geology Scholarship and the Chester O. Johnson and Walter L. Youngquist Geology Student Research/Field Studies Fund were created in 2001.

"Professor Johnson was an outstanding teacher who gave me the basis for a long and highly satisfying academic and industry

career in geology," Youngquist was quoted in a 2002 *Gustavus Quarterly* article. During his professional career Youngquist rose to the position of chief geoscientist of the world's largest oil company. "It all goes back to Chester," Youngquist maintained. "The ultimate influence of a professor can never be fully estimated."

Johnson was born in Moline, Ill., on Feb. 1, 1913. He attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where he earned an undergraduate degree in English in 1935. He went on to earn his master of science degree in geology from the University of Chicago. He married Marian "Pinky" Swanson in 1944; they had two children, a daughter, Christine (Feldman '71), and a son, Martin '76. Marian died on Jan. 1, 2010, outliving Chester by 24 days.

During his time at Gustavus Johnson was active in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological

Society of America, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Quaternary Association, the Minnesota Academy of Science, the National Association of Geology Teachers, and the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

In 2002, Chester and Marian Johnson were awarded the Greater Gustavus Award—the highest award given by the Gustavus Alumni Association, for those "who by deed, have notably advanced and aided Gustavus Adolphus College." Johnson was also recognized by the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations with its Covenant Award in 2002. The Covenant Award is given annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in building and maintaining the relationship of Gustavus with the Lutheran Church. ■

Tradition of St. Lucia Festival continues

Jennifer Fox (third from left in back), a sophomore from Hastings, Minn., reigned as the 2009 St. Lucia during Gustavus Adolphus College's 69th annual Festival of St. Lucia on Dec. 10. The Festival of St. Lucia begins the Christmas season in Swedish custom.

Every year five or six sophomore women are named to the College's St. Lucia Court based on their academic achievement, spiritual leadership, service to the College, charity, and kindness. This year's court included, from left, **Anna Swenson**, Eagan, Minn.; **Rebecca Hohag**, Colorado Springs, Colo.; **Fox**; **Mary Dierkes**, Eagan, Minn.; **Colleen Peterson**, Forest Lake, Minn.; and **Whitney O'Connell**, Excelsior, Minn. The Lucia queen is chosen from the court through a campus community vote.

Children of Gustavus employees participate as star children in the St. Lucia service in Christ Chapel. Pictured in the front row are this year's star children—from left, Paige Meyer, daughter of **Heidi Pettis Meyer '98**, assistant professor of nursing and Sorensen Hall head resident, and her husband, Mitch; Elizabeth Orth, daughter of **Sara Gostomczik Orth '97**, director of student accounts, and her husband, Jeff; Eleanor Winterfeldt, daughter of **Chad Winterfeldt**, visiting instructor of music and assistant organist, and his wife, **Beth Winterfeldt**, adjunct instructor of music and Piano Lab School director; Zechariah Muomaalme



Kyoore, son of **Paschal Kyoore**, associate professor of French, and his wife, Martha; Jullian Meier, son of **Alan Meier '87**, senior associate director of admission, and his wife, Kelli; and Logan Moe, son of **Scott Moe '95**, head men's and women's golf coach, and his wife, **Sarah Garrison Moe '02**.



Clair Johnson, 1925-2009

Longtime religion professor and the College's first chaplain

The Rev. Dr. Clair Emery Johnson, professor emeritus of religion at Gustavus Adolphus

College, died on Christmas Eve 2009 at the age of 84. One of the pillars of the College's Department of Religion during his 37 years on the faculty, Johnson continued to preach in area congregations and give presentations on religious topics—especially American religion and the life and work of Martin Luther—following his retirement from the faculty in 1995.

Johnson was born on October 5, 1925, in Evansville, Minn., the younger son of Lutheran pastor Constant Johnson, who served Lutheran parishes in Evansville and Jamestown, N.Y., and his wife, Hildur. After serving from 1943 to 1946 in the U.S. Army, he attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where he graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa in 1950. Following graduation, he entered Augustana Seminary, where he earned his master of divinity degree. He did post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he was granted both a master of sacred theology degree (1955) and a doctorate in divinity (1964).

Johnson was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1956 and served Pilgrim Lutheran Church in New York while continuing his graduate work. He was also married in 1956, to Christine Brostrom, a 1950 Gustavus graduate.

In September of 1958 Johnson accepted a call to serve his wife's alma mater as Gustavus's first chaplain and to teach in the Christianity Department. In 1962 he became a full-time professor in the newly titled Department of Religion, teaching until 1995. During his years at Gustavus he was an avid fan of the Gustavus men's basketball team, carrying on an interest in sports developed during his own college years at Augustana, where he had earned eight letters in basketball and baseball. Last season, he was proud to mark 50 years of attending Gustie basketball games.

Johnson also found time to serve as interim pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Judson, Minn., and as part-time chaplain for 21 years at the Mankato Lutheran Home. He was recognized with the Gustavus Faculty Service Award for his service at the nursing home and his 15-year volunteer ministry at the Nicollet County Jail. He preached and led Sunday forums at various area churches for nearly 50 years. In 2004 he earned the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of

Congregations' Covenant Award for contributions strengthening the partnership between the College and the Church.

Preceded in death by his wife in 1995 and his brother, the Rev. Constant Johnson, in 2005, Johnson is survived by his two children and their families—daughter Madeline Claire Johnson, her husband, Jamie Pillers, and their daughter, Lucia; and son K. Christian Johnson, his wife, Karen Christianson, and their children, Peter and Maja '13. ■

Gustavus offices partner to present earth stewardship DVD

Gustavus Adolphus College and its Center for Vocational Reflection, Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, and Office of Church Relations are sponsors of—and featured in—*Earthbound*, a new DVD on vocation and care for the earth.

Earthbound explores the biblical emphasis on God's love for the earth and the responsibility of humans to care for it. It is presented in six 25-minute sessions on two DVDs. The sessions begin with biblical, theological, and vocational reflections, selected from interviews conducted during the spring and summer of 2009, including some at Gustavus. Gustavus faculty and staff members interviewed include Darrell Jodock, Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor in Lutheran Studies; Christopher Johnson '85, director of the Center for Vocational Reflection; James Dontje, director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation; and Mark Bjelland, associate professor of geography.

According to Jodock, *Earthbound* challenges theologies that overemphasize the otherworldly at the expense of creation. Topics covered include our vocation as created and justified humans; God's salvation and this world; our calling to dominion, not domination; individual rights and the common good; the importance of developing a long-term view, and our calling to "live with enough."

Gustavus alumnus Kevin Dragseth '96 was production manager for the project, assisted by his father, Hal Dragseth. This resource series was a collaboration of several organizations: Gustavus Adolphus College, Augsburg College, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, LENS (Lutheran Lifelong Learning Network), The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Select Multimedia Resources, and Seraphim Communications. The set of two DVDs and a study guide is available from Seraphim Communications (www.seracomm.com).





Outstanding employees announced

by **Matt Thomas '00**

Three members of the Gustavus Adolphus College community were honored during the Founders Day chapel service in late October 2009 as recipients of the College's annual outstanding employee awards.

Chris Blaschko, set-up operation coordinator for the physical plant, received the 2009 Augusta Carlson Schultz Award, which is presented annually to a support staff employee who exemplifies outstanding dedication and spirit of service. Blaschko is in charge of set-up and tear-down of numerous events at the College throughout the year, including the Nobel Conference, Christmas in Christ Chapel, and Commencement. He has worked at the College for ten years.

Janet DeMars, director of the Swanson Tennis Center, received the 2009 Eric Norelius Award, given annually to an outstanding administrative employee who has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to the College. DeMars has served in her current position for 15 years. She has also been a member of the Gustavus Benefits Advisory Committee since 2003, as well as serving as an adjunct instructor for both the Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies program and the Department of Health and Exercise Science.

Carolyn Dobler, professor of mathematics and computer science, earned the 2009



Janet DeMars, Chris Blaschko, and Carolyn Dobler

Faculty Service Award, given annually to a faculty member whose service has benefited the College. Dobler came to Gustavus in 1992 and has taught classes such as introductory and applied statistics and probability. She has served on a wide range of College committees including terms on the Instructional Infrastructure Advisory Committee, the Personnel Committee, and multiple terms on the Program Assessment and Development Committee. Because of her expertise in statistics, Dobler has been called on to do data analysis of important internal surveys like the Campus Conversation Survey for the College

and the Shared Governance Survey for the Faculty Senate. In addition, she was selected by the administration for the Blue Ribbon Task Force for Curriculum Review and the Steering Committee for the most recent North Central Association accreditation review. She is also currently serving on the Compensation Committee and is the faculty representative on the Budget Committee. ■

Annexstad receives Horatio Alger Award

Gustavus trustee and St. Peter native **Al Annexstad** has been named a Horatio Alger Award recipient by the board of directors of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. Annexstad, chair and CEO of the Federated Insurance Companies of Owatonna, is one of 11 outstanding individuals recognized for accomplishing "remarkable achievements through hard work, self-reliance, and perseverance." Among his fellow 2010 inductees are Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state and now provost of Stanford University, and Gen. Tommy Franks, former commander-in-chief of the U.S. Central Command.

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans continues to fulfill its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education, awarding nearly \$7 million annually through three scholarship programs.

New awardees will be inducted in April in Washington, D.C.



Gubernatorial forum

On Nov. 9, 2009, Gustavus Adolphus College hosted a nonpartisan forum for officially declared Minnesota gubernatorial candidates that brought 12 candidates to the campus. The candidates—Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90 (DFL), Tom Bakk (DFL), Leslie Davis (RPM), Susan Gaertner (DFL), Mike Jungbauer (RPM), Steve Kelley (DFL), John Marty (DFL), Peter Roess (Green Party of Minnesota), Tom Rukavina (DFL), R.T. Rybak (DFL), Ole Savior (DFL), and Chris Wright (Grassroots Party of Minnesota)—were each asked to give a five-minute opening statement highlighting higher education policy, and questions from the audience were directed to individuals by moderator Kate Knutson, assistant professor of political science.

Stacia Vogel

Staff employees honored

Nearly 40 Gustavus staff employees were recognized upon milestone anniversaries of their years of service to the College at the annual staff Christmas luncheon in December. Pictured below are those honored for 25, 30, 40, and 45 years at the College and those who retired during 2009. ■



2009 retirees: **Jan Jensen** (left), library and theatre & dance, and **Ben Zieske**, custodial. (Not pictured: **Sue McClain**, Book Mark.)

Photos by Steve Waldhauser '70



Honored for longtime service: **Sue Myhra**, residential life - 30 years; **Bob Hahn**, physical plant - 40 years; and **Sandy Grochow**, finance office - 45 years. (Not pictured: **Rick Walter**, physical plant - 30 years.)



25 years: **Ginny Bakke**, library; **Janine Genelin**, Old Main departments; and **Linda Gibbs**, custodial. (Not pictured: **Karen Kepka**, custodial.)



Forum moderator **Kate Knutson** and candidate **Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90**



Alex Messenger '10



Learning through Service / Service through Learning

by **Barbara Fister**

Recently, the *New York Times* published a story on service-learning, pointing out that colleges often have difficulty ensuring service actually benefits their communities. One professor told the *Times*, “Academic institutions are focused on making sure their students learn from the service-learning experience, but they aren’t always paying similar attention to the organizations that provide that service, much less their clients.”

Gustavus has an “app” for that. Launched last year through the leadership of Jeffrey Rathlef, director of Community Service and Service-Learning, and several St. Peter movers-and-shakers, the Partnership Council was formed with the mission of promoting effective campus/community collaborations in civic engagement between the College and the St. Peter community. Members of the council are chosen to serve as community connectors, drawing on their personal and professional networks to help students have authentic learning experiences that pay off for the community.

They also have another aim in mind. Since managing truly reciprocal relationships between the community and the classroom is a common challenge for higher education, the Partnership’s mission includes “to become a premier model for supporting highly effective campus/community collaborations in a rural context.”

Service-Learning Partnerships in Action

Kyle Chambers of the Department of Psychology wanted his students to apply principles of developmental psychology by designing projects for the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota. Peter Olson, the museum’s executive director, and April Rao, the project coordinator of the Creative Play Place in St. Peter, a community resource for area families, were partners in the community. Around 60 students, majoring in nursing, health and exercise science, and other fields



Kyle Chambers

*Students in Assistant Professor of Psychology Kyle Chambers’s class in developmental psychology created exhibits for the Mankato Children Museum’s grand opening in November 2009. Pictured above from left are five of the students who teamed to created a “Build Your Own Puppet” exhibit: **Seth Kuck**, a junior from Burnsville, Minn.; **Jessica Stinson**, a junior from Minnetonka, Minn.; **Katie Meyers**, a sophomore from St. Paul; **Matthew Van Fossen**, a junior from Albert Lea, Minn.; and **Colby Citrowske**, a junior from Canby, Minn. In the photo at right is sophomore **Irma Marquez** of St. James, Minn., pictured at her exhibit on Mexico.*

as well as psychology, worked in groups to identify a topic related to the course, such as cooperation among children, development of motor skills, or how dramatic play or music influences child development. They reviewed research studies on the topic and observed children interact at Creative Play Place and at a local day care center. Then each group translated what they had learned into an experience that would engage children in learning while offering the children’s parents insights into child development.

The timeframe for these projects was tight. Students first presented their ideas to museum officials, who offered feedback. By November 19, they had their prototype exhibits completed in time for a fundraiser for the museum that was attended by over 1,000 adults and children. One student group, for example, designed a gigantic heart; children climbed into it through tunnels (simulating veins and arteries) and in each chamber of the heart they learned about its functions through play, such as throwing white blood cells at attacking germs. “It was great!” Chambers says, and it was a successful event for the museum.

But it didn’t end there. After students reflected on how things went and what they might do differently after real children had given their exhibits a workout, they presented proposals for permanent exhibits to the Children’s Museum board, which selected some of them for funding. Work will continue during the spring to turn the selected prototypes into permanent exhibits.

Martin Lang ’95 of the Department of Communication Studies and students in his Video Representation course worked with staff and students at St. Peter Middle and High School to produce short “public service announcement” videos for the school. “I began a conversation last year with people in the school district,” Lang says. “They were looking for help to support their newly revised lunch program, which has a more healthful focus but also offers more choices to students.”

Lang’s students met with school officials, interviewed students, and investigated the program’s goals. Then students in the course



Kyle Chambers

planned, shot, and edited four different promotional videos aimed at promoting different aspects of healthful eating. “The students collaborated closely with students in the

middle and high schools, who were the performers for each production,” according to Lang. “We hope to screen the videos with staff and the ‘stars’ this month, then put finishing touches on them and turn them over to the middle school for their use.”

This experience gave Gustavus students a chance to develop and execute an intensive video project from concept to screen.

“Becoming proficient with the mechanics is important—creating storyboards, effective lighting, setting up the camera, editing—but the collaborative work dynamics are also

critical,” Lang points out. “Despite the increasing technological power of the individual producer, video production is still a deeply collaborative process.”

Working with a community partner adds a number of important dimensions to the students’ learning, Lang finds. “First, I hope that it drives home the change-making power of effective communication, particularly via the media. Second, it forces the students to consider and reconcile their goals with the motivations of people who are not in it for the grade; this required some nuanced wrangling of group dynamics. Third, it connects the theoretical to the practical in a way that no in-class assignment could ever do. Fourth, it applies what I call the ‘geothermal effect’ of civic engagement projects: my students would be working very hard on whatever final project I assign them, even if nobody other than me ever saw the videos. This project (and the others we have taken up every time I teach the course) captures that energy
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Voices from the community

Ben Leonard

Nicollet County Historical Society

“We are so lucky to have the college here,” remarked an older gentleman behind the counter as I made the “I just moved here three hours ago” trip to the hardware store back in 2004. I was so happy to hear him say that. I came to St. Peter to work at the Historical Society. I came to raise a family. I didn’t come here for the college. I did come here, though, because having Gustavus Adolphus here makes St. Peter a better place to do those things.

I have had many, many professional and personal relationships with Gustavus over the past five-and-a-half years. I have many friends who are alumni, staff, and faculty. My daughter has been involved in field trips to campus and the Big Partner program. Our family has attended events, meetings, and consumed many, many meals. I have offered a January Experience on local history and research.

The Nicollet County Historical Society has had over 25 college interns in that span. Each year we welcome class visits and international student orientation groups. The College is

an institutional member of the Society, meaning any student, staff, or faculty can visit our four sites for free, including our archives and most events. Last semester a group of students did fundraising for the Society as part of their coursework—what a wonderful resource! NCHS partnered with Sean Cobb in the English Department to bring the film *King Corn* and its filmmaker, Ian Cheney, to the Treaty Site History Center.

The Partnership Council coordinated by Jeffrey Rathlef from Gustavus’s Community Service Center has become an invaluable tool in germinating, nurturing, and promoting many community/campus relationships. I have never seen the separation of town and gown here in St. Peter, but I think with the help of people like Jeffrey, the College and the community are working together better today than at times in the past.

Paul Peterson '94

Principal of the St. Peter Middle/High School

Saint Peter Public Schools are in constant partnership and collaboration with Gustavus faculty, student organizations, departments, and offices. Our relationship is dynamic and

is one of the shining examples of what makes Saint Peter an ‘education community.’ From the high school’s perspective, I think both sides of the partnership take full advantage of the fact that our campuses are only 40 feet apart!

Rachel Larson

*Assistant principal,
St. Peter Middle/High School*

The Partnership Council characterizes the ideal community partnership. Under the direction and vision of Jeffrey Rathlef, it has connected local organizations, Gustavus, business and community leaders, St. Peter Public Schools, and young adults with one another. Intertwining the diverse talents, services, and programs within the St. Peter community has been beneficial for countless citizens. Working cooperatively to enhance and improve the community we share is the ideal goal of the council. The Partnership Council has given me a new appreciation for, and acknowledgement of, the supportive community of citizens here who are dedicated to maintaining and promoting a healthy, innovative, and connected community.

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and puts it to good additional use. Not all my classes afford that opportunity, so I love tapping it with this one. Fifth—and I think this is the most important—it forces students to think creatively about how to convert their own resources into something useful for those who do not have access to them. It's a kind of redistribution of intellectual and material wealth, I suppose—the middle school students who took part in the productions now have insight into the process and power of video production and hopefully will be somewhat inspired by that."

And the reciprocity has an immediate practical purpose. "The middle school also now has a set of resources they can use that they could not create on their own for lack of equipment and expertise."

Also in the Communication Studies Department, **Maria Beatriz Torres** involves students enrolled in Small Group Communication in planning and executing fundraisers for local organizations that are identified with the help of the Partnership Council. This provides a laboratory for exploring communication concepts while at the same time addressing local needs. "The Council provided a lot of input and offered a list of nonprofit organizations which would benefit from fundraising efforts," Torres explains. But from a pedagogical perspective, "the goal of the project was to learn about the role communication plays within small groups as the group forms, structures, changes, problem-solves, and handles conflict while making decisions."

"During the semester, students met with community partners and learned about the work of that organization in the community," according to Torres. "Community partners were actively involved in the process of planning and executing fundraisers. Students met regularly to organize their work and make decisions. Students planned and executed a variety of fundraisers: gala with a silent auction, music concerts, dancing events, raffle tickets, etc." As they worked, students recorded what happened during those meetings, explaining in reflective journals and a final paper how their group operated based

on various theories about small-group communication studied in class. Torres found it an opportunity for meaningful learning. "I have tried different approaches to teaching this course and this one has been, based on students' comments, the best way to learn about group interaction and the role of communication in shaping roles, norms, brainstorming, problem-solving, decision-making, leadership, and handling conflict."

That doesn't mean it was always easy. "This assignment was at times messy, challenging and controversial. One of my groups was very frustrated with the community partner as they wanted the partner to be more involved in their fundraiser ideas. Others found that working with community partners actually helped them achieve their goal better, but learned it the hard way, overcoming busy schedules and sometimes miscommunication. Along the way, students learned about policies, permissions, liability, resources, etc. that would have never been learned if they were asked to do a research

paper. No matter how hard you try to control all the variables there is always something new that you have not anticipated. This is the nature of this type of learning, which requires a lot of patience and flexibility."

But the messiness paid off. Students learned about community organizations and the organizations, in turn, learned about Gustavus students—and reaped the benefits as groups raised between \$550 and \$1,100 for their causes. "Working with a 'real' partner in a project that will affect someone outside of the classroom is very powerful," Torres concludes. "Students learned how to communicate not only among group members but with community partners and other organizations. They were empowered to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers and achieve those ideas or goals as a result of a group collective effort."

Student perspectives

These comments were included in student evaluations of service-learning courses.

"Learning about social justice helped me to apply it to my service project, to understand where it needs improvements in schools, and how I can apply social justice in my life."

"I learned the importance of equality and the importance of social change in the classroom."

