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*A new view from Old Main.  
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Photo illustration by Sharon Stevenson

# Leadership



*President Peterson (left) with some of the leadership of the College's Board of Trustees and Association of Congregations.*

There are many things on my mind lately. I've been thinking about our future as part of a strategic planning process, about next year's budget and our long-term financial picture, and about fundraising, organizational development, our church-relatedness, and other such matters. And I've spent a considerable amount of time thinking and talking to others about leadership. While Gustavus has had a history of strong leadership, we need to pay close attention to this institutional characteristic. It will certainly be critical to our ability to grow and thrive into the future.

We need strong and positive leadership from the faculty, inside the classroom and out. They are partners in our "shared governance" system in higher education. We need leadership from students, as they learn how to organize, manage, and practice leadership skills in student government, student organizations, and many other venues on and off campus. We need trained and thoughtful leadership from all of our managers and supervisors to ensure the most effective organization possible across the entire campus.

We also need strong senior leadership to direct and support all of the administrative work of the college. Important changes are happening here in this regard. We are beginning the search for a new vice president of academic affairs, a very key role in building the future of the college. At this writing we are in the final stages of deciding on a new leadership model for the Office of Church Relations and for our other church-related activities on campus. With Owen Sammelson's pending retirement, I have asked Mark Anderson, our excellent longtime director of the Admission Office, to take on the new role of Vice President for Admission and Financial Aid. Finally, we are creating a new focus in the marketing and public relations area with the addition of a Vice President for College Relations and Outreach. All these changes are intended to form and re-form the very best leadership team possible for the future of Gustavus. It's a challenging but very exciting time.

Equally important to the future of Gustavus is volunteer leadership. We rely heavily on the thoughtful and committed leadership of our board of trustees, the board of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations, Gustavus Library Associates, the Friends of the Arboretum, and of course our alumni, class agents, and the Alumni Board among others. Opportunities to gather leadership groups together like the occasion pictured above are helpful for building closer cooperation and coordination.

Our mission statement is very clear about who we are and why we are here. Its short form is ". . . to prepare students for fulfilling lives of leadership and service to society." So, strong leadership is important not only for the health and wellbeing of the institution, it's also a very important model for the students we serve. We do this well now. We will do it even better in the future. And I am convinced it will become one of recognized hallmarks of Gustavus.

James Peterson '64  
President

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## Moe Lectureship brings Angela Davis to campus


More than 500 people filled Alumni Hall on April 12 when the Robert and Karin Moe Lectureship in women's studies brought controversial Black activist Angela Davis to the Gustavus campus for a lecture.

Davis spoke on the topic of diversity, but her remarks went beyond simply advocating power for people of different races, cultures, genders, and lifestyles. She linked the goal of diversity to the current illegal immigration issue, arguing that, by enacting legislation to make illegal immigrants candidates for prison, we turn our backs on the very history that made the United States—a nation of immigrants—great. "It seems like it would be a lot easier to say 'amnesty,'" she said.

Davis came to national attention in 1969 after being removed from her teaching position in the philosophy department of UCLA due to her social activism and her membership in the U.S. Communist Party. As a result of her involvement in efforts to free the Soledad Brothers from prison, she was subsequently placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List and was the subject of an intense police search that drove her underground and led to her own arrest and imprisonment. During her 16-month incarceration prior to her acquittal in 1972, a massive international "Free Angela Davis" campaign was organized.



Photos by Jonathan Krantz

Davis remains an advocate of prison abolition and has developed a compelling critique of race and power in the criminal justice system. During the past 25 years, she has lectured in all 50 states, as well as in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and the former Soviet Union. In 1994 she was appointed to the University of California Presidential Chair in African American and Feminist Studies. Today she is a tenured professor in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is the author of five books, including *Women, Class & Race* (1981), *Women, Culture & Politics* (1989), and the *Angela Davis Reader* (1998). 

Activist Angela Davis (above) spoke to a full house (below) on diversity, immigration, and prison reform. Her lecture was sponsored by the Women's Studies program.



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## Parity for pre-paid 529 plans

Officials at Gustavus are applauding the inclusion of a provision in the recently passed Budget Reconciliation Bill that provides parity under Federal need analysis rules between so-called 529 college savings plans and 529 prepaid tuition plans,

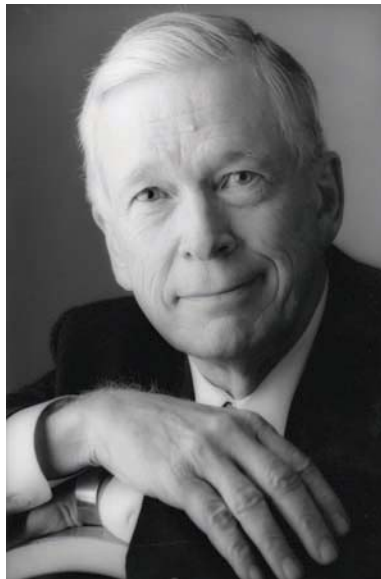
“The Budget Reconciliation Act that was signed into law February 8 contained a small provision that will make a big difference to families wanting to save for college with a pre-paid 529 plan,” according to Nancy Farmer, president of Independent 529 Plan, a tax-advantaged college savings program sponsored by Gustavus and more than 250 other private colleges and universities around the

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# Former board leader Phil Lindau '58 succumbs to cancer

Philip Lindau '58, a devoted and respected participant and leader in the advancement of Gustavus Adolphus College for the past 25 years, died on April 25, 2006, from cancer. He was 70 years old.

Lindau served the Gustavus community in many capacities. He was a member of the board of the Gustavus Alumni Association from 1982 to 1988 and chaired the Annual Fund in 1989. In 1988 he was elected to the Gustavus Board of Trustees and chaired that body from 1992 to 1995. During that time, the College launched its Three Crowns Campaign (1994–1997), which raised more than \$33 million to fund the renovation of Nobel Hall of Science and improvements to information technology, and Lindau served as a member of that campaign's steering committee. After Gustavus was devastated by tornadoes in 1998, he returned to chair a rebuilding campaign that raised more than \$23 million in



Philip Lindau '58

much-needed funds. When the rebuilding campaign became the \$100 million Building a Greater Gustavus campaign (1999–2004), he agreed to chair it.

A commodities trader by profession, Lindau was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Citation in business by Gustavus in 1991. He had joined Pillsbury in 1964

and, as vice president of special commodities and industrial foods transportation, had helped ease the transition when Metropolitan P.L.C. acquired Pillsbury in 1988. In 1993 he negotiated a buyout of his division and became president of his own company, Commodities Specialists.

In 2002 Lindau and his wife, Nancy, were charter inductees into the College's Founders Society, which recognizes donors for substantial cumulative lifetime contributions. They are also members of the Gustavus Heritage Partnership, having made a significant future gift commitment to Gustavus. In 2003 Lindau was honored with the Greater Gustavus Award, the College's highest recognition for those who have notably aided and advanced the College.

Lindau is survived by his wife, Nancy; two children, Philip Jr. '84 and Karen Peikert '86; and five grandsons. **G**

## 'Ambiguity and Awe' is Transfiguration speaker's theme



The Rev. Dr. Herbert Anderson '58 spent six days in residence at Gustavus during February as the featured presenter for the College's annual Transfiguration Series. He delivered four homilies for weekday chapel services and the sermon at the Sunday service on Feb. 26, all relating to his theme of "Ambiguity and Awe: The Art of Transfigured Living."

Inviting a graduate who has gone into the ministry to present a series of talks during the days before the beginning of Lent has been an almost-annual tradition of the Office of the Chaplains since 1986. Anderson, the 19th graduate to participate in the residency, holds an M. Div. degree from Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., and a Ph.D. from Drew University, Madison, N.J. He has served as pastor in the parish, college, and hospital settings and as professor of theology and counseling at many seminaries in the country, including Yale Divinity School and most recently Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. He is a prolific writer in the area of pastoral care and counseling. **G**



## Briefly . . .

**Jillian Locke**, assistant professor of political science, has been named a Murphy Fellow at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., for the 2006–07 academic year. She will be in residence at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs of the Murphy Institute at Tulane, completing a book, *The Politics of Shame: Civic Invisibility and the Craving for Freedom*.

**The Gustavus Adolphus College chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS)** has been selected as an Outstanding SPS Chapter for the 2004–05 school year. The recognition was based on the group's involvement in such areas as physics research, public science outreach, physics tutoring programs, and hosting and representation at physics meetings. The Gustavus chapter has been involved with Science on Saturday, Habitat for Humanity, and Gusties In Volunteer Efforts (G.I.V.E.). Members have regularly attended Minnesota Association of Physics Teachers meetings and participated in the annual Nobel Conference. On average, fewer than 10 percent of SPS chapters nationwide are recognized, about one per state.

**Kristen Nelson**, a senior at Gustavus from Edina, Minn., presented findings from independent research to legislators and other government officials at the third annual "Minnesota Private College Scholars at the Capitol" event on Thursday, March 9, in the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda. Nelson and her fellow presenters were selected to demonstrate to legislators the breadth and depth of scholarship and opportunities at Minnesota's private colleges.


Nelson's presentation, developed from research supported by a Presidential Summer Grant, was titled "A Knowledge of Everything: Tocqueville and American Girls' Education."

Students **Rachel Braband** (clarinet), **Justin Haaheim** (percussion), **Andrew Jensen** (percussion), **Erik Mahon** (trumpet), **Ryan Mangan** (tuba), **Amanda Nehotte** (flute), and **Christopher Pons** (tuba), all members of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, were selected to the Minnesota Intercollegiate Honor Band for 2006, the most from any individual school. The students, selected from colleges and universities across Minnesota by conductor nominations and an audition process, performed Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Midwinter Clinic in Minneapolis.

Gustavus Adolphus College will host the 2006 Convocation of ELCA Teaching Theologians on August 11–13. The convocation's theme is "Lutherans and Theological Method: Perennial Questions and Contemporary Challenges," and among those scheduled to make presentations are former board member **Arland Hultgren**, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul; and **Colleen Jacks '79**, associate professor of biology at Gustavus. The convocation is co-sponsored by the Association of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA, Gustavus, and St. Olaf College. For more information, contact **Darrell Jodock**, Bernhardson Distinguished Professor in Lutheran Studies at Gustavus and convocation steering

committee chair, at 507/933-7472 or <djodock@gustavus.edu>.

Three Gustavus students returned with honors from the 18th annual National Black Graduate Student Conference held in Las Vegas, Nev., in mid-March. Although among a small group of undergraduates participating in the conference, which attracted more than 250 attendees from some 50 institutions in 41 states and one foreign nation, the three nevertheless each won awards for their paper or poster presentations.

**Mohamed Hussein** (*at right in photo*) won first place with his paper, "New Immigrant Populations and the Challenges They Face: Somali Populations in Minneapolis," and **Amran Farah** (*center*) took second with hers, "Consequences and Prevention of Malnutrition." (Both are sophomores from Minneapolis.) **Carla Smith** (*left*), a junior from Minneapolis, won third place in the poster presentation session with her paper and poster on "The Effects of a Familiar or Novel Environment on Classroom Learning." In fact, 6 of the 13 papers presented came from Gustavus students—**Kira Bellolio** (first-year from New York City), **Dominique Brooks** (sophomore from Compton, Calif.), and **Patrick Jones** (senior from Los Angeles) also submitted papers but could not attend the conference. 



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country.

"Prior to the change in Federal law, *prepaid* 529 plans were treated differently from *savings* 529 plans in the Federal financial aid formula," said Farmer. "In giving parity to the two types of college savings programs, Congress has said that funds in both plans shall be treated as parental assets, of which no more than 5.6 percent should be counted when calculating financial need."

Before the change, financial aid awards were often reduced, dollar for dollar, for funds saved in prepaid 529 plans.

"This is a change that Gustavus and its peer colleges have been working on for a number of years," notes Robert Helgeson '84, director of student financial assistance. "We believe families should be rewarded for saving for their children's education, not penalized. Belonging to Independent 529 Plan is one of the ways we are working to keep tuition at Gustavus affordable."



# Learning about learning

*Books faculty have been reading together*

Thanks to funding from the Bush Foundation, faculty at Gustavus have been able to hold book discussions about topics relating to teaching and learning, some during January Term, others at “Teachers Talking” lunches, which are held monthly.

Here are some recent discussion books.

*Discussion as a Way of Teaching: Tools and Techniques for Democratic Classrooms*, second edition, by Stephen D. Brookfield and Stephen Preskill (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2005).

This book, read by a cross-disciplinary group of faculty, provides practical guidance for teachers who want to improve the quality of discussion in their classrooms, and who want to model the kinds of dis-

course that enhance democratic participation through encouraging diverse perspectives. The 10 participating faculty members, drawn from departments as diverse as nursing, computer science, and English, met throughout January Term to share their experiences and techniques.

*How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School*, ex-

panded edition, published by the National Research Council (Washington, D.C.: National Academies Press, 2000).

A group of science faculty, led by Jeff Dahlseid '90 in biochemistry, tackled this book, which looks at learning through the lens of cognitive science. The book summarizes the research on how infants and children learn, how learning is transferred (and why that is difficult), how the learning of experts and novices differs, and more. Blending insights from cognitive psychology, neuroscience, and the classroom, the book offers much food for thought. It can be browsed online at <www.nap.edu>, along with new books on learning math, science, and history.

*What the Best College Teachers Do*, by Ken Bain (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004).

An engaging exploration of what really good teachers really do in their classrooms, this book provides research-based insights into how teachers prepare, what they expect of their students, how they draw students into learning, and how they might go beyond a transmission-style form of teaching to figuring out how students actually learn. And it does all this in a highly entertaining and insightful short book.

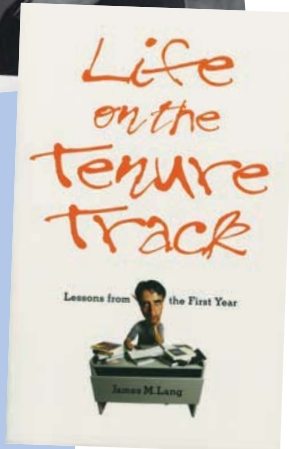
*Shakespeare, Einstein, and the Bottom Line: The Marketing of Higher Education*, by David Kirp (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004).

This book opens, provocatively, by contrasting two campuses. One is green and pleasant

and has up-to-date and well-kept buildings; the other is decaying and neglected and seems equally dismal and dispirited. The latter institution is the University of Chicago; the former is McDonald's “Hamburger U.” Kirp explores, through chapter-length case studies, the challenges facing higher education as it becomes “corporatized.” He concludes that colleges and universities must take charge of communicating to the public the value of education if that value is to be sustained.

*Life on the Tenure Track: Lessons from the First Year*, by James M. Lang (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005).

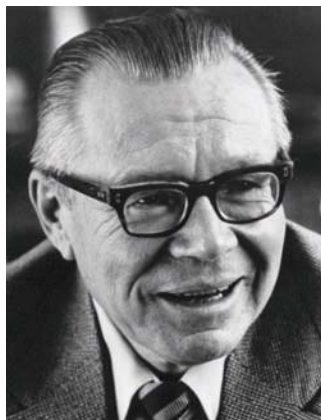
Lang chronicles his first year on the tenure track in a book that is funny, insightful, dismaying, inspiring, and an utterly honest look at the challenges facing the new teacher. Particularly valuable for beginning college teachers, this memoir tackles basic issues as it chronicles Lang's first year, month by month—what to do on the first day of class (and how to recuperate when you bomb); how to fit research and writing into your schedule; how to balance life and work; how to decide if you're teaching in the right place. Although this book was added to the Faculty Development Center library primarily for new faculty and their mentors, it is recommended to anyone who is involved in, or is contemplating, the academic life. ■







## Education professor Gerald Brekke, 1922–2006



**Professor Emeritus Gerald Brekke**

**P**rofessor Emeritus Gerald Brekke, who taught in the Department of Education at Gustavus Adolphus College from 1962 to 1987, died on March 28, 2006. He was 84 years old.


Reared on a farm near Milnor, N.D., Brekke graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, in 1943 and served in World War II with the U.S. 8th Army Air Force in Europe and as a war correspondent for the *Stars and Stripes*, the U.S. Army's newspaper. In 1945 he married Rosemary Peters '73, who had been a radio wireless operator in the RAF women's auxiliary. Following the war, they returned to North Dakota, where he worked as a school superintendent for several schools, published a weekly newspaper, and was active in Republican Party politics.

After earning a master's degree from the University of Southern California (1958) and a doctorate in education from the University of North Dakota (1962), Brekke joined the Gustavus faculty and was promoted to full professor by 1973. He served two terms as chair of

the College's education department and is credited with developing an innovative intern preparation program for students seeking secondary education certification. He was a respected figure in the regional education community, active on the board of the Minnesota Association of Teacher Educators, as a consultant to the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education, as a member of evaluation teams for the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, and as a three-term member of the St. Peter Board of Education. During the 1974–75 school year, he was an inter-government professional fellow in Washington, D.C., assigned to the Director of the Office of Overseas Dependents Schools in the Department of Defense to assist with policy formulation and curriculum review. Brekke retired after 25 years at the College.

Brekke's early interest in politics manifested itself later in his life as well. He was the Republican candidate for one of Minnesota's U.S. Senate seats in 1976, running against Hubert Humphrey, and the endorsed Republican candidate for Minnesota Secretary of State in 1978. In 2000 he ran as a member of the Independence Party for the 2nd District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. That he was an also-ran in each of those races in no way diminished his enthusiasm for the race and for debating the issues. "Hey, I want to talk about some of these things," he'd say. "I want to get them out."

Brekke is survived by his six children, Wayne '70, Susan (Benson '69), Sandra '72, William '74, Melissa (Speiss), and John; 12 grandchildren, in-

cluding Jesse Benson '94 and Nik Georgacarakos '06; 6 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Roger. 


### Internships provide real hands-on experiences

**W**hen junior Bobby Caldwell signed on for a career exploration with Dr. Kevin Bjork '79 for January, he assumed he'd receive a fast-paced introduction to medical practice, but he probably didn't imagine that he'd actually be assisting in surgery.

But that's him on the left, assisting Bjork (right) in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. In each of the last five years, Bjork has made an annual trip to Guatemala—this past January with the International Humanitarian Surgery Team—to volunteer his medical services, and Caldwell was able to participate as part of the Gustavus career exploration program.

To complete his Interim Experience internship, Caldwell spent two and a half weeks shadowing Bjork and other staff at Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater and then ten days with Bjork's team in Guatemala.

Bjork has been a mentor/partner in the Career Center's internship program for two years now. In January 2005, junior Ashley Hieronimus completed an internship with him at the Stillwater Medical Clinic. Thanks to partnerships with many business owners and professionals—including Bjork and several other alumni—Gustavus students are able to participate in a growing number of meaningful career explorations during the College's Interim month. The number of students enrolled in January internships through the Career Center has increased from 180 in 2005 to 231 in 2006.

To volunteer to host a Gustavus intern or serve as a career mentor, contact the Career Center at <career-center@gustavus.edu> or call 507/933-7532. 



# Gustavus students represented in Hillstrom ceramics exhibition



by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art hosted in April the exhibition *Clay Bodies by Student Bodies*, the fourth iteration of a recurring, juried exhibit that was conceived by Professor Lois Peterson, who teaches ceramics and other studio art courses at Gustavus. The exhibition serves to recognize the work of emerging clay artists during their student years, and is open to students in undergraduate and graduate programs in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

The exhibit, organized by the Hillstrom Museum of Art, was supported by the Continental Clay Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota Clay Company USA


of Bloomington, Minn., and North Prairie Tileworks of Minneapolis, all of which participated in the exhibition awards program, and by the Ethel and Edgar Johnson Endowment for the Arts at Gustavus.

Noted ceramicist James C. Watkins served as juror for the exhibit. Watkins, who holds an M.F.A. from Indiana University, teaches at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is the author of, among other works, *Alternative Kilns & Firing Techniques: Raku, Saggard, Pit, Barrel*. His own ceramic work is the subject of a monograph by Kippra D. Hopper (with photography by Mark Mamwal) titled *A Meditation of Fire: The Art of James C. Watkins*. Watkins has exhibited widely, and his works are included in the White House Craft Collection and in the Smithsonian American Art Museum. He has served as resident artist at the Shigaraki Institute of Ceramic Studies in Shigaraki, Japan. Watkins joins a group of distinguished ceramists who have served as jurors for past *Clay Bodies* exhibits, in-

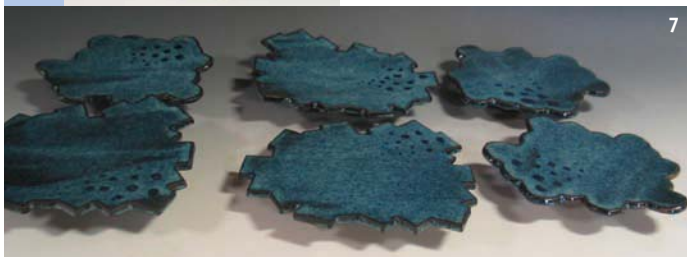
cluding artists Rudy Autio, Vern Funke, and Kathy Triplett.

The *Clay Bodies by Student Bodies* exhibition included more than 50 works by 39 student artists studying at 17 different colleges or universities. These were selected from more than 160 works from 63 different artists by Professor Watkins, who used a "blind" judging process in which he did not know the schools at which the individual artists were studying.

Eight Gustavus students had works chosen for the exhibition. Represented were juniors Paul Anderson (photo 3), Laura Molde (6), Brianna Monahan (5) and Thereasa Schollett (7), and seniors Katie Machowski (9), Missy Mills (1 and 2), Erin Parker (4), and James Swenson (8).

The Museum's current exhibition also features work by Gustavus students. The annual senior studio art exhibit will be on view through May 28 and highlights the work of 12 studio art majors. The opening reception for this exhibit, which is a capstone event for the majors, was held on Honors Day, May 6. 