"My learning of theory from my practice helped to give me the knowledge of how to apply service research in my future classroom."

"By learning about social justice in EDU 398, I was aware of what to look out for and how to implement the theory into the classroom."

"Our group has learned the importance of effective opinion giving during the course of the semester. . . . From the very beginning we openly shared our ideas, but as the semester went on we became more and more comfortable sharing our opinions and

judgments of one another's ideas. This helped our group to make thoughtful and productive decisions."

"This project was a lot of work. However, I am proud to say that when I interview for a job in the future I will be able to draw from this group experiences that I never had before."

"This class has taught us that fundraising is not easy and provides unexpected challenges. We all have a new appreciation for people who organize fundraisers and plan events in general! Things don't always go as planned, or turn out the way you expect them to."

"The reason we were so passionate about our project was because we all agreed that our organization significantly aids the community."

When **Sidonia Alenuma** joined the Elementary and Secondary Education program, service-learning was already a part of the curriculum. “Ever since my arrival at Gustavus in 2006,” she says, “I continued the tradition of collaborating with the [Community Service] Center in teaching one of the most important courses that the aspiring teachers of our department have to take before they graduate.” She explains that Human Relations in Education and its lab component, Understanding Individual Student Needs, are “geared toward preparing the potential teachers to be culturally sensitive, to advocate for their students, to be empathetic to the needs of diverse students, and to promote equity and social justice-related activities and pedagogy in their classrooms.”

The Community Partnership has been critical both to the students and to the community members benefiting from the collaboration. “All of the projects that students embark on have been based on real-life needs and concerns of principals of our local

schools,” says Alumena. “I am confident that none of the service-learning projects and the required laboratory experience of EDU 390 would have been possible without the Community Service Center’s involvement and the Community Partnership initiative.”

Jeffrey Rathlef and Dave Newell '03 of the Community Service Center add their perspective on the course:

“We have very much enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to continue the partnership between the Community Service Center and the Department of Education. Under our collective stewardship, the course has and continues to evolve toward a distinct form of service-learning that perhaps holds the highest potential for social change—community-based research. With research topics identified first and foremost by local school principals, students’ findings and recommendations hold the potential to inform and influence decisions being considered on current issues facing the local school

district at present. At semester’s end, student research teams present their findings and recommendations to faculty and staff in the local area schools.

“One distinct feature of EDU 390 is a strong emphasis on skill building with regards to community engagement. In addition to an overview of service-learning in general, and community-based research in particular, additional emphasis is placed on building skills around managing the dynamics of working effectively with community partners. Dynamics such as how to work in partnership, how to negotiate a research question, how to foster a sense of reciprocity, and how to formulate and present recommendations that are constructive are all dealt with in detail in this course. Through a careful consideration of the ‘approach’ and management of their own research project, students are encouraged to consider how social justice can be realized within the act of doing service-learning itself.” ■

Gustavus music on the road

Three of Gustavus’s touring music ensembles will embark on concert tours in March and April 2010. Take in a concert if they are in your area!

The Gustavus Jazz Lab Band’s East Coast Tour

The Gustavus Jazz Lab Band, directed by Steve Wright, will undertake a concert tour between March 26 and April 2 that takes the ensemble to venues in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village
269 Bleecker Street, New York, N.Y.

Monday, March 29, TBD

Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

The Fairfax
2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
825 South Taylor Street, Arlington, Va.

Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Home Concert in Björling Recital Hall
Gustavus Adolphus College

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra’s North Country Tour

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, led by Gregory Aune, heads north in late March, performing in Duluth and northern Michigan and winding up in Schaumburg, Ill.

Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church
1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, Minn.

Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church
2501 Woodland Ave., Duluth, Minn.

Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.

The Historic Ironwood Theatre
107 E Aurora St., Ironwood, Mich.

Monday, March 29, 7 p.m.

Manistique High School
100 N Cedar St., Manistique, Mich.

Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Luke’s Lutheran Church
3215 Four Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
930 West Higgins Road, Schaumburg, Ill.

Sunday, April 11, 1:30 p.m.

Home Concert in Christ Chapel
Gustavus Adolphus College

The Gustavus Choir’s Heartland Tour

The Gustavus Choir, directed by Gregory Aune, will make an abbreviated tour this year, singing at sites in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, Minn.

Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5409 NW 72nd St., Kansas City, Mo.

Friday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Presser Hall, Bethany College
335 East Swensson St., Lindsborg, Kan.

Saturday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church
510 N. 93rd St., Omaha, Neb.

Sunday, April 25, 4 p.m.

St. John’s Lutheran Church
600- 6th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, May 1, 3 p.m.

Home Concert in Christ Chapel
Gustavus Adolphus College

All concerts are free and open to the public. (A free-will donation will be graciously accepted during intermission.)

**CICE UPDATE**

‘But is it really worth it?’: *The importance of windows and mirrors*

(and other news from the Center for International and Cultural Education)

by Carolyn O’Grady, director

Recently I was interviewed by a reporter for MarketWatch.com who was investigating the costs of study away, why students do it, and whether it is “worth it.” This reporter had heard some parents say that study away is really more of a social experience than it is an educational or academic one, and therefore the extra expense for study away is not justified. What did I think of this?

At Gustavus we emphasize that study away is just that: STUDY away. It isn’t vacation away, or tourism away, or just-go-and-have-fun away. We review our programs to ensure academic rigor, and all of us on campus—from faculty and advisers right down to students who have returned from a study-abroad experience—reinforce that study away is about taking classes and earning academic credit. Of course we also hope that in the process of studying away, students do enjoy themselves as well as increase their interpersonal skills.

The emerging reality is simply that today’s student cannot afford NOT to study abroad. The experience is “worth it” on multiple levels, both short-term and long-term. In the short-term, students develop knowledge about a particular culture, have a distinctive educational experience, increase their ability to communicate effectively in intercultural settings, and become more adaptable while living and studying in an unfamiliar environment. In essence, they are able to have a “mirror and window” opportunity.¹ They are able to see themselves in new ways, as though in a mirror, but they are also able to see the world (including both their host and their home countries) as though through a window. Education must provide students with more than just a mirror of themselves. Study away offers a window into the experience of other places and other people.



Vicki Schroeder '09, who spent the fall semester of 2008 participating in a program in Ghana offered by the School for International Training (SIT), brought home new perspectives on the world—and this photo of one of her SIT classmates with a group of Ghanaian children.

What an opportunity for a powerful internal dialogue between multiple frames of reference!

But there is also a long-term benefit to study away. Today’s student who has studied abroad has enhanced employment opportunities. A recent study conducted by the Institute of International Education polled U.S. industry and business leaders. Of the 206 respondents, 60 percent reported that their organization’s hiring and promotion strategy “pursued and rewarded recruits who have acquired international experience through study abroad.”² This has a direct effect on that student’s earning power. That should be “worth it” to any undergraduate and his or her family.

Yes, study away can cost more than staying on campus, though it doesn’t have to. How much more depends on the program a student chooses. It is always important for students and their families to compare the cost of the study-away program with the billable expenses they would pay to stay on campus (tuition, room and board, and fees). In most cases, the difference will not be as great as some parents or students assume. Further, studying abroad while in college ensures that a student has the international experience while simultaneously undergirded by the full support of on-campus services (health and safety oversight, credit integrity, and reentry support).

Vicki Schroeder '09

A study-away experience is not an extra luxury. It is an essential component of preparing for a successful life and career. Anyone who thinks this isn't "worth it" has not done their homework.

Some Other Things We're Excited About

Have We Got a Blog for You!

Check out some of the blogs that students on January Interim off-campus study courses wrote during January from London, Costa Rica, and other places around the globe. You can also see blogs from students studying away on semester programs. Go to <http://cice.blog.gustavus.edu/>. And while you're on our website, take a look at the Re-Entry information that is now online (gustavus.edu/academics/cice/reentry/reentrystrategies.php). Many students experience as much culture shock coming *back* from study away as they do when they go. (Imagine returning after a semester in southern India to

find three feet of snow and "business as usual" here on campus!) We hope these resources will provide students and their families with some tips for making a smooth transition.

Technology Upgrade

Last summer the Center for International and Cultural Education took a huge step forward in adopting a software program called StudioAbroad. This file management system provides online information for students, staff, administrators, and parents. It enables us to accept study-away applications and faculty recommendations online. It offers robust search capabilities, online learning and assessment content, auto reminders to applicants for missing materials, e-mail and application activity logs, and a variety of data management and risk management tools. This system will streamline many of our current procedures and also provide students with better information about study away.

We'd Like to Hear from You

Have questions about study abroad? Have good ideas about what you think we should be doing? Have a bone to pick with us? Get in touch! We'd love to talk with you. ■

Carolyn O'Grady, professor of education at the College, has served as director of the CICE since 2008. She can be contacted at 507-933-7545 or cogrady@gustavus.edu.

¹ Style, Emily (1996). "Curriculum as window & mirror." Wellesley College Center for Research on Women: National SEED Project. (Available at wcwonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=652&Itemid=127&Itemid=299.)

² Gutierrez, Robert and Rajika Bhandari (2009, October). "The value of international education to U.S. business and industry leaders: Key findings from a survey of CEOs." IIE Briefing Paper 3. New York, NY: Institute of International Education, p. 2. (Paper available at iie.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Research_and_Evaluation/Briefing_Papers/Briefing_Papers1.htm.)

2010 Summer Sports Camps

Gustavus's strong athletic tradition is reflected in the development and growth of a number of summer sports camps. Your sons and daughters can participate! All camps listed feature knowledgeable coaching staffs, acclaimed athletic facilities, and quality dining service and housing accommodations. Complete summer camp information is posted at gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/camps.

Gustie Soccer Camp

Boys and girls (Ages 10-14): June 20-24

Boys and girls (Ages 10-17): July 6-10

Contact Mike Stehlik: mstehlik@gustavus.edu, gustavus.edu/go/soccercamp

Gustavus Hockey and Leadership Camp

Mites, Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams: July 5-9

Defensemen Skills Camp: July 9-11

Girls: July 11-15

3-on-3 Cross-Rink: July 15-18

Contact Brett Petersen: 507-933-7615, bpeters4@gustavus.edu

Gustavus Volleyball Camp

Competition Camp (Grades 7-12): July 31-Aug. 1 (overnight camp)

Gustie Camp (Grades 7-12): Aug. 2-3 (day camp)

Contact Kari Eckheart: 507-933-6416, keckhear@gustavus.edu

Gustavus Golf Camps

Boys and girls (Ages 9-17): June 13-17

Contact Scott Moe: 507-933-7610, smoe@gustavus.edu

Tennis & Life Camps

Junior Camps (Ages 11-18):

June 7-10, June 14-17,

July 5-8, Aug 2-5,

August 5-8

Junior Camps (Ages 14-18):

June 10-13, June 24-27,

June 28-July 1,

July 12-15, July 26-29

Tournament Player Camps (Ages 11-18):

June 21-24, July 19-22

Adult Camps (Ages 18-80):

June 3-6, June 17-20, July 15-18

Family Camps (Ages 8-80):

July 8-11, July 22-25,

July 29-Aug. 1

Contact Steve Wilkinson: 507-931-1614,

swilkins@gustavus.edu

Gustavus Basketball Camps for Boys and Girls

Shooting Camp (Grades 8-12): June 12

Grades 6-7: June 13-16, June 16-19

Grades 7-8: June 20-24

Grades 8-9: June 27-July 1

Varsity: July 5-9

Grades 8-10: July 11-15

Grades 9-11: July 18-22

Contact Mark Hanson: 507-933-7037,

mhanson@gustiebasketballcamp.com

Gustavus Running Camp

Grades 8-12: July 27-July 1

Contact Dale Bahr: 507-340-2237, dbahr@gustavus.edu

Gustie Football Camps

All-Star 7-on-7 Passing Tournament:

Wednesday, June 23

Contact Peter Haugen: 507-933-7660, pahaugen2@gustavus.edu

"Good Better Best" Softball Camp

Girls (Grades 8-12): Aug. 9-12

Contact Jeff Annis: 507-381-0633, www.gbbsoftballcamps.com

Gustie Swimming Camps

Boys and girls (Ages 10-18)

Sprint Camp: June 15-19

Technique & Training Camp:

June 20-24, August 4-8

Contact Jon Carlson: 507-933-7694, carlson@gustavus.edu

Southern Minnesota Throwers Camp

Boys and girls (Grades 8-12)

One-day Shot Put Camps:

June 15, 21, 23

One-day Disc Camps

June 14, 16, 22, 24

Contact Tom Thorkelson: 507-933-7657, tork@gustavus.edu

Gustavus Nordic Ski Camp

Boys and girls (Grades 8-12): June 11-15

Contact Jed Friedrich: 507-933-7632, jfriedri@gustavus.edu

**And a different kind of performance camp . . .****Fourth Summer Speech Institute scheduled**

Gustavus Adolphus College and its award-winning forensics team will offer their fourth annual Summer Speech Institute (SSI) for high school students on the Gustavus campus July 25–31. Students entering their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school in the fall of 2010 with a minimum of one year of competitive experience are eligible to attend. The first 80 applicants will be accepted.

Twelve tournament speech events are covered:

- Creative Expression, Drama,
- Dramatic Duo, Extemporaneous Reading, Extemporaneous Speaking,
- Great Speeches, Humorous, Informative, Oratory, Poetry, Prose, and Storytelling.

Students will work with and learn from nationally recognized high school coaches, collegiate coaches, and collegiate competitors who know the ins and outs of high school speech. In addition to event preparation, all participants will learn vocal warm-ups, tournament etiquette, and competitive ethics, and gain the confidence necessary to compete at the highest level.

Sixty-nine students attended the 2009 SSI, and more than half had qualified for their 2009 state tournament (including four state champions). For more information about attending the 2010 SSI and/or tuition, contact Kristopher Kracht, visiting instructor of communication studies and director of forensics at Gustavus (507-933-7486, kkracht@gustavus.edu, or visit the SSI website at gustavus.edu/academics/communication/forensics/camp/).

Gustavus will also offer its second annual Summer Coaching Institute for high school coaches this summer, to run concurrently with the Summer Speech Institute. Whether you are new to the activity or have extensive coaching experience, the Gustavus Coaching Institute offers you the opportunity to develop the expertise necessary to coach your students to compete successfully. Two credit options are available: Continuing Education credits (you will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the institute), or 1–3 graduate credits at \$225 per credit. More information on the Coaching Institute, including mail-in and online registration forms, is also available on the SSI website.

Hillstrom exhibition features notorious art forger

by Donald Myers '83

Art forgery has existed for nearly as long as art has been prized. Past examples include the faking of Greek sculpture in the Roman era, plus instances when Italian Renaissance sculptor Michelangelo (1475–1564) as a young apprentice forged drawings by his teacher Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449–1494), and when he buried a marble sculpture he had carved of a *Sleeping Cupid* (now lost) prior to it being sold as an antique, so that it would look more ancient.

In the modern era, the exploits of numerous infamous forgers have been recounted, and one of the most notorious cases has to do with Hungarian-born Elmyr de Hory (1906–1976). After an early life of privilege that included art studies in Budapest, Munich, and Paris, de Hory's situation was turned upside down by World War II, during which he was imprisoned twice, his family's estate was taken, and his father died in Auschwitz. It was almost by accident, and related to his penurious circumstances following the war, that de Hory began offering works he had created in the style of other artists as genuine works by those artists. A wealthy acquaintance visiting his Paris studio in 1946 noted a drawing he had made in the style of Pablo Picasso (1881–1973) and offered to buy it. De Hory did not explicitly say that the drawing was by Picasso, but he sold it to his friend knowing she believed it to be so. This started a career that would ultimately result in hundreds, perhaps even more than a thousand of his paintings and drawings—fakes of modern masters that also included Henri Matisse (1869–1954), Amedeo Modigliani (1884–1920), and others—being accepted into museums and prominent collections in the U.S. and abroad.

Mark Forgy, who formed a close friendship with de Hory in the final years of his life, has lent works that the artist gave or bequeathed to him. Some of these were done in the manner of other artists but signed with de Hory's own name, while others were in his own style. After a chance meeting in 1969, Forgy became an assistant and friend to the artist, living with him in his home on the Spanish island of Ibiza until de Hory's death by suicide in 1976. Forgy came on the scene just after de Hory's story was becoming known. A few months before the two men met, a book titled



Elmyr de Hory (1906–1976), Portrait of a Woman (in the style of Modigliani), c.1974, oil on canvas, 21 x 15 inches, Collection of Mark Forgy.



Elmyr de Hory (1906–1976), Matisse Odalisque, c.1973, oil on canvas, 19 x 24 inches, Collection of Mark Forgy.



Elmyr de Hory (1906–1976), after Henri Matisse, Portrait of a Girl, pen and ink on paper, 20-1/2 x 15-11/16 inches, Saint Louis Art Museum, Gift of The Main Street Gallery.

Fake! The Story of Elmyr de Hory, the Greatest Art Forger of Our Time was published by Clifford Irving (just a short time before creating his own forgery, the spurious biography of Howard Hughes). This led to articles about de Hory in *Look* and *Life* magazine, as well as a BBC documentary in 1970, and *F for Fake*, a 1972 film about de Hory and the nature of faking by the great Orson Welles. Interest in

de Hory has continued, especially since many believe that his fakes are still unrecognized in significant collections. A recent film by Norwegian Knut Jorfald, titled *Masterpiece or Forgery? The Story of Elmyr de Hory* (1997), will be joined by a new documentary being produced by filmmaker Jeff Oppenheim that draws from Forgy's recently written memoirs.

In addition to around 70 paintings, drawings, and prints by de Hory from Forgy's collection,

the exhibition will also include genuine works by some of the artists de Hory frequently forged, lent by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, plus a fake Matisse from the collection of the Saint Louis Art Museum, to which it was donated for study purposes as a recognized de

Hory forgery. The exhibition is supported with a generous grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation. It will be accompanied by an illustrated catalogue that includes an essay by Forgy about de Hory, and the works on display will include explanatory texts based on Forgy's reminiscences.

Related programming presented in conjunction with *Elmyr de Hory, Artist and Faker* includes two public lectures. The first, by prominent art critic and writer Jonathan Lopez, author of the 2009 bestseller *The Man Who Made Vermeers: Unvarnishing the Legend of Master Forger Han van Meegeren*, was presented in February. Van Meegeren ranks with de Hory as one of the most recognized art forgers and is known for his fakes after the Dutch 17th-century painter Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675). A second public lecture will be given by Mark Forgy, considering his relationship with Elmyr de Hory and the aesthetic implications of faked works of art (3:30 p.m., March 21, Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science). ■

Donald Myers '83 has directed the Hillstrom Museum of Art at Gustavus Adolphus College since its opening in 2000.



Henry Schnakenberg (1892–1970), Dominoes, 1956, oil on canvas, 9 x 20 inches, gift of the Reverend Richard L. Hillstrom.

FOCUS IN/ON:

Dominoes (1956), by Henry Schnakenberg (1892–1970)

A 1956 oil painting titled *Dominoes*, by American artist Henry Schnakenberg (1892–1970), is the subject of the latest of the Hillstrom Museum's FOCUS IN/ON projects, in which a single work from the Hillstrom Collection is analyzed in depth in collaboration with a colleague from across the curriculum. The painting is exhibited with an essay co-written with Carolyn Pillers Dobler, professor and chair, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, which will consider Schnakenberg and his career, and the elements of pattern and chance that can be discerned in the painting. *Dominoes* was donated to the Museum in 2000 by the Reverend Richard L. Hillstrom. He purchased it in 1969 from Kraushaar Galleries, New York, which represented the prominent realist Schnakenberg during much of his professional life, most of which was spent in New York, where he taught at the Art Students League and served for a time as its president.

CALENDAR **SPRING BURSTING OUT**

Elmyr de Hory (1906–1976), Portrait of Mark Forgy, 1969, oil on canvas, 28 x 19 inches, Collection of Mark Forgy. Forgy will give a public lecture based on his memoirs of his friendship with de Hory on March 21.

MARCH

Continuing through April 18 Art Exhibition:

- Elmyr de Hory, Artist and Faker:** 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.
- 6 Scholarship Day; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 6 **GLA's "Easter Bunny Breakfast"**; Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 9:30 a.m. Reservations required; order tickets online at gustavustickets.com.
- 13 Conference: **"Building Bridges"** student-led diversity conference: "Immigration: Surviving the Land of Opportunity"; Alumni Hall, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Open to students and the Gustavus community without charge, but reservations requested; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 14 **Guest Artist Recital:** Mika Kumala, traditional Japanese vocalist and Noguchi Taisô performance artist; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Amanda

Nienow, assistant professor of chemistry, speaking about forensic science; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

- 18–20 Music: **2010 National Tubonium**; Jussi Björling Recital Hall. For more information, visit www.houseoflowaire.com.
- 19 Music: **Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras**, with 2010 Tubonium guest soloists, Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 19–20 Conference: **Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference**; Old Main, starting at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Pi Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and the Department of Political Science.
- 20 27th annual **President's Ball**; International Market Square, Minneapolis, 6 p.m. Tickets required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 21 Art Lecture: **Mark Forgy**, lender of the works by Elmyr de Hory in current Hillstrom exhibition, from his memoirs of his friendship with de Hory; Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 27 (–Apr. 5) **Easter Recess and Spring Break**

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- 8 **Biennial Moe Lecture:** Economist Drucilla Barker, director of women's and gender studies, University of South Carolina; Alumni Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 10 Music: **Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert**, Steve Wright, director; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 11 Music: **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Home Concert** Gregory Aune, conductor; Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 17 **Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations'** 23rd annual convention: "Growing Healthier Congregations," keynoted by Pat Taylor Ellison, Ph.D., consultant and managing director of research and development, Church Innovations; 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).

- 20 Music: **Gustavus Oratorio Festival**; Schaefer Fine Arts Center and Christ Chapel, all day (Festival Concert, Gregory Aune, director; Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.)
- 21 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Virgil Jones, director of multicultural programs; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).
- 22, 23, 24, & 25 Theatre: **The Arabian Nights**, by Mary Zimmerman, directed by Henry MacCarthy; Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (April 22, 23, & 24) and 2 p.m. (April 25). Ticket required; order online at gustavustickets.com or contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 23 Music: **Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert**, Patricia Kazarow, conductor; Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 25 Music: **Gustavus Percussion Ensemble**, Bob Adney and Paul Hill, conductors; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 25 Music: **Gustavus Chamber Singers and Adolphus Jazz Ensemble**, Rod Urtel and Steve Wright, directors; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 28 30th annual **MAYDAY! Peace Conference:** "Imagining Peace," keynoted by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, M.Div., author and assistant professor of justice and peace studies, University of St. Thomas; Christ Chapel, opening at 10 a.m. Open to the public without charge, but pre-registration requested; contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).
- 30 **Celebration of Creative Inquiry**; C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, 5–7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

"Immigration: Surviving the Land of Opportunity" is the theme of this year's **"Building Bridges"** annual student-led diversity conference to be held March 13. Keynote speakers are Kao Kalia Yang, Hmong-American author, and Paul Hillmer, history professor at Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449) for reservations and additional information.



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

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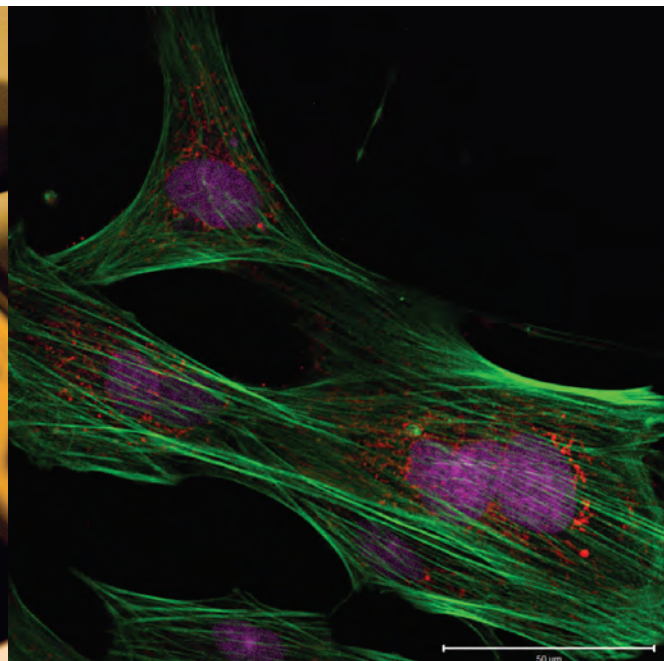
- 1 **Honors Day:** Convocation, Christ Chapel, 10:30 a.m.; Honors Day Recital, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).
- 1 (-May 30) Art Exhibition: **Senior Studio Art Majors' Exhibition;** Hillstrom Museum of Art. 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 1, 4-6 p.m.
- 1 Music: **Gustavus Choir Home Concert,** Gregory Aune, conductor; Christ Chapel, 3 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 1 **Diversity Awards Banquet;** Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms, 6 p.m. Open to the Gustavus community without charge; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 1 Music: **Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras,** Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 2 Music: **A Gustavus Woodwind Chamber Concert,** Ann Pesavento, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 7-8 **Relay for Life 2010;** Lund Center, starting at 6 p.m. on May 7.
- 9 Music: **Lucia Singers' Mothers' Day Concert,** Patricia Snapp, conductor; Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 9 Music: **Brassworks!** Scott Moore, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 14, 15, & 16 Dance: **Time to Soar: The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert;** Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (May 14 & 15) and 2 p.m. (May 16). Ticket required; order online at gustavustickets.com or contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 19 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast,** featuring Al Molde '66, director of intercollegiate athletics, and Tim Kennedy '82, sports information director; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).
- 25 **Spring Semester ends.**
- 28-29 **Alumni Reunion Weekend:** 45th- and 50th-anniversary class reunions and 50 Year Club gathering; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation on May 29, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437 or gustavus.edu/alumni/).
- 29 Music: **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Season Finale,** Gregory Aune, conductor; Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 30 **Commencement:** Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting; if inclement, Lund Arena), 2 p.m. Tickets required for baccalaureate (and commencement if indoors); for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).

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

THE ARTS To receive a more complete **fine arts schedule** or more information on fine arts events noted in the calendar, contact Al Behrends '77, director of fine arts programs, by phone (507-933-7363) or e-mail (al@gustavus.edu).

TICKETS Tickets for Artist Series and theatre and dance performances may be ordered online at www.gustavustickets.com. Theatre and dance tickets are available two weeks in advance of the performance.

DIRECTIONS Driving directions to Gustavus may be accessed at gustavus.edu/welcome/maps. A campus map may be viewed and downloaded in pdf form from this same Web page.



TOOLS FOR LEARNING

Support for state-of-the-art instrumentation and curriculum initiatives bolsters sciences at Gustavus

by Matt Thomas '00

Above, left: The College's new Zeiss confocal microscope, purchased to support collaborative research.

Above, right: An image captured by biochemistry professor Jeff Dahlseid '90 on the Zeiss confocal microscope using a FluoCells-prepared slide obtained from Molecular Probes, Inc., as supplied by Invitrogen, Ltd. The image is of mammalian skin cells grown in tissue culture, with three cell structures stained with different-colored fluorescent dyes that bind with each structure: microfilaments (green), mitochondria (red), and DNA (magenta). The scale bar shows the distance in microns or micrometers (one-millionth of a meter).

Gustavus Adolphus College is acquiring state-of-the-art science research instrumentation equipment and developing new curriculum initiatives thanks to significant grants received from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).

In addition to a \$250,000 NSF research instrumentation grant for an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) to assist faculty in water quality and geochemistry research, announced in October 2009 and covered in the previous issue of the *Quarterly*, the College received two more awards from the NSF in December: a three-year, \$155,000 curriculum development grant that will allow the faculty to integrate sustainability in the College's science curriculum, and a \$310,000 scientific instrumentation grant for the purchase of a scanning laser Doppler vibrometer (SLDV) for advanced acoustics research.

The College also recently purchased a Zeiss LSM 700 laser (scanning) confocal microscope with funds from a \$1 million science education grant received in April 2008 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute of Chevy Chase, Md., and with support from Gustavus.

Curriculum development support from the NSF

A three-year NSF curriculum development grant will assist participating faculty members in integrating sustainability across and within the science curriculum at Gustavus. While this initiative involves a wide range of faculty members, core project faculty are lead proposal author Chuck Niederriter, professor of physics, and co-authors Colleen Jacks '79, professor of biology, and Jeff Jeremiason, associate professor of chemistry and director of the Environmental Studies program.

“Given students’ increasing interest in energy, sustainability, and the environment, this curriculum initiative will play a strategic role in both responding to that interest and preparing students for a world in which such matters will only become more prominent,” says Niederriter.

The award will enable the faculty members involved and others to develop interdisciplinary laboratory experiences related to sustainability. Niederriter and the co-authors of the grant intend to impact three different audiences on campus: first-year and non-science students, science students in introductory and intermediate level courses, and junior- and senior-level students majoring in the sciences.

“The goal of the project is to provide interdisciplinary teaching and learning throughout all four years of a student’s college years and, in doing so, to have a pervasive impact on students’ understanding of sustainability and the environment,” Niederriter says.

The NSF is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 “to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense.” With an annual budget of about \$6.06 billion, it is the funding source for approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America’s colleges and universities.



Professor of Physics Chuck Niederriter

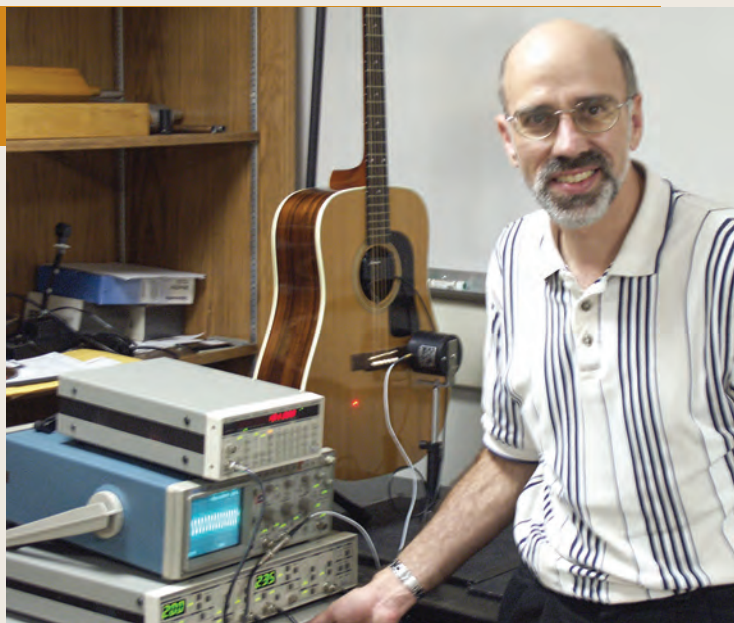
NSF instrumentation grant funds centerpiece of new acoustics lab

The College’s new Polytec PSV-400 scanning laser Doppler vibrometer was funded by the NSF’s Major Research Instrumentation Program – Recovery and Reinvestment (MRI-R²), an initiative of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This program is one facet of the NSF’s commitment to strengthen the research infrastructure at the nation’s science and engineering research and education institutions.

The new vibrometer supports the acoustic research program of physics professor Tom Huber and will serve as the centerpiece of a new cyber-enabled acoustics laboratory that will benefit not only Gustavus students and faculty, but also collaborators across the country. In April 2009, Huber had received a three-year, \$220,000 NSF grant to study the use of ultrasound to excite vibrations in microcantilevers, which are less than a third the width of a single strand of hair. The new Polytec SLDV enables much greater sensitivity for detecting vibrations of these microcantilevers, which are used as physical, chemical, or biological sensors.

“The acquisition of this instrument will allow Gustavus students access to a state-of-the-art piece of equipment to perform vibration and acoustics work,” Huber says. “It will also allow them to collaborate, through the cyber-enabled lab, with well-known researchers from institutions such as Purdue and Stanford, who do not have access to a scanning vibrometer.”

The new vibrometer and acoustics laboratory will allow Gustavus students and faculty to research and study a broad span of acoustic and vibration topics, with another major goal being the study of the physics of musical instruments. “There are many open questions in musical acoustics, and this project will enable us to better understand how musical instruments work,” Huber notes. “The vibrometer will allow us to measure vibration not only of microscopic cantilevers, but also of instruments as large as a piano, guitar, or an organ pipe.”



Physics professor Thomas Huber

Steve Waldhauser '70

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HHMI grant supports purchase of confocal microscope

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Students and faculty working in the natural sciences at Gustavus have a new high-end scientific research tool—a Zeiss LSM 700 laser (scanning) confocal microscope. The fully equipped, entirely motorized confocal instrument features four lasers, three detectors, and superior Zeiss optics. Gustavus is currently the only liberal arts college in the nation to own this model Zeiss confocal microscope, which was first released in the U.S. in January 2009.

Confocal microscopy permits innovative approaches to unraveling the underlying mechanisms of

cell communication, gene expression, and cellular development. Microscopes like the College's Zeiss allow scientists to create clean three-dimensional images of a sample through a controllable focal plane and elimination of out-of-focus glare.

“The confocal provides Gustavus students and faculty with a state-of-the-art resource for study and research at the cellular and molecular level,” says Associate Professor of Biology and Chemistry Jeff Dahlseid '90. “The instrument can determine the location and shape of three-dimensional cellular structures and quantify dynamic processes in living cells with remarkable spatial and temporal resolution. It opens up entirely new avenues for research projects, both collaborative and interdisciplinary, and is already being put to good use by students and faculty.”

Valued at approximately \$250,000, the microscope was purchased in part with funds the

College obtained through a \$1 million Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) grant announced in April 2008, one of only 48 awarded to U.S. undergraduate institutions at that time. It will eventually serve as the centerpiece of a new visualization and imaging center in the Alfred Nobel Hall of Science.

The largest private funder of science education in the United States, HHMI's grant program works to enhance science education for students at all levels. It has invested more than \$1.2 billion in grants to reinvigorate life science education at both research universities and liberal arts colleges and to engage the nation's leading scientists in teaching. The award to Gustavus supports a variety of programs that seek to transform the first-year student experience in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines—particularly through collaboration between the Departments of Biology and Chemistry. ■

Matt Thomas '00 returned to Gustavus as media relations manager in 2007. Stacia Vogel, assistant vice president for marketing and communication, and Steve Waldhauser '70, director of editorial services, contributed to this article.



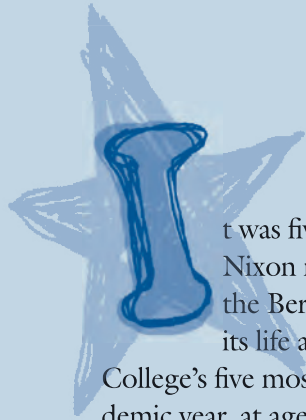
A Zeiss training specialist (foreground) demonstrates the capabilities of the College's new Zeiss LSM 700 confocal microscope for (from left) biology professor John Lammert, sophomore student Jeff Rossow, biology professor Mike Ferragamo, biology professor Colleen Jacks '79, and biochem professor Jeff Dahlseid '90.



THE GUSTAVUS POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT 40

P.S. We Love U

BY KATHRYN CHRISTENSON



It was five years old when Richard Nixon resigned the presidency, and the Berlin Wall fell halfway through its life at Gustavus. It is one of the College's five most popular majors. This academic year, at age 40, the Department of Political Science at Gustavus Adolphus College is vital, growing, and has changed dramatically in its most recent decade.

"Our ten-year peer review team was excited to note the transformation," says department chair Jill Locke. "They told us that we have one of the few majority female political science faculties in the country." Locke arrived in 2000 as the department's only woman on a tenure track. She has since become its first woman chair and the first of three women to achieve tenure, along with Mimi Gerstbauer and Alisa Rosenthal.

"We had a great group of teachers prior, and we've found a new, even larger group of excellent teacher-scholars," says Chris Gilbert, whose 19 years on the faculty have spanned the old regime and the new millennium. "I like to think of it as renewal. We've had a chance to rethink the existing curriculum and add many new and exciting courses, expanding the range of possibilities for our students."

Locke elaborates, "I see the study of political science as a small-scale liberal arts education in its own right.

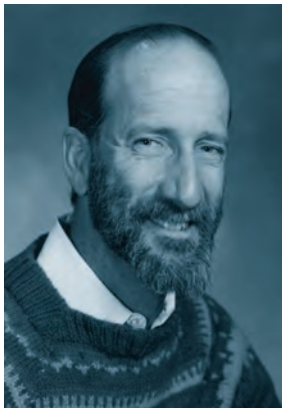
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Junior political science and Spanish major Rachel Schmitt samples the cookies made by one of her favorite professors at the Political Science Department's popular cookie bake-off, an annual event held in December.



"The Founding Fathers": from the top, Don Ostrom (taught 1972-2004), Ron Christenson (1969-1998), and Norm Walbek (1976-2001).



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Our courses cover material that ranges from Greek tragedy, ethnography, and critical race theory to foreign policy, political behavior, and statistics. What ties our courses together is a fascination with politics. That's what we share as a faculty."

Gilbert joined the department in 1991, much the youngest of five faculty men. "I showed up that summer in the middle of a move to third floor, Old Main. I remember incredibly friendly people including Ron Christenson and the Johnson twins, Peter and Eric, helping me carry books upstairs. It's a typical Gustavus story, helpful people everywhere."

In fall semester 2009, 40 years after the first handful of offerings in a new political science department, eight faculty [see sidebar] were teaching a total of 22 sections of 16 different courses. One of the more visible was "The Politics of Homelessness," Richard Leitch's First Term Seminar (FTS). He and his students spent three days outdoors in cardboard boxes and three nights sleeping in the open or on the floor of Christ Chapel, in a compelling educational experience of what it means to be homeless

"Since many were in the chapel, I found students more likely to reflect in their journals on faith-based questions that surround poverty and homelessness," Leitch says. He has participated for twelve years in the sleep-out, originally conceived by students, and has made it an integral part of his FTS for nine. It occurs annually during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November.

That same month, Gustavus invited candidates for Governor of Minnesota to a forum on campus. Kate Knutson moderated the panel of twelve who accepted, including Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90, Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Knutson introduced the candidates and, after their initial stump speeches, posed questions from the audience that had been selected and edited by Alisa Rosenthal.

Senior major Mara Berdahl '10, co-president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honor society, and current holder of the department's Christenson Scholarship, recommends Rosenthal's course, "Sex, Power, and Politics." "Discussion is always at a high level in her class. Everyone comes prepared because Alisa holds each person responsible for the readings and really challenges us to think," Berdahl says.

The newest addition to the political science faculty was chosen after a national search during fall 2009. "We are happy about the decision of Ms. Asli Ilgit to join us," Locke says. "She is finishing her dissertation at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and expects her Ph.D. in 2010. Her fields are international relations theory, foreign policy, state identity, and European politics."

Revisit in memory the 1960s. Political activism in America was spiking. Gustavus students were requesting a major, or at least more classes, in a department that didn't exist. Only a few political science courses were offered, within the history department.

Ron Christenson felt called, in two senses, to establish a political science department at Gustavus in 1969. During five years as an assistant professor specializing in political theory and constitutional law at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, he had absorbed Martin Luther's essential belief in teaching as vocation. A more tangible call came from history professor Rodney Davis at Gustavus, who phoned

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Alumni Remember

When I enrolled in 1950, but for historian Doniver Lund's classes on American Government, nothing came close to even a minor in political science. By the time I returned to the Hill as dean in 1983, political science was a prima department with close student-professor interaction. Ron Christenson took students to London to observe British courts, and Don Ostrom brought them to New Hampshire for a presidential primary. Thanks be that Doniver Lund lived to see the seeds he had sown take root.

— **David C. Johnson '54**, chancellor emeritus, University of Minnesota, Morris

[Most] of my classes were with either Professor Christenson or Professor Ostrom. For a lawyer and judge, political theory and constitutional law (Christenson) have obvious applications. Less obviously, the study of elections and political parties (Ostrom) leads to basic questions about effective government and minority rights. Some central arguments of our day aren't recently minted: Americans have been arguing about the proper role, size, and functions of government since before there was a United States.

— **Barry Anderson '76**, associate justice, Minnesota Supreme Court

On election night 1976, the Political Science Department hosted an event where students could watch the returns. No matter which candidates you had supported, the environment was open, friendly, and respectful, a spirit that was the hallmark of the department. My senior year, Don Ostrom taught a Washington Semester course. My classmate Tanya Bransford and I traveled to Washington, D.C., met and rubbed shoulders with very powerful people, gained new perspectives, and came home feeling worldly wise.

— **Erin Jordahl '80**, St. Paul, attorney

current political Science faculty

Jill Locke (2000-): Associate Professor. Chair since 2008. Teaches courses in history of political thought and democratic theory. B.A., Whitman College; M.A. and Ph.D., Rutgers University. Contributing co-editor, *Feminist Interpretations of Alexis de Toqueville* (2009). Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Tulane University, New Orleans, 2006-07. Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 2007-08.

Mimi Gerstbauer (2001-): Associate Professor, Director of Peace Studies. Teaches international relations, U.S. foreign policy, Latin American politics, politics of developing nations, introduction to peace studies. B.A., Wheaton College; M.A., Ph. D., Notre Dame University. Research: non governmental organizations, faith-based actors in peacebuilding, forgiveness in international relations. Calvin College Summer Seminar, 2006.