*Donald Myers '83 is director of the Hillstrom Museum of Art and an instructor in art history at the College.*



*Pieces by Gustavus student artists included in Clay Bodies by Student Bodies: 1. Tall Saggared Vessel, 2005, 2. Saggared Vessels, 2005, both by Missy Mills; 3. Blue Plates, 2005, Paul Anderson; 4. Untitled, 2005, Erin Parker; 5. Puzzle Pieces, 2005, Brianna Monahan; 6. Tuhami, 2005, Laura Molde; 7. Plates, 2005, Thereasa Schollett; 8. Panther on the Prowl, 2004, James Swenson; 9. Duck Flops, 2005, Katie Machowski.*



*Nobel Conference® 42 will address the benefits and consequences of future medical advances.*

# That's a wrap!

*This academic year winds down, and the next kicks in*

## May

- 6–28 Art: **Senior Art Exhibition 2006**, Hillstrom Museum of Art, Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., and 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun.
- 11, 12, 13, and 14 Theatre: Sophocles' **Electra**, newly translated by Eric Dugdale, directed by Rob Gardner with choreography by Maria Gomez Tierney, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (May 11, 12, & 13) and 2 p.m. (May 14). Ticket required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
- 14 Music: **Lucia Singers' Mother's Day Concert**, Patricia Snapp, conductor, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 26–27 **Alumni Reunion Weekend:** 50th Anniversary Class of 1956 and 50-Year Club; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation (May 27, Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m.). Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or [www.gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://www.gustavus.edu/alumni/)).
- 27 Music: **The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Season Finale**, Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 28 **Commencement:** Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting), 2 p.m. Tickets required if moved indoors; for more information,

contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520), or visit the College's Signature Events website ([www.gustavus.edu/events/](http://www.gustavus.edu/events/)).

## July

- 10 **Admission Summer Open House**, sponsored by the Office of Admission, Alumni Hall, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Tours, scholarship information, lunch with faculty and students; for more information, visit the Admission website ([www.admission.gustavus.edu/admissions/default.asp](http://www.admission.gustavus.edu/admissions/default.asp)). Also on July 24.
- 10–29 **National Youth Sports Program**, a College-sponsored academic and sports day camp for youth ages 10–14 from low-income families in 11 targeted school districts in southern Minnesota. For more information, contact Kathryn Bode, Department of Education (507/933-7457).
- 15 **Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum Summer Garden Tour:** visits to four urban gardens and a buffet at the Byron Hanson '75 residence, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. For tickets and information, contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520).

## August

- 6 **Gusties Gather!** Alumni picnics at sites throughout the region. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or [www.gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://www.gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

## 11–13 Convocation of ELCA

**Teaching Theologians:** "Lutherans and Theological Method: Perennial Questions and Contemporary Challenges." For more information, contact Darrell Jodock (507/933-7472).

- 24–Sept. 4 **Gustavus at the Fair:** College booth in the Education building at the Minnesota State Fair, staffed 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Wear your Gustie gear to the Fair and stop by our booth!

## September

- 6 **Opening Convocation** for the 145th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

## October

- 3–4 **Nobel Conference® 42:** "Medicine: Prescription for Tomorrow," Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the special events staff (507/933-7520) or visit the Nobel Conference website ([www.gustavus.edu/nobelconference/](http://www.gustavus.edu/nobelconference/)).
- 6–8 **Homecoming and Family Weekend:** Reunion activities for the Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001. Also, sports events, lectures, and musical concerts on campus (complete schedule will be in the Fall 2006 *Quarterly*). For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or [www.gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://www.gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

# Calendar

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

Additional schedules, information and updates

### Sports

Up-to-date sports schedules may be found on the World Wide Web, through the Gustavus homepage ([www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu)).

### 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](mailto:al@gustavus.edu)).

# Gustavus examines its environmental stewardship

by Kory Stark '06

Editor's note: Effective with this issue, the *Gustavus Quarterly* is being produced using environmentally friendly papers and non-petroleum-based inks. The College has partnered with the John Roberts Company of Minneapolis, one of twelve companies nationally to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Leadership Pilot Program and an acknowledged leader in developing soy-based inks and alternative wetting agents and cleaning solvents, to print the magazine. The John Roberts Company, an EPA Green Power Partner committed to responsible environmental stewardship, was recently certified as a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain-of-Custody company by SmartWood, a leading sustainable forest certifier, which ensures that only FSC-certified companies will have handled its wood-based product. The magazine is now printed on premium-quality environmental paper from Domtar, Inc., sourced from sustainable forests supported by the Rainforest Alliance and certified by SmartWood to the strict standards of the FSC.

But production of the magazine is only one facet of the College's commitment to being "green." Student Kory Stark's article highlights a number of other environmental initiatives in place or soon to be in place at Gustavus.

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ustavus is taking a more active approach in proposing and implementing many new environmentally friendly initiatives on the campus. A brief listing demonstrates the breadth of the effort.

## 1. President's Task Force on Energy

In 2004 the President's Task Force on Energy and Environmental Issues was formed to generate ideas by which the institution can become more environmentally sustainable. The task force, consisting of Gustavus faculty and staff, has already suggested or implemented many

technological changes on campus, such as flat-panel computer screens (which consume much less energy than CRT monitors), use of a power-savings mode on computers, and sensors that automatically turn off lights in unoccupied rooms or when enough natural light is present. The committee meets regularly to monitor progress and brainstorm new initiatives such as reducing natural gas usage and promoting campus behavioral changes—the next step in making Gustavus more environmentally sustainable.

## 2. New academic buildings

With the recent renovation of Old Main and the ongoing updating of other campus facilities, Gustavus has been employing new, more environmentally efficient technology. Campus building projects are planned to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, which recognizes and promotes buildings that are environmentally responsible, cost-effective, and healthy places to live and work. With these green goals in mind, planners are challenged to make changes such as alternative lighting solutions, energy-efficient computers, and intentional use of double-glazed windows that reduce the amount of energy loss.



## 3. Physical Plant initiatives

The Physical Plant has taken an active approach to the call for a greener Gustavus by initiating new technologies and behaviors. Gustavus became the first commercial customer of an integrated waste management system developed for south-central Minnesota. The institution also has an “in-source” collection and hauling of waste and recycling that provides better control over resource destinations. Another action taken by the Physical Plant is converting all of the showers and more than half of the toilets to “low-flow” units, reducing the amount of water used. In addition, most of the lights on campus have been converted from fluorescent lighting to electronic ballasts and T8 lamps, which produce the same amount of light for only two-thirds

*The College is considering the purchase of two wind turbines similar to this model. It's estimated that the turbines could save about \$600,000 in energy costs annually.*



*Environmental Studies program director Jeff Jeremiason loads biodiesel fuel, which he and some of his students have been making in the past year, into a test vehicle. The biodiesel is made from used cooking oil “recycled” from the Gustavus Dining Service.*

the electricity. Incandescent light bulbs have also been converted to compact fluorescent bulbs, a more efficient model of fluorescent lighting. Newer initiatives that the campus is attempting to phase in involve fuel and hybrid vehicles, which have already been introduced to the Safety and Security fleet. The college has plans to eventually use E85 (85% ethanol) and other bio-fuels for college vehicles. E85 vehicles are currently being considered for future purchase, as are additional hybrids.

#### 4. Wind turbines

Since 1990, wind energy has been the fastest growing energy source in the world. It is abundant, renewable, environmentally friendly, and cost-efficient, which is why

Gustavus has been considering investing in wind turbines. Currently the school has plans to purchase two 2.1 megawatt Suzlon turbines, and hopes to have them operational by the time it hosts the 2007 Nobel Conference, which will focus on energy. Each would be 80 meters in height, and produce 5.8 million kilowatt hours per year. It is anticipated that two turbines of this size would save the college \$600,000 every year. Research has already shown that it is a feasible option for the institution. With improved technology and increasing efficiency, wind energy is a very attractive long-term opportunity for Gustavus. Campus turbines will allow the College to replace nonrenewable resources with renewable wind energy, lowering costs and decreasing pollutant emissions. “It’s symbolic of what Gustavus values—community and environment—and we want students to see that,” says Jeff Jeremiason, chair of the Environmental Studies program.

#### 5. Market Place

The Gustavus Dining Service is aware of the environmental issues surrounding society and understands the importance of actively protecting the environment. Striving to do its part, the Dining Service emphasizes recycling. In the dining room, dish room, kitchen, and loading dock, recycling is always a priority. Each day numerous trash cans are devoted to recycling newspapers and plastic bottles, and an entire dumpster for the recycling of cardboard. In addition, says Steve Kjellgren ’86, director of Dining Services, “We are working with campus electricians to switch from incandescent lighting to compact fluorescent wherever possible.” Consciously purchasing products that are grown or produced locally and/or regionally is yet another Dining Service initiative. Doing this not only supports the local economy but also reduces the transportation distance for diesel-fueled trucks, and minimizes the storage time for fossil-fuel-powered refrigeration. The Dining Service continues to look for new ways to become even more environmentally friendly, such as offering discounts on beverage and food purchases when customers bring their own to-go box.

#### 6. Biodiesel

For a little over a year there has been a biodiesel research project taking place at

## A Center for Environmental Innovation

Glen ’50 and LaVonne Johnson, Marco Island, Fla., have agreed to fund the College’s proposal for a unique center promoting environmental innovation. An annual gift commitment of \$150,000 in the next several years will provide a working budget to establish the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, and a two-life charitable remainder trust will permanently endow the director’s position.

The establishment of such a center is the next significant step advancing Gustavus’s Environmental Studies program as a leader promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and environmental innovation and can serve as a model for other liberal arts colleges. It builds upon work accomplished through a Rockefeller Brothers’ Fund grant awarded to the College in 2000.

The coming academic year will be used for additional planning and hiring, and the Center’s programs will be formally launched in the 2007–08 academic year.

Gustavus. Environmental Studies professor Jeff Jeremiason and some of his students have been making and testing biodiesel fuel, which is a less expensive, more environmentally friendly alternative for diesel-fueled vehicles. Jeff and his students utilize used grease from the campus cafeteria, methanol, and lye to produce biodiesel. Jeremiason hopes to eventually introduce the biodiesel fuel to diesel-fueled Physical Plant vehicles, as well as other student, faculty, and staff vehicles when possible.

## 7. Environmental Studies Program

Environmental Studies is one of the 74 majors (in 25 different academic departments) Gustavus offers. “The Environmental Studies program offers an ideal liberal arts experience, combining environmental science, policy, philosophy, and writing,” says Jeff Jeremiason, program director. “Students benefit from a broad interdisciplinary background provided by a rich array of faculty expertise, courses, facilities, internships, and study abroad options.” In 2000, the program was honored as the recipient of a Rockefeller Brothers Fund grant, which allowed for the creation of two specific, semester-long environmental studies courses. Prior to receiving this grant, no semester-long courses had been developed for the major—it was simply a collaboration of classes from related fields. In 2005, the program received a three-year NSF (National Science Foundation) grant to support a common research site for water quality issues. Recently, another gift has been given to the program by Glen ’50 and Lavonne Johnson, which will provide the financial resources to create a Center for Environmental Innovation. (See box on previous page.)

## 8. Community Garden

The St. Peter Community Garden is a place where individuals, families, and community groups can gather and organically garden free of charge. The garden was conceived in 2000 with the help of Gustavus faculty and St. Peter citizens. Gustavus contributed the land necessary to launch the garden and continues to support the cause by providing free irrigation, supplies, and additional land when needed. The garden was originally created to cater to the needs and desires of the large Somali and Hispanic populations in St. Peter, providing them an opportunity

Ray Thrower



*Safety and Security has recently purchased a Toyota Highlander gasoline-electric hybrid. Its fuel-saving electric option is ideal for the officers’ start-and-stop use patterns. In initial campus tests, the all-wheel-drive vehicle has averaged better than 50 miles per gallon.*

to organically grow traditional staples such as okra. However, over the years, the garden has grown in popularity and diversity with many non-Somali and non-Hispanic community members now taking part, including many Gustavus students and faculty.

## 9. Gustavus Greens

The Gustavus Greens are a politically unaffiliated, environmentally minded organization of students at the College who sponsor local activities and events as well as take part in larger initiatives to promote environmental awareness and action. Every spring the Greens organize the Environmental Justice Conference, to which they invite speakers from around the nation to address various environmental issues. This year’s title was “Waste—Covering Campus and St. Peter.” In addition, the Greens are constantly trying to promote environmentally friendly behavior such as recycling and energy conservation. One successful way they have found to encourage recycling involves collecting campus paper that has been printed on only one side, creating notebooks from this paper, and selling them at a reduced rate in the Book Mark. The organization has also founded the “just click it” campaign, which serves as a reminder to turn off lights when not in use. **G**

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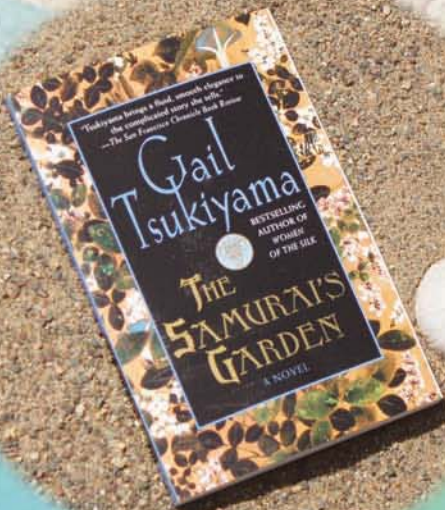
*Kory Stark, who graduates in May with a major in communication studies, has been an intern in the Office of Marketing and Public Relations during the spring semester.*



# What are you

Summer's coming, and with it the lure of vacation, recreation, or at least a little free time. It's a great time to reacquire yourself with the pleasures of a good book. But, what to read? There are so many pages out there, and not nearly enough time.

Maybe we can narrow your list a bit. We asked several members of the Gustavus community to share their current book recommendations with our readers. The resulting list, set out on the following pages, is an eclectic one, including novels set in 17th-century Spain, 19th-century England, and 21st-century America; studies of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture and Bruce Springsteen's music; accounts of medical culture clashes and child soldiers; motivational works, mysteries, and memoirs. Happy reading!



*Florence Amanoto*, associate professor of English

*The Samurai's Garden*, by Gail Tsukiyama (St. Martin's Press, 1995)

This was the first book chosen for the first-year common reading program, and I continue to teach it any chance I get. Against the backdrop of the Japanese invasion of China in 1938, the novel records the year a young Chinese man spends outside a small Japanese village recovering from tuberculosis. He is befriended by the old Japanese caretaker of his family's summer house and meets people in both the fishing village and a leper colony hidden in the mountains. It is a profound meditation on sickness and healing, love and betrayal, nature, beauty, and art.

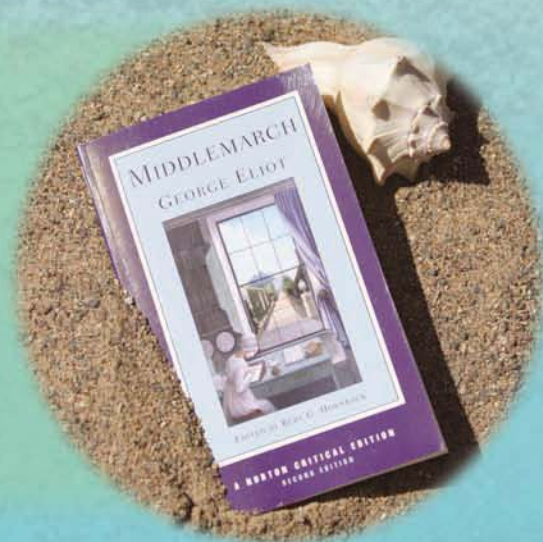


reading this summer?

(We have some suggestions.)

*Middlemarch*, by George Eliot (1871–1874)

My candidate for the best British novel of the 19th century, *Middlemarch* tells the intertwined stories of the inhabitants in this prosperous English country town in the 1830s, touching on political and social issues of the day. At its heart, however, is an incisive and timeless examination of human nature and relationships in all their variety that is by turns humorous and moving but always deeply intelligent, generous, and humane. The wisest book I know.



*Laura Behling,*  
associate professor of English

*The Love Wife*, by  
Gish Jen (Knopf,  
2004)

The latest  
novel from  
Jen tells a  
darkly comic  
story of cul-  
tural assim-  
ilation, des-  
tiny  
determined by  
both biology and  
adoption, and  
mixed-heritage families.

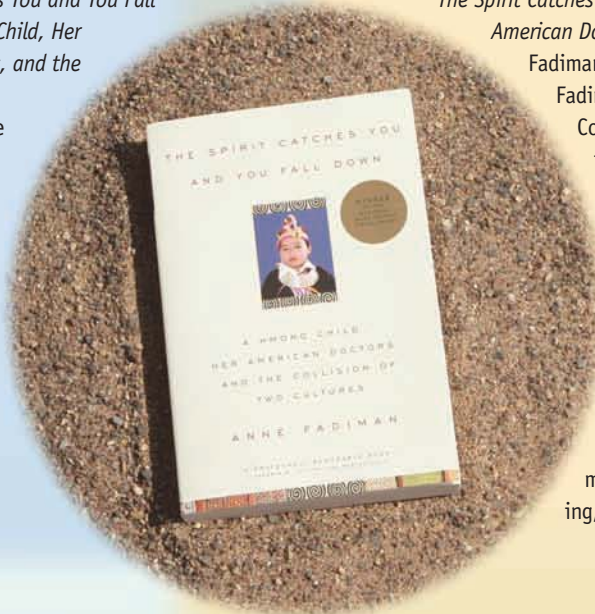
*Cloud Atlas*, by David Mitchell  
(Sceptre, 2004)

The novel is composed of six inter-  
linking stories, told by six different  
individuals at different points in  
time, but even more, it's full of mys-  
tery, cycles of beginnings and end-  
ings, and is ultimately a work of fic-  
tion about the uses and misuses of  
fiction.

*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall  
Down: A Hmong Child, Her  
American Doctors, and the  
Collision of Two*

*Cultures*, by Anne  
Fadiman (Farrar,  
Straus and  
Giroux, 1997)

The elegantly  
written story of  
a very ill young  
Hmong girl who  
is caught be-  
tween medical  
cultures.



*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her  
American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*, by Anne  
Fadiman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997)

Fadiman's book explores the clash between the Merced  
Community Medical Center in California and a refugee  
family from Laos over the care of a Hmong child di-  
agnosed with severe epilepsy. The author has  
turned what began as a magazine assignment  
into a riveting drama with a haunting lesson for  
every healthcare provider, revealing the rigidity  
and weaknesses of two ethnographically sepa-  
rated cultures. The book, which won the  
National Book Critics Circle Award for general  
non-fiction in 1997, is a moving, cautionary tale  
about the importance of practicing cross-cultural  
medicine, and of acknowledging, without condem-  
ning, differences in medical attitudes of various cultures.

*Elaine Brostrom,* retired director of public affairs

*Autobiography of a Face*, by Lucy Grealy (Houghton Mifflin, 1994)  
As a child and young adult, Lucy Grealy's life held overwhelming physical  
and mental suffering as a result of facial bone cancer. In this narrative,  
Grealy, a poet, describes her ordeal and her desperate wish to be loved in  
spite of her disfigurement.

*Truth and Beauty: A Friendship*, by Ann Patchett (HarperCollins, 2004)  
Patchett and Grealy knew each other in college and became good friends  
during their time at the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop. Patchett, who  
is a sister of Heather Patchett, a staff member of the Gustavus develop-  
ment office in the '90s, writes of her friendship with Grealy and speaks of  
what it means to remain loyal to and patient with your best friend.

*Noreen Buhmann,* director, Community Service Center

*Hayden Duncan*, associate professor of Spanish

*Four Souls: A Novel*, by Louise Erdrich (HarperCollins, 2004)

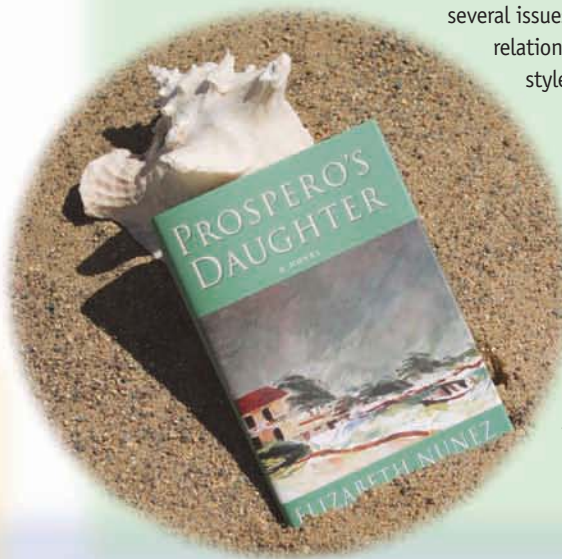
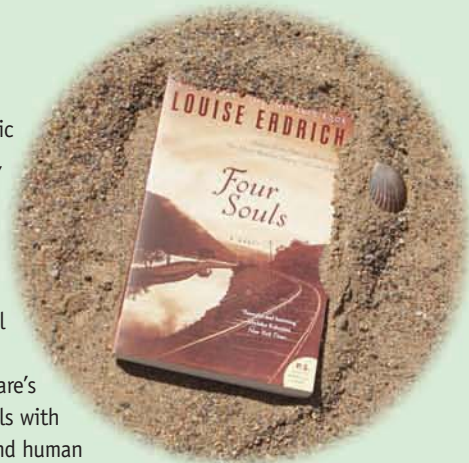
*Four Souls* is a very beautifully written story of an Ojibwe woman who undertakes a journey on foot, from her reservation to the Twin Cities, with a specific mission in mind. I recommend this book not only for the narrative technique, but also because it makes you reflect on the meaning and purpose of life, while enjoying the act of reading.

*Prospero's Daughter*, by Elizabeth Nunez (Ballantine, 2006)

Released in February of this year, *Prospero's Daughter* is the most recent novel of the Trinidadian born novelist Elizabeth Nunez, whose work is fast gaining international fame. As the title suggests, the novel was inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, but it has a life of its own because it deals with several issues including class, culture, race, and human relationships. Nunez grips the reader with her engaging style. The novel is a page-turner.

*Don Quixote de La Mancha*, by Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra (1605)

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recommend Cervantes' *Don Quixote de La Mancha*, admittedly the first and most influential novel of the Western world. Since the publication of the first part in 1605, Cervantes' masterpiece continues to inspire all art forms, and after the Bible, it is the most translated work (in all languages) of any author. Its multi-levelled meanings appeal to every type of reader. There is something in it for everyone, so if you are looking for levity in your summer reading, this is also a very funny book. One final recommendation: If you have a command of the Spanish language, read *Don Quijote* in its original Spanish. For all the excellent English translations that exist, none truly renders the full flavor of this work.