Christopher Gilbert (1991-): Professor. Teaches U.S. politics, religion and politics, political parties and elections, research methods, state and local politics. B.A., Moravian College; Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis. Four books, including *The Political Influence of Churches* (2009) with co-author Paul Djupe '93. Political analyst, state and some national media.

Lori Carsen Kelly '83 (1992-): Visiting Assistant Professor. Teaches classes in political and legal thinking, ancient and modern political thought, jurisprudence, resistance theory, and feminist political



The 2009-10 political science faculty: from left, Associate Professor Alisa Rosenthal, Associate Professor and Chair Jillian Locke, Professor Chris Gilbert, Associate Professor Richard Leitch, Visiting Instructor Michelle Stein Sampson, Assistant Professor Katherine Knutson, and Associate Professor Mimi Gerstbauer. Not pictured, Visiting Assistant Professor Lori Carsen Kelly '83.

thought; faculty in Curriculum II. B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College; M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D., Columbia University. Interests: virtue ethics, non-violent resistance, and constitutional interpretation.

Kate Knutson (2005-): Assistant Professor. Teaches American politics, U.S. Congress, the presidency, public policy, interest groups, and political communication. B.A., Linfield College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle. Research focus: impact of religious interest groups on public, mediated deliberation and on policy making.

Richard Leitch (1996-): Associate Professor. Teaches international relations, comparative politics, Asian politics, and environmental politics. B.A., Colby College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Illinois; M.A. in Asian Studies, Illinois. Co-author, *Japan's Role in the Post-Cold War World* (1995). Special

interests: Japanese domestic and foreign policy, U. S.-Japan-China relations.

Alisa Rosenthal (2004-): Associate Professor. Teaches ancient and modern political theory, constitutional law, political and legal thinking, civil rights and liberties, and feminist theory. B.A., Beloit College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison. Book manuscripts: *Liberal Bodies: Bodily Invasion and Political Theory*; and (with Julie White) *The Subject of Suffering: Deliberative Democracy and Injustice*.

Michelle Sampson (2002-): Visiting Instructor. Teaches U.S. politics and international relations. B.A., Cornell University; M.A., Fordham University. Interests: multinational corporations and their effects on less-developed countries, population policies, and global trade relations.

I took courses predominantly from Ron Christenson and Norm Walbek, and I try to keep their legacy going in my teaching. From Norm, I take a focus on values clarification. His course in Alternative Global Futures stands out, because each of us could create our own future world based on our values. From Ron, I've taken the technique of final oral exams. They enable me to see each student's mind in action. I can tell who really knows the material and can ask them to follow their ideas to a logical conclusion.

— **Lori Carsen Kelly '83**, visiting assistant professor of political science, Gustavus

Whether conservative or liberal, it's great to see Gustavus students going out and making a difference in the state and the country. My memories include playing Nixon in the impeachment trial in Don Ostrom's Watergate class, giving a speech on the Mondale biography the morning after the 1984 presidential election, and learning about Central America from Norm Walbek. Ron Christenson's political philosophy classes have probably shaped my basic beliefs far more than I realize.

— **Michael Bryant '86**, managing partner, Bradshaw and Bryant PLLC, St. Cloud; president, Minnesota Association for Justice

I remember the Bailiwick with its low ceiling and

miniature blue couch and chairs. Anne Walcott said that she, Don, Ron, and Norm each exemplified one of [Thomas] Hobbes's adjectives describing life as "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." Anne represented "short" and I've forgotten what the others were assigned. Don Ostrom arranged for the purchase of the first department computer in 1986, causing Ron angst at the thought of processing words. Semester after semester, apolitical young people would take Norm's international relations class and turn into vocal revolutionaries.

— **Beth Beach Bryant '87**, Twin Cities attorney, Linder, Dittberner & Bryant, Ltd. My best poli sci memory, which I have told to my

Excellent teaching, Excellent Students

Awards to Political Science Faculty

Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching

Ron Christenson - 1993
Chris Gilbert - 1996
Richard Leitch - 2008

Swenson and Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence

Chris Gilbert - 1994
Richard Leitch - 2000
Don Ostrom - 2004
Alisa Rosenthal - 2006

Awards to Political Science Students

Harry S. Truman Scholars

Christopher Johnson '85 - 1983
Elizabeth Beach Bryant '87 - 1985
Lori Lynn Phillips '90 - 1988
Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97 - 1996
Rebecca Kiesow Knudsen '01 - 2000
Katherine Johansen '04 - 2003

Marshall Scholar

Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97 - 1997

Fulbright Scholars

Carmen Barker Lemay '86 - 1986
(Malaysia)
Elena Davis Pohl '00 - 2000 (Poland)
Stacey L. Hunt '01 - 2002 (Colombia)
Aaron F. Flohrs '05 - 2005 (Switzerland)

Wallenberg Fellow

Wendy Levithan '90 - 1990

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Christenson to say, "You're the one we want!" That was the first moment Christenson knew about the opening.

Don Ostrom joined the department in 1972, with Congressional staff experience in Washington, D.C., and expertise in U.S. government and political parties. For better than two decades following the arrival in 1976 of Norm Walbek, whose fields were international relations and peace studies, until Christenson's death in 1998, Christenson, Ostrom, and Walbek were the department's mainstays.

"We worked together all those years, and when we left it was like clear cutting in the forest," Ostrom says. "But we'd brought in some highly able successors in Chris, Richard, Jill, and others." In 40 years, the department has produced only two emeritus professors, Ostrom, who now resides in Minneapolis, and Walbek, now in Morgantown, WV. Christenson died a few years ahead of retirement, while still teaching and publishing.

Among the many who taught for shorter terms are Justin Simpson, Charles Neal, Kevin Maguire, Zev Aelony, Lou Picard, Anne Walcott, Gloria Phenix, Jan Engberg, William Hunt, David Schultz, Randy Bush, Okey Ihiduru, Douglas Warfel, Paul Djupe '93, Michael James, Royce Ammon, Scott Yenor, Eric Heberlig, Darren Walhof, and Justin Holmes. Six people have taken turns chairing the department: Christenson, Ostrom, Walbek, Gilbert, Leitch, and Locke.

From his earliest years Ostrom remembers "the sheer energy required! Initially we taught seven courses a year, each meeting four times a week. American Government and International Relations were large classes. I taught ten or eleven courses every two years in my early career." Over the years he recalls "many late-afternoon walks home with Ron, talking and questioning each other on the great political questions of the day or the ages."

"January Term travel courses were a teaching highlight. Half the students I got to know well came from traveling across the country in a van or other vehicle, studying neighborhood preservation, new towns, visiting Thomas Jefferson's locations in Virginia, and campaigning in the 1988 New Hampshire primary, where students worked for Democratic or Republican presidential candidates of their choice."

Ostrom himself was a successful candidate in 1988, making the leap from St. Peter School Board chair to the first of four terms (1988-1996) representing the St. Peter area in the Minnesota State House. Though it required leave time and schedule maneuvering, Ostrom continued his Gustavus post. He situated a portion of his State Government course, and, after leaving office, several years of a January class, at the State Capitol in St. Paul.

Peace and justice issues have traditionally been at the heart of political science at Gustavus. Civil religion in South Africa was a career focus of Christenson's during the Apartheid era, and he later published books on political trials. The National Endowment for the Humanities selected Christenson's course, "Historic Trials," as one of its summer 1995 seminars for high school teachers held at Gustavus.

When Walbek came to the College to direct peace studies, he was concurrently executive director of COPRED, the national Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development. Walbek convened the College's first MAYDAY! conference in 1981, prophetically warning that America's greatest

Alumni Remember

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students, was that in EVERY one of Ron Christenson's seminars he began them the same way: "I will learn as much from you in this seminar as you will learn from me." That always motivated me to no end. My time at Gustavus had everything to do with my career—after all, I am a political scientist. I consider Ron, Chris Gilbert, and David Schultz as mentors who led my way

into this amazing profession!

— **Timothy R. Johnson '93**, Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science and co-director, Institute for Law and Politics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

The professors treated their students as colleagues-in-training. Whether it be interviewing school board candidates in the Twin Cities with Chris Gilbert, researching Japanese politics with Randy Bush, leading a discussion in one of Lori Carsen Kelly's introductory classes, or debating constitutional law cases with Ron Christenson during his famed oral exams, I felt like I was

learning the real-world skills of a social scientist. My hope is that I can pass them along to my students just as effectively as my Gustavus professors did.

— **Joel A. Johnson '96**, associate professor, Department of Government and International Affairs, Augustana College, Sioux Falls

As a political science major I focused on federal policies and on some fundamental flaws in our system. One of my most memorable experiences was traveling to the Minnesota State Capitol with Professor Leitch and other students for a homelessness vigil. Hearing stories of men and women

security threat came not from the Soviet Union but from smaller rogue states and extremist groups.

“I thank the Political Science Department for being willing to advertise peace studies as part of the position when I was hired in 2001,” Mimi Gerstbauer says. It meshes with her own interests. Her courses in Introduction to Peace Studies and in Latin American Politics reach well beyond the department. “I have students from a wide diversity of disciplines, including history, sociology/anthropology, nursing, communication studies, and Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean studies, in addition to political science.”

Lori Carsen Kelly '83 has been both a Gustavus political science student and faculty member. “As a student I connected with the Swedish heritage, but I came back because of the Lutheran emphasis on social justice, inclusivity, and responsible stewardship, which I believe fits well with political theory,” she says. In fall 2009 she added Curriculum II to her portfolio, accompanying students to Blue Cloud Abbey in South Dakota for a weekend of reflection.

Today you will find political science on the second floor of Old Main in a suite that includes eight faculty offices, a lounge, and a kitchenette. Who remembers that it began with offices in the basement of Uhler Hall, soon transferring to then-brand new Schaefer?

In 1973, Christenson wrote a litany, “The Exodus of the Political Science People from Fine Arts to Their True Home in Social Science.” For 18 years, until being reassigned to Old Main, the department held forth on the first floor of Anderson Social Science in the “Bailiwick,” the name Christenson conferred to acknowledge America’s British judicial heritage. Ceilings were low but spirits were high as Gusties gathered to study, meet each other, and discuss issues with their professors.

“We’ve tried to recreate the old space in new ways,” Gilbert says. “That’s why students come to Gustavus, to have those kinds of conversations, and faculty want them, too. We recognize that many are connected through social media forums like Facebook, but we consciously schedule events that bring students and faculty together.”

Friday Forums, for example, bring political science faculty, majors, and other students together once a month to hear either an off-campus speaker on a relevant issue or a returning student recounting internship experiences or study abroad. The department’s annual Honors Day afternoon research symposium, now in its fourth year, has senior seminar students taking over Old Main’s lower level with displays that summarize their research.

“It’s great to see students’ eyes light up as they explain what got them excited about their project and what they’ve learned,” Gilbert says. “Families attend, and sophomore and junior majors come to see what will be expected of them.”

Sugary fragrance permeated Old Main one evening last December. The annual cookie bake-off, begun in 2007, is a holiday turnabout that has students judging their profs. Faculty served tempting treats to the students, who voted for a favorite. The winner? That’s classified, except to say: chocolate is always politically correct. ■

Kathryn Christenson moved to St. Peter in 1969 with her husband, Ron, their son, and their daughter. A former staff associate in development and public affairs, she has been a regular contributor to the Quarterly.

who were once homeless was very touching and shed light on a nationwide problem.

— **Lisa Hughes '07**, third-year law student, American University, Washington, D.C.

Less than 48 hours after graduating, I went to work for Congressman Tim Walz. I found myself using lessons from constitutional law, jurisprudence, political interest group theory, and public policy with surprising frequency, even in my first few weeks. Classroom experiences that stand out are: reenacting the lives of classical political theorists, including costumes, accents, and props, in Alisa Rosenthal’s course; serving as a moot-court

attorney in an actual case of controversial speech then before the Supreme Court, in her Constitutional Law course; and the “Pol-stitutional Olympics,” a competition between that class and one of Kate Knutson’s. I learned that to be a foremost political mind, one also needs to be able to run up and down Old Main Hill!

— **Alex Knewtson '08**, deputy finance director, Tim Walz for Congress, Mankato

The academic environment poses the threat of sucking values out of political science, making it only an abstract study. Richard Leitch and Mimi Gerstbauer did an incredible job of countering



“Our courses cover material that ranges from Greek tragedy, ethnography, and critical race theory to foreign policy, political behavior, and statistics. What ties our courses together is a fascination with politics.”

that force, by reminding me that political science is personal and value-based. They asked what it all means and, implicitly, through their own lifestyles, how we should live in response to what we know about how the world works. They made me back up my academic claims, question my place in the world, and assess what I stand for. That self-reflective side of education can actually change lives, and I will always be thankful to Richard and Mimi for their influence.

— **John Bussey '09**, drug rehabilitation and youth social work, YMCA, Valparaiso, Chile



SPORTS NOTES



WOMEN GOLFERS TAKE MIAC CROWN AGAIN

The 2009 MIAC Champion Gustavus Adolphus College women's golf team: from left, Assistant Coach **Randy Stuckey '83**, **Taylor Drenttel**, **Katie Schenfeld**, **Kali Griggs**, **Ann Jackson**, **Rikka Holiday**, and Head Coach **Scott Moe '95**.

The Gustavus women's golf team claimed its second consecutive MIAC championship in convincing fashion, finishing 46 strokes ahead of second-place St. Ben's at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids in early October. The Gusties fired a 54-hole total of 332-321-315-968. Junior Katie Schenfeld (Indianola, Iowa) finished first individually with a total of 80-78-78-236.

Schenfeld was one of four Gustie golfers who earned all-conference honors by finishing in the top ten individually. The other three were sophomore Taylor Drenttel (Eagan, Minn.), who tied for second with a total of 81-79-80-240; senior Kali Griggs (Burnsville, Minn.), who finished fifth with a total of 86-85-74-245; and sophomore Ann Jackson (Fargo, N.D.), who tied for sixth with a total of 86-79-83-248. Rounding out the squad for Gustavus was sophomore Rikka Holiday (Bozeman, Mont.), who tied for 11th with a total of 85-87-84-256.

By winning the MIAC championship, Gustavus earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships, which will be held May 11-14 at the Mission Inn Resort in Howie-in-the-Hills, Florida. The Gusties are ranked #3 in the most recent National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) poll. ■



2009 MIAC individual
medalist Katie Schenfeld

FALL SPORTS SUMMARY

by Tim Kennedy '82

Men's Soccer Coach Larry Zelenz's squad finished in a tie for fourth place in the MIAC standings with a record of 6-3-1, but missed out on the conference playoffs based on tiebreaking procedures. Sophomore forward Mark Adams (Waukee, Iowa), who led the Gusties in scoring with 10 goals and 4 assists for 24 points, was named to the all-conference team. Fraser Horton (Sr., Missoula, Mont.), Ben Ikeda (Jr., Maple Grove, Minn.), and Max Malmquist (Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah) received honorable mention honors, and Horton was named to the Sportsmanship Team. The National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) also named Horton a Third Team All-North Region honoree. Gustavus finished with a record of 9-6-3 overall.

Women's Soccer The Gustavus women's soccer team finished with a record of 7-8-3 overall and tied for ninth place in the MIAC with a league mark of 3-7-1. A young Gustie squad played numerous tight matches, including six contests that went to overtime. Coach Mike Stehlik's squad was 1-2-3 in its six overtime matches. Senior defender Alison Dittmer (Plymouth, Minn.), senior defender Rachel Iblings (Plymouth, Minn.), and junior forward Ashley Anderson (Corcoran, Minn.) received honorable mention all-conference honors, while Anderson was named to the Sportsmanship Team. The National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) also named Dittmer a Third Team All-North Region honoree.

Football It was an exciting first season for Head Coach Peter Haugen as six of the team's ten games were decided in the final minute of play or overtime. Haugen's squad experienced the thrill of victory and the

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Sierra Krebsbach and Samantha Frank

GUSTIE PAIR WINS ITA MIDWEST REGIONAL DOUBLES TITLE

The doubles team of Samantha Frank (Jr., Mahtomedi, Minn.) and Sierra Krebsbach (Sr., North Oaks, Minn.) won the doubles title at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA)/Wilson Midwest Regional, played at Gustavus in late September. The Wilson/ITA Midwest Regional at Gustavus featured the top small college tennis players from 19 schools in the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. As champions of the Midwest Regional, Frank and Krebsbach advanced to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Small College Championships where they finished eighth and earned ITA All-America honors.

In the doubles draw at the ITA Regional, Frank and Krebsbach were the #2 seeds and posted a record of 4-0 on the weekend. They defeated Frances Leung and Bridget Doyle of Carleton 8-2 in the semifinals and then snuck past teammates Megan Gaard (So, Edina, Minn.) and Ali O'Neal (Sr., Stevens Point, Wis.) in the championship match, 8-5. ■

WILKINSON FETED

The Northern regional office of the United States Tennis Association (USTA Northern) and Gustavus Adolphus College joined to fete outgoing men's tennis coach Steve Wilkinson and his wife, Barbara, on December 12, 2009, at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel. "A Tribute to Steve Wilkinson" featured a variety of speakers active in collegiate and USTA tennis who had been influenced by Steve over the years. Wilkinson was the head men's tennis coach at Gustavus for 38 years. He also was named national winner of the USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award for 2009.



Tim Kennedy '82

FALL SPORTS SUMMARY

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agony of defeat, winning four of those six nailbiters while losing the other two. Junior Greg Lane (Chaska, Minn.) added an exclamation point to the Gusties' exciting season when he returned a kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown with 39 seconds left to play to allow Gustavus to defeat Concordia 20-19 in the final game of the season. The Gusties finished with a record of 4-6 overall and tied for fourth place in the MIAC with a league mark of 3-5. Linebacker Tony Palma (Sr., Lino Lakes, Minn.), safety Joe Welch (Sr., Hastings, Minn.), and punter Matt Knutson (Sr., St. Peter, Minn.) were named First Team All-MIAC, while wide receiver Elliott Herdina (So., Blooming Prairie, Minn.), offensive tackle Jack Breckner (Sr., Wayzata, Minn.), and linebacker Paul Stommes (Jr., Eden

RIDLEY NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Gustavus football player T.J. Ridley (Sr., Edina, Minn.) has been named a First Team Academic All-America honoree by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Ridley, a defensive back and special teams player, was a second-team selection last year. A biology major with a 3.95 grade point average, Ridley will attend medical school next year.

A four-year letterwinner for the Golden Gusties, Ridley missed the first game this season with an injured foot but played in the final nine games. In addition to playing the free safety position on defense, Ridley was also a member of the kick and punt coverage teams. In nine games, Ridley compiled 14 solo tackles and 13 assisted tackles for 27 total tackles. He also recorded two pass breakups and forced a fumble. In 34 career games, he compiled 45 solo tackles and 50 assisted tackles for 95 total tackles. He also intercepted two passes.

In addition to competing on both the football and hockey teams, Ridley is active in other campus activities as a member of the Tau Psi Omega fraternity (Reds) and Student Athlete Volunteer Educators (SAVE). He also serves as a Biology Department teaching assistant.

The CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-America® program honors male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution, and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

Ridley's selection continues the long tradition of Gustavus student-athletes being named to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams. Gustavus ranks seventh all-time in Division III in number of Academic All-Americans with 81. ■



T.J. Ridley

Valley, Minn.) were named to the Second Team. Welch was also named to the D3football.com All-West Region Second Team.

Volleyball Coach Kari Eckheart guided a young Golden Gustie squad to a record of 11-17 overall and tied for ninth place in the MIAC standings with a mark of 3-8. Highlights of the season included finishing second at the Gustavus Classic with a 3-1 record and a 3-0 win over nationally rated Concordia College in late October. Junior middle hitter Nicki Ainsworth (Eden Prairie, Minn.) was named First Team All-MIAC, while Tara Kramer (Sr., Hayfield, Minn.) was named to the Sportsmanship Team.

Men's Cross Country The Gustavus men's cross country team wrapped up its 2009 season with an eighth-place finish at the MIAC championships and a 16th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. Junior Nick Ross (Hastings, Minn.) placed 32nd at the MIAC championships in a time of 27:20.1. A highlight of the season for the squad was a first-place finish out of four

teams at the Northland Invitational in Ashland, Wis. John Kennedy (Sr., Coon Rapids, Minn.) was named to the MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Women's Cross Country The Gusties battled injuries and illness for much of the season, but finished strong, posting a sixth-place finish (out of 12) at the MIAC championships and a ninth-place finish (out of 26) at the NCAA Central Region meet. Kim Rostvold (So., Grand Rapids, Minn.) led Gustavus at both the conference and region meets as she finished 20th at the MIAC championships (23:55) and 35th at the NCAA Central Regional (23:11.2). She earned All-Region honors by placing in the top 35 at the region meet. Nicole Soiseth (Sr., Anchorage, Alaska) was named to the MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Men's Golf Coach Scott Moe's squad finished in a tie for second at the MIAC championships. Gustavus fired a 54-hole team score of 297-304-300-901, which tied St. Thomas, while Saint John's won the title with

a score of 293-291-296-880. The Gusties were led by A.J. Olson (Sr., White Bear Lake, Minn.) and Alex Kolquist (FY., Hermantown, Minn.) who tied for third individually and earned all-conference honors. Olson fired a 54-hole total of 70-78-75-223, while Kolquist registered a total of 70-81-72-223.