*Chris Gilbert*, professor of political science

*Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, by Joseph Ellis, (Vintage, 2002)

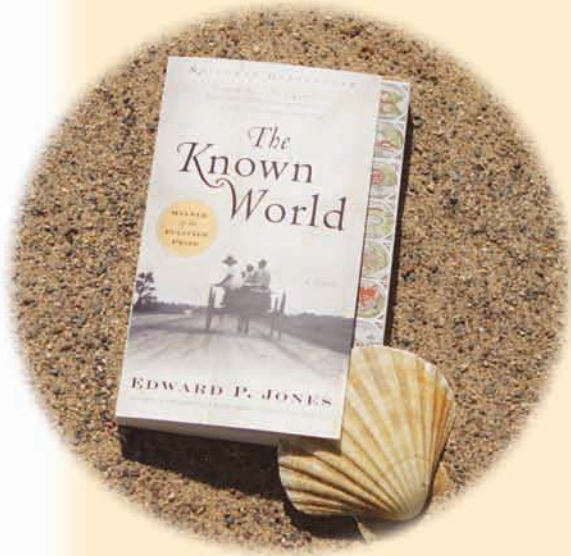
Ellis's Pulitzer Prize-winning book offers a fascinating account of the key political figures in the American founding period, focusing on their interrelationships that helped shape U.S. government and political culture.

*Fallingwater Rising: Frank Lloyd Wright, E.J. Kauffmann, and America's Most Extraordinary House*, by Franklin Toker (Knopf, 2005)

I know next to nothing about architecture, but I found this to be a most intriguing account of the famous house Fallingwater in southwestern Pennsylvania. Toker covers the house as a building but also as a unique cultural symbol of its time, and he demolishes many of the myths that surround its creation.

*Racing in the Street: The Bruce Springsteen Reader* (Penguin, 2004).

This title betrays my East Coast roots, and my musical tastes. Springsteen is much more than a rock and roll icon, and the varied essays (including some academic works) trace the development of his career and his messages through the last three decades. Put on your favorite music from the Boss and enjoy the journey.



*Lisa Heldke '82,*  
professor of philosophy

*The Known World*, by Edward P. Jones (Amistad, 2003)

My immediate suggestion is a book that I read last summer, *The Known World*, by Edward P. Jones. A story of several intertwined African American families in 1840s Virginia, this staggering novel explores the phenomenon of Black ownership of slaves—an aspect of slavery of which I had been utterly unaware. Jones's story will knock you flat. It won the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction in 2003.

*Colleen Jacks '79,* associate professor of biology

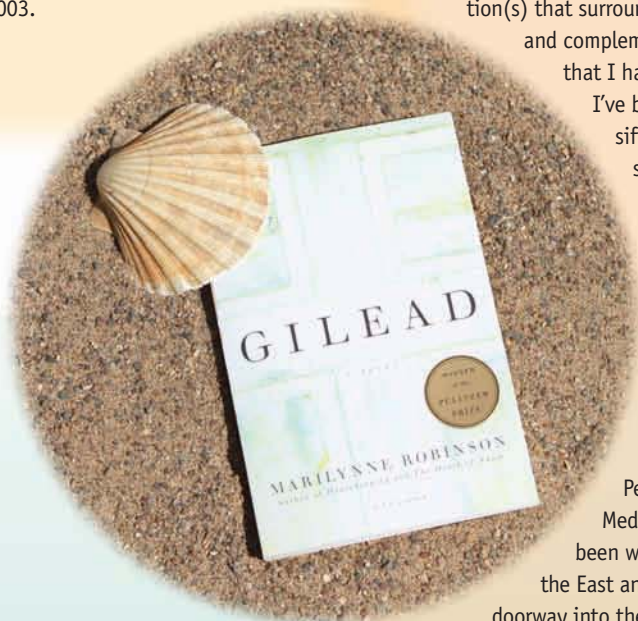
*Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It*, by Gina Kolata (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1999)  
A book I reread recently is *Flu*, by Gina Kolata, a science writer for the *New York Times*. The book is several years old now, but timely as she describes the history of the 1918 flu epidemic in the context of more recent flu bouts (including a fascinating chapter on the swine flu hoopla of the '70s). This past fall it was determined that the 1918 flu strain was H5N1 (she tells you what this means), the same as the current bird flu outbreak. The book is written like a detective novel and meant for a general audience.

*Brian Johnson '80,* chaplain

*Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004)  
I've chosen these three books because each of them chronicles historical experience by engaging the reader in the ambiguities of diary, memoir, and memory and unearths the complexities of interpretation, narrative, and truth. *Gilead*, recently the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, is a must-read written in the form of a letter (1956) from the Rev. John Ames, who is in failing health, to his 6-year-old son. The characters are deep, and the writing is poignant. Dealing with the minister's life and the lives of his father and grandfather, both of them preachers, the novel reveals their paradoxes and contradictions and provides the backdrop for recollection, review of life, and the bequeathing of legacy.

*Copenhagen*, by Michael Frayn (Anchor Books, 1998)  
This Tony Award-winning play invites the reader into the ethical lives of scientists Heisenberg, Bohr, and Bohr's wife, Margrethe, and the conversation(s) that surrounded the research into quantum theory, uncertainty, and complementarity. As part of a Curriculum II senior seminar that I have team-taught with Professor Florence Amamoto, I've been drawn to re-reading the play several times to sift through the layers of memory that shape the decisions made in the narrative, and likewise, the complex decisions that are part of our daily lives as well.

*River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*, by Peter Hessler (HarperCollins, 2001)  
No other book that I have read on the People's Republic of China captures in detail and nuance the encounter with Chinese culture and people better than Hessler's memoir of his work with the Peace Corps. As a former teacher at Zhong-shan Medical University, Guangzhou, in 1986–87, I have been watching closely the unfolding relationships between the East and West. Hessler's retelling of his time creates a doorway into the intrigue, passion, and mystery of living in another culture while witnessing its change and development.



*Bruce H. Johnson*, professor of economics and management

*Sixty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong: Why We Love France but Not the French*, by Jean-Benoit Nadeau and Julie Barlow (Sourcebooks, 2002)

Despite some silliness suggested by the title, this is a well-researched and readable analysis of the country, its people, its politics, history, religion, and economics. Although it was first published in 2002, the authors' insight and analysis of the recent riots around France is almost predictive of those problems.

*Cindy Johnson-Groh*,  
associate professor of biology and interim dean of the faculty

*Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins, 1998)

It is so hard to pick a favorite book . . . there are so many! I like all of Kingsolver's books, but "Poisonwood" is a favorite because of my interest in Africa. *Poisonwood Bible* chronicles an evangelical Baptist who takes his family on a mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. Kingsolver's background as a biologist gives her writing rich biological detail that is accurate and vivid.

*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, by Jared Diamond (W.W. Norton, 2005)

This book is packed with arguments in which Diamond convincingly presents evidence arguing that geographical and environmental factors shaped the way in which certain cultures came to dominate the modern world. His arguments include climate, crops, livestock, disease, and language to name a few.

*A Primate's Memoir: A Neuroscientist's Unconventional Life Among the Baboons*, by Robert M. Sapolsky. (Scribner, 2001)

This book is hilarious, irreverent, and powerful. Sapolsky is a biologist who writes about his adventures while studying baboons in Kenya. Sapolsky interweaves tales of studying baboons and East African culture with humor and profound insight.

*Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod*, by Gary Paulsen (Harcourt, 1994)

Most folks identify Paulsen as a writer of young adult fiction, yet he has published several adult books including *Winterdance*. This is his account of preparing and running the Iditarod sled dog race in Alaska. As

a musher I found this book delightful, full of funny stories, and one that anyone, musher or not, could appreciate. Another adult book by Paulsen, *Pilgrimage on a Steel Ride*, chronicles a motorcycle trip from New Mexico to Alaska. Motorcycle stories are not normally something I read, but Paulsen's brilliance as a writer, gentle humor and incredible insight into ordinary people make this a wonderful book.

*A Continent for the Taking: The Tragedy and Hope of Africa*, by Howard W. French (Knopf, 2004)

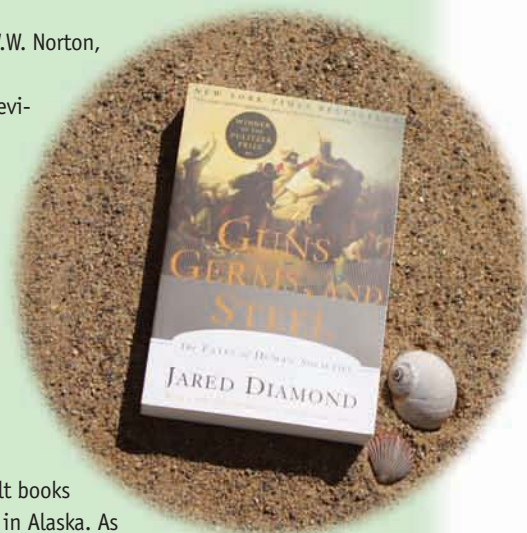
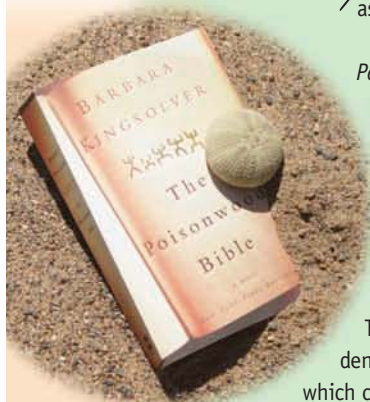
I read this book recently and it still has a hold on me. A powerful, vivid, disquieting, and empathetic account of the political chaos of West Africa during the 1990s. This is a must-read for anyone with an interest in Africa.

*Ishmael: An Adventure of the Mind and Spirit*, by Daniel Quinn (Bantam, 1997)

Hmmm . . . how to describe this book . . . this is a book that could be read many times over with new meanings surfacing each time.

*Earth Prayers from Around the World: 365 Prayers, Poems and Invocations for Honoring the Earth*, edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon (HarperCollins, 1987)

A bedside book for anyone who loves the earth.



*Barbara Kaiser,*  
associate professor of  
mathematics and computer science

*The Speckled Monster: A Historical Tale of Battling the Smallpox Epidemic,* by Jennifer Carrell (Dutton, 2003)

Most of my books are not in my area but are just fun reading from the past few summers. In looking at my choices, I see that perhaps I should have had taken more history when I was in college. . . . I picked this one up at the public library a couple summers ago because the title and the cover looked interesting. I started reading the first chapter just to make sure it was worth checking out and was instantly hooked.

*March,* by Geraldine Brooks (Viking, 2005)

One of two about the Civil war era: Reading this book had me awfully close to digging out my copy of *Little Women* to read again. At any rate, if you've read *Little Women*, you may remember that the March girls' father is away for most of that book. Geraldine Brooks wrote *March* to tell the story of Mr. March—where he was during the time of Alcott's novel, what he was doing, what he remembered of Marmee and the girls, and so on.

*Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: The Remarkable Story of a Friendship between a First Lady and a Former Slave,* by Jennifer Fleishner (Broadway, 2003)  
This was a book that I read two summers ago. I really enjoyed the contrast between the two women's lives.

*The Historian,* by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown, 2005)

This is a big fat book that I read last November. I found it impossible to put down (which meant that I spent most of one weekend and several rather late nights reading when I should have been grading papers).



*Pamela Kittelson,*  
associate professor of biology

*A River Runs Through It,* by Norman Maclean (University of Chicago Press, 1989)

A beautiful story about how fly fishing in Montana's rivers unites disparate personalities within a family. Maclean captures human frailties and strengths with wit and grace. He ends the novella with perhaps the finest paragraph ever written in American literature.

*Gift from the Sea,* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh (Pantheon, 1955)

A timeless book that offers the reader meditations about life, love, family, age, and solitude. I read the book every seven years and each time different profound ideas resonate with me about how to balance work, relationships, and one's own needs.

*Angle of Repose,* by Wallace Stegner (Modern Library, 1971)

Stegner's Pulitzer prize-winning novel merges two story lines when his narrator explores and writes about his grandmother's life in Western mining towns. Along the way, the grandson discovers life's angle of repose, i.e., the equilibrium point where progress meets regress. A richly told, engrossing tale from a treasured author.

*Undaunted Courage,* by Stephen Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, 1996)

A riveting account of Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West. Ambrose primarily focuses on telling Lewis's biography, but the supporting cast and landscapes are also magnificently rendered. Read it in honor of the bicentennial of the amazing Corps of Discovery expedition.

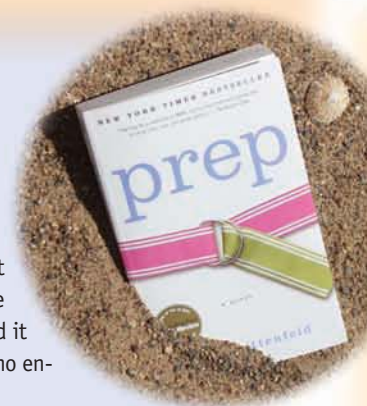
*Jill Locke,* assistant professor of political science

*Prep,* by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House, 2005)

Though I attended a large public high school (very different from the "Ault School" where the book is set) and have been out of high school for twenty years, Sittenfeld really captured for me both the angst and pleasures of late adolescence. I'd recommend it for all ages—high school students, their parents, and anyone who enjoys a good page-turning read.

*Innocents Lost: When Child Soldiers Go to War,* by Jimmie Briggs (Basic Books, 2005)

A sober, vitally important book on the global tragedy of child soldiers. More than 250,000 children have fought in three dozen conflicts around the world, but the growing exploitation of children in war is staggering and little known. For the last seven years, Jimmie Briggs has been talking to them and researching and writing about their plight. The horrific stories of these children, dramatically told in their own voices, reveal the devastating consequences of this global tragedy. Briggs was supposed to give a reading at Gustavus last fall and then fell ill, so he was invited to and spoke at "Building Bridges."



*Mariangela Maguire,*

associate professor of communication studies and interim dean of the faculty

*On Beauty*, by Zadie Smith (Penguin, 2005)

I've read two particularly unforgettable novels this year. British writer Zadie Smith's third novel, *On Beauty*, is set on an American college campus, and she does a wonderful job of capturing some of the idiosyncrasies of life at a small college. More than that, however, she illustrates the complexity of contemporary identity where race, class, religion, politics, nationality, etc. are mixed and matched even within one family in ways that are plausible, funny, and thought-provoking.

*The Known World*, by Edward Jones (Amistad, 2003)

*The Known World* is based on the historical evidence of a very small number of freed Blacks who became slave owners. Jones beautifully conveys the sense of accomplishment and pride such a person must have felt to own land, to reap the fruits of one's own labor, to show whites that

Blacks were intelligent, strong willed, creative, and resolute. But he never allows the reader to be comfortable with his main character Henry Townsend's situation as a freed Black slave owner. As Townsend's situation intersects with whites and with other free Blacks living in a nearby town, Jones skillfully describes the complex layers of social status constructed among all of these people and the devastating consequences when people of good will are moral failures.

*Roger McKnight,*

professor of Scandinavian studies

*The Emigrants*, by Vilhelm Moberg (Simon & Schuster, 1951)

About everything else I read these days seems to be in Swedish, or so antiquarian it is now out of print. This one, however, has been translated and become a classic. Exciting historical fiction for Minnesotans.

*The Ancestor's Tale: A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Evolution*, by Richard Dawkins (Houghton Mifflin, 2004)

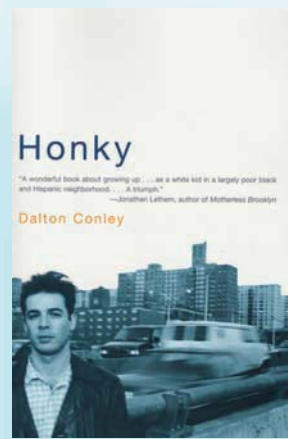
A long but interesting study of our first ancestors.

*Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, edited by David Wishart (University of Nebraska Press, 2004)

Okay, it's an encyclopedia, but it has fascinating information about western Minnesota and the Plains states west of Minnesota.

*The North Star State: A Minnesota History Reader*, edited by Anne Aby (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2002)

Interesting articles on Minnesota's cultural history, railroading, women's life on the frontier, Jewish life in Minnesota, etc.



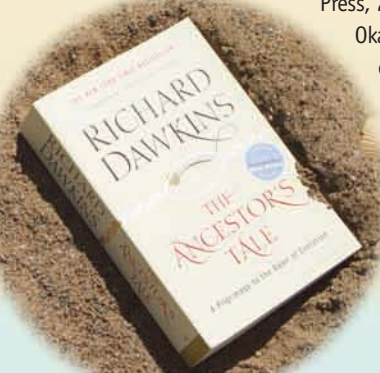
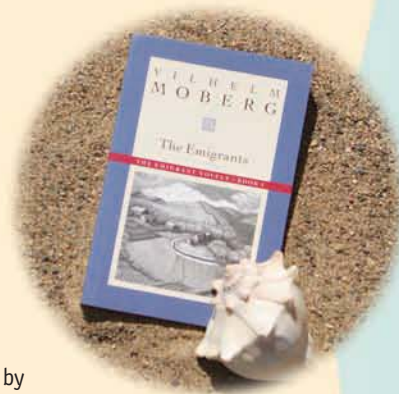
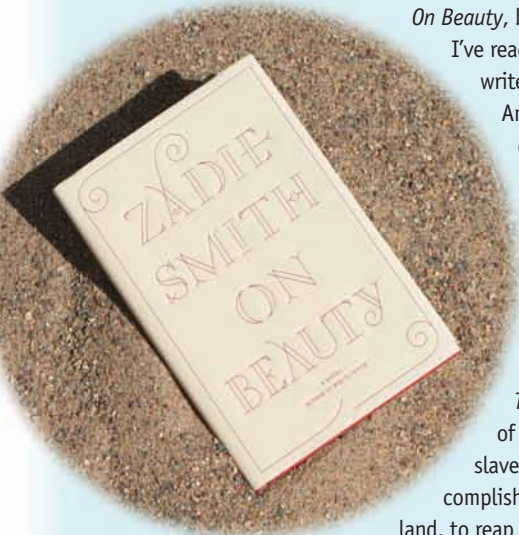
## Reading-in-Common explores race and class

Six years ago, the New Student Orientation committee instituted a reading-in-common program for incoming students that has become an annual occurrence at the College. New Gustavus students are encouraged to read a selected book before arriving on campus, and the book is discussed in orientation groups and used as a source of conversation for early residence hall activities and first class meetings. Faculty, staff, and returning students are encouraged to read the book as well and join in the conversation. In 2003 the St. Peter community adopted a similar program, known as "St. Peter Reads," which has joined forces with the College's program from time to time in co-sponsoring discussion groups and author appearances.

The book selected by the orientation committee for Fall 2006 is *Honky*, by Dalton Conley (Vintage, 2005), a memoir of the author's childhood as one of the few white boys in a neighborhood of mostly Black and Puerto Rican housing projects on Manhattan's Lower East Side. His portraits of people caught up in a vortex of race and class in America explain more about life along the color line, notes one reviewer, "than does a shelfload of sociologies."

"There's an old saying that you never really know your own language until you study another," Conley writes. "It's the same with race and class. In fact, race and class are nothing more than a set of stories we tell ourselves to get through the world."

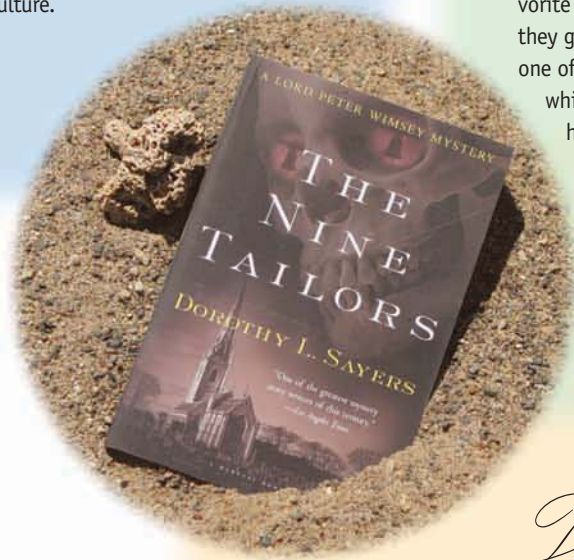
This book, as well as many of those featured on these pages, is available through the Gustavus Book Mark (phone 800/847-9307, or visit <[www.bookmark.gustavus.edu](http://www.bookmark.gustavus.edu)>).



*Steve Mellema '72,*  
professor of physics

*Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World*, by Alan Weisman (Chelsea Green, 1998)

Much is being said and written about the resource and energy crises faced by our 21st-century society. When third world countries are mentioned in the discussion, it's often in the context of how we can try to export "first world" technology to help them. This book is about ideas conceived of and carried out in the village of Gaviotas in Colombia. How these brilliant, dedicated, and resourceful people were able to build a sustainable community, in one of the harshest environments imaginable, is a truly inspiring story. The story also speaks to the fact that, perhaps, what we need for a sustainable future may come from third world ideas, and not from our own resource-gulping culture.



*Donald Myers '83,*

instructor in art history and director, The Hillstrom Museum of Art

*The Renaissance Artist at Work, from Pisano to Titian*, by Bruce Cole (HarperCollins, 1983), and *Only Connect: Art and the Spectator in the Italian Renaissance*, by John Shearman (Princeton University Press, 1992)

A primary area of interest in art history for me is the Italian Renaissance. When teaching this subject, I find that students are often surprised by how important it is to understand the social, economic, religious, and political situations in which Renaissance artists and patrons operated. Two favorite books that address such issues are Bruce Cole's *The Renaissance Artist at Work* and John Shearman's *Only Connect*. The Cole book provides fascinating information about the training of artists, their social background and status, the types of commissions they typically had, the information specified in the contracts between them and their patrons, and so forth. The Shearman text discusses the way in which Renaissance works were received at the time they were made and soon after, and, especially, how the artist engaged the ideal spectator (usually the patron), including often taking into account the ideal viewing point. These crucial aspects of art can be lost or poorly understood when the works either have been moved into museums or when the places where they are located no longer function as they originally did.