Women's Golf The Gustavus women's golf team completed the most successful fall season in the history of the program by winning three of the five tournaments it played in, including the MIAC championship. Coach Scott Moe's squad is currently ranked #3 in the National Collegiate Golf Association (NCGA) Division III poll. Katie Schenfeld (Jr., Indianola, Ia.), who won the MIAC individual title, was one of four Gusties to earn all-conference honors. That group included Kali Griggs (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.), Taylor Drenttel (So., Eagan, Minn.), and Ann Jackson (So., Fargo, N.D.).

Tim Kennedy '82 has been sports information director at Gustavus since 1990.

Legacy



Gusties at BHZ – Back row from left: Joe Atkinson '06, Matt Crane '99, Rebecca Gustafson '09, and Erik Allen '92. Front row: Kristi Wahlman '04, Abbey Walen '08, Bethany Carlson Zimmerman '04, Stephanie Siekman Tuntland '03, and Cindy Jacobson '81. Not pictured: Nicole Farlee Klekner '07, Nick Greve '07, Chris Cole '08, and Steven Berger '08.

A different kind of legacy

by Kristine Straumann '07 and Aleta Lin

At Gustavus, we like to talk about “leaving a legacy.” But what does that really mean? Here on the Hill, we like to think it covers a wide spectrum of things. People have left their legacy in many ways at Gustavus faculty who have educated, mentored, and developed students into global citizens; alumni who have served in volunteer and leadership roles at the College; administrators and staff like Cec Eckhoff '56 (former vice president for alumni relations) and Mark Anderson '66 (vice president for enrollment management), who have spent their professional lives helping develop Gustavus into what it is today; and friends and alumni of the College who have endowed scholarships or chairs in someone's name. The truth is that anyone can leave their legacy at Gustavus, whether it is through gifts of time, talents, or financial support to the College.

Erik Allen '96 is leaving his legacy, but in a different way. Erik, a partner at Boulay, Heutmaker, Zibell & Co. (BHZ) accounting firm in Eden Prairie, Minn., has worked with

the human resources staff at BHZ and the Career Center at Gustavus to recruit young Gusties for their company. More than 10 percent of BHZ's workforce now consists of Gustavus alumni, including a current senior who is interning with them this spring. Erik recognizes this as a win-win for BHZ. They are able to hire talented, reliable employees for their company and at the same time give recent Gustavus graduates a career opportunity. Erik also sees Gustavus students transitioning easily into the BHZ culture because they are well-rounded, articulate, and are team players. Cynthia Favre, director of career management in the Career Center, says that Erik has been able to generate a lot of interest in BHZ among accounting students. “Erik has continued to come to campus himself to recruit and remains very accessible to students. He is easy for students to talk to, and is straightforward about what BHZ is looking for in an employee.” BHZ will be at an Accounting Club presentation on March 3.

Both Gustavus and BHZ have enjoyed the benefits of Erik's continued relationship with

the College. If you have a similar story to share, please e-mail Kristine Straumann at kstrauma@gustavus.edu. If you would like to find out how you can recruit Gustavus students, please contact Cynthia Favre in the Career Center (cfavre@gustavus.edu). ■

Kristine Straumann '07 joined the Gustavus advancement office in summer 2009 as donor relations associate. Aleta Lin, who joined the advancement staff in 2007, was promoted to director of the Gustavus Annual Fund in the summer of 2009.

ONLINE information, resources, ideas

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

- Staff to contact for personal assistance
- Secure online giving and other electronic giving options.
- Matching gift database—will your company match your gift?
- Information on giving stock and other appreciated assets
- Suggestions on giving for scholarships, both annual and endowed
- Planned and estate giving resources—everything you need at gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving/index.cfm
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- Financial and estate planning ideas, and gifts that pay you (with a “gift calculator” to help your planning)
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- *The Honor Roll of Donors*, at gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll.



Giving the Gift of Gustavus

There are many ways to give to Gustavus. You can give a gift of stock, a gift of appreciated assets, or a gift of cash. You can also give a gift of time, talents, or financial support to the College. For more information, visit gustavus.edu/giving.

Gustavus Library Associates offers member rewards

by Mim Kagol '67

Gustavus Library Associates, now in its 33rd year, continues to find new and meaningful ways to fulfill its mission: to support learning, literature, and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. We are savoring the success of our November gala, SHiNE!, at which some 700 guests enjoyed the festivities of fellowship, dinner, entertainment, and auction. We are still warmed by the Advent glow of our annual Festival of St. Lucia luncheon. And we are looking forward with energy and enthusiasm to the rest of our calendar of stimulating events.

A very special new rewards program, introduced this fall, serves to acknowledge how grateful we are to our several hundred members for their ongoing support. All paid-up GLA members have received by now a crisp new membership card and a letter describing our new Rewards Program, which entitles them to special opportunities in the St. Peter area. In the future we hope to broaden the scope of the program to include opportunities in the Twin Cities area, for example, or other areas where GLA members gather in significant numbers. For now, you can enjoy these benefits: 10 percent off your luncheon check and a free dessert with every dinner entrée at Richard's Pub; \$5 off your check of \$30 or more at Whiskey River Restaurant; a 15 percent discount (some exceptions apply) at Swedish Kontur; and 50 percent off any book



In addition to supporting the library's acquisition budget, Gustavus Library Associates also funds this reading room in the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library.

at the Book Mark, our campus bookstore. All you have to do is present that membership card and be recognized as one of us.

We are confident this incentive program will help us increase our membership. Every dollar of GLA members' dues goes directly to the acquisition budget of the campus library, and we are very proud to have contributed, in the past, about \$25,000 each year.

But wait—there's more! GLA members and their friends and family will enjoy another Author Day program this spring; the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 6; the spring Gustavus Author Tea, co-hosted on campus by the library and the Book Mark; and, if our plans find fruition, a special Books in Bloom event to celebrate literature and spring.

Things are happening for this group, as old favorites are presented with new twists and fresh, new events and activities are in the works. If you get a chance, stop in the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library to visit the new GLA Reading Room, and check out the GLA website for online membership opportunities and events information.

We thank our membership and our College community for their continued support. And if you are thinking of joining GLA, to participate with us in this special service to the College and its students, know that we welcome you! ■

Miriam Sponberg Kagol '67 is currently serving as president of Gustavus Library Associates.

Contact Information

For information about establishing an annual or endowed scholarship, a charitable trust or gift annuity, giving stock or mutual funds, including Gustavus in your will or estate plan, or planning a gift for student/faculty research, faculty development, building projects, or another College purpose, please contact Gift Planning staff by phone (800-726-6192 or 507-933-7512) or e-mail (giftplanning@gustavus.edu), or ask a staff member to contact you by visiting gustavus.edu and clicking on "Giving to Gustavus."



Members of the Class of 2010 serving on the Senior Legacy Committee gathered for a photo: Back row, from left: **Matt Olson, Jenny Broman, Haley Prittinen, Luke Paquin, Emma Moreau, Sara Schnell, and Amanda Skarphol.** Middle row: **Stephen Kolis, Mariah Bierhl, Nina Serratore, Susie Kramer, Vicki Hidalgo, Mara Berdahl, and Natalie Peters.** Front row: **Nick Harper and Steve Grimsby.**

Legacy Committee urges senior class participation

by Kristine Straumann '07

This year's Senior Class Legacy Committee is off to a roaring start—they are already at a 16.5 percent class participation rate, with nearly five months left in the school year. The Class of 2010 has some hefty competition, considering that the Class of 2009 reached a participation rate of 56.9 percent last year—the highest of any Gustavus class. The Legacy Committee, with the help of alumni and friends, has hosted two events so far this year, including Trivia Night at Patrick's. Possible future events include a dodge ball tournament, a Tunnel Tour, and an etiquette dinner.

Senior Class Legacy at a Glance was developed by this year's committee as an educational tool for seniors:

What is the Senior Class Legacy? It is an opportunity to leave your legacy for future Gusties. It is not about the amount of money, but rather the participation.

What is the Gustavus Annual Fund? Money from the Gustavus Annual Fund supports student scholarships, as well as student services in all areas of the College.

What is the history of the Senior Class Legacy? The senior class has been giving back to Gustavus in some form since the early 1900s. Last year's class had 56.9 percent participation.

Why should you give back? Gifts from Gusties that came before you have influenced your time at Gustavus. Even if you paid full tuition, your actual cost to attend would have been higher without alumni donations. Help continue the tradition of a Gustavus experience.

Why is the Senior Class Legacy important? It is a chance to begin a habit of philanthropy and show your commitment to the future of Gustavus.

In 2009 the total alumni participation rate was 28 percent. Want to help raise that number? Go to gustavus.edu/give. Every gift counts! ■

student spotlight

VINAI VANG '11



Major: Geography and Environmental Studies

Hometown: St. Paul, Minn.

"Thank you for making my college career an easier and smoother path for both my family and me. With your kindness, I am able to concentrate on my school work and not worry as much about financial issues.

"My family and I have come a long way, beginning in Laos to Thailand, then to the U.S. as refugees of the Vietnam War. We have been here for over 15 years, and pursuing education here is a blessing, thanks to the U.S. government and your kind donations. We value education very much because we do not have education in Thailand like we do here in Minnesota."

Future plans: To be a teacher. I really value knowledge and want to pass that knowledge on to others like it has been passed on to me.



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▲ Patzoldt named to World Cup biathlon team

Kevin Patzoldt '08, Grand Rapids, was named fifth man of the U.S. World Cup biathlon team (a sport combining cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship) by the International Competition Committee of the U.S. Biathlon Association. Patzoldt, a four-year member of the Gustavus nordic ski team, has been training full-time with coach Vladimir Cervenka at Mount Itasca Biathlon for the past year and half. Patzoldt is a veteran of several World Junior Championship teams, and has competed several times on the Europa Cup team.





GUSTAVUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

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◀ Lutz family donates Hammarsköld print to Chaplains' Office

A print of Dag Hammarsköld, the late Swedish diplomat who died on a peace mission when he was secretary general of the United Nations, has been given to the Gustavus Chaplains' Office by the Lutz family in memory of **Russell and Marjorie Johnson Knutson '49 '50**. Pictured are two members of the Lutz family, **Lynn Lutz McGinty '84** and her mother, **Dorothy Johnson Lutz '51**. (Not present for the photo were Dorothy's husband, **Paul**, and their son, **Erik '88**.) The print is available for loan on campus.

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Jeanette Seibel Almen, Kerkhoven, is a retired home economics teacher ■ **Calvin J. Anderson**, Wellfleet, MA, is a retired manager of information services ■ **Gordon P. Anderson**, Laurel, MD, is a retired engineer and director of public works in Hopkins ■ **Joyce L. Anderson**, Minneapolis, is a retired music and English teacher ■ **Vincent R. Anderson**, Wayzata, is a retired principal development engineer ■ **Ralph Belin**, Chaska, is a retired pastor ■ **Yvonne Anderson Belin**, Chaska, is a retired Carver County social worker ■ **Lloyd Bergman**, Wayzata, is a retired attorney ■ **Dorothy Erickson Brandstrom**, Manistique, MI, is a retired forest ranger ■ **Alice Milton Carlson**, Springfield, VA, is a retired social worker ■ **Dewey Carlson**, Springfield, VA, is a retired ELCA pastor ■ **Ada Nelson Drache**, Fargo, ND, assisted her husband, **Hiram '47**, as editor on his new book, *Prairie Homestead to Wall Street* ■ **Gene S. Dumdei**, North Mankato, is retired owner of Gene's Installation Services ■ **Carol Ostgaard Esbjornson**, Willmar, is a retired English and so-

cial studies teacher ■ **John H. Esbjornson**, Willmar, is a retired teacher ■ **Marjorie Swenson Gores**, New Richland, is retired from property management ■ **Norman E. Jensen**, Sherburn, is a retired farmer ■ **Eldon C. Johnson**, Torrington, WY, is a retired army chaplain ■ **Robert M. Johnson**, Dunedin, FL, is a retired pastor ■ **Charles R. Kiecker**, New Ulm, is a retired banker ■ **John Kress**, Plato, is a retired teacher ■ **Clifford S. Lofgren**, Gainesville, FL, is a retired entomologist ■ **Pete Lokkesmoe**, Elgin, IL, is a retired district Boy Scouts of America executive ■ **Bill F. McRae**, Clear Lake, is a retired warden ■ **Arthur Monke**, Brunswick, ME, is a retired librarian ■ **John R. Myhr**, Lindstrom, is retired from Northway Financial ■ **Don E. Nelson**, Goodyear, AZ, is a retired professor ■ **A. Ted Norrgard**, St. Louis Park, is retired from Honeywell ■ **Darryl Olson**, New Brighton, is a retired real estate appraisal agent ■ **Dorothy Orn Olson**, St. Peter, is a retired office manager ■ **Chuck R. Pelzl**, Pine River, is a retired physician ■ **Richard Priest**, Las Vegas, NV, is a retired principal who spends his spare time in his namesake school ■ **Gale W. Skold**, Glenwood, is a retired principal ■ **Carl V. Smith**, Fairmont, is a retired manager ■ **Art A. Vansickle**, Gold River, CA, is a retired manager of production services at Honeywell ■ **Ed D. Wetherill**, St. Peter, serves on the St. Peter City Council.

51 **Class Agent:** Dorothy Johnson Lutz
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Stan Benson, St. Peter, is celebrating 50 years in the ministry ■ **Betty G. Correll**, Black Mountain, NC, volunteers for the Angel Food Boxes program through her church.

52 **Class Agent:** Barb Eckman Krig
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Rod Johnson, Webster Groves, MO, is a retired social worker.

53 **Class Agents:** Thomas Boman, Marv Larson
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Lois Bratt Genis, Marblehead, MA, is a retired director of music ■ **Bud Nelson**, Minneapolis, is a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master.

54 **Class Agent:** Forrest Chaffee
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Sylvia Johnson Johnson, White Bear Lake, was chosen by a recent high school graduate as the teacher that made a difference in his life, for teaching his 5th-grade Sunday School class.

55 **55th Anniversary: May 28-29, 2010** **Class Agent:** Dick DeRemee
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James Brusseau, St. Paul, is a retired Hennepin County administrator ■ **Gerald Christianson**, Gettysburg, PA, is emeritus professor of early church history at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary ■ **George W. Davies Jr.**, Willmar, is a retired teacher ■ **Nira Larson Flaten**, Rochester, is retired from the Mayo Clinic ■ **Phil C. Hall**, Redwood Falls, is a retired school counselor ■ **Joyce M. Johnson**, Inver Grove Heights, is a retired teacher ■ **Marilynn Olson Lindberg**, Anoka, is a retired sales consultant ■ **Corrine Nelson Lundberg**, Stillwater, is a substitute teacher at

Jacobson honored at University of Minnesota

Dr. Maynard E. Jacobson '52, professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Minnesota, was presented by his faculty peers the 2009 Department of Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of "an outstanding academic career and exceptional contributions to the university." He continues to be involved with the international programs for senior medical students at the university with opportunities in Sweden and impoverished countries in the world and supports a similar program at Gustavus for pre-medical students.

► Legler honored with professorship

John Legler '53, Salt Lake City, UT, emeritus professor of biology at the University of Utah, is being honored for his scholarship and teaching with the establishment of the Legler Professorship in Human Anatomy. Legler came to the University of Utah as an assistant professor in 1959 after receiving his doctorate at the University of Kansas. During his academic career, he revolutionized the practice of teaching anatomy through writings and development of state-of-the-art courseware using contemporary technologies.



Guttormsson and Noonan featured in Minnesota Women's Press

Two Gustavus alumnae are featured in the November issue of Minnesota Women's Press. The artwork of Rosemary Lange Guttormsson '69 was featured on the cover and Anne Sammelson Noonan '91 wrote an essay that was featured in the column "Laughing Matters," with her list of 20 items under the title, "Older, Wiser." Visit www.womenspress.com for more.



◀ *ELCA pastor Arne Walker '57, Gatlinburg, TN (right), traveled to Hong Kong in October and November 2009 to visit Ted Zimmerman '69 and his wife, Janey Davis Zimmerman '69. Ted is an ELCA missionary and Janey is a school counselor at Hong Kong International School. The three are pictured at the altar at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong.*



▲ **Class of 1963 nurses meet**

*Gustie nurses of the **Class of 1963** gathered October 19 for an annual luncheon in Northfield, MN. Pictured from left are **Carolyn Helgeson Liebenow, Pat Findley Casto, Sharon Shaver Pinney, Mary Sundberg Larson, Char Lundahl Norris, Addy Blotter Roadfeldt, and Chris Swenson Wilmot.***



▲ **1963 alums gather in St. Peter for lunch, tour**

*A luncheon group of the **Class of 1963**, with various members attending, has met annually since their graduation. Last September they gathered at Richard's Restaurant and Pub in St. Peter and visited the campus following their luncheon. Front row from left are **Heather Harshberger Fluck, Jan Haberlin, Mary Sundberg Larson, and Addy Blotter Roadfeldt.** Back row are **Edna Rask Erickson, Sharon Shaver Pinney, Chris Swenson Wilmot, Marlys Schneider Swenson, Eunice Holm Fultz, and Peggy Kretschmer Brinkman.***

▶ **Osmundsons celebrate 50 years of football**

*In the fall of 2008 the late **John Osmundson '62** would have joined the Gustavus football 50-Year Club—players who competed 50 or more years ago. His family celebrated for him in his honor when the Gustavus team traveled that fall to play Pacific Lutheran University. Pictured from left are daughters **Kara Osmundson '90** and **Krista Osmundson '93**, his widow, **Karen Stennes Osmundson '62** (wearing John's letter sweater), and daughter **Sara**, a 1994 graduate of PLU.*



Stillwater ISD #834 ■ **Mike M. McInerney**, Cannon Falls, is a retired high school athletics director ■ **Jean Moberg Peterson**, Franklin, NC, volunteers at church and with Meals on Wheels ■ **Donald T. Ranstrom**, Davis, CA, celebrated in October the 50th anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Brigham City, UT, which he organized in 1959 ■ **Eileen Ekberg Scott**, Richfield, is a home economist at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church ■ **Thomas Skalbeck**, Lake Elmo, is retired ■ **Dorsey R. Stebbins**, Cincinnati, OH, is a retired pastor ■ **Merrill J. Widmark**, Grand Rapids, is a retired professor ■ **Tom A. Zwiener**, Backus, is retired.

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Richard Bergman, Edina, is a retired Realtor ■ **Carolyn Jens Brusseau**, St. Paul, is vice president at UBS Securities ■ **Donald Dahlstrom**, Minneapolis, is a part-time radiologist ■ **George H. Hieber**, Monroe, WA, is a retired civil engineer and land surveyor ■ **Ruth Chell Oliphant**, Edina, is children's choir director at Normandale Lutheran Church ■ **Mary Swanson**, Washington, DC, is retired.

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Peace Johns Finlayson, Rochester, is retired ■ **Ted V. Granquist**, Rochester, is in his 32nd year of hospice work and volunteers at Mayo Hospital ■ **Clarice Johnson Rossow**, Fort Dodge, IA, is a retired teacher.

58 **Class Agents:** Owen Sammelson, Carolyn Lund Sandvig
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Dick A. Eklund, Plymouth, is retired from J.C. Penney ■ **Marcia Amundson Janasz**, Brooklyn Park, is proud that her grandson is in the Gustavus class of 2013.

59 **Class Agent:** Carol Johnson Heyl
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Dorothy Rylander Johnson, Gibbon,

and husband, **John '58**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September and wintered in Pine Island, FL ■ **Ronald N. Johnson**, Crossville, TN, and his wife, **Lorene '61**, had a busy fall traveling to South Carolina, Texas, Minnesota, and Florida ■ **Loren Shoquist**, Cameron Park, CA, is a retired insurance agent.

60 **50th Anniversary: May 28–29, 2010** **Class Agent:** Paul Tidemann
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Diane Fahlberg Anderson, Carefree, AZ, is retired ■ **Jim Anderson**, Bloomington, is a retired pastor whose granddaughter is a first-year student at Gustavus ■ **Marshall Anderson**, Millersville, PA, is a retired professor ■ **Patricia Ohnsted Anderson**, Hazelhurst, WI, is a botanical artist ■ **Maxine Jafvert Anton**, Richfield, is a retired nurse ■ **Bill Beck**, New Brighton, is a teaching specialist in the math department at the University of Minnesota ■ **Ann Muesing Behning**, Bloomington, is a retired small business owner ■ **Tucki Lund Bellig**, Bemidji, went on a Caribbean cruise with her daughters last

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS 2010

Classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, and 50 Year Club
May 28 & 29, 2010

Classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985,
1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005
September 24 & 25, 2010, Homecoming Weekend

Information will be included
in class letters, postcards, and
on the alumni website.