*A Murder Is Announced*, by Agatha Christie (Putnam, 1950), and *The Nine Tailors*, by Dorothy Sayers (Harcourt, 1934)

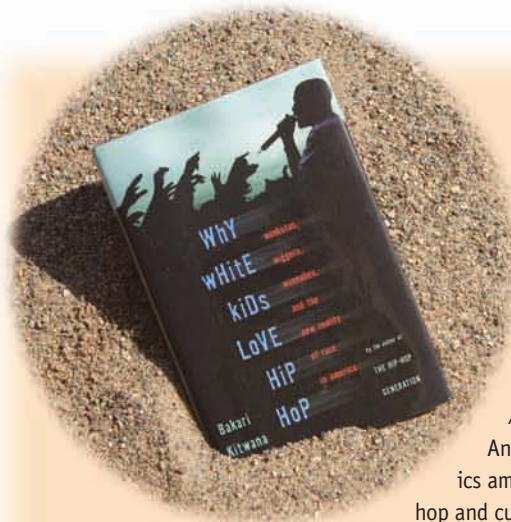
As a fan of mysteries, I'd like to recommend a work from each of my favorite mystery writers. Agatha Christie's books are always engaging and they give a sense of the social situation in England. One of the best, and one of the most moving, is the very sad story *A Murder Is Announced*, which combines Christie's keen perception of human psychology with her love of the dramatic and even improbable for a tale that shows to what lengths a person will go to protect oneself from discovery, even when it means killing someone who is very dear. Dorothy Sayers is like Agatha Christie only in national heritage; her mysteries are much more intellectual and nuanced, and one of the best is *The Nine Tailors*, a moody story that grips and intrigues the reader. The nine church bells to which the title refers become looming, sinister presences in her wonderful, intricate tale.

*Doug Nimmo,* professor of music

*Thinking for a Change: 11 Ways Highly Successful People Approach Life and Work*, by John C. Maxwell (Center Street, 2003), and *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don't*, by Jim Collins (Collins, 2001)

Here are two books that I have really enjoyed, and from which I have learned a great deal. At a very profound and thoughtful level, both of these books, *Thinking for a Change* and *Good to Great*, address the issue of excellence in the personal and professional world. Potentially, they provide guidelines for making positive and life-changing choices for anyone. Highly recommended!





*Carolyn O'Grady*, associate professor of education

*Urban Injustice: How Ghettos Happen*, by David Hilfiker (Seven Stories Press, 2002)

A fascinating (and not too long—150 pages) history and analysis of the social forces that have created the “inner city.” Hilfiker has practiced as a doctor in central Washington, D.C., and consequently has spent much of his personal and professional life working with the poor.

*Why White Kids Love Hip Hop: Wankstas, Wiggers, Wannabes, and the New Reality of Race in America*, by Bakari Kitwana (Perseus Books, 2005)

Anyone who wants to better understand hip hop as a cultural and social movement and racial dynamics among youth needs to read this book. Kitwana has been an editor at *The Source*, a magazine of hip hop and culture, and has also been a commentator and author of other articles and books.

*The Language of Blood: A Memoir*, by Jane Jeong Trenka (Borealis Books, 2003)

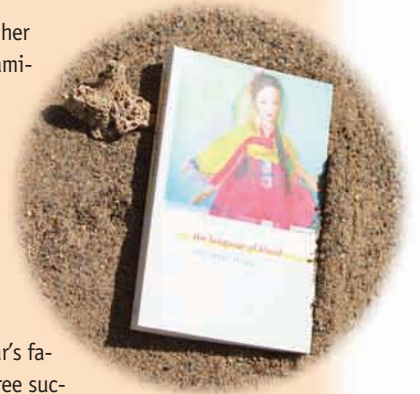
Trenka explores what it has meant for her to be a Korean adoptee in a white Minnesota family. She traces her journey toward reuniting with her birth mother, her struggle to understand her own identity, and what “family” means. This book won a Minnesota Book Award in 2004.

*As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised as a Girl*, by John Colapinto (Perennial, 2001)

This book tells the story of David Reimer, who, after a botched circumcision, was surgically altered and raised as a girl based on the advice of a prominent scientist of the late 1960s. It is a fascinating and moving account of David’s personal journey into adulthood, and a look at the meaning of gender identity.

*Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager’s Story*, by Said Hyder Akbar (Bloomsbury, 2005)

Akbar was born in Peshawar but grew up in the United States. After 9/11 and the fall of the Taliban, Akbar’s father returned to Afghanistan to take up a post in the government. The author visited his father during three successive summers and provides a look at the post-Taliban era as well as what it means to be a teenager who is both American and Afghan. Part of Akbar’s story was reported on NPR’s *This American Life*.



*Kate Wittenstein*, professor of history

*The Culture Clash*, by Jean Donaldson (James and Kenneth, 2005)

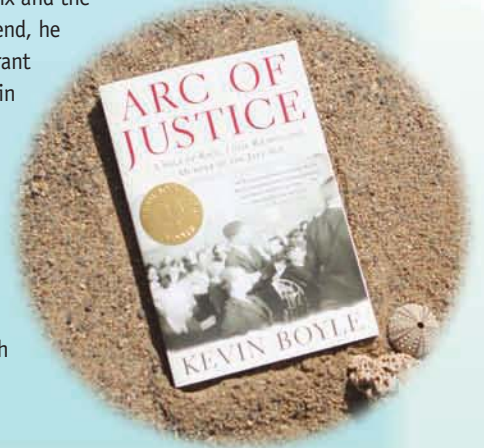
In *The Culture Clash*, Jean Donaldson explains how the Lassie fallacy of dog intelligence and morality too often leads to the inhumane treatment of dogs who do not and cannot live up to our anthropomorphic expectations.

*Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*, by Aaron Lansky (Algonquin Books, 2004)

Book lovers will take heart from Aaron Lansky’s literary labor of love. Beginning at age 23, Lansky set out to locate and preserve as many Yiddish language texts as he could find in the attics of houses in Brooklyn and the Bronx and the basements of long defunct Jewish cultural institutions in New York’s Lower East Side. In the end, he located and preserved some 1.5 million texts written in this dying but culturally rich and vibrant language, now housed for future generations of scholars at the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass. Literary detective work at its scholarly best.

*Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, by Kevin Boyle (Henry Holt, 2004)

Finally, I recommend historian Kevin Boyle’s National Book Award winner, *Arc of Justice*. Boyle masterfully uses the life of African American Dr. Ossian Sweet, who was born into the Jim Crow South and migrated to Detroit with a degree from Howard Medical School. Sweet’s decision to move his family into a white area of the city sets off a drama that illustrates much about the tragedy of American race relations in the 20th century. Exceptionally well written. Reads like a novel.





# Sports notes

## Andrea Peterson named MIAC Player of the Year in women's hockey

Junior defender Andrea Peterson (White Bear Lake, Minn.) has been named the MIAC Player of the Year for the third consecutive year. Peterson turned in another outstanding season for the Gusties as she led the team in scoring with 18 goals and 30 assists for 48 points, moving into first place on the Gustavus all-time scoring list during the season. She also led the MIAC in scoring for a second consecutive year with 15 goals and 23 assists for 38 points. Her career totals with one season remaining to play are 67 goals and 81 assists for 148 points—she is on pace to become only the third player in the history of Division III women's hockey to accumulate 200 career points. Peterson becomes the first women's hockey player in the MIAC to receive player of the year honors three times. **G**



*The 2005–06 MIAC champions and “Frozen Four” qualifiers – front row from left: Christine Wicker, Mari Gunder-son, Annie Pearce, Amanda Rosequist, Ingrid Neve, Danielle Koopman, Kelly Crandall, Jessie Doig, Jaclyn Du-fault, Laura Vanelli, Kitty Hurley; back row: Molly Doyle, Andrea Peterson, Brigitte Bartholdi, Abby Randall, Liz Haakenson, Danielle Blacker, Stefanie Ubl, Sarah Heinbigner, Jenny Pusch, Margaret Dorer. This picture was taken at the awards ceremony after the third-place game in Plattsburgh, N.Y., on Saturday, March 18, 2006.*

## Women's hockey team advances to NCAA “Frozen Four”

**T**he Gustavus women's hockey team capped another outstanding season by claiming a third consecutive MIAC playoff title and advancing to the NCAA “Frozen Four” for the third time in the last five years.

Coach Mike Carroll's squad won the MIAC tournament by defeating St. Olaf 3-1 in the semifinals and then knocking off St. Thomas 2-1 in overtime in the championship game. MIAC Player-of-the-Year Andrea Peterson scored the game-winner for the Gusties at 4:38 of the extra session.

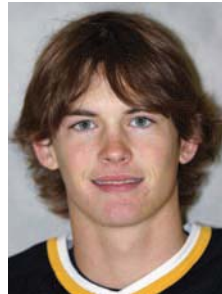
In the NCAA Tournament, Gustavus was named the #1 seed in the West Region and received an automatic berth into the Frozen Four, which was held in Plattsburgh, N.Y. The Gusties dropped two heartbreakers in Plattsburgh, falling to eventual national champion Middlebury 2-1 in the semifinals and then losing 2-0 to UW-Stevens Point in the third-place game. Gustavus finished the season with a record of 22-5-2. **G**



Andrea Peterson



Molly Doyle



Jon Keseley


## Three hockey players are All-America

Three Gustavus hockey players have been named to the 2006 American Hockey Coaches Association All-America teams. Junior Andrea Peterson and sophomore Molly Doyle received First Team honors on the AHCA women's team, and junior Jon Keseley received Second Team honors on the AHCA men's team.

Peterson finished the season as the second-leading scorer in Division III women's hockey with 18 goals and 30 assists for 48 points. The three-year standout is the Gusties' all-time leading scorer with 67 goals and 81 assists for 148 points. Peterson was also runner-up for this year's Division III Player of the Year award, which was won by senior forward Emily Quizon of Middlebury College.

Doyle, a two-time all-conference forward, led

the Gusties in goals scored this season with 21. She has compiled 39 goals and 42 assists for 81 points in her two-year career at Gustavus. Molly's sister Ellen '04 was named an AHCA First Team All-America player in 2002 and the Doyles become the first set of sisters to earn AHCA All-America honors since the organization started selecting Division III women's All-America teams in 1998.

Keseley led the Gustie men's team in scoring with 41 points on 17 goals and 24 assists. The junior defenseman scored at least one point in 22 of Gustavus' 26 games this season and became the first Gustie since the 1995-96 season to post 40 points in a season. Keseley finished the season as the nation's top scoring defenseman, averaging 1.58 points per game. 

## Carroll and Haller earn MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honors




Mike Carroll

Women's hockey coach Mike Carroll and women's basketball coach Mickey Haller have received Coach-of-the-Year honors from their peers in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Carroll directed the Gusties to their second consecutive MIAC regular season title with a mark of 17-0-1. The program has posted a record of 34-1-1 in league play over the past two years. Carroll, who just completed his seventh year at Gustavus, has compiled an all-time record of 107-14-6 in MIAC play, and his teams have won five MIAC regular season titles. This is

the fourth time he has been named MIAC Coach of the Year (2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006).

Haller directed the Gustie women cagers to a 19-7 record overall and 15-5 record in the league. This is the third time Haller has been honored by her peers in five years, as she also took home the award in 2002 and 2003. This season, Haller picked up her 100th win at Gustavus, and her .715 winning percentage is the best in the program's history. She has compiled an all-time mark of 113-45 in five years at Gustavus. 



Mickey Haller

by Tim Kennedy '82

**Men's basketball** – The squad finished third in the MIAC with a record of 15-5 and compiled a mark of 19-8 overall. The Gusties advanced to the semifinals of the MIAC playoffs before losing to Carleton 55-48. Senior wing Adam TeBrake (St. Peter), who became the 29th Gustie to score 1,000 career points, was named to the all-conference team along with junior post Phil Sowden (Brooklyn Park). Trevor Wittwer (soph., Redwood Falls) was named the league's Sixth Man of the Year, guard Trent Hollerich (sr., Good Thunder) was named to the All-Defensive team, and Mike DesLauriers (Minnetonka) to the All-First Year team.

**Women's basketball** – The Gusties finished third in the MIAC with a record of 15-5 and posted an overall mark of 19-7. The team defeated Bethel 62-52 in the first round of the MIAC playoffs but lost to eventual tournament champion Concordia 63-55 in the semifinals. Post Bri Monahan (jr., Hutchinson), who scored her 1,000th career point late in the season, was named to both the all-conference and all-region teams and earned honorable mention All-America honors. She was joined on the all-conference team by guard Jess Vadnais (soph., Hudson, Wis.). Post Erin Boese (jr., Rochester) was named to the MIAC All-Defensive team.

**Women's Hockey** – Coach Mike Carroll's squad claimed a second consecutive MIAC regular season title with a mark of 17-0-1 and a third consecutive MIAC playoff title. The team set an NCAA record for power-play goals scored with 53. MIAC Player of the Year Andrea Peterson (jr., White Bear Lake) was joined on the all-conference team by Abby Randall (sr., Tonka Bay), Kelly Crandall (jr., Plymouth), Molly Doyle (soph., Eagan), Margaret Dorer (soph., St. Paul), and Mari Gunderson (fy., St. Paul).

**Men's Hockey** – The Gusties qualified for the MIAC playoffs for a fifth straight year after posting a record of 9-7-0 and finishing in a tie for fourth with Bethel in the regular standings, but lost to the Royals 7-5

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in the first round of the tournament. The team finished with a mark of 14–10–1 overall. Forward Mike Hosfield (jr., Golden Valley) and defenseman Jon Keseley (jr., St. Louis Park) were both named to the all-conference team.

### Women's Swimming –

The squad posted a dual-meet record of 6–5 and a strong third-place finish at the MIAC championships. Individual event champions at the conference meet were Sara Pfau (soph., Bismarck, N.D.) in the 200 IM and Katie Haynes (sr., Duluth) in the 100 backstroke. The Gusties also fielded two relay champions—the 200 medley relay team, consisting of Pfau, Haynes, Yoshi Ludwig (jr., St. Peter), and Laura Watkins (jr., Fargo, N.D.), and the 200 free relay team, consisting of Watkins, Emily Degnan (fy., Hibbing), Emma Espel (fy., Fargo, N.D.), and Krista Koenen (fy., Willmar). Others earning all-conference honors included Kara Yetter (sr., Shakopee) in three-meter diving, and Elizabeth Hartman (jr., Eagan, Minn.) in the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle.

### Men's Swimming –

The Gusties claimed their fifth consecutive conference championship with six individual event titles and three relay event titles, finishing 65 points ahead of second-place St. Olaf College. See the more complete listing and photo elsewhere in this section.

### Gymnastics –

The Gusties posted a regular-season dual-meet record of 4–3 and finished seventh at the NCGA West Regional. Brittany Moore (jr., Plymouth; vault), Laura Hansen (fy., Inver Grove Heights; uneven bars), and Christine Askham (fy., Arvada, Colo.; floor exercise) qualified individually for the NCGA championship meet. Moore advanced to the finals in the vault and finished ninth with a two-day total of 18.95. Seniors Ashley Erickson (Lakeland) and Danielle Abel (Blue Earth) were named to the NCGA All-Academic team.

### Men's Nordic Skiing –

The Gusties finished sixth out of nine teams at the Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA)

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*The 2006 MIAC champion Gustavus Men's Swimming and Diving Team.*

## Men's swimming team wins fifth consecutive MIAC title


The Gustavus Adolphus men's swimming and diving team captured its fifth consecutive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, outdistancing St. Olaf 867–802. Coach Jon Carlson '88 and his squad jumped out to a lead on the first day and led throughout the three-day meet. Gustavus claimed six individual event titles and three relay titles. Sophomore Ben Hanson (Minnetonka, Minn.) led the way as he won three titles including the 200 freestyle, the 500 freestyle, and the 1,650 freestyle. Others claiming titles included junior Scott Hagemeyer (Willmar, Minn.) in the 50 freestyle, sophomore Connor Ziegler (Sauk Rapids, Minn.) in the 200 butterfly, and senior Jeff Pearson (Woodbury, Minn.) in the 200 backstroke. Relay

champions for the Gusties included the 200 free relay team of Hagemeyer, Brian Amundson (jr., Blaine, Minn.), Tyler Wakefield (fy., Hutchinson, Minn.), and Clement Auyeung (fy., North Mankato, Minn.), the 400 free relay team of Hagemeyer, Amundson, Wakefield, and Matt Stewart (fy., Burnsville, Minn.), and the 800 free relay team of Hanson, Stewart, Billy Cuevas (fy., Woodbury, Minn.), and Greg Pokorski (so., Rochester, Minn.), all of which set new school and conference records.

Gustavus' fifth consecutive conference title is an accomplishment that has only been achieved one other time in school history. The Gusties claimed six straight conference titles from 1955 through 1960. 

## Swimmers 11th at NCAA championships

The Gustavus men's swimming team turned in another strong performance at the NCAA championships, placing 11th out of a field of 53 teams with a total of 118 points. The meet was held at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center in Minneapolis. The Gusties qualified 10 swimmers for the national meet and six of those individuals earned All-America honors by finish-

ing in the top eight in an individual event or relay. Those earning All-America honors include Ben Hanson (eighth in 1,650 freestyle); Scott Hagemeyer, Tyler Wakefield, and Brian Amundson as members of the sixth-place 400 free relay and eighth-place 200 free relay teams; Matt Stewart as a member of the 400 free relay; and Clement Auyeung as a member of the 200 free relay. 

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## Hanson is MIAC Swimmer of the Year

**S**ophomore swimmer Ben Hanson has been named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive season following a three-win individual performance at the MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships. Hanson defended the 200-yard, 500-yard, and 1,650-yard freestyle titles he won a year ago.


In the 500-yard freestyle, Hanson automatically qualified for the NCAA championships with a school- and meet-record clocking of 4:32.46. In the 200-yard freestyle Hanson posted a provisional qualifying time of 1:41.64. The



Ben Hanson

mark also broke school and meet records. Hanson capped off the championships with a successful defense of his crown in the 1,650-yard freestyle by breaking his own meet and school record with a provisional qualifying time of 15:54.62.

In addition, Hanson also anchored the first-place 800-yard freestyle relay team, which established a new meet and school record


with a provisional qualifying time of 6:50.40. Hanson also swam on the runner-up 200-yard medley relay team, which posted a provisional qualifying time of 1:33.89. 

## Men's tennis team wins ITA National Indoor Championship

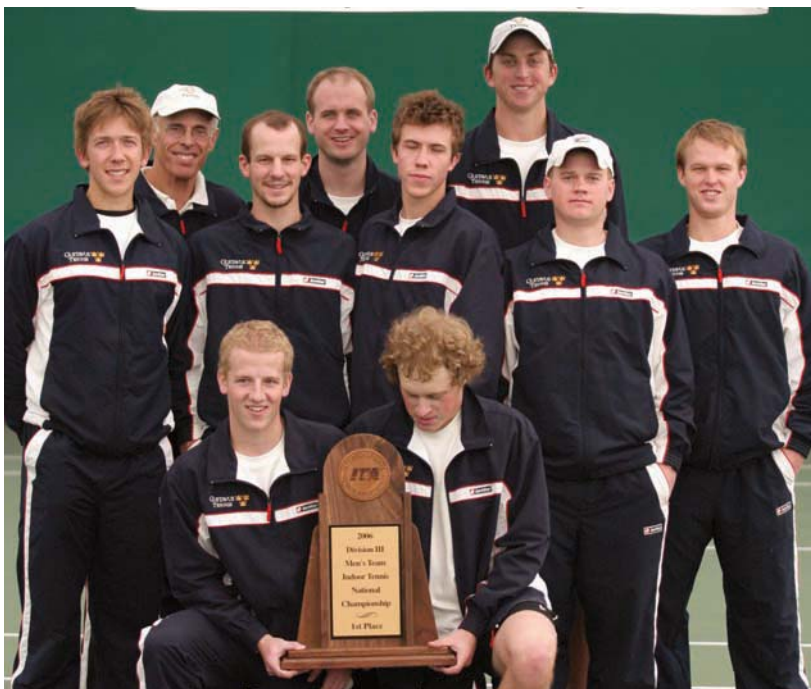
**T**he Gustavus men's tennis team upset #1 California-Santa Cruz 6-1 to win the ITA Division III Indoor Championship held in late February at the Swanson Tennis Center. Gustavus defeated #6-seed Pacific Lutheran 7-0 in the quarterfinals before upsetting #2 seed and defending champion Emory 6-1 in the semifinals.

The Gusties, who were seeded third in the

tournament, claimed their third ITA indoor title in the six-year history of the tournament. This is the fourth consecutive year that Gustavus has hosted the ITA National Indoor Championship.

Gustavus, which will be looking to claim its 18th consecutive MIAC title this spring, was rated #1 in Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III poll at the *Quarterly* went to press. 

**2006 ITA indoor champion men's tennis team – front row from left: John Kauss, Mike Burdakin; middle row: Roy Bryan, Jesse Brauer, Andy Bryan, Adam Morgan, Loren Collins; back row: head coach Steve Wilkinson, assistant coach Ryan Dussault, Brett Morse-Karzen.**



Region meet. Senior Andy Rishavy (Alexandria) finished 13th in the 10K classic race, while senior Erich Ziegler (Crystal Falls, Mich.) finished 15th in the 15K freestyle race. Ziegler finished the year ranked 11th in the CCSA points standings (out of 75 skiers) and became the first Gustavus male nordic skier to win a CCSA/NCAA qualifying race when he finished first in the 15K freestyle race in Cable, Wis., on January 29.

### Women's Nordic Skiing

– The squad finished third at the Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA) Region meet, behind only Division I scholarship programs from Alaska-Fairbanks and Northern Michigan. Chandra Daw (sr., Duluth) made program history when she became the first Gustavus skier to qualify for the NCAA championships. Daw finished the season ranked seventh on the final CCSA points list. Daw went on to place 38th in the 5K classic race and 33rd in the 15K freestyle race at the NCAA championships.

### Men's Indoor Track and Field

– The Gusties finished fifth at the MIAC indoor championships. Jered Hokenson (jr., Watertown) claimed two event titles for the Gusties as he won the pentathlon with a school-record point total of 4,384 and the high jump with an effort of 6' 5-1/2". Other top finishes included Tannier Miest (jr., Willmar) finishing second in the 55-meter hurdles and Andy Klaers (jr., Loretto) placing third in the weight throw.

### Women's Indoor Track and Field

– The Gusties recorded a strong second-place finish at the MIAC indoor championships. The distance medley relay team of Mollie Lager (sr., Robbinsdale), Blythe Bittman (sr., Fairmont), Ashley Cronen (jr., Kandiyohi), and Kourtney Joyce (sr., Wadena) finished first in a meet-record time of 12:29.76. Eleven individuals posted top-four finishes at the meet. 

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



# Westy's spirit lives on in endowment



by **Teresa Harland '94**

In celebration of a wonderful life cut too short, a group of hockey players recently organized the first annual Westy Hockey Cup to remember and honor Brian Westland, Class of 2002. Brian passed away on January 3, 2005, but his spirit lives on in many of his high school and



**Brian Westland '02**

college friends, so much so that they skated the Westy Cup on December 23, 2005, raising \$1,420 to contribute toward the Brian Westland Hockey Endowment at Gustavus.

Brian played hockey with passion—sometimes with so much passion that he spent a great deal of time in the penalty box. In honor of his time spent there, his friends hung his hockey jersey in the penalty box during the Westy Cup. Thirty-seven hockey players showed up to support Brian's family and 70 friends and acquaintances were in the stands as spectators.

Roger and Nancy Westland established the Brian Westland Hockey Endowment in June 2005 with memorial money. The Endowment will support the men's hockey team in their international travels. Due to financial constraints, Brian had not been able to travel abroad with the hockey team. The Westlands decided to help other hockey

student-athletes who need financial support to play internationally.

Participants in the first Westy Cup gathered for a group photo after the event. In addition to hometown friends and teammates, more than 20 Gustavus varsity players from Brian Westland's era took part. Among them were **Jordan Anderson '03, Bobby Dennis '03, Chris Deschneau '01, Mike Deschneau '01, Dan Hamernick '01, Brad Hendrickson '01, Mike Hoolihan '99, Tom Klint '00, Pete Marsten '02, Mike Metzger '02, Adam Moseley '02, Peet Moseley '00, Dave Murphy '00, Ross Pillsbury '02, Jason Rogowski '04, Nick Sieber '03, Sara Sertich Trembath '02, Travis Trembath '02, Matt Tucitto '00, and Joe Ulwelling '05.**

student-athletes who need financial support to play internationally.

Ryan Fransis, a high school friend, was the main organizer of the first Westy Cup, and he says that the gang is already making plans for the second Westy Cup and hopes to continue raising money for the endowment. If you would like to participate in December 2006, or have any questions, you can contact Mike Deschneau '01, assistant hockey coach at Gustavus, at <mdeschne@gustavus.edu> or 507/933-8493.

Brian Westland lived life to its fullest and loved his family and friends with a huge heart. I feel privileged to have worked with the Westland family to help them establish this endowment that will keep Brian's memory and spirit alive on campus forever.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Brian Westland Hockey Endowment, please contact Teresa Harland at 800/726-6192 or <tharland@gustavus.edu>. 

*Teresa Harland '94 joined the Office of Institutional Advancement as a director of gift planning in 2001 after representing the College in the Office of Admission for five years.*

# Meet the youngest GHP members

by *Teresa Harland '94*

**B**ritta Johnson '04 and Jesse Bergland were married on February 10, 2006. One of the first tasks they undertook as a married couple was to create a will. This young couple already understands the importance and the satisfaction of giving. And, not only did they include Gustavus in their estate plans, but by doing so they became the youngest members of Gustavus Heritage Partnership.

Britta was a member of the Gustavus Ambassadors program and attended a GHP luncheon as a student. She recalls listening to a young Gustavus alumnus and staff member talk about his decision to name Gustavus as the beneficiary of his IRA. "Mik Gusenius ['02] spoke so eloquently of his decision to give back to Gustavus that it really made an impression on me. So when it came time for Jesse and me to create our will, I remembered what Mik said and I knew I wanted to do the same."

She and Jesse are excited to be the youngest GHP members. They both agree that young people need to understand the importance of giving. "I received a scholarship that allowed me to complete an unpaid internship that I wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford. I am still grateful for that




*Jesse Bergland and Britta Johnson '04*

Teresa Harland '94

opportunity and the doors it opened for me, personally and professionally. It just made sense for us to give back to other students through our will and estate planning." Jesse's sentiment hits the nail on the head. "You don't need to be in your 60s to start thinking about leaving behind a legacy that can positively impact future generations."

Even though Jesse is not a Gustavus alumnus, he has had the pleasure of meeting many Gusties, including Mik Gusenius. Both Jesse and Mik were at a Toastmasters meeting where Jesse was

giving a speech on how he met his "dream girl." He described her as a tall, beautiful, red-haired woman from Texas who attended a small private college in southern Minnesota. After he finished his story, Mik approached Jesse to ask him if his "dream girl" attended Gustavus and if her name was Britta. Lo and behold, he was correct!

We are thrilled to welcome Jesse and Britta Johnson Bergland as the youngest members of the Gustavus Heritage Partnership program. They view Gustavus as an extension of their family and for that we are grateful. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Gustavus Heritage Partnership program, please contact Teresa Harland at <tharland@gustavus.edu> or 800/726-6192. 

## Thankful parents, thankful gifts

**P**arents know as well as anyone the value of a Gustavus education for their children. Here are a few stories of thankful parents:

- A parent whose child graduated some years ago is providing annual scholarships for current students. The parent said, "At that time in our lives someone else helped our child attend Gustavus, now as the years go by we can help other students in return."
- A parent whose student will be a new arrival to Gustavus sent a gift "to invest in the College now"—the college to which they will entrust their student for the next four years.
- A parent who is able to watch his child learn and grow through her Gustavus experience is providing substantial support for this college that "delivers on its promises."

Parents, alumni, friends of the College . . . gifts from all are important in helping give the gift of a Gustavus education to students both now and for years to come. Please join in support.

### Contact Information

For information about establishing an annual or endowed scholarship, a charitable trust, or a 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 any other College purpose, please contact

#### Gift Office staff

by phone at 800/726-6192 or 507/933-7512, or by e-mail at <giftplanning@gustavus.edu>, or ask a staff member to contact you by visiting <www.gustavus.edu> and clicking on "Giving to Gustavus" and "Contact Gift Office Staff."



# Learning lessons of giving

by Lindsey Christensen '03

In the words of former Gustavus President Edgar Carlson '30, "If a college has not succeeded in persuading its students to give after four years of experience on its campus, after having been subjected to the whole educational program of the institution, it has failed in its mission. If it trains them to 'get' but fails to train them to 'give,' it really has no good reason for existence. It must be the hallmark of the alumni of our kind of institutions that they are 'giving' people. That applies to everything about them—to be that kind of people. It is in teaching people to give—of themselves, their efforts, their devotions and their means—that colleges like ours really have their mission."

It is in doing so, that each night at Gustavus, a team of enthusiastic, spirit-filled Gusties make the trek to the Call Center in Olin Hall to work tirelessly on the phones and connect with Gustavus alumni, parents, and friends. GusLink, an all-student group, makes over 40,000 calls each

year, helping the college raise over \$300,000. Each of these students has a story to tell; many are recipients of scholarship dollars made available through the very work they do. These students grasp and appreciate the importance of annual giving to Gustavus, and embrace the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends who are willing to contribute to the cause.

*"Working with GusLink has really been a great experience for me. I've had the opportunity of working with a fun bunch of callers and more importantly I've had the chance to see just how important the Gustavus Fund is, for me and for the entire campus. Helping people realize this importance, in large respect to scholarships, is our goal, and I feel that people contribute because they know how tough tuition can be. Each night I call, I genuinely believe I'm earning my scholarships, and so are my peers. During my time with GusLink, I've also spoken with some wonderful alums and learned so much from them. It's truly been a rewarding experience!"*

— Travis Michelson, junior music education major and GusLink caller

## Gustavus giving resources online

Have you looked at the *Giving to Gustavus* website lately? Just enter <[www.gustavus.edu/giving](http://www.gustavus.edu/giving)>. The list of resources includes:

- Staff to contact for personal help
- Secure online giving and other electronic giving options
- Matching gift database—will your company match your gift?
- Giving stock and other appreciated assets
- Giving for scholarships, both annual and endowed
- Planned and Estate Giving Resources . . . everything you need at: <[www.gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving/index.cfm](http://www.gustavus.edu/giving/plannedgiving/index.cfm)>
- Recommended language for including Gustavus in a will or estate plan
- Financial and estate planning ideas, and gifts that pay you (with a "gift calculator" to help your planning)
- E-brochures on planned gifts, wills, estate planning (to study on your own or to take to your financial adviser)
- *The Honor Roll of Donors*, at <[www.gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll](http://www.gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll)>



In conjunction with the nightly calls, this group of students was an integral part in helping propel the annual all-volunteer Student Phonathon to a record year, bringing in \$213,000 in gifts and pledges during the 2005 three-week campaign. Answer YOUR call this year, and make a gift to the Gustavus Fund. The annual fund is a measure of how well we are doing at educating our students and alums. Through understanding the mission of an extraordinary college such as ours, we can fully appreciate that not only giving of our time and talents but also of our means truly reflects the importance of what it is to be an alumnus.

**Help these extraordinary callers continue to help themselves and others. MAKE YOUR GIFT BY MAY 31st to help us realize our year-end goals!** You can make your gift online at <[www.gustavus.edu/giving](http://www.gustavus.edu/giving)> or call the Gustavus Fund office at 866/487-3863.

Lindsey Christensen '03 joined the College's advancement staff in 2005 and is assistant director of the Gustavus Fund.



## Gustavus Alumni Association

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

### Officers

**Jason Sawyer '93**

President

**Jan Ledin Michaletz '74**

Vice President

**Randall Stuckey '83**

Executive Secretary

**Kelly Waldron '84**

Treasurer

### Board Members

*term expires Fall 2006*

**Liesel Batz '90**, Minneapolis; **Daniel Currell '94**, St. Paul; **Viviane Foyou '02**, Morgantown, WV; **Janet Eiffert Hoomani '62**, Raleigh, NC; **James Malmquist '53**, Scandia; **Jan Ledin Michaletz '74**, Edina; **Jason Sawyer '93**, Plymouth.

*term expires Fall 2007*

**Ann Wilsey Gesme '86**, Deephaven; **Jeff Heggedahl '87**, Atlanta, GA; **Kristin Miller Prestegaard '99**, St. Paul; **Ronald White '75**, Eden Prairie; **Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90**, Spokane, WA; **Betsy Starz '02**, Maple Grove; **Richard Swenson '64**, Minneapolis.

*term expires Fall 2008*

**Cathy Edlund Bussler '00**, Chanhassen; **Scott Gilyard '83**, Maple Grove; **David Johnson '84**, Eagan; **Janna King '76**, Minneapolis; **Paul Koch '87**, Plymouth; **Peter Nyhus '60**, Park Rapids; **Richard Olson '82**, Edina.

Class news and information to be included in the Alumni section of the Quarterly should be sent to:

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### Oh, Colorado

A group of recent grads and a few friends traveled to Colorado in January and skied Breckenridge, Vail, and the Arapahoe Basin. Pictured, front row from left: **Tony Kouba '04**, **David Viljaste '04**, and **Annie Michaletz '05**; back row: **Jo Gunderson**, **Dave Heldman '04**, **Brian Rider '04**, **Matt Eggebrecht '05**, **Brett Pederson '04**, **Ian Keesey '04**, **Molly Andvik '04**, **Elliot Stewart-Fransen '04**, **Christian Quie '04**, **A.C. Fischer**, and **Jon Kranz**.



### Memorial concert

Last November an organ concert was performed in memory of **James Ford '53** in the Cadet Chapel of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. Ford's widow, **Marcia Sodergren Ford '53** (far right), and her four daughters and four granddaughters attended the concert. Jim Ford served as chaplain of the USMA from 1961-79 and chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979-2001. Their son, **Peter '84**, a fourth-generation Gustavus graduate, was unable to attend as he is currently stationed in Armenia as a security official with the U.S. State Department.

### Lifetime friends

**Franklin Anderson '39** and **Albert Olson** grew up together in Cloquet, MN. During their lifetimes they've shared experiences including having been confirmed together, life-guarding together, earning Eagle Scouts honors, living as boarding house roommates together during medical school, serving as docs in WWII, and marrying nurses.

Their lifelong journey as close friends was featured in *Doug Grow's March 4* column in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The Andersons and Olsons built homes next to each other and built a medical clinic in Owatonna. Both families have five children and the families built a lake cabin together and have formed a corporation to maintain it. Two years ago Olson moved into an assisted living home, and this winter Anderson developed heart and back problems and needed a care facility. The only bed available was in Olson's room, so Anderson moved in with his lifelong friend.

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**Leon L. Scheman**, Lakewood, CA, is still enjoying life and gets out and about almost every day. He turned 100 years old on August 28, 2005.

## 34

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**Florence Kjellgren Peterson**, Minneapolis, lives in the Augustana Apartments.

## 35

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**Phyllis Carlton Humphrey**, San Diego, CA, enjoys walking on the

beach, spending time with family, going to La Jolla Playhouse and the Old Globe Theatre, playing Scrabble and bridge, and reading. **Chet Thompson**, Sun City, AZ, is enjoying life in Arizona.

## 38

Class Agent:  
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**Robert E. Olson**, Palm Harbor, FL, is an active pediatrics consultant.

## 39

Class Agents:  
Carl and Miriam Peterson  
Manfred

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**Del M. Anderson**, Arlington, VA, was invited last fall to the dedication of the Wall of Honor at University of

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Minnesota, which lists the names of all who have received University Outstanding Achievement Awards; he received this honor in 1976.

## 41

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**Muriel Puelston Lindberg** and her husband, **Leland '37**, Golden Valley, volunteer at church and Park Nicollet Clinic and enjoy living at the Calvary Cooperative.

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## 46

Class Agent:  
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**Viola Hanson Russell**, Stillwater, enjoyed a three-week visit last summer by her daughter and three granddaughters who live in Denmark. **Dick Stebbins**, Spring Park, is an ad manager for Minnetonka Realty.

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## 48

Class Agent:  
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**Roger Boraas**, Elkins Park, PA, received the 2005 P.E. Macallister Field Archaeology Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research. **Harold Mattke**, St. Louis Park, traveled to New York in September.

## 50

Class Agent:  
Gloria Martell Benson

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**Chuck Anderson**, Norwood, traveled to Hawaii. **Charles Kiecker**, New Ulm, is active in his church and the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. **Harold and Lois Dickhart Skillrud**, Bloomington, IL, moved from Atlanta, GA, to Illinois to be near family.

## 51

Class Agent:  
Dorothy Johnson Lutz

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**Jean Anderson Emerson**, White Bear Lake, retired as baptism coordinator for North Heights Lutheran Church. **W. M. Gustafson**, St. Peter, is an attorney at Mackenzie & Gustafson, Ltd. **Peg Sternaman Holmes**, Manitowoc,

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WI, is a volunteer coordinator for the Manitowoc Sheriff's Department. **Verna Lindgren Howard**, Woodburn, OR, moved to a new retirement home in Woodburn. **Marion Myrland Johnson**, Minneapolis, is president of Johnson Properties. **Rhoda Smith Nelson**, Kaneohe, HI, also spends time in Hayward, WI. **Fred Tidstrom**, Ashland, WI, is active on the school board and in an economic development group to integrate education and economics.

## 52

Class Agent:  
Barb Eckman Krig

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**Elmer Ackermann**, Shawano, WI, is director of music at Peace United Church of Christ. **Marion Hier Frederickson**, Redwood Falls, winters in Panama City Beach, FL. **William Holmes**, Manitowoc, WI, is a family counselor at Knollwood Memorial Park. **Lavaune Lindquist Putzier**, Litchfield, spends summers on Lake Minnie Bell near Litchfield, MN. **Bob Werness**, Bloomington, works at Werness Brothers Bloomington Chapel, Dawn Valley Chapel, and Edina Chapel.

## 53

Class Agents:  
Thomas Boman,  
Marv Larson

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**LeRoy Erlandson**, Fridley, traveled to Sweden and Iceland and spends the winters in Arizona. **Russ Nielsen**, Fort Collins, CO, traveled this year to Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. **Carl Peikert**, Forest Lake, works for the Allina Clinic in Forest Lake.

## 54

Class Agents:  
Forrest Chaffee, Helen  
Forsgren Hokenson

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**Dianne Johnston Janda**, Bloomington, retired as a teacher.

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Class Agent:  
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**Marjorie Falk Pahr**, West St. Paul, spent a portion of the winter in Florida.

## 56

Class Agents: Carolyn  
Jens Brusseau, JoAnn  
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**Lorraine Youngquist Anderson**, Kansas City, MO, plays organ at church. **Richmond Anderson**, Kansas City, MO, is a retired teacher.

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**Jerome Bengtson**, Racine, WI, is a volunteer tutor in the Racine ISD ■ **Ron Brown**, Calabogie, Ontario, is president of Slattery Brown Consultants ■ **Jim Chell**, Hinton, Alberta, is a retired assistant to the Bishop, director of Canadian Mission ■ **Luella Gesme Chell**, Hinton, Alberta, is a watercolor artist ■ **Phyllis Sletten Dalager**, Thief River Falls, is organist for Zion Lutheran Church ■ **C. Harvey Davis**, Oakdale, is a retired high school teacher and enjoys traveling ■ **Carol Lindberg Musser**, Mound, traveled to Hawaii this year ■ **Kent A. Musser**, Mound, splits time between Mound, MN, and Mesa, AZ ■ **Ray E. Norling**, Willmar, is president of Willmar Poultry Company ■ **Marlys Swenson Ostrand**, Scandia, plays lots of bridge and runs the local foodshelf ■ **Paul C. Peterson**, Fair Oaks, CA, is active in the Sacramento Jazz Festival ■ **Ron Schneider**, Spicer, is an attorney at the Schneider Law Firm.

**57 Class Agents:**  
*Nancy Reiter Grimes,  
Clem and Marlys Mattson  
Nelson*

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**Mary Schulke Downes**, Los Angeles, CA, traveled to Holland last November ■ **Carole Swanson Minor**, Chevy Chase, MD, is a consultant for the Central Intelligence Agency ■ **Donald Reedstrom**, Cherokee Village, AR, recently moved from Vermont to Arkansas ■ **Arne Walker**, Gatlinburg, TN, serves on the board of the Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministry and Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic Chair Ministry in the National Parks, is president of the Gatlinburg Ministerial Association, and continues to work with youth in the juvenile court.

**58 Class Agent:**  
*Owen Sammelson*

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**Chuck Busch**, Fairfax, resides at the Community Home and celebrated with his wife, Dorothy, their 50th wedding anniversary ■ **Ellwood Johnson**, Mesa, AZ, retired from the Lowry Group ■ **Darlene Thompson Kriewall**, Burnsville, is an accountant at Groen's Vacu-Man ■ **Eldon Satter**, Brainerd, is an auditor for the State of Minnesota Department of Economic Security.

**59 Class Agents:**  
*Wilt Croonquist,  
Carol Johnson Heyl*

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**Barbara Flueger Jackson**, Woodbury,

retired as a medical technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital ■ **Dan Johns**, Tower, retired as a pastor at United in Christ Lutheran Church ■ **Stanley Jurgenson**, Las Vegas, NV, is part-time pastor at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church ■ **John L. Nelson**, Edina, is semi-retired as a sales representative for retail/wholesale trade.

**60 Class Agent:**  
*Dennis Johnson*

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**Patricia Ohnsted Anderson**, St. Charles, IL, is art director at Bethlehem Lutheran Church ■ **Bob Eidsvold**, Edina, is chair of the board of Barrett Moving & Storage Company ■ **Martha Jonson Miller**, St. Charles, IL, is archivist at her church, volunteers at the local history center and enjoys being a grandma and traveling ■ **Marge Day Philipson**, Richfield, is spending the summers in Minnesota and winters in Florida ■ **John Schroepfel**, Hutchinson, KS, markets "Power of Proverbs," a devotional guide for young adults ■ **Wayne Wirkkula**, Cedar Falls, IA, retired as a truck driver ■ **Jo Olson Yock**, St. James, retired as a dental receptionist.

**61 Class Agent:**  
*Virgene Grack Sehlin*

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**Joyce Quarnstrom Andersen**, Phoenix, AZ, is owner/enrolled agent for A & W Tax Service ■ **Mary Strand Anderson**, Springfield, VA, coordinates "Quilts & More" at her church ■ **Mike Blaese**, New Hope, PA, is president of PreGentis, Inc. ■ **Sandy**

**Allumbaugh Bolin**, Garvin, lives close to her children and nine grandchildren, ages 2-15 years old ■ **Elsa Cornell**, St. Peter, is an adult basic education teacher for Area Adult Learning Cooperative in Le Sueur ■ **Dick Dalton**, Cannon Falls, is president/editor of the *Cannon Falls Beacon* ■ **Paul D. Hanson**, Belmont, MA, is Lamont Professor of Divinity at Harvard University ■ **Nancy Hunziker Herforth**, New Paltz, NY, is a self-employed voice teacher ■ **Paul Holm**, Cloquet, retired as associate professor of chemistry at University of Minnesota ■ **Robert Huemoeller**, Fairmont, is a self-employed accountant/CPA ■ **Miriam Lind Lagus**, St. Croix Falls, WI, is a member of the St. Croix Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, the St.



**Meet in Mesa**  
*Marv Larson '53, Forrest Chaffee '54, and Rod Hokenson '53, got together in Mesa, AZ, in January 2006 for some golfing and sightseeing in the Superstition mountain range east of the Phoenix area. Larson and Chaffee winter there, while Rod drove a car down for a Michigan couple, also visiting while enroute with classmates Fran and Betty Ness Dale '53 '53 in Arkansas and his niece Valerie Jungck Sanders '68 in Emory, TX. Larson and Chaffee serve as co-class agents for their classes.*

**Dracula anyone? Transylvania Trek III**  
*Once again, former Dean of the College David Johnson '54 and three European colleagues will lead a 15-day hiking trip in Transylvania, the beautiful mountainous area of Romania. The group departs from the States on September 14, 2006, for Bucharest, and returns from Budapest on September 29. The schedule permits travelers to stay three nights at each of four charming hotels, travel by private motor coach, and conclude with two nights in Budapest. Contact Dave at -johnsond@umn.edu or 612-333-6702 for further information.*

# Reunions2006

Announcing reunion dates

**50 Year Club & Class of 1956**  
May 26 & 27, 2006

**Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, & 2001**  
October 6 & 7, 2006  
Homecoming & Family Weekend

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



Croix Falls Library board, and the Friends of Interstate Park board, and sings in the choir at First Lutheran Church of Taylors Falls ■ **Marge**

**Jensen McWhorter**, Las Vegas, NV, is a teacher for the Clark County School District ■ **Julie Nelson Neyhart**, Juneau, AK, has served on the coun-



**Same time next year . . .**

Anticipating a mild winter for Minnesota this year, co-class agents **Carolyn Jens Brusseau '56** and **JoAnn Johnson Lundborg '56** met at the Lundborg home in Leavenworth, WA, instead of the Lundborgs' Hilo, HI, location. Keeping with tradition, the two donned their Gustavus apparel and documented their visit with a photo at King Ludwig's German Restaurant. Both will return to campus at the end of May to celebrate their 50th anniversary reunion with other classmates.