If you wish to serve on your class reunion committee,
contact the Office of Alumni Relations
at 800-487-8437 or alumni@gustavus.edu.

year ■ **William H. Benson**, Kandiyohi, plays in Prairie Winds and the Willmar Symphony Orchestra and is retired from teaching at the community college ■ **John Bergstrom**, Mesa, AZ, works part time as an educational consultant for the Veterans Administration and carries out disability rating examinations ■ **Daniel D. Buendorf**, St. Peter, is a retired pastor ■ **Arlan Burmeister**, Owatonna, is retired ■ **Keith Carlson**, St. Peter, is an emeritus geology professor at Gustavus ■ **L. Thomas Carlson**, White Bear Lake, is a retired teacher ■ **Donna Coulter Carpenter**, Framingham, MA, works part time as a phlebotomist at a fertility clinic ■ **Paul A. Chell**, Lacey, WA, serves as visitation pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and on the event staff at Qwest Field ■ **Carol Nelson Coburn**, Boulder, CO, is retired and belongs to P.E.O. ■ **Margo Pinney Cotton**, Durango, CO, enjoys living in Durango and still travels to visit family and friends ■ **Ruth Ann Shervheim Danger**, St. James, is a retired teacher ■ **Karen Carlson Danielson**, Chippewa Falls, WI, gets together with the Metro Nurses and still teaches occasionally ■ **Terry O. Denley**, St. Peter, recently cruised from Amsterdam to Paris ■ **Richard C. Duerr**, Sahuarita, AZ, is a retired music minister ■ **Barbara Seastrand Eder**, Philipsburg, MT, is enjoying living in Montana and watching a new ski area be developed ■ **David A. Ehline**, Castle Rock, CO, is a retired chaplain ■ **Bob Eidsvold**, Sanibel, FL, is chair of the board at Barrett Moving and Storage Company ■ **C. Lowell Ek**, Prior Lake, and wife, Peggy, enjoy traveling and have visited all of the presidential libraries ■ **Ruth Grandstrand Engdahl**, Plymouth, is retired from the Census Bureau ■ **Linda Pierson Engebretson**, Alexandria, is retired but still makes presentations on Bangladesh ■ **Robert W. Fenske**, Marshall, is a Lyon County commissioner ■ **Marlyn Windedahl Franzen**, Oregon, WI, is retired and an extremely active volunteer ■ **Marilyn Hallberg Gaffin**, Kingston, TN, is retired and active in the Roane County Choral Society ■ **Nancy Dege Gerhard**, Santa Ana, CA, is a retired teacher and travels a great deal with her husband, Rick. They just completed a dream trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji ■ **Nancy Benson Griffith**, New London, is retired ■ **Melvyn Hammarberg**, West Chester, PA, is technically retired but is under contract for a book titled *The Mormon Quest for Glory* ■ **Rollie Hanks**, Minnetonka, is a retired math teacher ■ **Fred C. Hanson**, St. Peter, owns Oak View Farm ■ **Don J. Hautala**, Newberry, MI, is retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency ■ **Richard Hostin**, Carlsbad, CA, is general manager, marketing director for Nationwide Papers ■ **Tom J. Hutchings**, Palm Desert, CA, works part time as a technical consultant and enjoys golf ■ **Arne Johnson**, New Hope, is a retired principal ■ **Charley Johnson**, North Mankato, sings in the Great Northern Union, which placed third in a recent International Barber Shop Contest ■ **Dennis Johnson**, Minneapolis, is house chaplain for the Minnesota House of Representatives ■ **Cameron Johnston**, Moscow, ID, is a retired social worker who spends a lot of time with his grandchildren ■ **Janice Davoux Jones**, Pueblo, CO, is a retired English instructor ■ **Sue Appelquist Jorgensen**, Dunnell, keeps the Dunnell Book Room operating so that Dunnell can have a library ■ **Bob W. Krause**, Hidden

Valley Lake, CA, works part time as an anesthesiologist ■ **David C. Krohn**, Tonka Bay, is a retired social worker ■ **Carolyn A. Kron**, Olean, NY, is retired ■ **Bob Krough**, Grand Rapids, is retired ■ **Carolyn Kvam-Hansman**, Punta Gorda, FL, travels and enjoys singing ■ **Gordon Larson**, Shelby Township, MI, is a retired math teacher and coach ■ **Craig W. Lawson**, The Woodlands, TX, is retired and enjoys hiking and skiing ■ **Dick L. Loomer**, Vancouver, British Columbia, is an orthopedic surgeon ■ **Nathan G. Lundgren**, Brainerd, is a retired pastor ■ **Linda Cole McChane**, Denver, CO, is a retired homemaker ■ **Marian Nelson McCollum**, Williamston, MI, is a retired teacher and enjoys traveling to Scotland and Poland to visit family ■ **Lois Lindall Miller**, Red Lodge, MT, is a retired nurse ■ **Martha Jonson Miller**, St. Charles, IL, is a retired teacher and serves as a church archivist ■ **Owen Nelsen**, Minneapolis, is a forensic psychologist ■ **Judy Peterson Nelson**, Redwood Falls, is a member of P.E.O. ■ **William G. Nordstrom**, Minnetonka, is a retired actuary and volunteers for MAC Travelers Assistance ■ **Peter A. Nyhus**, Park Rapids, is a retired senior vice president of American Funds Distributors, Inc. ■ **James J. Olson**, Mendota Heights, volunteers with various genealogical and historical societies ■ **Karen M. Olson**, Austin, is retired from teaching and serves as president of the Austin Medical Auxiliary ■ **Ray C. Olson**, Shoreview, is retired ■ **Roger B. Oster**, Edina, is retired from American Express and is part of a Corvette Club with several other Gusties ■ **John H. Petersen**, West St. Paul, is a retired teacher and golf coach ■ **Russell Raven**, San Jose, CA, is retired from the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency and has been working on an earth impact project through Montana State University measuring the impact of meteors on the earth ■ **Andrea Noren Rogers** and **Fred Rogers**, Lakewood, CO, are co-owners of Majr Financial Services Inc ■ **Lester E. Schuft**, Hutchinson, has led a polka band, Les Schuft and the Country Dutchmen, for 57 years. He is a retired dentist, and still hosts a Wednesday morning radio program called *Musicians' Roundup* ■ **Marcia Johnson Shaw**, Rockford, IL, is a part-time LCSW therapist with Family Counseling Services ■ **Lois Sundberg Smedstad**, Moorhead, is a retired parish education coordinator ■ **Steven L. Smith**, Victoria, is a

part-time staff professional for the City of Chaska ■ **Peter J. Strand**, Deerwood, is a retired surgeon who enjoys biking, skiing, and hunting ■ **Jean Hilding Stuart**, Edina, is on the board of directors of World Population Balance ■ **Dick Sundberg**, St. Paul, is a part-time pharmacist at Our Lady Good Counsel ■ **Carolyn Johnson Talbert**, Edina, is a retired admission counselor at Brown Institute ■ **Gerald R. Thorson**, Blaine, WA, is retired ■ **Paul A. Tidemann**, St. Paul, is a retired pastor ■ **Dewayne L. Tuma**, Crystal, is a retired vice president, commercial lines insurance, for T.C. Field & Company ■ **Carol Schumacher Vamvakias**, Fairfax, VA, is a retired orthopedic nurse case manager ■ **Anne Kilty Wiberg**, Des Plaines, IL, is retired and volunteers with PFLAG and the YMCA ■ **B. Glen Wilson**, Willmar, is a retired agent for the Internal Revenue Service ■ **Davide E. Wold**, Sweden, is owner of English Language Services ■ **Norm Wold**, Lake Havasu City, AZ, is a retired insurance agency owner ■ **Jo Olson Yock**, St. James, is a retired dental receptionist ■ **Jeanette Flury Ziegler**, Mankato, is active in the German American Club and in music at her church.

61 **Class Agent:** Virgene Grack Sehlin
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Mary Annexstad Francis, Juneau, AK, resigned as executive director of the Alaska Council of School Administrators ■ **Bruce A. Gray**, St. Peter, is a retired administrator at Gustavus and is writing the history of Gustavus's Black Student Organization ■ **Carol Weisbrod Johnson**, New Hope, is retired from the Prior Lake/Savage School District ■ **Mary Erickson Lindahl**, Cannon Falls, is excited that her grandson is a first-year student at Gustavus ■ **Marlene Vartdal Meyer**, Mission Viejo, CA, is retired from Capistrano Valley High School ■ **Sandi Nordstrom**, St. Paul, worked for the Department of Defense as an inventory management specialist ■ **Pauline Matson Smith**, Pelican Rapids, is retired from RebuildResources Inc. ■ **Mary Ann Swanson Strand**, Centreville, VA, is employed at BJ's Warehouse.

62 **Class Agents:** Sandra Luedtke Buendorf, Jan Eiffert Hoomani, Ben Leadholm
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Doug C. Anderson, Mankato, was inducted into



Community promoter featured

Margo Helgerson '67 is not merely the head cashier of People's State Bank in Westhope, ND. She's also served as mayor of the small community (population about 500) for 23 years. According to a feature article published in the Minot Daily News in November 2009, she has been "a tireless supporter of everything that goes on in Westhope, from city government to volunteer work to working with the businesses." Community members credit her leadership for moving the town toward bigger things.

Approaching problems positively has enabled Helgerson and the city council to save and maintain a local grocery store and establish a community center. Helgerson spearheaded a project to buy a former hotel that had been damaged by fire and sold the idea to the community of renovating it to include city offices, a library, and a community center. The city now operates the 16-unit Gateway Motel. "With income from the motel and space rental for private functions," Helgerson says, "the facility largely has been self-supporting."

The decision to go ahead with the Gateway building impressed the Northwest Area Foundation, which also looked at what the town had done with the grocery store and some other creative business support in awarding Westhope its "Great Strides" award in 2007 "for its creativity and ingenuity in its business ideas." The award came with a \$100,000 prize, most of which Helgerson and the city council directed toward the Gateway renovation and a low-interest business loan fund. However, they were also able to donate some of the money to the park board for the town's latest project—a new swimming pool.

Helgerson has also been active with the Community Club, the Turtle Mountain Tourism Association, Northwest Venture Communities, and the Bottineau County Advisory Board. She has served 12 years on the Souris Basin Planning Council and in 2009 received that group's Basil O'Connell Community Leadership Award.

"You are kind of proud of your community," Helgerson says of her energetic involvement in her community, "so you keep trying to do things that will move you forward instead of backwards,"

the Minnesota Lodging Association Hall of Fame last December. He owns and operates the Mankato Best Western and the City Center Hotel and recently built the Holiday Inn Express.

■ **Nan Forsman Buchanan**, Youngstown, OH, won an award for a bracelet at the YWCA women's art show ■ **Sam G. Forsythe**, Alton Bay, NH, is retired from Triple S ■ **Diane Kolder Loomer**, Vancouver, British Columbia, is a composer and choral director ■ **Karen Stennes Osmundson**, Longville, is a retired medical social worker from Mayo Clinic ■ **James F. Peters**, Racine, WI, is a retired pastor ■ **Carol Harvey Schutte**, Reno, NV, is self-employed.

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Alicejean Leigh Dodson, Springfield, VA, is a historic interpreter at Mt. Vernon Historic Gardens ■ **Karen Hegland Hagen**, Minnetonka, is retired from General Mills ■ **Janet Spilseth Rodning**, Bloomington, is a retired dental hygienist ■ **Carol J. Webster**, La Mirada, CA, is a retired teacher.

65 **45th Anniversary: May 28-29, 2010** **Class Agents:** Bev Nordskog Hedeon, Elaine Buck Stenman
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Elizabeth Flores, Star Tribune



Retiring Dakota County Sheriff's officers: from left, Commander B.J. Bjorge, Capt. Steve Theriault, Sgt. **Bruce "Doc" Johnson '77**, and Capt. Jeff Schwartz. Theriault retired on April 30, the other three on June 30.

► Star Tribune profiles retiring officers

When **Bruce "Doc" Johnson '77** and three of his fellow officers retired within two months of each other from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office last spring, the "exodus" prompted the Minneapolis Star Tribune's South Metro edition to publish a tribute to their service on May 6, profiling each of them. The four officers had among themselves amassed more than 100 years of service and collective institutional knowledge.

Johnson put in 23 years with the Dakota County Sheriff's Office and, before that, served as a St. Peter police officer. He led many of Dakota County's traffic safety initiatives, teaming up with other police agencies on operations to reduce crashes and apprehend drunken drivers. In addition, he worked in narcotics, investigations, and other details, including on a tactical team that was involved in a standoff for 36 hours in Apple Valley and ultimately rescued two children who had been held hostage. He also received a commendation for talking a suicidal man out of jumping off the Hastings bridge.

"There isn't one job that I've done that I haven't enjoyed," Johnson told the Star Trib reporter, "but it's time to move on and let someone else do it. It's been an honor, and it's been fun, too."

teacher ■ **Linn Ostberg**, Minneapolis, is a retired social worker ■ **Marlyce Pedersen**, Tequesta, FL, is music director at First Presbyterian Church ■ **Chuck A. Peterson**, Wheeling, IL, is a retired computer system analyst ■ **Oren P. Quist**, Mankato, is professor emeritus of physics at South Dakota State University ■ **Carol Olson Rausch**, Waseca, is retired from South Side Elementary School ■ **Carol Moline Rodine**, Minnetonka, is retired after working as a specialist in the media department at The Blake School ■ **Louise Woods Rothrock**, Vienna, VA, is retired ■ **Sally Tedholm Sprengeler**, Chaska, is a retired service technician ■ **Sandra Spaulding Welte**, Rockford, IL, has traveled to all seven continents and is taking violin lessons.

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Bob Hoekstra, Stokesdale, NC, is a controller at Nilit Inc ■ **Kitty Carlson Lovitt**, Plano, TX, is retired as women's health care nurse practitioner from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Medical School ■ **Oakley Pearson**, Staunton, VA, is retired from Staunton Public Library ■ **Kathryn Siddall Rynders**, Red Wing, is an account specialist at Financial Crimes Services.

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Marcia Nelson Daehler, West Lafayette, IN, is employed at St. Elizabeth Regional Health Care ■ **Lana Landin Engblom**, Ogema, is a retired teacher ■ **Carol Lindstrom Luedtke**, Newton, MA, is retired ■ **Lee Hoagland Williams**, Beloit, WI, is a retired deputy clerk of courts.

68 **Class Agents:** John and Kris Lundberg Moorhead, Paula Navarro, JanaLee Sponberg
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Dennis Nelson, Wayzata, is retired.

69 **Class Agents:** Dave and Jane Norman Leitzman
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Lynn Sundquist Fox, Phoenix, AZ, is on the nursing faculty at Arizona State University ■ **Linda Kittleson Haller**, Mahtomedi, is retired ■ **Karen Werner Herrmann**, Plainfield, IL, is a reading recovery teacher in the Plainfield public schools ■ **Ruth E. Johnson**, St. Peter, is a retired legislator ■ **Jim Kuitu**, St. Paul, is a financial planner and owner of Kuitu Financial ■ **John Schuller**, Naperville, IL, is vice president-strategy for Food Mix.

70 **40th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25, 2010** **Class Agent:** position open
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Patricia Gebert Adams, St. Paul, is assistant commissioner of health at the Minnesota Department of Health ■ **Ruth Carlson Anderson**, Edina, is a public health nurse for the City of Bloomington ■ **Vic Benetti**, Chaska, is a financial planner at AXA Financial Inc. ■ **Andrea Holmquist Carruthers**, Willmar, is a care management coordinator with Affiliated Community Medical Centers ■ **Randy Chase**, Elgin, TX, owns Antique Chasers ■ **Jane Bader DeStaercke**, Gilman, WI, is semi-retired from teaching high

school English ■ **W. Roland Erickson**, Hibbing, is a retired math teacher ■ **Sue Felkey**, Boulder, CO, is a job specialist with the Mental Health Center of Boulder and Broomfield Counties ■ **Stephen A. Helland**, Phoenix, AZ, is owner of Bailey's Pub ■ **Cynthia Ehrich Iverson**, Kiester, is a special education paraprofessional in the United South Central School District #2134 ■ **Robert Janzen**, Minneapolis, is retired from the U.S. Postal Service ■ **Patricia Stoddard Johnson**, Esko, is a medical surgical nurse at Community Memorial Hospital ■ **Rodney D. Johnson**, Esko, is a retired teacher ■ **John H. Kaeding**, Worcester, VT, is an emergency physician at Copley Hospital ■ **Karen Koepp**, Minneapolis, is publications editor with the Minnesota Orchestra ■ **Carol Kingbay Kuhl**, Bloomington, is a preschool teacher at St. Luke's Christian Preschool ■ **Linda Martinson Kuitu**, St. Paul, is an administrative assistant at Kuitu Financial ■ **Janice Femrite Larsen**, Hastings, is a piano teacher ■ **Allen R. Lipke**, Hibbing, is employed at Hibbing Community College ■ **Sandy MacKenzie Madsen**, Hudson, WI, is a retired teacher ■ **Jan McCallum Maruska**, Goodyear, AZ, is a retired teacher ■ **Linda Jungck McMahon**, Minneapolis, is owner of Meetings, Meanderings & More ■ **Carol Riedel Millar**, Springfield, VA, is an instructional assistant-computer at Fairfax County Public School ■ **Randy Millar**, Springfield, VA, is a project engineer at L-3 Communications ■ **Jane Swenson Oxtan**, St. Cloud, is a retired music teacher ■ **Eric Pietz**, Winter Park, CO, is president of North Forty Enterprises ■ **Jim H. Rucinski**, Apple Valley, is CFO at Metro Equity Management ■ **Allene Munson Waldorf**, Bozeman, MT, is a registered nurse at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital ■ **Tom Waldorf**, Bozeman, MT, teaches Spanish at Bozeman Public Schools ■ **Barbara A. Watson**, Jackson, MI, is a nurse practitioner in private practice ■ **Ralph Yernberg**, Fort Collins, CO, is manager of Lutheran relations at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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◀ '79 classmates celebrate 30 years with friends

*Hildur Swenson '30 and Diann Marten '80 joined graduates from the class of '79 as they kicked off their 30-year reunion celebration with a Homecoming brunch. Pictured in the back row from left: **Bev Sorbe Miles '79, Susan Van Someren Danielson '79, Jan Gordon '79, Karin Marjanen '79, and Diann Fangmeier Marten '80.** In front: **Hildur Swenson '30, Colleen Jacks '79, and Patricia Pellikka '79.***

the Great Northern Mattress Gallery ■ **Dan Zinsmeister**, Madison, WI, is an adjunct professor at Upper Iowa University.

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77 **Class Agents:** Al Behrends, Terri Novak Delebo
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▶ **Author of spiritual guidebook**

Wendy Wiebusch Berthelsen '80, Midlothian TX, pastor of ministry in daily life at Hope Lutheran Church, Cedar Hill, TX, has published a book about finding one's calling. *Custom Designed: A Life Worthy of the Call*, is a book about God's unique call for all people for all of life and suggests ways to seek and discover this "call" and incorporate it into your life. Berthelsen presents guided questions, ancient wisdom, and insightful diagrams for understanding your unique individuality, recognizing God's guiding hand, and even grappling with two of life's more practical yet significant questions: *Who am I? and, What am I to do?* The book is useful for the individual seeking direction, or the teacher, mentor, or pastor searching for an in-depth teaching resource. It is available online at www.callinc.org and www.tatepublishing.com, or at retail and online bookstores.



◀ **Brase recognized as one of '100 Most Powerful People in Health Care'**

Twila Brase '81, St. Paul, was named by Modern Healthcare magazine as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Health Care for 2009. The 100 health care leaders were chosen from 25,700 nominations. Nearly a half million votes were cast to select the final top 100 individuals on the list.

Brase, president and co-founder of Citizens' Council on Health Care (CCHC), is ranked at number 75, one of only two individuals from Minnesota. She joins a roster of very influential and well-known leaders across the country, including President Obama, Bill Gates, and Newt Gingrich.