**Elks club**

Last October Gustie friends traveled to northwest Colorado for an annual elk hunt. Pictured from left are **Steve Ritz '91**, **Dan Klein '70**, **Jim Klein '71**, and **Dale Olson '58**. The Klein brothers operate KleinBank, the largest family-owned bank company in Minnesota, Ritz owns and operates Fitness First in Chaska, and Olson is a retired pharmacist in Buffalo.

cil for the Alaska Synod, ELCA, and volunteers as docent for the Alaska State Museum ■ **Judy Carlson Olson**, Mound, is a retired teacher ■ **John Swenson**, Red Oak, IA, is a retired pastor.

**62 Class Agent:**  
Sandra Luedtke Buendorf,  
Jan Eiffert Hoomani  
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**Nancy Lundgren Atol**, Duluth, re-  
tired from sales at Andren's ■ **Judy**

**Samuelson Hane**, Duluth, is a part-  
time anesthesia assistant for Oral &  
Maxillofacial Surgical Associates ■ **Dick Hane**, Duluth, is a part-time vis-  
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## After 48 years: Back in the Gustavus classroom

by Marlys C. Johnson '58

**T**he last time I stood in front of a group of college students as their teacher, I was not much older than you are now. The subject was freshman English. The classroom was in a mammoth, old building on the University campus, and I was a graduate student, not a visiting professor. Oh, and my name was Miss Johnson, not Mrs. Johnson."

Such was my introduction to the 20 students in my Gustavus Interim Experience (January Term) class, "An Overview of Nonprofit Management." I could also have said, "I don't remember my classmates from the Class of 1958 looking so young!" And I certainly don't remember them so dedicated to the subject at hand!

This class in nonprofit management grew out of my conviction that if Gustavus' mission was to prepare its students for "fulfilling lives of leadership and service," most graduates, at some point in their lives, would serve on church councils or on boards or staffs of nonprofit organizations in their communities. They would volunteer and contribute to many worthy causes. Therefore, a course in nonprofit management would provide them with some of the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to enhance their nonprofit involvement.

If this was the premise, then the course met its goal. "I found that no matter what work I go into, helping others and supporting nonprofits will be a part of my life and important in anything I do," reported one of the

students when asked to cite the most meaningful experience/activity/connection in the course. This comment was echoed by others.

While each of the topics selected for review in the course was worthy of a full semester, or even a year, of intensive study, we did take a cursory look at such topics as the history of the nonprofit sector, vision and mission, leadership, operational and strategic planning, finance, fundraising, volunteer management, marketing, and evaluation. Wow! A lot to cover in just four weeks.

But cover it, we did.

Additionally, each of the students was involved in two different projects: First, they worked with others who shared their passion for a particular issue to create a new nonprofit. Second, they formed groups to study an existing nonprofit.

What about the results? The class was a great learning experience for both the students and me. Many of the students found that creating their own nonprofit was a lot of work, but they gained insight and appreciation for the management of organizations.

Their created nonprofits exhibited a wide range of passions: SEND, an organization to help educate and feed the children in Darfur refugee camps; Sound of Success, an organization to help pay for hearing devices and advocate for people with hearing loss; PACT: Providing Affordable



**Marlys Johnson '58 shared her nonprofit management expertise with current Gustavus students last January.**

Celiac Testing, a nonprofit to raise funds to support the high cost of testing for celiac disease; and PitStop, a hang-out and activity-based center for St. Peter youth. Others were created to help Minnesota students learn water safety and swimming skills; to provide scholarships, child care, and support for single parents attending college in southern Minnesota; and to provide both food and literacy support for Minneapolis families in need.

Students also valued the opportunity to learn from existing nonprofits. Group members visited and interviewed leaders at a wide range of organizations. Several nonprofit professionals also shared their expertise with the class. The students discovered a common thread among them: *passion for mission!*

"My passion for wanting to help others was fueled even more by the rewards pointed out for both me and those I'd help," reflected one student. "Seeing

the passion reflected in people who have been doing this type of work for 20–30 years makes me stronger in my desire to work for a nonprofit," she added.

I learned too. As I mentioned to the students on the first day, we are all teachers and learners. I appreciated all that the students taught me about the classroom: to be more precise in project directions, to spend more time in demonstrating realistic budgets, and to more directly relate the readings to classroom discussion, to name a few. Most importantly, I learned that our nation, communities, and college are blessed by the students' presence. Their passion, commitment, and desire to do well are harbingers of good things yet to come in our society. **G**

*Author Marlys Johnson Johnson '58 retired in 1997 as executive vice president of St. Peter-based Scholarship America.*



### Choral connection

**Diane Kolander Loomer '62**, Vancouver, BC, one of Canada's premier choral directors, was guest director of the women's honor choir and an invited session leader at the 2006 convention of the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association in Omaha, NE, in early March. Junior music majors **Brian Fahey** (left) and **Sam Eckberg** (right), both members of the Gustavus Choir, attended the conference and had their photo taken with Loomer after she led a reading session. The Gustavus Choir had performed her choral fantasia based upon *Veni, Emmanuel* during Christmas in Christ Chapel 2005.



### Cataloging growth

Number 41 among the **Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's** "Growth 50" for 2005 is **Catalog Marketing Services Inc.** of New Brighton, MN, a provider of comprehensive direct-marketing services led by CEO **R. Kenmore Johnson '63**. CMS Direct, which has experienced a growth rate of better than 50 percent over its 2002 revenue, offers services such as direct-mail list processing, customer-database hosting, and list rental. Even though it is one tenth the size of its largest competitor, CMS Direct is acknowledged as the thought leader in the network

database industry. The primary reason for its growth is the expanded needs of catalog retailers, who are now competing in multiple distribution channels—retail stores, catalog mailings, and Internet. "We are helping catalogers understand their customers and market in detail never available before," says Johnson. As the Quarterly was going to press, Johnson was informed that CMS Direct had been named "Direct Marketer of the Year" by the Midwest Direct Marketing Association and selected as an Ernst & Young finalist for the "Entrepreneur of the Year" in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

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**Bell**, Minneapolis, is coordinator of the clinical trials office at University of Minnesota Cancer Center ■ **Lynn Wahlgren Bennett**, Bloomington, is a teacher's aide in the St. Louis Park ISD #283 ■ **Luther Bexell**, St. Paul, is a retired Lutheran pastor ■ **Marcia Wilson Borgie**, San Diego, CA, is organist and pianist at Renasquitos Lutheran Church ■ **David DeMets**, Madison, WI, is professor of biostatistics/departement chair at University of Wisconsin ■ **Kathy Van**

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English at Tartan High School ■ **Harry Cline Dittler**, Coon Rapids, retired as a senior underwriter at State Farm Insurance ■ **Jane Gooding Gregory**, Centennial, CO, retired from teaching ■ **Steve Swenson**, St. Louis, MO, retired as logistics management specialist at U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command ■ **Mary Hedner Tatyrek**, West Linn, OR, retired as a teacher at Willamette Primary School ■ **Janet Erickson Therien**, Fremont, NE, is senior high guidance director at Fremont ISD.

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**On a mission . . .**

Five nurses from the **Class of 1964** spent a week on a Navajo mission in Arizona volunteering their nursing skills to the school children and community. Crouching are **Joyce Wallinder Johnson** and **Diane Kvols Schweizer**. Standing are **Delores Bade Alt**, **Barbara Nelson Kroll**, and **Karyl Krantz Blair**.

**White Flinn**, Hutchinson, is a self-employed injury and estate planning attorney ■ **Michele Thibault Frizzell**, Chesterfield, MO, is a school social worker for the Special School District of St. Louis ■ **Susan Mortenson Gavle**, Crystal Lake, IL, teaches elementary physical education for District 47 ■ **Gary Gustavson**, Lake Bluff, IL, is a dentist in private practice ■ **Pam Maedl Gutowski**, Charleston, IL, is office manager at Eastern Illinois University ■ **John Hagberg**, Sioux City, IA, is pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church ■ **Robyn Wieman Hansen**, Afton, is an attorney for Leonard, Street and Deinard ■ **Irene Hartfield**, Babbitt, is owner/designer/consultant of Webgoddess.net ■ **Michelle Peiffer Henrichsen**, Grand Rapids, works with her husband's law office ■ **Dean Jackson**, Coon Rapids, IA, is a middle school teacher at Coon Rapids-Bayard Schools ■ **Joel Jackson**, St. Peter, is network engineer in technology services at Gustavus ■ **Susan Engel Jennings**, Roseau, is administrative assistant for the Roseau Police Dept. ■ **Judy L. Johnson**, Bloomington, is principal for Olson Middle School ■ **Nancy L. Johnson**, Shoreview, is a regis-



**John Lipke '63**, Stewart, MN, a member of the governing board of Education Minnesota, has been appearing in a commercial promoting Schools First, Education Minnesota's five-year advertising campaign to promote education in Minnesota. Through his board work and commercials, Lipke hopes

to engage Minnesotans in the discussion about what is really needed to make Minnesota's public schools the best in the nation. He encourages readers to check out <[www.schoolsfirst.org](http://www.schoolsfirst.org)>.

John's career has spanned farming, banking, and insurance, and for the last several years he has served as a local school bus driver. He continues to serve on the boards of two local businesses, providing consulting services on tax, insurance, and finance. John and his late wife, **Sandy (Bottge '64)**, have four children who are fourth-generation Gusties; **Eric '89**, **David '91**, **Kirsten '93**, and **Kari '98**.

tered nurse at HealthEast ■ **Judy Okerman Kastle**, Oak Park Heights, is self-employed as a teacher and expert on the Renaissance period ■ **Shirley Gholston Key**, Memphis, TN, is asso-

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**Luedtke leaves CLU presidency for Education Development Center position**

**Luther S. Luedtke '65** resigned as president of California Lutheran University effective April 1 to accept a position as president and chief executive officer of Education Development Center (EDC) of Newton, Mass. EDC is a not-for-profit research, policy, development, and project-management company dedicated to improving education, healthcare, and community development worldwide. EDC has main offices in Massachusetts, New York City, Washington, DC, and the Netherlands and also operates field offices in more than 20 countries to support project initiatives.



After two decades at the University of Southern California, where he held professorial and administrative positions, Luedtke became the fifth president of CLU in 1992. He has been a Fulbright Professor in Germany, director of the American Studies Research Center in India, and Resident Scholar with the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C., as well as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, and other governmental bodies. During his tenure at CLU, the university has seen an enrollment increase from 1,250 to 2,000 undergraduates, the establishment of several new graduate programs, the dedication of numerous new buildings, and the refurbishment of several town-gown facilities. In February, the university unveiled a sophisticated branding initiative that includes new logos and a fresh look to its website, campus signage, and all publications.

**Honored as Educator of the Year**

**Diane Havlik Shallue '71**, associate in ministry at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis, has been honored in February as the 2006 Educator of the Year by the Lutheran Association of Christian Educators (LACE), an independent organization recognized by the ELCA and headquartered in Bluffton, S.C.

As a Christian educator working in a local congregation and as a professional affiliated with various academic and church institutions, Shallue, who is also an adjunct instructor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, has been able to

recognize and advocate for what is needed by church educators. Over six years ago, she was leading workshops in intergenerational ministry in Minneapolis at a time when this concept was new to many in the field. In addition, she has organized a leadership series, titled "Equipping Leaders for Children's Ministries," at Luther Seminary, providing opportunities for volunteers and professional to improve their skills and build support networks.

Shallue is the first recipient of what LACE expects will be an annual award. It was presented on February 2, 2006, at the annual ecumenical conference of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) in St. Louis; this is also the first year LACE has been involved with the APCE conference. Criteria for the award includes serving 10 or more years in Christian education, holding a current membership in LACE, being a visionary leader, and having a formative influence on educational ministry as well as being an advocate for church educators.



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**Lindeman**, Omaha, NE, is assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Nursing ■ **Jennifer Villas Lipke**, Hibbing, is a nursing instructor for Hibbing Community College ■ **James Lobdell**, Inglewood, CA, is pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and received the 2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Award from the Inglewood NAACP ■ **Nancy Cross Ma**, Bloomington, is a parish nurse for Hope Presbyterian Church ■ **Dave Miller**, Burnsville, NC, is president of Blue Ridge Sensitivity Group ■ **Paula Bjorklund Morgan**, Virginia Beach, VA, is a consulting associate for Commercial Consulting Services ■ **Robert Mork**, Lowry, is president of Lowry State Bank ■ **Ronald Olsen**, Circle Pines, retired as band director at Irondale High School. He works part-time as district curriculum resource teacher for music at Mounds View ISD #621 and is boys' golf coach at Irondale High School ■ **Thomas Opheim**, Ada, is an attorney in the Opheim Law Office ■ **Dale Pangrac**, Lewiston, is a dairy farmer at Prime Pastures Organic Dairy ■ **Gail Norton Parker**, Plymouth, teaches English/language arts at Westwood Middle School in Spring Lake Park ■ **Berit Peterson**, St. Paul, is health services coordinator for Edina ISD #273 ■ **Bonnie Sable Peterson**, Northfield, teaches first grade at Jefferson Elementary in Faribault ■ **Gary M. Peterson**, Northfield, is an attorney in private practice ■ **Linda Christian Peterson**, Maple Grove, is manager/administration services for Upsher-Smith Laboratories ■ **Kim Pinkham**, Edina, is a senior medical technician at University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview, department of pediatrics ■ **John Porter**, Minnetrista, is owner of General Sports, Inc. in Edina ■ **Dick Prestin**, Eau Claire, WI, is a seasonal environmental project manager for HDR Engineering ■ **Marilyn Mericle Rauenhorst**, Wells, is a staff nurse at United Hospital ■ **Marjorie Aasnes Schaffer**, Eden Prairie, is a professor of nursing at Bethel University and presented "Quality of Life at the End of Life" at the Minnesota Nurses Association Nurse's Academy ■ **Elizabeth Schulerburg**, Lenexa, KS, is an education coordinator for IBT, a reference lab ■ **Jana Soeldner-Danger**, Hollywood, FL, is society columnist and real estate writer for Miami *Herald* ■ **Carol Sells Sorensen**, Forest Lake, is parish nurse/coordinator of health ministry for Hosanna Lutheran Church ■ **Linda Lindstrand Swalin**, Spicer, is an orthodontic appliance fabricator

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**Young demonstrates medical evangelism**

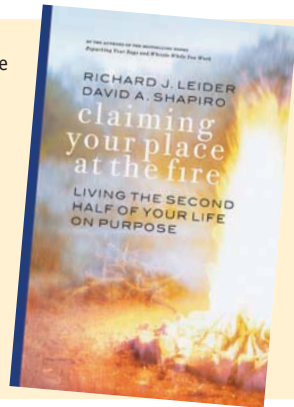
Surrounded by a world of cutting-edge medicine and escalating costs of health care, **Dr. Jean Bjorting Young '70**, with the support of her husband, Bob, practices medicine in less-than-optimal conditions. Young serves as the medical superintendent for the Saboba Medical Centre, Saboba, Ghana. This rural village is composed of a collection of round mud huts with grass roofs and cement block houses with corrugated roofs. As the only doctor, Young serves as the surgeon, OB/GYN, pediatrician, general practitioner, hospital administrator, financial officer, and liaison to Ghana Health Services. Aided by a medical assistant, a few nurses, midwives, ward technicians, and a management team, she oversees the daily operations of the Centre's primary health care center, an outpatient center, a limited laboratory, a 50-bed hospital, and a small pharmacy.

At the primary healthcare center, the emphasis is preventive medicine. Children and pregnant women are inoculated, children are examined, and those with anemia transfused. The outpatient clinic treats 100 or more patients a day with limited lab work and no x-ray equipment. Operating rooms are in need of shelves and cabinets to organize supplies, but most needed are other doctors, administrators, and health care workers.

Young is a heroine, a "Mother Teresa" according to her patients. For the past 17 years, Young has performed surgery without an anesthesiologist and treated patients using only a sedative and a local anesthetic. She is also challenged by an unreliable water supply and no hot water. But even under poor conditions, lives are saved, patients are treated, and she ministers to them physically and spiritually. Presenting the good news of the Gospel is a significant part of their work for this woman and her husband devoted to making a difference in the lives of the Ghanaian people. Read more at <[www.evangelible.org](http://www.evangelible.org)>.

**Leider publishes seventh book**

Claiming Your Place at the Fire: Living the Second Half of Your Life on Purpose, the seventh book by **Richard Leider '66**, has been touted as the "defining book on the new retirement." He was recently named a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing where he is focusing on the Purpose Project, formed to "reinvent retirement." He continues to co-lead the Venture Group in Minneapolis, of which he is founder and chairman. See <[www.venturegroup.com](http://www.venturegroup.com)>.



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### Esbjornson tapped to direct first production at new Guthrie

The first mainstage production in the Guthrie Theater's new, \$125 million riverfront complex in Minneapolis will be directed by **David Esbjornson '75**, a Broadway director who was appointed artistic director of the Seattle Repertory Theatre a year ago. Breaking from conventional expectations, the theater has selected a new adaptation of St. Paul native F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*—not a Shakespearean play—for the first production in its new facility, which is slated to open in the summer of 2006.

Esbjornson says he's happy to be doing "Gatsby" for what it means to American theater and to the Guthrie. "It's a real vote of confidence," he

says, "that the Fitzgerald estate gave the rights to what many consider to be the 'great American novel.'"

The choice of "Gatsby," which was adapted from the book by California-based playwright Simon Levy, makes a significant statement about the broadening mission of the Guthrie. The playhouse originally opened in May 1963 with *Hamlet*, and classic repertory has been its staple and its forte. A new production of *Hamlet* closed the original space on Vineland Place on May 7.

"Given Fitzgerald's connections to St. Paul and given that we're opening a new American theater center, we want to be a strong voice for the American writer, the American actor, and the American director," says Guthrie artistic director Joe Dowling. "It just felt right."

Director Esbjornson maintains that the Guthrie's production of "Gatsby" will be faithful to the novel. "What you get in the stage version that you don't get in a movie [three film versions were made, the last in 1974] is a real sense of Fitzgerald's prose. Nick is narrating here, speaking to the audience, in a way that movies don't."

Esbjornson's credits include several Guthrie productions, including the world premiere of Arthur Miller's *Resurrection Blues* and a memorable staging of Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke*. He has also directed works by Edward Albee, Suzan-Lori Parks, and Tony Kushner. He received a Distinguished Alumni Citation from Gustavus in 2001.

### Junkert is new North Star Opera manager

The St. Paul-based North Star Opera has announced the appointment of **Mark Junkert '75** as its new managing director, responsible for operational oversight of this expanding opera company, which was founded in 1980 to present English performances of opera, operetta, and musical theater to regional audiences. He will work alongside artistic director Steven Stucki, with Stucki overseeing all artistic areas and Junkert overseeing all staff and support functions. Junkert is concurrently serving as executive director of *Joy in Singing*, a New York-based organization dedicated to helping young concert singers.

Junkert has been executive director of the Collegiate Choral in New York. As that organization's first full-time executive director, he coordinated program, finances, and management of a non-profit choral ensemble with a budget of more than \$1.4 million. During his tenure with the Collegiate Choral, he planned, promoted, and provided oversight for three Carnegie Hall concerts, one Lincoln Center concert, other concerts, radio broadcasts, and two gala benefits per year.

Prior to joining the Collegiate Choral, Junkert had served as director of marketing for Augsburg Fortress Publishers (1994–1999) and executive director/general manager of the National Lutheran Choir in Minneapolis (1990–1993).

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Omaha, NE, is senior manager of field operations for Scantron Service Group ■ **David Jorstad**, Hayfield, is an insurance agent for Safeway Insurance Agency ■ **Diane Moen**

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**Monday night friends**

Members of the GACAFFL&BDS (Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Fantasy Football League and Beer Drinking Society) get together every Monday night during the football season, and have been doing so since 1987. This picture was taken at their Super Bowl party on February 5, 2006. Pictured in front from left are **Tom Bates '82** and **Dennis Lambert '82**; standing are **Greg Koch '82**, **Rick Johnson '82**, **Brad Schammel '82**, **Phil Belin '82**, **Dan Gustafson '80**, and **Jim Johnson '82**. (A ninth member, **Mark Johnson '82**, missed the photo.) Dennis, Greg, Rick, Brad, and Jim first became acquainted when they lived together on fourth North as first-year students.

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**Carlson named Wisconsin Physician of the Year**

**Alan Carlson '80**, a physician at the Cumberland Medical Clinic, was named the 2005 Family Physician of the Year by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians. The award recognizes a physician who exemplifies the tradition of the "family doctor." The recipient "provides his/her community with compassionate, comprehensive, and caring medical service on a continuing basis; is directly and effectively involved in community affairs and activities that enhance the quality of life; and provides a credible role model as a healer and human being to his community, and as a professional in the science and art of medicine to colleagues, other health professionals, to young physicians in training and medical students."

In addition to being a family physician, Carlson takes pride in also being known as "Dad" instead of doctor to his children's friends and teammates. Carlson and his wife, Diane, have four children including **Rebecca**, a first-year student at Gustavus. He enjoys maple syrup production in the spring and wild ricing in the fall. He provides volunteer work through Augustana Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam Lake Management District, and the Cumberland Memorial Hospital Board.



a staff claim service adjuster at Allstate ■ **Kevin Brandenburg**, Eden Prairie, is owner of Timberland

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# Redefining their boundaries

*Two Gusties challenge conventional thinking on diabetes*

by Steve Waldhauser '70



*Peter Nerothin '02, extreme adventure enthusiast and diabetic, has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (above), visited the Great Sphinx (below), and run Ironman triathlons.*

Two Gusties who both happen to be diabetics are independently redefining what it means to lead a “normal life.” Each is challenging the stringent limitations commonly associated with controlling their disease. With sponsorship and assistance from different pharmaceutical companies, both have undertaken extreme physical challenges to inspire others who have been diagnosed with diabetes.

**Peter Nerothin '02**, a graduate student in theology at the University of Minnesota and a former Americorps volunteer in

Minneapolis, is one of the guiding forces behind Insulindependence, a worldwide project aimed at changing diabetic lives through adventure travel and educational outreach. **Peter Hoogenboom '82**, who works for Intel Corporation in Salt Lake City, Utah, when he's not out on his bicycle, has become a role model for thousands of others living with the disease as he attempts a seven-month bicycle tour across the United States.

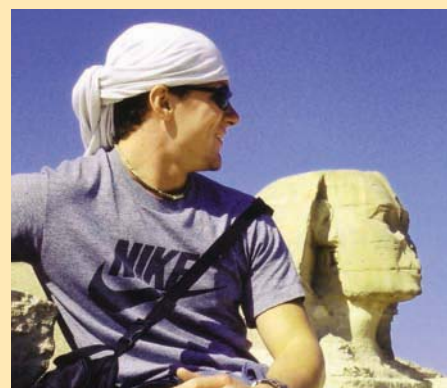
Peter Nerothin is an extreme-adventure junkie who keeps checklists of expeditions

and endurance events he wants to complete during his lifetime. He was backpacking in Europe while studying abroad during his junior year at Gustavus when he was diagnosed with type-1 diabetes. “I’ll never forget the look my father gave me when I dismissed my initial glucose reading of 485,” he says. “Life would never be the same, he explained. There would be no more rustic hiking, marathon training, or independent travel. The spur-of-the-moment romanticism that had once defined my life would be

sidelined forever by a droning routine of insulin dependency.”

Nerothin found it relatively easy to become a “good diabetic” amid the predictable scheduling of his final year of college and the nine-to-five routine of his one-year assignment as an Americorps teacher. But his love for adventure resurfaced, and he determined to find a way for his lifestyle and his disease to coexist.

In June of 2003, after soliciting support from Johnson & Johnson’s Lifescan pharmaceutical division, Nerothin left on a seven-month solo expedition in New Zealand, followed by four months backpacking in Asia and Africa. During that time, he skydived, bungee-jumped, surfed, ran the Dun Run 25k trail run, snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, camped in the African savannah and the jungles of Uganda, dipped in the Ganges, and trekked to a Mt. Everest base camp. But he had promised his Lifescan sponsors one more experience: to train for and complete an “Ironman” triathlon, in which participants swim 2.4 miles, bike another 112 miles, and then run a full marathon all in the same day—a



daunting endeavor for an accomplished athlete, to say nothing of a moderately active diabetic.

In May 2005, six weeks prior to Ironman Coeur d'Alene, Nerothin was invited to attend a conference of the Diabetic Sports and Exercise Association, where he accepted an honorable mention award as one of the world's top diabetic athletes. At the conference he discovered kindred spirits in Chris Jarvis, a member of the Canadian Olympic Rowing Team, and Amanda Parrish, an expeditioner from New Zealand. They brainstormed over the idea of an organization that might offer cost-free guidance and inspiration to youth who had lost hope in their personal struggle with diabetes and, with a modest grant from Balance Bar, Team Insulindependence was launched two months later.

Insulindependence has since become a worldwide project operating through a global network of outdoor enthusiasts working together to promote healthy, proactive lifestyles to diabetics lacking financial resources, role models, and adequate guidance in healthcare. In September it will be leading its inaugural expedition of underprivileged diabetic teens along the Inca Trail in Peru. For the general public, it also will be hosting a free diabetes and exercise seminar in St. Paul and seeking corporate and private support for future endeavors. For more information on the organization and its events, visit [www.insulindependence.org](http://www.insulindependence.org).

Peter Hoogenboom, has 20 years on Nerothin and has lived with type-1 diabetes and insulin injections since 1973, when he was 14. After struggling with the disease for 10 years, he learned to live well with it rather than trying to fight it or ignore it.

"In the beginning, my approach to diabetes was to fight against it," Hoogenboom remembers. "I waged that battle

in many ways, some of which were very negative. Anger, denial, ignorance, apathy, rebellion—I used all of these and more. In 1987, after my doctors found the first evidence of background diabetic retinopathy, hypertension, and a double-digit A1C [a longer-term blood glucose measure], I realized I was losing my fight against diabetes. I needed a new plan or the bad news from my doctors would surely be followed by worse news."

Hoogenboom had always been active: In high school he ran cross-country, played hockey, swam competitively, and played golf. At Gustavus he earned a place on the swim team. So his first step in learning to live with diabetes was to rededicate himself to regular exercise. He explored running, swimming, and bicycling but soon discovered that bicycling was the most fun, challenging, and interesting for him. In addition to getting serious about his exercise, he educated himself about diabetes and made his blood glucose monitoring a regular and frequent habit. "I was able to tune insulin delivery to accommodate my lifestyle instead of the other way around."

In 2003 the Diabetes Care division of Bayer HealthCare established the Ascensia Dream Fund contest to recognize and support the efforts of individuals who self-monitor with an Ascensia (formerly Glucometer brand) product and manage their diabetes so well that their disease is only a minor aspect of who they are. Application to the Ascensia Dream Fund is open to anyone with diabetes who meets the eligibility criteria and has a special dream that would not have been possible unless they were in control of their diabetes. Hoogenboom applied for funding to realize his dream of bicycling all 48 contiguous states.

Hoogenboom was named 2005 winner of the Dream Fund.



**Peter Hoogenboom '82 is cycling through the lower-48 (his route is shown below) as winner of the Ascensia Dream Fund.**



After consulting with officials from Bayer, he finalized a 9,000-mile route for his bicycle tour. Taking a leave of absence from his job, he embarked from Salt Lake City in mid-March 2006, with his wife, Pat, following in a support vehicle, and will return about seven months later, if all goes well. During the tour and after, he is posting reports, photos, and videos on a daily blog linked to the Ascensia Dream Fund site (visit [www.ascensiadreamfund.com](http://www.ascensiadreamfund.com)) or [www.thedreamtour.org/blog/2005/](http://www.thedreamtour.org/blog/2005/)) to show other people—diabetics and those with whom they live—that the disease, if monitored closely, does not have to limit what a person does.

"Taking on an athletic chal-

lenge of this magnitude shouldn't be the exception for people with diabetes," says Hoogenboom. "As I make my way across the country, I would like to convey to as many people as possible that with proper self-management, you can do almost anything."

Pushing beyond the limits of convention, Nerothin and Hoogenboom have each garnered attention by showing that moderation is not the sole means to good diabetic control. **G**

*Author Steve Waldhauser '70, managing editor of the Quarterly, has lived with type-2 diabetes for more than 40 years. He has a bicycle, and a subscription to National Geographic.*



### London chapter meets with Gustavus professors

Concurrent visits to London by four different UMAIE classes created a great opportunity for the London alumni chapter to catch up on Gustavus news. Travel-course leaders **Bruce Johnson**, **Terry Morrow**, **Debra Pitton**, and **Joyce Sutphen** from the Gustavus faculty were invited to the chapter gathering on January 8, where this photo was taken with alumni in attendance (Pitton was unable to attend). In the front row from left are **Tina Lohmann '00**, chapter agent **Amy Mickelson Thompson '87**, and **Jacqueline Graham '99**; in the back are **Ann DeLaHunt Burniston '88**, **Sutphen**, **Pavel Pojdl '84**, **Morrow**, **Maxim Tereshchenko '00**, Maxim's guest **Katya Shinkarevskaya**, **Johnson**, and **Susanna Baker '85**.

**Sutphen** led a course titled "Writing in London, London's Writers," which explored famous authors' haunts in Cambridge and Oxford as well as London. **Pitton's** course, "The English School and Family: A Comparative Study," included the opportunity to assist in a school in Shenfield. **Morrow's** course, "Law in London and Dublin," took students to London's Central Criminal Court ("Old Bailey"), the Bow Street Magistrate's Court, and Dublin's Four Courts and included meetings with barristers, solicitors, and a Member of Parliament. **Johnson** was co-leader of a class on "The European Union: Politics and Economics of Integration," which visited business centers in London, Brussels, and Paris during January, meeting other alumni at several sites. Students in the class met in London with **Marcia Page '82** of *Värde Partners* and in Brussels, Belgium, with **Dawn Krinke McGinley '83** of *3M* and **Sigrid Gustafson Pettersson '03** of the *Bank of New York*.

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**A grand tour**  
 Following her own graduation from Gustavus, **Becca Lundberg '84** toured Europe for several months. Twenty years later, she took her niece, **Molly Lundberg '05**, to travel in Europe with her. Becca (left) and Molly are pictured as they sailed the coast of Italy. Becca is now back in the United States, while Molly continued on from Italy to Zurich, Switzerland, where she is working as an au pair.

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**Elvestrom named to top wealth advisers list**  
**Jack Elvestrom '85**, Dellwood, MN, was one of 30 wealth advisers named to Minnesota's Winner's Circle, an organization which recognizes outstanding financial advisers and industry best practices. The list of top wealth advisers was printed in the January 20, 2006 issue of the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal. Elvestrom is executive vice president—investments at Morgan Stanley Group Inc., St. Paul.

### An agency of their own

Brothers **Jeff Olsen '90** and **Erik Olsen '94** announced in February that they had purchased the outstanding stock of the J.A. Price Agency, Inc., an independent provider of commercial and personal insurance located in Eden Prairie, Minn. In addition, Jeff has been appointed president of the agency, replacing his father, Rod Olsen, who will continue with the agency in a sales capacity and remain on its board of directors.

Jeff, a financial economics major at Gustavus, joined the J.A. Price Agency in 1994 and in recent months had taken over day-to-day management of the company along with his sales duties. Erik continues in his capacity as chief financial officer of the company, a position he has held since 1999, and retains responsibility for the company's financial, accounting, and human resources functions. The 60-year-old agency provides coverage in all 50 states and internationally.

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**Cutting-edge retailer**

**Ian Grant '91** didn't set out to be a "trend-forward" retailer. But, as owner of his own business, a furniture company named Björling and Grant, he was featured as one of the area's top 60 "hipsters" in the February 2006 issue of Mpls.St.Paul magazine.

*Grant travels the world in search of rare artifacts and furniture to sell in his store. The store's success and hip attitude drew the attention of the publishers of Mpls.St.Paul, who included him in their front-cover photo and story. The article, titled "Hipster Handbook: Our Field Guide to the People, Restaurants, and Trends that Maintain Twin Cities Cool," lists people and places in the Twin Cities that are currently on the cutting edge of trends. Björling and Grant Furniture Company, named after Ian and his wife, St. Peter native Lisa Björling, was selected as one of the popular shops in International Market Square. Check out <bjorlinggrant.com>.*

*Also featured in the article was Rick Hasse, who with his wife, **Christine Ward '88**, owns the fashionable Patina stores in four locations around the Twin Cities. The chain of specialty shops has become very popular with consumers, leading to Hasse's inclusion in the "Hipster Handbook."*

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## Lawyers in the lights: two Gusties find new audience for improv workshop

Filmmakers **Dean Hyers '88** and **Pete Machalek '89**, co-founders of *New Playground Pictures* and its professional development branch, *NPP Training*, use a blend of improvisational techniques and emotion-based exercises to teach people to control stage fright, explore different ways of communicating and connecting with others, and manage emotions. When they started their first workshop in 1999, they had no intention of working with lawyers. But that's exactly what they're doing now, and they're doing it well enough that they were written up in the December/January 2006 issue of *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

Hyers and Machalek first collaborated on a small workshop for actors as part of Hyers' first feature film, *Bill's Gun Shop*. It proved to be more effective than either of them at first imagined, but they were nevertheless surprised when they got a call in 2003 from the law enforcement division of the federal government, seeking training for 17 undercover agents. The Feds had stumbled across NPP's website while doing a search for acting groups and were attracted to the company's improv focus and its concentration on drama rather than comedy.

Hyers and Machalek headed down to Georgia to work with the agents and found that their methods worked as well with undercover cops as they did with actors. They decided to offer their workshops to a wider audience. A lawyer from *Fredrikson & Byron* of Minneapolis who had served as counsel to Hyers and worked with him as executive producer for *Bill's Gun Shop* realized that NPP's techniques could help litigators, negotiators, and expert witnesses as well, and the first lawyers' workshop was staged at *Fredrikson & Byron* in March 2005.

Hyers initially was unsure how the lawyers would react, since the exercises require participants to leave their comfort zone, but he reports that response to the first workshop was so enthusiastic that participants wanted to get more people involved and start the three-part series over again. So *NPP Training* now has a legal division.

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**Youth ministers**

Several Gusties attended the ELCA Youth Ministries Network Extravaganza in Phoenix, AZ, and connected at a brunch. Pictured front row are **Carmen Leger '05**, **Kevin Bergeson '02**, **Linnea Bjorkman '05**, and **Beth Wojahn '05**. Back row are **Kris Robelia Opegard '93**, **Jennifer Lewison Schultz '92**, **Reginald Klindworth '98**, **David Scherer '99**, **Loren VanPatten '04**, and **Chris Okey '01**.

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**Snyder selected as top Minnesota support professional**  
**Sue Snyder '91**, St. Paul, MN, an educational assistant sign language interpreter at Highland Park School, received the highest recognition for an educational assistant in Minnesota by being selected the Minnesota nominee for the National Education Association Educational Support Professional of the Year. Snyder is active in the St. Paul Federation of Teachers Local 28 and serves on the Education Minnesota Educational Support Professionals Council of Local Presidents.



**Meet in "Big D"**

Four '94 grads enjoyed a reunion in Dallas, TX, in late February. Pictured from left are **Rosamaria Buntjer-Little**, **Diana Eck Thomas**, **Carol Johnson Thisis**, and **Elisa Roberts**. Rosamaria, who lives in Farmington, MN, Carol, from Greenwood, MN, and Elisa, a resident of Highlands Ranch, CO, flew in and stayed with Diana and her husband and daughter, who live in Allen, TX.

Lake, is an HR manager at Best Buy Company ■ **Andrew Voorhees**, Hudson, WI, is an account executive at Scales Advertising Agency and an MBA student at Carlson School of Management ■ **Kate Walker**, Minneapolis, is a coordinator of research programs at University of Illinois ■ **Heather Martell Woldt**, Shoreview, is photographer/owner of Rosy Poses Photography.

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### A Gustie welcome

Co-workers at the Northern Ag Network wanted **Kristi Pettis '98** to feel comfortable when she arrived for her first day of a new job on January 2, so they greeted her by decorating her office with Gustavus material including a pennant, coffee mug, and boxer shorts.

Pettis is associate ag director and responsible for producing and broadcasting agricultural programs for the Northern Ag Network located in Billings, MT. Northern Ag is a regional radio and television network that provides agricultural news, market, and weather programs to more than 80 stations in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, and Oregon.

The associate ag director is responsible for producing and broadcasting agricultural programs for the network including newsgathering, story selection, identifying news leads, researching, and voicing daily ag programs. Pettis is a past Minnesota Farm Bureau Ag Communicator of the Year and has also been awarded the National Association of Farm Broadcasters' Glenn Kummerow Scholarship, the Broadcast Education Association's Shane Media Scholarship, and the Minnesota Broadcasters Association Scholarship.



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### Entrepreneur develops direct-mail business

After graduating from Gustavus with a major in criminal justice and considering a career in the FBI, **Colin Hirdman '95** could not foresee he would end up in business, let alone as president of Vencio Inc., a direct-mail and e-mail marketing business employing seven full-time and three part-time employees. Hirdman's story was highlighted in a feature written by Larry Werner in the small business section of the January 23 issue of the Star Tribune.

In the Hirdman story, Werner told of a chance encounter with a family friend at his father's 50th birthday party. The friend, a computer consultant who understood computer manipulation of databases and mailing lists, mentioned to Hirdman that there might be a good future in direct mail. Using personal finances and a loan, Hirdman built the business to \$550,000 in revenue by trial and error. He's learned to focus his work with marketing departments of corporations. By handling the mailings for the departments, the companies can then focus on marketing.

### Errata

On page 62 of the spring issue of the Quarterly, we accidentally truncated the Web address of the online personal shopping business launched by **Michelle Courtright Bjork '99**. We listed <www.romeo.com>, but the correct URL is <www.RomeoShops.com>. Check the correct site out—it's a great improvement over the other one!

We also jumped the gun in the winter issue (p. 47), marrying **Erin Deutchman '05** and **Mark Freeman '05** a year before they had planned to. They were not married on Sept. 30, 2005, but by the time you read this they'll be preparing for their wedding on Sept. 30, 2006.

Our sincere apologies.

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## The rest of the story

**T**hat's **Lynda Severson Belgum '86** and her family pictured in a double-page spread accompanying a feature titled "War Letters: The Lives behind the Lines" in the November 2005 issue of *National Geographic*. Lynda and her husband, Steve, met as pen pals during the first Gulf War and were married two years later. Her husband's initial reply to Lynda is among a selection of letters reprinted by author Andrew Carroll, who has launched the Legacy Project, an effort to preserve war correspondence from around the world. But that letter is only part of Lynda and Steve's story.

Lynda had been encouraged to get involved in writing support letters to troops called to serve abroad by a friend from her church, Central Lutheran in downtown Minneapolis. Her friend happened to be a flight attendant for Northwest, which was flying troops into and out of Kuwait at the time, and one of her friend's co-workers had a brother in Captain Steve Belgum's 11th Marine unit. Lynda was given three pages of troops' names and got her Bible-study group mobilized to send Christmas care packages. The group received a thank-you note from Col. Patrick Howard, who—unbeknownst to both Steve and Lynda—had taken it upon himself to play matchmaker. He suggested that some of his soldiers could use some encouraging letters from the home front and providing Steve's contact information along with some others.

Lynda sent a letter to Steve introducing herself in January 1991 and remembers that Steve's first reply was written to her on Valentine's Day. He asked for a photo. Thinking that he was probably hoping for a swimsuit shot, she chose instead to send one taken upon her return from a singles retreat with her church, in which she was decked out in winter clothing, ear muffs, and snow shoes. Steve sent back an equally unrecognizable photo of himself out in the desert wearing helmet, sunglasses, and his cammies, with a huge hill of sand behind him.

They wrote several letters to one another. Steve returned to the United States in April and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, CA. Letters turned into phone calls, and they found they had quite a bit in common. Still, it wasn't until the two actually met in July 1991 that either of them was certain they had real chemistry. Lynda's Bible-study group had planned a party for recently returned Desert Storm vets, and Steve took the opportunity to come to Minnesota and meet Lynda for the first time. Lynda planned to pick him up at the airport and asked Steve to describe himself. "Short and bald," was the facetious answer he gave, according to Lynda. "When I got to the airport and saw him, he was six-foot-three and very good-looking. Right then I was like, 'Wow! I felt like I'd won the lottery.'"

Steve says, "We had a great weekend together. After that, we visited each other every six weeks." By early 1992, Lynda, a



*Lynda Severson Belgum '86 and her family as they appeared in National Geographic.*

Target Corp. employee, was able to get herself transferred to California. Steve, still on active duty with the Marine Corps, was sent to Japan for six months. While he was overseas, the couple exchanged close to 50 letters. Long-distance love was quite familiar to the two.

In November 1992, Steve returned and promptly proposed to Lynda. He did so in a fairy-tale setting: the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball in San Diego. The two were married at Christ the King Church in Lynda's hometown of Hutchinson, Minn., on May 29, 1993. Completing the picture-perfect fairy tale, they walked out of the church under a Marine arch of swords.

About 10 years after the Belgums were married, they were

living in southern California and had two boys, Mark (far left in the photo), who's now almost 8, and Zachary, now 6. On Valentine's Day 2003, the doorbell rang. It was a Western Union mailgram notifying Steve that in two weeks he might be deployed anywhere in the world to fight the war on terror. Lynda feared the worst, but fortunately, Steve was sent only an hour and a half away to Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned to prepare other troops for overseas deployment. Now back at home, he's still a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, but it's less likely that he'll be called up for active duty than it was a few years ago—and less likely that they'll need to resort to letters again.

And now you know the rest of the story. **G**



### OK in the Alps

Four Omega Kappa grads recently brought Gustavus charm to the Swiss Alps. Pictured at the foothills of the Matterhorn are from left Greg Mazzuco '95, Chris Choukalas '97, Travis Houck '96, and Shane Courtney Reese '96.