Martin Kellogg, chairman of the CCHC Board of Directors, said in a statement that Brase, a registered nurse, and public health nurse, "has attained this recognition through diligent and incisive critiques and testimony in favor of patient-centered health care, medical privacy rights, and free-market concepts"



North Branch ■ **Karen Schley Driessen**, Apple Valley, is a certified registered nurse-anesthetist at Fairview Southdale ■ **Loralee Holdahl Erickson**, St. Paul, is a self-employed account executive ■ **Thomas M. Garvin**, Plymouth, is a dentist at Garvin Dental Care ■ **Nancy L. Gilman**, Aliso Viejo, CA, is owner of Sew 'n' Dreams ■ **Margery Miller Greenawalt**, Bainbridge Island, WA, is a physical therapist at Bainbridge Athletic Club ■ **Paul B. Greenawalt**, Bainbridge Island, WA, is an oral surgeon at Oral Surgery and Implant Clinic ■ **Mary Bredemeier Hildebrandt**, St. Peter, is a public health nurse, case manager, and supervisor for Nicollet County ■ **Bruce J. Jacobson**, South Haven, is president of Extencio, LLC ■ **Greg Johnson**, Hau'ula, HI, is a clinical director for the Department of Defense ■ **Laurie Schroepfer Michael**, Tonka Bay, is an inclusion preschool teacher in the Eden Prairie ISD #272 ■ **David M. Miller**, Northfield, is an instrumental music director at Rosemount/Apple Valley/ Rosemount ISD #196 ■ **Robert L. Minkema**, Long Lake, is a CPA ■ **Doug D. Nave**, Elmore, is owner of Double Play Sports Bar ■ **Heidi E. Rebelein**, Kensett, IA, is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital ■ **Lauren Ross McCalib**, Mahtomedi, is in regional transmission for Great River Energy ■ **Kay Christianson Schell**, Baudette, is a mission leader at Lakewood Health Center ■ **Jenny Onnen Skinner**, Maple Grove, is self-employed ■ **Stephanie Larson Stec**, Wyoming, is a dentist at Sunrise River Dental, P.A., and runs an apple orchard and seasonal store along with her husband, Ed, at sunriseriverfarm.com ■ **John F. Stone**, Whitewater, WI, is dean of the school of graduate studies and continuing education at the University of Wisconsin ■ **Joyce Thomsen Stransky**, Durango, CO, is a retired chiropractor and current membership assistant for Great Old Broads for Wilderness ■ **Peter J. Sullivan**, Edina, is president of Sullivan Computer and Consulting Corporation ■ **Thomas L. Talle**, Glenwood, is a self-employed farmer ■ **Diane Teeters**, St. Louis Park, is executive director of International Student Exchange ■ **Greg Waskewicz**, Virginia Beach, VA, is a maxillofacial prosthodontist for the U.S. government.

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Al Molde '66, director of intercollegiate athletics, and **Tim Kennedy '82**, sports information director

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▲ **An international career in a multitude of musical styles**

Joel Fredericksen '81 has not only sung opera, oratorio, and concerts around the world, but he is also a world-class lutenist who has played with many of the most important early music ensembles in Europe and the United States and leads his own group, Ensemble Phoenix Munich. His unique and varied career has included everything from teaching choir in the Bronx to leading a jazz ensemble in Germany, where he currently lives. That career was the subject of a nine-page feature article/interview in the November 2009 issue of Classical Singer magazine.

Maria Nockin, the article's author, wrote that Fredericksen's career is "a lesson in patience and preparation. After a teacher opened up his voice and declared him a true bass, Fredericksen then had to wait for his voice to mature. He put the downtime to use, however, developing skills that would one day serve him well—like playing guitar, developing a love affair with the lute, and honing his directorial skills in public schools." He studied folk music while working as an intern at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, did graduate study at Oakland University in Michigan, and performed with the Waverly Consort in New York.

More recently Fredericksen has been hopping all around Europe. In October 2008 he made his debut in Paris with works from his first solo CD, Orpheus, I Am. In late 2008 and early 2009, he was in Lucerne, Switzerland, performing as part of a dance piece choreographed by his partner, Verena Weiss. Then, with his Ensemble Phoenix Munich, he presented 17th-century music from his Harmonia Mundi CD O Felice Morire at the prestigious Prince Regent Theater in Munich. In May he was in Spain, and in July, Belgium, performing selections from yet another CD, The Elf Knight. In October he gave his first performance in Denmark.

Looking to the future, Fredericksen recently said "yes" to a U.S. tour with the Boston Camerata, in which he'll be the featured bass soloist and will also accompany himself on the Renaissance lute. After that he will rush back to Europe for a staged version of Handel's Joshua. In 2010 he has bookings all around Europe, including his first performance in Poland. In early May he'll be back in the United States—in Denton, TX, to celebrate the retirement of renowned lutenist and early music scholar Lyle Nordstrom, his graduate school teacher and mentor—before returning to Germany to record a new CD of early American music.

◀ **Hakensen promoted to GM**

David Hakensen '81, Minnetonka, who joined Fleishman-Hillard, Minneapolis/St. Paul, in July as a senior vice president to lead the office's corporate communications practice, has been promoted to general manager. Before joining FH, Hakensen was vice president, public relations, at Pearson Education in Bloomington, where he oversaw communications for the company's assessment and information business. He joined Pearson in 2001, soon after its acquisition of Eden Prairie, MN-based National Computer Services, the K-12 testing and large-scale data management company. Previously, Hakensen was senior vice president, media relations, Padilla Speer Beardsley. During his 19-year career at PSB, he established the firm's media relations practice and was recognized for his crisis communications experience. He is past president of the Minnesota Chapter, Public Relations Society of America, and earlier this year was honored by Minnesota PRSA with the Donald G. Padilla Distinguished Practitioner Award.



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▲ **1984 graduate receives Arnold E. Carlson Christian Ethics Award**

David Johnson '84, Eagan, received the Gustavus Arnold E. Carlson Award, an award recognizing individuals who relate Christian ethics to society, on November 3 and lectured on "Vocation in Today's World: God's Work, Our Hands" to a campus audience. In 2008 Johnson, an ophthalmologist at HealthPartners, St. Paul, led a medical team of nine to Ilula Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania, where more than 700 patients were screened and 62 cataract surgeries performed. During his two-day visit to campus, Johnson was Chapel homilist, visited classes, and met with students interested in the health professions. He is pictured here with his family: son Lars, wife Sheryl (Brolander '83), and daughter Britta.



▲ **Richerts climb Mt. Fuji**

On August 29, the last weekend the mountain was available to visit, **Randy Richert '85** and his younger daughter, **Shelby**, climbed Mt. Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan at 12,388 ft. Still an active volcano, Mt. Fuji's symmetrical cone is a well-known symbol of Japan and is often depicted in art and photographs. Richert is a colonel, provost marshal, U.S. Forces Japan and director, security forces, 5th Air Force. Richert's older daughter, **Jessica '13**, is a first-year student at Gustavus.

is a senior scientist at Gilead Sciences ■ **Jeffrey L. Peterson**, Ham Lake, is in prosthetics at North Metro Orthotics ■ **Mike Peterson**, St. Michael, is an external quality specialist at St. Jude Medical ■ **Jon M. Rodebaugh**, Minneapolis, is a content specialist at Data Recognition Corporation ■ **Amit M. Shah**, San Diego, CA, is a senior research scientist at Biosites ■ **Melissa Mack Thompson**, Viroqua, WI, is a physician's assistant at Boone Memorial Hospital.

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05 **5th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25, 2010** **Class Agents:** Liz Zappetillo Lewis, Becky Neitzke, Jessica Nelson, Anne Shipley, Anne Michaletz Viljaste

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► **Engwall receives Nature Conservancy award**
Craig Engwall '86, Cohasset, Northeast Regional director for the Department of Natural Resources, was one of seven recipients of the 2009 Government Relations Award from The Nature Conservancy. Engwall received the award for his leadership in championing the "Upper Mississippi Forest Project" (UPM/Blandin Paper Company land) to receive \$36 million in dedicated funding from the Legislature over the next two years. When it closes in 2010, this historic land conservation project will protect over 187,000 acres of northern Minnesota forest with a "working forest" conservation easement that assures jobs, protects the environment, and guarantees public access in perpetuity.



◀ **Singh named to board of International Tennis Hall of Fame**
Vinayak Singh '89, New York, NY, made tennis history in November when he was one of 10 worldwide business and community leaders appointed to the board of directors for the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame chairman Christopher Clouser welcomed Singh, who is president of International Strategy & Investment Group (ISE), and nine others to "a global board of tennis enthusiasts who are committed to the history and preservation of the game. They each bring a variety of talents and expertise to our organization that will be beneficial as we implement our plan to grow the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum in the coming years." Other new members include Jeanne Moutossamy-Ashe, the widow of Arthur Ashe.

The International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum is a non-profit institution dedicated to preserving the history of tennis, inspiring and encouraging junior tennis development, enshrining tennis heroes and heroines, and providing a landmark for tennis enthusiasts worldwide.

The International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum was recognized as the sport's official Hall of Fame in 1986 by the International Tennis Federation, the governing body of tennis.

During his business career Singh has maintained his tennis game and plans to play in a USTA national 40-and-over tournament.

Oppitz opens Itasca Naturopathic Clinic

Dr. Rachel Roberts Oppitz '96, Park Rapids, a registered naturopathic doctor (ND), has opened Itasca Naturopathic Clinic in Park Rapids, with her husband, **Chris Oppitz '96**, serving as office manager. Minnesota passed a registration bill for naturopathic doctors in May of 2008. The legislation acts to protect consumers by establishing standards, including a post-graduate doctoral degree, board exams, and continuing education for NDs.

Oppitz, a graduate of the National College of Natural Medicine in Portland, OR, explains that naturopathic medicine emphasizes and utilizes the body's inherent ability to protect and repair itself. "The latest in diagnostic testing is implemented and non-invasive treatments are suggested. Nutrition and lifestyle changes are emphasized to treat the whole person, not just the symptoms of an underlying illness or disease." Approximately 90 percent of treatment is natural, including diet, exercise, nutrients, herbs, and homeopathy. Oppitz adds, "Naturopathic medicine is not 'alternative' medicine but an integrative medicine, a comprehensive utilization of traditional and conventional."

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NURSING

AT GUSTAVUS — 1960–2010

Nursing Alumni Reunion June 4–6, 2010

To commemorate 50 years of nursing graduates at Gustavus, a reunion weekend is being planned for all nursing alumni on June 4–6, 2010. Please save the dates and look for information from the Office of Alumni Relations and Department of Nursing. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, willing to present a short CEU breakout session on the morning of June 5 on a topic of interest to nurses, or have suggestions for a keynote speaker for the banquet on Saturday night, please contact Paula Swiggum, chair of the Department of Nursing, at pswiggum@gustavus.edu. We are looking forward to seeing nurses from all 50 years!



Center ■ **Shauna N. Cropsey**, Eagan, is teaching English in South Korea ■ **Ashok R. Jethwa**, Minot, ND, is attending University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health ■ **Stephanie M. Kling**, Denver, CO, is in the pharmacy program at University of Colorado ■ **Kristin M. Knudson**, Vadnais Heights, is a paralegal with Casa de Proyecto Libertad as part of a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service ■ **Jill M. Koppelman**, Cannon Falls, is accounts receivable clerk for Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan ISD #196 ■ **Whitney A. Langenfeld**, Mankato, is a graduate assistant in the career development center at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ **John E. Retka**, Blaine, is an account manager, inside sales at American Financial Printing, Inc ■ **Kayla M. Ricksham**, Duluth, is working at Pickwick Restaurant ■ **Carla M. Shutrop**, Shakopee, was elected to the Shakopee School Board in November ■ **Maria L. Siegle**, Cologne, teaches first grade at Park Elementary in Le Sueur as part of graduate teaching fellowship at MSU, Mankato ■ **Anthony M. Spain**, Seattle, WA, is an office manager for the law firm Spener, Anderson, and Buhr and performs with the Seattle Choral Company ■ **Jenny Tafur**, New Brighton, works for Aveda ■ **Chew T. Vang**, Cottage Grove, is a research assistant at MAPS Applied Research Center ■ **Lindsay K. Werder**, Corcoran, is a clinical studies support coordinator for Medtronic.

WEDDINGS

Julius Del Pino '69 and Laurie Smith-Del Pino, West Bloomfield, MI.
Patti Grammer '81 and Joe Kirkham, 11/7/09, Houston, TX.
Laura J. Danielson '87 and Tim Smith, Rochester, MN.
Tom Bessinger '89 and Jennifer Bessinger, 5/24/08, Eden Prairie, MN.
Brian R. Dix '90 and Elise Dix, Emmett, ID.
Stephanie Endsley '99 and James Westphal, 8/29/09, Seattle, WA.
Sarah Mullins '00 and Keith Leonard, Silver Spring, MD.
James E. Wetherbee '00 and Erin Wetherbee, 8/1/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Devin R. Colvin '01 and Emily Brown, 9/12/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Kimberly Johnson '01 and Herman Lo, 10/10/09, Vernon Hills, IL.
Alison Ninmann '01 and Tyler Pau, 6/26/09, Spokane, WA.

ERRATUM

The information on the marriage of 2005 graduates Josh and Renee Carlson printed in the Winter 2009-10 *Quarterly* was incomplete in failing to identify Renee as a Gustie as well! It should have read: **Renee Donahue '05** and **Josh Carlson '05**, 6/20/09, Minneapolis, MN.

Erica Schmidt '02 and David Krocak, 11/7/09, St. Louis Park, MN.
Lindsay Larson '03 and **Erik Abraham '02**, St. Paul, MN.
Nicole Polanco '03 and **Trent M. Larson '04**, 10/10/09, Lakeville, MN.
Joan Preiner '03 and Chad Raiche, 6/13/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Kathryn Deschneau '04 and **Dan Melde '04**, 6/27/09, Maplewood, MN.
Rebecca Levine '04 and Adam Wheeldon, Andover, MN.
Michelle Wiebusch '04 and Jesse Skow, 7/14/07, Blaine, MN.
Katie Erickson '05 and Adam Nelson, 9/26/09, Inver Grove Heights, MN.
Kirsten Haalboom '05 and **August D. Hinz '06**, 5/29/09, Bethesda, MD.
Cassandra Hahn '05 and Paul Erickson, 10/10/09, Mankato, MN.
Jake Hirschey '05 and Jane-Marie Hirschey, 4/25/09, Newark, DE.
David S. Mitchell '05 and Andrea Mitchell, 10/3/09, Richfield, MN.
Brittni Smoots '05 and **Jason L. Holmers '05**, 10/6/07, Minnetonka, MN.
Jennifer Burke '06 and Mark Grasso, 11/1/08, Berlin, MD.
Erin Green '06 and **Dan Smith '06**, 10/10/09, Apple Valley, MN.
Kelsey Gordon '06 and **James H. Gempeler '05**, 8/15/09, Plymouth, MN.
Lena Solyntjes '06 and Richard Mueller, 8/8/09, Cottage Grove, MN.
Brittany Aase '07 and **Kyle Chester '07**, 9/18/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Nick David '07 and Melissa David, 9/26/09, Hollywood, CA.
Valerie Berquam '07 and **Todd J. Kohorst '07**, 8/9/08, Prior Lake, MN.
Ashley Ohlson '09 and **Nicholas Stramp '09**, 12/29/09, Anchorage, AK.

BIRTHS

Akxel, to **Jyl J. Josephson '82** and **Jim L. Nelson '82**, 12/16/08.
Alice, to **Ann Osterbauer Bremer '86** and Timothy Bremer, 8/19/09.
Maren, to **James Russell Jr. '86** and Lisa Russell, 8/6/08.
Eleanor, to **Keith N. Jackson '89** and Heidi Jackson, 10/4/09.
Grant, to **Tony Severt '90** and Kathryn Severt, 10/9/09.
Annika, to **Jim Van Dusen '90** and Renita Van Dusen, 1/31/09.
Sadie, to **Bret M. Newcomb '92** and Rachel Newcomb, 7/22/08.
Thomas, to **Heather McCleery Capistrant '93** and Andrew Capistrant, 5/30/09.
Benjamin, to **Nicole Strusz-Mueller '93** and Bill Mueller, 9/5/08.
John, to **Amy Haberman Abercrombie '95** and Daniel Abercrombie, 7/18/09.
Brady, to **J.D. Anderson '95** and Holly Anderson, 6/22/09.
Henry, to **Shannon Andreson '95** and **Jason F. Hiltner '96**, 1/1/08.
Lillian, to **Caren Parmer Berger '95** and **Per-Johan Berger '93**, 3/22/09.

Hunter, to **Jennifer Lange Clem '95** and Joseph R. Clem, 12/9/08.
Lucius, to **Michelle A. Ford '95** and **Jon M. Rodebaugh '92**, 3/26/09.
Odin, to **Rachel Vandersteen Hennies '95** and **Mike D. Hennies '95**, 10/22/08.
Lila, to **Kari Nelson Isaacson '95** and David W. Isaacson, 9/6/08.
Bethany, to **Lori J. Maidment '95** and **Kevin D. Bigalke '95**, 5/12/09.
Tiegan, to **Andy McGrath '95** and **Stacy Mickelson McGrath '97**, 11/25/09.
Anais, to **Mark Nechanicky '95** and Taryn Nechanicky.
Molly, to **Lisa Ohlsen Pallo '95** and Joseph M. Pallo, 9/18/09.
Oliver, to **Annie Robertson Rudolph '95** and William Rudolph.
Ethan, to **Amy Seidel '95** and Michael Coddington, 9/16/09.
Jackson, to **Stephen Strege '95** and Aimee Strege, 7/4/09.
Peter, to **Kari Carlson Takahashi '95** and Paul Takahashi, 11/3/09.
Lydia, to **Christina Williams '95** and Michael Kunde, 10/4/09.
Steffan, to **Kara Bloomquist Drekonja '96** and **Dimitri M. Drekonja '96**, 9/13/09.
Sterling, to **Jonelle Rehse Intihar '96** and Todd Intihar, 5/8/09.
Benjamin, to **Kathy Scott Koch '96** and Nate Koch, 7/24/09.
Ava, by adoption, to **Justin Newman '96** and **Allie Vogt Newman '96**, born 8/21/08, adopted 5/18/09.
Mari, to **Molly Otting Tellijohn '96** and Anthony Tellijohn, 5/15/09.
Domas, to **Dusan Turcan '96** and Elizabeth Turcanova, 11/10/08.
Lucy, to **Holly Wangness Dau '97** and Jacob Dau, 11/23/09.
Will, to **Lars M. Ericson '97** and Kristina Ericson, 1/5/09.
Alexa, to **Amanda Marine Johnston '97** and Jeremy Johnston, 5/12/08.
Paige, to **Karissa Wicklander Kirvida '97** and Wayne Kirvida, 7/11/08.
Hillary, to **Angela Peck Lacis '97** and Andrew Lacis, 3/31/09.
Margaret, to **Ann Hanson Lininger '97** and Joseph Lininger, 10/7/08.
Audrey, to **Barbara Freimuth Siefken '97** and **Shannon L. Siefken '97**, 11/24/09.
Karsten, to **Kathryn E. Zibell '97** and Kevin Flinn, 7/3/09.
Stellan, to **Rebecca Wold Freeman '98** and **Leif S. Freeman '98**, 4/9/09.
Tessa, to **Pete Johnson '98** and Shannon Johnson, 3/31/09.
Zack, to **Bobbi Miest Baumann '99** and Craig Baumann, 1/27/09.
Alexandra, to **Ellie Paraskova Kuklewski '99** and Stewart Flory, 10/26/09.
Leif, to **Joe Kellner '99** and Deborah Kellner, 10/2/09.
Violet, to **Tamara Knudson Schult '99** and Clint Schult, 8/23/08.
Cole, to **Holly Peterson Chester '00** and **Jared C. Chester '99**, 4/28/09.
Skyler, to **Jessica Olson Hirsch '00** and **Matthew J. Hirsch '00**, 7/17/09.
Braden, to **Greg Holker '00** and Connie Holker, 6/20/09.

Cameron, to **Laura Smith Lesinski '00** and **Chris Lesinski '00**, 6/11/09.

Ahna, to **Celeste Schaefer Lewis '00** and Andrew Lewis, 11/1/09.

Samuel, to **Gina Kime Razidlo '00** and **Dave Razidlo '00**, 7/28/09.

Sophia, to **Carrie Banaszewski Tate '00** and Frank Tate, 6/2/09.

Hayden, to **Lindsay Haver Walsh '00** and Kevin Walsh, 12/4/08.

Nathan, to **Amy Karban Ackert '01** and **Joe Ackert '01**, 7/29/09.

Nadia, to **Heather Lee Binger '01** and Jason Binger, 4/15/09.

Klara, to **Andrea Connett Eckman '01** and **Erik S. Eckman '98**, 4/14/09.

Adam, to **Corrie Segerstrom Dufresne '01** and **Andrew T. Dufresne '01**, 9/19/09.

Mikko, to **Erin Seal Johnson '01** and Matthew Johnson, 7/27/09.

Emmett, to **Rebecca Kiesow Knudsen '01** and Gregory Kiesow Knudsen, 9/4/09.

Noah, to **Paige Stensberg Lathrop '01** and Dan Lathrop, 5/31/09.

Abby, to **Ann Young Lehmkuhler '01** and Dean Lehmkuhler, 4/16/09.

Ishann, to **Shetalika Agarwal Naik '01** and Vikram Naik, 1/3/09.

Jenna, to **Christopher S. Okey '01** and Jessica Okey, 6/23/09.

Hayden, to **Lisa Marquardt Partyka '01** and Christopher Partyka, 4/4/09.

Sophia, to **Sonja Cordes Pothen '01** and Chad Pothen, 6/15/09.

Alice, to **Laura Graen Rapacz '01** and Ryan Rapacz, 8/4/09.

Lila, to **Angela Reinhart Salzman '01** and **Josh Salzman '01**, 7/3/09.

Isla, to **Dawn Krabbenhoft Stapleton '01** and Mark M. Stapleton, 5/26/09.

Brady, to **Brian T. Thatcher '01** and **Katie Ulwelling Thatcher '03**, 9/26/09.

Cole, to **Judd Thomas '01** and Christine Thomas, 5/24/09.

Macy, to **Billie Shorma Vest '01** and **Joshua Vest '02**, 5/6/09.

Elsa, to **Brooks Anderson '02** and Bridget Anderson, 11/22/09.

Penelope, to **Owen J. Busse '02** and Kristina Busse, 2/26/09.

Berit, to **Katie Weiss Erickson '02** and **Matt Erickson '02**, 9/23/09.

Ella, to **Emily Johnson Frazier '02** and William Frazier, 2/23/09.

Belle, to **Ryan Kath '02** and Carla Kath, 8/31/09.

Tanner, to **Michelle Zaske Koren '02** and **Kyle Koren '01**, 6/30/09.

Amelia, to **Kristina Campbell Mattson '02** and **Guy E. Mattson '01**, 5/1/08.

Lucy, to **Jaime Haugen Annis '03** and **Nathan Annis '03**, 4/14/09.

Jake, to **Anna Knoblauch Bromeland '03** and **Phil Bromeland '03**, 3/23/09.

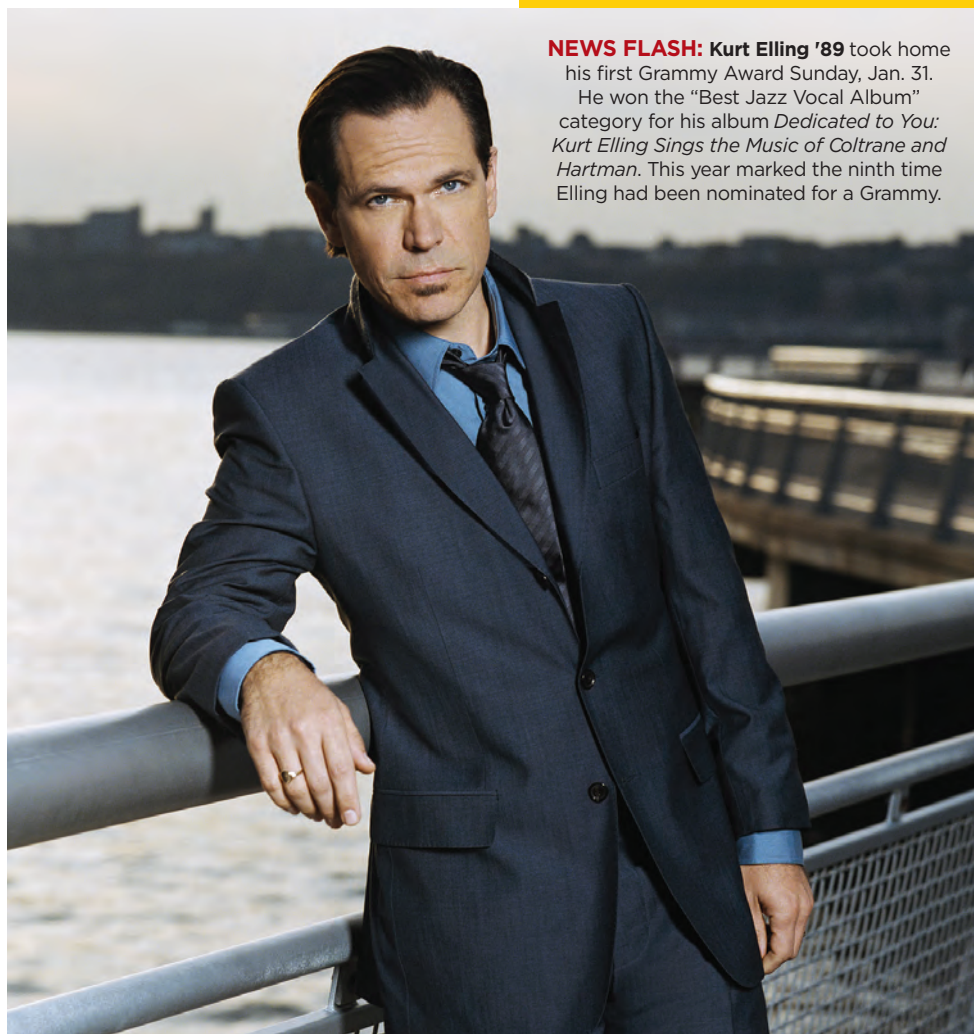
Luke, to **Elise Getter Howard '03** and Jason Howard, 7/15/09.

Solbritt, to **Sigrid Gustafson Pettersson '03** and Olle Pettersson, 6/27/09.

Maxwell, to **Beth Kasid Wakefield '03** and **Matthew Wakefield '02**, 6/14/09.

Kaelyn, to **Megan Kaiser Barta '04** and Shawn Barta, 3/6/09.

Grayson, to **Sandra Rash Dunigan '04** and **Brandon Dunigan '02**, 3/18/09.



NEWS FLASH: Kurt Elling '89 took home his first Grammy Award Sunday, Jan. 31. He won the "Best Jazz Vocal Album" category for his album *Dedicated to You: Kurt Elling Sings the Music of Coltrane and Hartman*. This year marked the ninth time Elling had been nominated for a Grammy.

▲ White House performance

Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist **Kurt Elling '89** has toured the world, performing to critical acclaim in Europe, the Middle East, South America, Asia, and Australia, and at jazz festivals and concert halls across North America. Now he can add the White House to that list.

Elling performed in front of President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and their 350 guests at the Obamas' first State Dinner, held in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife, Gursharan Kaur, on Nov. 24, 2009. Elling, who has received a total of eight Grammy nominations and has been named Male Vocalist of the Year four times by the Jazz Journalists Association, was one of the night's featured entertainers along with singer Jennifer Hudson, the United States Marine Band, and the National Symphony Orchestra with conductor Marvin Hamlisch.

The guest list for the event included Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of the Department of Energy and 2007 Nobel Conference speaker Steven Chu, anchor of the CBS Evening News Katie Couric, New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, retired Gen. Colin Powell, and film director Steven Spielberg.

Elling was not the only Gustavus graduate invited to attend the State Dinner. **Semonti Mustaphi Stephens '03**, deputy press secretary to First Lady Michelle Obama, was also on the guest list.

1996 graduate launches career transition website

Jennifer Krempin Bridgman '96, Alexandria, VA, has launched "Tripping on the Ladder," a new online community for individuals in career transition and reflection. Inspired by her own professional transition, Bridgman specifically focused her site on helping adults in career flux. After resigning from her position as a law firm marketing and communication director to pursue her dream of entrepreneurship, she was inspired to create a website and online community. "During my own transition, I became acutely aware of how many other 'transitioners' were out there and how few resources truly exist for helping people move forward," she says. *Tripping on the Ladder* is administered by and includes content written by individuals who are in career transition and professionals who specialize in working with adults in transition. For more information, go to www.trippingontheladder.com.



▲ **Alums' idea aids food shelves**

Travis Dahlke '00 and his brother, **Nathan '02**, grew up on a 175-acre farm near Green Isle, Minn. While they both now work in information technology and live in Crystal, Minn., they return to the farm most weekends to help their father. But when they asked their father last spring for an acre of land to grow potatoes, it wasn't any ploy to hasten their inheritance.

They planned to give the entire harvest away.

By the end of September, the nonprofit venture the Dahls launched, "Hands for Harvest," was able to donate more than five tons of potatoes to three area food shelves: the McLeod County Food Shelf in Glencoe, the Greater Lake Country Food Bank of Minneapolis, and Prism of Golden Valley. It also drew the attention of

reporters from the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the Mankato Free Press.

The idea first took root as Travis was completing a master's degree program at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul earlier this year. Both the potato project and Hands for Harvest grew out of an internship he undertook for his seminary program.

Last spring, with the help of about 80 volunteers—many from the church the brothers attend, Calvary Lutheran in Golden Valley—they planted 1,800 pounds of seed potatoes. Their volunteer base grew along with their potatoes, with more than 100 helping to plant, weed and cultivate over the summer, and/or harvest during the last two weekends in September.

The brothers hope Hands for Harvest can

eventually become their full-time jobs. They're already planning bigger things for next year. They may add carrots or squash; down the road, they may ask other farmers in the area to donate an acre. "To donate one acre here and there would go a long way," Travis says.

If they are able to recruit more volunteers, their contributions to food shelves could increase dramatically. "With the economy the way it is, we know people can't always give money," Travis told a Mankato Free Press staff writer. "This is a way people can give of their time. We know people are always willing to give."

For more about the Dahls' nonprofit and for information about volunteering, visit www.handsforharvestmn.org.

Lucie, to **Brenda Westerbur Gill '04** and Jonathan Gill, 8/23/09.

Twins, Ethan and Owen, to **Angie Peterson Potts '04** and **Charlie Potts '01**.

Mac, to **Micah McDonough Treichel '04** and **Matt S. Treichel '04**, 3/16/09.

Kyson, to **Nicole M. Evenski '05** and Kyle Evenski, 8/29/08.

Morgan, to **Liz Englund Weisbrich '05** and Micahel Weisbrich, 8/11/09.

Kaja, to **Ana Sietsema Hulzebos '06** and **Mark J. Hulzebos '06**, 4/17/09.

William, to **Kate Neely Meadows '06** and Bryan Meadows, 10/8/09.

Addilyn, to **Russ Gerads '07**.

IN MEMORIAM

Adele Regner Stearns '22, Amery, WI, on November 11, 2009. She was a retired school teacher and church and community volunteer, and was the College's oldest living graduate (108) at the time of her death.

Doris Dahlgren Hansen '37, Louisburg, MN, on 1/2/10.

Sybil Londeen Wersell '37, Edina, MN, on December 16, 2009. She was a retired educator and founder of schools for pregnant teens. A lifelong supporter of Gustavus, she served on the Alumni Board 1972-78 and the Board of Trustees 1982-89 and was a longtime board member of Gustavus Library Associates. She is survived by daughters Signe Cowen '67 and Andrea '69.

A. Wallace Carlson '37, Minnetonka, MN, on November 1, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Anne, two

daughters including Marta Gisselquist '73, and two sons including Mark '77.

Ebba Lundquist Bergquist '38, Eden Prairie, on October 20, 2009. She was a homemaker and active volunteer leader and is survived by two sons and a daughter.

B. Arnold Moe '39, Quincy, IL, on December 17, 2009. He was retired president of Foam Air Packaging and is survived by one daughter and one son.

Walter Gonska '41, North Ridgeville, OH, on May 16, 2009. He was a retired church administrative assistant and is survived by his wife, Carole, three daughters, and two sons.

Marian Swanson Johnson '41, St. Peter, MN, on January 1, 2010. She was a former high school teacher and librarian, and an instructor in English and library science and a periodicals librarian at Gustavus. She served as class agent for her class for 41 years, was Class Agent of the Year in 1966, 1981, and

1991, and with her late husband, Chester, was recipient of the Greater Gustavus Award in 2002. She is survived by daughter Christine Feldman '71 and son Martin '76. (Note Professor Emeritus Chester Johnson's obituary, below.)

Marjorie Knudson Olson '42, Mt. Pleasant, MI, on November 11, 2009. She and her late husband, Robert Olson '41, were the fifth recipients of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations Service Award (1998) in recognition of their Peace Corps, Easter Seals, Salvation Army, and church missionary work. She is survived by her son, Greg '72.

Ralph M. Pernula '42, Quartz Hill, CA, on November 16, 2009. He was retired engineer for NACA/NASA and was part of the team that developed instrumentation for the X-15 aircraft. He is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Zola Zieske Blake '43, Albuquerque, NM, on October 24, 2009. She was a retired business education teacher and is survived by one daughter and one son.

Arlyne Kuehl Siehr '43, Long Beach, CA, on December 17, 2009. She was a former teacher, worked for nonprofit organizations, and is survived by one daughter and one son.

Homer A. Mattson '44, Redmond, WA, on November 29, 2009. He was a retired educator and is survived by one daughter and three sons including Brian '68 and Drew '71.

Adele Bonander Engberg '46, Gresham, OR, on November 30, 2009. She was a retired medical technologist and is survived by her husband, Marlow, and three sons.

Elaine Peterson Johnson '46, Minnetonka, MN, on November 8, 2009. She was a retired social worker for Minneapolis Public Schools and is survived by daughter Julie '79.

Eldor Larson '46, Watertown, SD, on December 6, 2009. He was a retired teacher and educational administrator and is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Karen Prah McDonald '50, Brooklyn Park, MN, on December 10, 2009. She is survived by her husband, James, two daughters, and one son.

Doris Jacobson Speckeen '50, Singer Island, FL, on December 5, 2009. She was a former teacher and operator of two family agribusinesses. She is survived by daughter Stephanie Campbell '77 and one son.

Jeanette Schmidt Olsen '52, Fairbanks, AK, on December 13, 2009. She was a retired music educator and is survived by three daughters, two sons, and two brothers.

G. Bob Werness '52, Bloomington, MN, on October 30, 2009. He was a retired funeral director and handled public relations for Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Chapels; he also was a founder of Mr. Basketball Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, four sons, one daughter, one stepdaughter, one stepson, and a sister.

Dorothy Videen Ekstam '53, Laurens, IA, on November 9, 2009. She is survived by three sons including Janne '84.

James Lund '55, New Ulm, MN, on November 18, 2009. He was a retired social worker and



CALLING ALL GUSTIE BIRDERS!

Gustavus Birding 'Big Day'

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Several years ago, Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, began a tradition of compiling a list of birds seen on a given day in May anywhere in the world by its faculty, students, and alumni. Now, it's Gustavus's turn! If you've ever done any bird-watching, if you enjoy photographing birds, or even if you have bird feeders at home, this is an international event you won't want to miss.

The task is simple: Wherever you are in the world, make a list of the birds you observe on **Saturday, May 15, 2010**. At the end of the day, send in your list to Bob Dunlap '08, Linnaeus Arboretum naturalist at Gustavus Adolphus College. Send e-mail to rdunlap@gustavus.edu. If e-mail is not possible, you may send mail to the following address:

Bob Dunlap
Gustavus Birding Big Day
800 West College Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

When submitting your list, please include where you saw each species in as much detail as you want. Simply "Japan" will suffice, as will "across the street in my neighbor's backyard in St. Peter, Nicollet County, Minnesota." Feel free to include any other information pertinent to your observations/excursions.

The "home" team at the College will begin birding before dawn that Saturday morning.

**For more information, contact Bob Dunlap
by e-mail (rdunlap@gustavus.edu) or by phone at 507-933-7199.**

TICKETS! TICKETS!

Gustavus recently launched an online events ticketing system called **GustavusTickets.com**. The Offices of Student Affairs, Marketing and Communication, and Fine Arts are already using the system for events such as Christmas in Christ Chapel, Artist Series concerts, and Theatre and Dance productions. Event attendees have appreciated the convenience of the online ordering, and it is the College's goal to move all pre-ordered, ticketed events (e.g., Nobel Conference, Commencement, Homecoming Weekend) to the new system over time. All Gustavus alumni have special access to the ticketing system by using their assigned user number and password. **Call Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437, or e-mail alumni@gustavus.edu, if you can't recall your access information.** We're excited about this new ticketing program and ask your patience as we continue to add ticketed Gustavus events to the system.



▲ **Gusties participate in Minnesota Fringe Festival**

On August 21 the Department of Theatre and Dance faculty, alumni, and students gathered at the Bedlam Theatre in Minneapolis in August to celebrate Gustie participation in the Minnesota Fringe Festival. The Minnesota Fringe is a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization whose mission is "to connect adventurous artists with adventurous audiences." In 2009, 46,216 tickets were issued to 162 shows. Fringe shows are 60 minutes or less, with 30-minute breaks between shows. Pictured from left (standing) are **President Jack Ohle**, **Jim Lundy '81**, **Veronica Bean '08**, **Michael J. Sielaff '08**, **Jordan Klitzke '10**, **Matt Ledder '07**, Assistant Professor **Henry MacCarthy**, Associate Professor and Department Chair **Amy Seham**, **Christian DeMarais '11**, and **Kimberly Braun '11**. Seated are Adjunct Instructor **Andrea Gross**, **Jennifer Kelly '02**, and Professor **Michele Rusinko**.



▲ **St. Olaf roommates' kids now Gusties**

Christian Johnson, **Tim Valen**, and **David Kendall** were roommates at St. Olaf College but three of their children are at Gustavus. Pictured from left are **Maja Johnson '13** (granddaughter of the late religion professor **Clair Johnson**), **Andrew Valen '10**, and **Emily Kendall '11** (granddaughter of former president **John Kendall '49**).

probation and parole officer for Brown County and is survived by his wife, Mary, one daughter, and three brothers including **Wilbur '38** and **Gene '43**.

Sheri Swanson Chell '62, Olympia, WA, on January 2, 2010. She is survived by her husband, **Paul '60**, one son, one daughter, and sisters **Carole Minor '57** and **Nita Anderson '61**.

Richard A. Peterson '62, Gold Canyon, AZ, on November 18, 2009. He was retired plant manager for Hobart Corporation and is survived by his wife, **Charlene**, one son, and two stepdaughters.

Ann Johnson Swanson '66, Cedar Rapids, IA, on October 23, 2009. She was a former teacher, homemaker, and volunteer and is survived by her husband, **Bruce '65**, son **Eric '91**, and a daughter.

Jay D. Paulus '70, Minneapolis, MN, on November 17, 2009. He is survived by one brother and one sister.

Mike Gisvold '71, Burnsville, MN, on October 11, 2009. His is survived by his wife, **Drue**, and two sisters.

Rosemary Mumm '71, Algiers, LA, on August 14, 2009. She was employed by the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office as a social worker in diversionary programs for juveniles and first-time offenders and is survived by her husband, **Robert**, four stepsons, and a brother.

Melodie Nelson Wilson '72, River Hills, WI, on November 9, 2009. She was former reporter and anchor for Milwaukee television stations WTMJ-TV and WITI-TV and was founder of ABCD (After Breast Cancer Diagnosis). She is survived by her husband, **Wayne**, and four children.

Andrew Lindberg '00, Farmington, MN, in a small plane crash in northern Minnesota on November 13, 2009. He was a financial planner for Met Life and is survived by his wife, **Kate**, his parents, **Bill** and **Linda "Charlie" Neuleib Lindberg '69 '69**, and his brother, **John '03**.

Chester O. Johnson, faculty, St. Peter, MN, on December 8, 2009. He was professor emeritus of geology at the College, teaching from 1940 until 1978. Following his retirement from teaching, he continued to work at the College as an archivist in the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. In 2002, Chester and his wife, **Marian**, were awarded the Greater Gustavus Award, "the highest award given by the Gustavus Alumni Association, for those who by deed have notably advanced and aided Gustavus Adolphus College." He was survived by his wife, **Marian (Swanson '41)**, daughter **Christine Feldman '71**, and son **Martin '76**. See page 5 for a more complete obituary. (Note obituary, above, for **Marian '41**.)

Clair Johnson, faculty, Mankato, MN, on December 24, 2009. He was professor emeritus of religion at the College, teaching from 1958 to 1975, and was the College's first chaplain. Over the years, his outstanding service contributions garnered him the College's Faculty Service Award as well as the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations' Covenant Award. He is survived by a daughter and a son. See page 7 for a more complete obituary.



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ARTS ON CAMPUS

Last December the Department of Theatre and Dance offered the community a unique, experimental production. Director Henry MacCarthy led an ensemble of 12 in five Black Box performances of a “physical theatre” project titled *Falling Awake*. The production, a collective creation structured by the director, ensemble, and designers, stretched the boundaries of everyday entertainment by demonstrating how expressive the body can be without speech. Flashlights, furniture, and the surfaces of the performance space served as simple props to help portray the complicated emotions of human beings in an unforgettable way. Pictured here during a performance are three members of the ensemble: from left, Jordan Klitzke '10, Patrick Jeffrey '10, and Benjamin Kolis '12.



Terena Wilkins