**Brookes Englebert**, Roseville, is a nurse for the U.S. Navy ■ **Angie Erickson-Grussing**, St. Joseph, is Spanish language coordinator and lecturer at College of St. Benedict ■ **Doug Everling**, Minneapolis, is internal wholesaler for Transamerica Capital, Inc. ■ **Amy Buran Finnern**, Maplewood, MO, is a part-time fitness specialist ■ **Julie Fossell**, St. Paul, is an RN in the float pool at United Hospital ■ **Vanessa Linder Foy**, Brooklyn Center, completed an MBA degree at Carlson School of Management and is human resources manager for Deloitte & Touche LLP ■ **Sarah Fredericks**, Brighton, MA, is in a Ph.D. program in science, philosophy, and religion at Boston University ■ **Drew Gehler**, Anchorage, AK, is in the Air Force and preparing for his second trip to Iraq ■ **Shannon Hogan Gorman**, Chanhassen, is senior accountant for Carlson Wagonlit Travel ■ **Chad Gustafson**, White Bear Lake, is first assistant golf professional at White Bear Yacht Club ■ **Dan Hamernick**, Columbia Heights, is owner of North Star Irrigation ■ **Erin Larson Heilman**, Le Sueur, teaches third grade in the Shakopee ISD ■ **Nate Heintzman**, La Jolla, CA, is a biomedical science student at University

of California, San Diego ■ **Kathryn Henderson**, Iowa City, IA, is a graduate student and research assistant at University of Iowa ■ **Mike Henderson**, Iowa City, IA, is a research assistant at University of Iowa Health Care ■ **Nicole Henrich**, Medford, OR, is a physical therapist for Medford Sports Injury and Therapy, Inc. ■ **Kyle Hickok**, Tampa, FL, was recently promoted to project manager for Stockamp & Associates ■ **Curtis Hulett**, Shakopee, is a software engineer at FSI International ■ **Rebecca Zeeb Hulett**, Shakopee, is academic computing coordinator at Carleton College ■ **Matthew Iverson**, Eden Prairie, is project manager at Digital River, Inc. ■ **Colby Johnson**, Minneapolis, is associate editor for Ehlert Publishing Group ■ **Reagan Johnson**, Forest Lake, received a master's degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University and is a Ph.D. graduate student at Wollongong University ■ **Anne-Elise Keen**, Miami Beach, FL, is America Reads manager at Miami Dade College ■ **Melissa Bateson Keltgen**, Mankato, is a therapist at Leo A. Hoffmann Center, Inc. ■ **Nicole Kingstom**,

Burbank, CA, is a self-employed actress ■ **David Kogler**, St. Peter, is assistant director of admission at Gustavus ■ **Kelly Hanson Kozicky**, Minneapolis, is a manager at Tucci Benucc ■ **Joshua Kramer**, Maple Grove, is a staff accountant for Target Corp. ■ **Cassie Carver Larson**, Vadnais Heights, is communications director at the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association ■ **Heather Lee**, Burnsville, is HR specialist for AgriBank ■ **Sara Lindberg**, Madison, WI, is a psychology student at University of Wisconsin ■ **Courtney Lovejoy**, Nashville, TN, is a graduate student at Vanderbilt University ■ **Nick Lundbohm**, Burnsville, is a chiropractor for Nelson Chiropractic ■ **Samantha Magnuson**, Boulder, CO, is a graduate student in speech/language pathology at University of Colorado ■ **Anthony Marchetti**, Blaine, had art pieces included in the exhibition "Only Human: Exploring Contemporary Portraits" at the Minnesota Museum of American Art ■ **Kelly Martin**, Minnetonka, received a master's degree in education/curriculum and instruction from University of St. Thomas ■ **Guy Mattson**, St. Paul, is



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civil rights suits ■ **Jacy Bowen Shrestha**, St. Cloud, is a behavior manager for Oakland Area Learning Center ■ **Andrew Siegmann**, New Ulm, is a copywriter for Norwood Publishing ■ **Brian Stavenger**, Moorhead, is audit senior associate for Eide Bailly, LLP ■ **Jess Hunzeker Strinmoen**, Cokato, is director of services for Youth Intervention Programs Association ■ **Amanda Thompson**, Fargo, ND, is a histotechnologist at Meritcare Medical Center ■ **Jonathan Tomlinson**, Baltimore, MD, is in a residency training program at University of Maryland Medical Center ■ **Billie Shorma Vest**, Des Moines, IA, is a retailer sales specialist for Shur-Co, Inc. ■ **Christian White**, Northfield, is a pilot for Skyway Airlines ■ **Robyn Wyatt**, Bloomington, is a mortgage associate for US Bank ■ **Laura Yudt**, Durham, NC, is a graduate student at Duke University ■ **Jeremy Zabel**, Eagan, is staff accountant supervisor at McGladrey & Pullen, LLP.

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**Rachel Sheild Gustafson '00**, Arlington, VA, is working on federal child welfare policy as special assistant to the associate commissioner of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. She and her husband, David (left), are pictured with Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt (second from right) and Deputy Secretary Alex Azar.

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### Hiking in South Africa

*Tony Taylor '02 traveled to South Africa in January to visit Kevin Quealy '03, who was nearing the end of his Peace Corps service in rural education in the Mpumalanga province. They're pictured here on the Amatola Hiking Trail in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa.*

### Hanske receives service award from Minnesota Justice Foundation

*Angela Hanske '03, St. Paul, a third-year student at William Mitchell College of Law, has been honored by the Minnesota Justice Foundation with the Outstanding Achievement Award for a Law Student. Hanske volunteered nearly 500 hours with the Dispute Resolution Center in St. Paul, where she mediated and managed cases, trained, mentored, and coached other volunteers, and even handled office duties. She strongly supports the Dispute Resolution Center because it provides a valuable service by helping supplement the limited legal resources available.*

Fridley, is director of youth ministry at Faith Lutheran Church ■ **Martha Hansen**, New Hope, is working at Barnes & Noble ■ **Emily Helliwell**, West Lafayette, IN, is a graduate student in botany and plant pathology at Purdue University ■ **Billy Holmquist**, Minneapolis, is a senior associate in client reporting at RBC Dain Rauscher ■ **Chris Holsworth**, North Branch, is an intern for the Las Vegas Gladiators ■ **Ryan Gillespie Jirele**, Owatonna, started her own wedding and event planning business, An Air of Flair ■ **Kathleen D. Johnson** is a student in the European Business MBA program at Jean-Moulin University in Lyon, France ■ **John Karnofski**, Kelso, WA, was elected to the Kelso City

Council ■ **Joseph Katzenmeyer**, Hutchinson, is a Ph.D. student in chemistry at University of Minnesota ■ **Meghan LaVelle**, Mankato, is an RN at Woodwinds Health Campus ■ **Emily Lloyd**, Waterville, works at Youth With a Mission and spent three months in Thailand with tsunami relief ■ **Birabwa Mutebi**, Minneapolis, is a nanny ■ **Andrew S. Nelson**, Shakopee, is an analyst at Magazine Publishing ■ **Erica G. Olson**, Plymouth, teaches sixth-grade language arts and social studies in the Robinsdale ISD ■ **Jason Opsal**, Simi Valley, CA, teaches elementary physical education at Conejo Unified School District ■ **Korine Boyenga Petersen**, Sioux Falls, SD, is office manager at the

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## Weddings

**Carolyn Anderson '60** and Robert Hansman, 7/15/05, Punta Gorda, FL.  
**Tom Wilbur '71** and Candyce Wilbur, 10/2/05, Lynnwood, WA.  
**John Clemetson '84** and Dorian Borhies, 1/14/06, Moorhead, MN.  
**Jennifer Koehn '89** and Shawn Thomas, 8/19/00, Prior Lake, MN.  
**Kristine Mack '89** and David Ficken, 5/28/05, University City, MO.  
**Kirsten Jensen '90** and Henry Lin, 8/12/05, Seattle, WA.  
**Gordy Gutowsky '91** and Nancy Smith, 11/11/05, Wayzata, MN.  
**Michele Zacher '92** and Dan Lieberman, 9/17/05, Bay Shore, NY.



**Laresa DeBoer '94** and Marc Terhaar, 11/5/05, Chaska, MN.

**Sara Marvin '94** and Raymond Terranova, 10/14/05, Ridgely Park, NJ.

**Kerri Pool '94** and Kevin W. Foss, 12/17/05, Aberdeen, SD.

**Peter Shriver '94** and Marni Shriver, Cleveland, OH.

**Gina Benson '96** and Trevor Spoo, 6/28/03, Minneapolis, MN.

**Katherine Haugland '96** and Dan Gatchell, 5/21/05, Eden Prairie, MN.

**Josh Loftis '96** and Melissa Loftis, 10/9/04, Minneapolis, MN.

**Kara Berge '97** and Robert Tyler, 4/30/05, Washington, DC.

**Rachel Buboltz '97** and Tony Kehagius, 7/2/05, Venutra, CA.

**Andrea Cordes '97** and Andrew Ruppert, 10/8/05, San Francisco, CA.

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

**Marsha Richardson '97** and Paul Koski, 12/2/05, Duluth, MN.

**Erin Hansen '98** and Nate Plasch, 6/4/05, New Hope, MN.

**Jennifer Lee '98** and Erik Tentz, 8/13/05, Grand Rapids, MI.

**Colleen Mulvihill '98** and Jesse Pacem, 9/18/04, Seattle, WA.

**Stephanie DeFrance '99** and Matthew Schmidt, 7/23/05, St. Paul, MN.

**Keri Engel '99** and **Noah Rouen '97**, 3/25/05, Minneapolis, MN.

**Jessica Tlougan '99** and Jeremy Van Tassel, 11/25/05, Rochester, MN.

**Laura Carlson '00** and Jeffrey Ross, 12/3/05, Roseville, MN.

**Rachel Barnitz '01** and Kevin Nagy, 7/30/05, Tonkawa, OK.

**Adam Bengtson '01** and Nicole Reda, Rosemount, MN.

**Laura Graen '01** and Ryan Rapacz, 11/12/05, St. Paul, MN.

**Kyle Hicok '01** and Kristin Rudd, 11/4/05, Tampa, FL.

**Shannon Hogan '01** and Paul Gorman, 10/22/05, Chanhausen, MN.

**Reagan L. Johnson '01** and Derek Wilke, 8/27/05, Forest Lake, MN.

**Lyndsay Larson '01** and Jason Howard, 2/12/06, St. Paul, MN.

**Amy Skibsted '01** and Aunndrei Oliver, 8/20/05, Brooklyn Park, MN.

**Kathryn Carlson '02** and **Matthew Schoeppner '02**, 12/30/05, Orono, ME.

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

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

**Jessica Olson '02** and Chris Rusin, 10/8/05, St. Cloud, MN.

**Julia Stein '02** and John Dittberner, 11/6/05, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Meredith Godfrey '03** and Bob St. Pierre, 10/8/05, St. Paul, MN.

**Kristi Beck '04** and Jason Wahlman, 11/5/05, Minnetonka, MN.

**Laura Hruby '04** and Andrew Cleveland, 12/17/05, Bloomington, MN.

**Britta Johnson '04** and Jesse Bergland, 2/10/06, Minneapolis, MN.

**Kelly VanNorman '04** and **Steve Stauff '02**, 1/14/05, Shakopee, MN.

**Heather Sieben '05** and **Dan Teigen '06**, 12/30/05, Duluth, MN.

**Kristen Appelgren '06** and **Ryan Trippe '03**, 8/20/05, Mankato, MN.

## Births

Twins, Mikhail and Nikolai, to **Kenneth Lehnen '83** and Jennifer Lehnen, 12/5/05

Briana, by adoption, to **John Owens '84** and Pam Owens, born 5/14/05, adopted 11/17/05

Simon, to **Dan Dohmeier '86** and Sandra Jenniges, 8/26/05.

Adam, to **Erik Hassenstab '86** and Denise Hassenstab, 1/23/05.

Christian, to **Beth Gustafson '87** and Richard Sudduth, 6/1/05.

Cassidy, to **Bob Caulfield '88** and Danelle Caulfield, 10/15/05.

Twins, Christina and Caroline, to **Susan Irgens Dunbar '88** and Douglas Dunbar, 6/2/05

Natalie Hua Mei, by adoption from China, to **Karen Linner '88** and Lester Shen, born 10/25/04, adopted 8/29/05.

Kathleen, to **Todd Raarup '88** and Meredith Raarup, 2/18/06.

Zachary, to **Brenda Nordell Stafford '88** and Danny Stafford, 9/7/04.

Christopher, to **Nancy Murdakes Brown '89** and Loren Brown, 8/8/05.

Katie, to **Marni Kruger Flitsch '89** and Timothy Flitsch, 10/4/04.

Stephanie, to **Gregg Goedde '89** and Jennifer Goedde, 3/21/05.

Eric, to **Karen Miller Marion '89** and Robin Marion, 4/27/04.

Nathaniel, to **Dave Venem '89** and Kathleen Venem, 2/12/05.

Jonathan, to **Dorrie Peterson Fleischer '90** and Jim Fleischer, 4/13/05.

Brandon, to **Tim Johnson '90** and Alice Chu, 1/5/06.

Robert, to **Jon Olson '90** and Julie Olson, 12/4/05.

KateMarie, by adoption from Ethiopia, to **Donna Ebert Andrews '91** and Jeffrey Andrews, born 6/29/04, adopted 1/22/05.

## Stage presence

**Emily Gill '03**, the new theater coordinator at South St. Paul schools, is a big believer in student-run performances. Her high-schoolers not only act but also work as stage managers, run the lighting and sound boards, usher, and help with costumes and set design. "The sense of responsibility they get is amazing," she says. "When it's their name on the line, they don't want to fail."



Gill, a former resident artist at Stages Theatre Company in Hopkins, was profiled in the "Metro People" section of the St. Paul Pioneer Press in February, in an article in which she says she wants to create a renewed buzz for the district's theater program. So she spends some of her time working the halls and visiting classrooms to encourage student involvement. And because the Twin Cities is among the top theater markets in the country, "I saw there was a definite need for theater education."

In order to raise the stature of the district's theater program, Gill says she wants to push the envelope by performing more challenging shows, adding more theater classes, and even building a new orchestra pit for more complex musicals. For her, the stage doesn't just produce good actors. "It's a great social tool. Kids can role-play, work with others, and be part of a team. And, it's just plain fun." She is pictured here (left) with one of her students, Andi Schmidt, who was stage manager for the school's fall production of *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

Alden, to **Amy Doeringsfeld Fletcher '91** and Sidney Fletcher, 10/18/05.

Anna, to **Chris Norrish Lacy '91** and Mark Lacy, 5/19/05.

Satchel, to **Julie Maynard-Johnson '91** and **Tim Johnson '93**, 1/14/06.

Noah, to **Jeff Miller '91** and Andrea Miller, 9/1/05.

Linnea, to **Jodi Peterson Roehm '91** and Steve Roehm, 3/4/05.

Christopher, to **Christy Tranah Rounds '91** and John Rounds, 7/28/05.

Keegan, to **Renee Rasmusson Anderson '92** and Josh Anderson, 10/25/04.

Maya, to **Jennifer Quisberg Augeson '92** and Chad Augeson, 9/21/05.

Jonathan, to **Lori Luther Boyer '92** and Jeffrey Boyer, 04/26/05.

Paige, to **Katie Heffernan Carlson '92** and Nathan Carlson, 10/12/04.

Oliver, to **Tonia Christopherson Hall '92** and K. Andrew Hall, 7/31/05.

McKelvey, to **Rick Espeset '92** and Andrea Espeset, 1/10/06.

Carl, to **Kirstin Lindall Gulland '92** and Dan Gulland, 8/9/05.

Payton, to **Kevin Hardesty '92** and Lisa Hardesty, 5/7/04.

Theodore, to **Kim Hildebrand-Faust '92** and Michael Hildebrand-Faust, 1/12/06.

Twins, Jonah and Ezra, to **Rebecca Zins '92** and Jeffrey Moeller, 10/30/05.

Lyra, to **Elizabeth Boyce Cromwell '93** and Robert Cromwell, 12/27/04.

Thomas, to **Kristie Chinander Muetzel '93** and **Dave Muetzel '93**, 11/19/04.

Luke, to **Ryan Redetzke '93** and Sara Redetzke, 7/26/05.

Ian, to **Gerard Saylor '93** and Erin Saylor, 1/2/06.

Annabelle, to **Megan Briggs Speers '93** and Steve Speers, 12/13/05.

Brooke, to **Becky Lemcke Thompson '93** and Robert Thompson, 11/11/05.

Gisela, to **Erin Erickson Angelats '94** and Juan Angelats, 2/7/06.

William, to **Carrie Close '94** and Paul Hassel, 11/19/05.

Silas, to **Paula Johnson Gagnon '94** and Steve Gagnon, 4/21/05.



**Touring in Israel**  
Gustavus nursing friends **Andrea Hodapp '04** and **Sarah Timmerman '04** traveled to Israel with a tour led by **Tim LaHaye**, author of the "Left Behind" series.

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Charles, to **Kristin Fisher Lamoureux '94** and **Doug Lamoureux '94**, 8/2/05.  
Jack, to **Meg Lojek '94** and Ted McManus, 4/23/05.  
Quinn, to **Kirby McDonald '94** and Leigh McDonald, 5/18/04.  
Ella, to **Cynthia Belt Rush '94** and Brian Rush, 6/6/05.  
Cole, to **Amy Wagner Sanderson '94** and Shane Sanderson, 6/26/05.  
Allyson, to **Rebecca E. Schweppe '94** and Wayne Kunze, 12/6/05.

Rosie, to **Molly Wold Sedgwick '94** and Wade Sedgwick, 10/6/05.  
MacKenna, to **Kelly Kispert Smith '94** and Chris Smith, 12/30/05.  
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Leo, to **Kristina Hisey Fleming '95** and Brian Fleming, 1/19/06.  
Lucy, to **Katie Olstad Gilles '95** and Greg Gilles, 7/2/05.  
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Annabel, to **Heidi Hoffman Pautsch '95** and Michael Pautsch, 8/16/05.  
Nathan, to **Melissa McCarthy Appelfhof '96** and Robert Appelfhof, 8/4/05.

Ryken, to **Matthew Brown '96** and Joy Falkenburg, 8/16/05.  
Owen, to **Darren Carlson '96** and Jessica Carlson, 9/18/04.  
Andreas, to **Kara Bloomquist Drekonja '96** and **Dimitri Drekonja '96**, 2/13/05.  
Morgan, to **Kevin Grussing '96** and Jessica Grussing, 11/2/05.  
Katja, to **Jason Kuerschner '96** and Roxanne Kuerschner, 6/19/05.  
Hayden, to **Christian Pederson '96** and Cassie Pederson, 7/28/05.  
Julia, to **Kirsten Kimmel Reeck '96** and **Matthew Reeck '95**, 10/6/04.  
Elizabeth, to **Carrie Clubb Renner '96** and Russ Renner, 5/16/05.  
Pieter, to **Betsy Brandl Rippentrop '96** and Jonathan Rippentrop, 9/22/05.  
Joseph, to **Hans Snyder '96** and Karen Snyder, 12/19/05.  
Brennen, to **Gina Benson Spoo '96** and Trevor Spoo, 11/25/05.  
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Kieran, to **Kimberly Bangstad Anders '97** and Chaess Anders, 10/21/05.  
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Thea, to **Amy Herbert Leval '97** and Mats Leval, 1/11/06.  
Twins, Tyler and Sydney, to **Stacy Mickelson McGrath '97** and **Andy McGrath '95**, 1/23/06  
Anja, to **Molly Haigh Nystuen '97** and Trygve Nystuen, 9/7/05.  
Aidan, to **Denise Pulis Petrich '97** and **Shane Petrich '96**, 8/5/05.  
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Aiden, to **Dwayne Strom '97** and Nichola Strom, 4/8/05.  
Raymond, to **Erin Augustine Stuedemann '97** and **Mike Stuedemann '97**, 9/04/05.  
Bennett, to **Karin Lisken Vavrichek '97** and **Daryl Vavrichek '99**, 08/14/05.  
Mya by adoption, to **Amy Moeller Walz '97** and Tom Walz, 7/10/05.  
Jennifer, to **Kathryn Durfee Zabell '97** and Adam Zabell, 1/6/06.  
Jasem, to **Ingrid Nelson Al-Sattam '98** and Najeeb Al-Sattam, 7/12/05.  
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Isaac, to **Heidi Engman Lindh '98** and Eric Lindh, 11/7/05.  
Abby, to **Carl Lockrem '98** and Carly Lockrem, 8/15/05.  
Caden, to **Keegan O'Brien Louis '98** and Scott Louis, 1/9/06.  
Gordon, to **Melissa Golberg Molin '98** and **Kyle Molin '98**, 12/20/05.  
Sylvia, to **Maree Klatt Pesch '98** and **Ryan Pesch '99**, 12/30/04.  
Soren, to **Amy Miller Peterson '98** and **Bradley Peterson '98**, 11/14/05.  
Cayden, to **Amber Kingman Riffe '98** and Casey Riffe, 11/14/05.  
Abigail, to **Mark Schwarze '98** and Angela Schwarze, 1/20/06.  
Benjamin, to **Peter Arneson '99** and Karen Arneson, 1/16/06.  
Brenna, to **Candy Magnuson Barton '99** and Travis Barton, 1/12/06.  
John, to **Amy Bergman Kopp '99** and **John D. Kopp '99**, 08/25/05.  
Liam, to **Erica Olson Wood '99** and Shaun Wood, 1/7/05.  
Caroline, to **Beth Peter '00** and **Jeff Johnson '00**, 10/17/05.  
Zachary, to **Gina Kime Razidlo '00** and **Dave Razidlo '00**, 1/24/06.  
Carter, to **Jessica Munsell Verhasselt '00** and Jason Verhasselt, 9/16/05.



Alexander, to **Elise VonLuhrt-Neugebauer '00** and **Josh Neugebauer '00**, 2/21/05.  
 Regan, to **Sarah Jackson Ashbach '01** and **Chris Ashbach '01**, 11/11/05.  
 Jocelyn, to **Matthew Copple '01** and **Jensen Moore-Copple**, 12/7/05.  
 Ella, to **Megan Untiedt Dallmann '01** and **Stuart Dallmann**, 1/4/06.  
 Vayda, to **Vanessa Linder Foy '01** and **Steve Foy**, 12/25/05.  
 Elaina, to **Jennifer Larson Johnson '01** and **Matthew Johnson**, 5/3/05.  
 Logan, to **Kelly McGeary '01** and **Timothy McGeary**, 10/3/05.  
 Jaxon, to **Jess Hunzeker Strinmoen '01** and **Chris Strinmoen**, 01/12/06.  
 Paige, to **Katie Carlson '02** and **Nathan Carlson**, 10/12/04.  
 Austin, to **Jessica Reed Deegan '02** and **Chris Deegan**, 02/4/06.  
 Allie, to **Jared Vinar '02** and **Joey Vinar**, 10/21/05.  
 Chase, to **Michelle Kurtz Wright '02** and **Chad Wright**, 11/4/05.  
 Boston, to **Kara Haroldson Pryde '03** and **Daniel Pryde**, 7/2/05.

## In Memoriam

**Myrtle Johnson Evans '31**, San Jose, CA, on February 15, 2006. She had been a volunteer fundraiser for the YMCA and is survived by two sons and one daughter.  
**Oliver L. Anderson '33**, Red Wing, MN, on July 11, 2005. He was retired assessor for Goodhue County and is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and three children including Louise Lauridsen '59 and Ellen Johnson '72.  
**Arla Johnson Kirkeby '40**, Worthington, MN, on February 4, 2006. She was a retired English and health teacher and is survived by three daughters, two sons, and one sister, Nina Ryle '42.  
**Gladys Johnson Gruss '42**, Bloomington, MN, on December 23, 2005. She was the retired co-owner of Gruss Bakery and is survived by one son and one daughter.  
**Carl E. Kuntz '42**, Phoenix, AZ, on February 21, 2006. He was a retired high school teacher in the Phoenix School District.  
**Phyllis Westergard Lornell '44**, Durango, CO, on February 26,

2006. She was a retired social worker and is survived by one son and one daughter.  
**Richard S. Hodgson '46**, West Chester, PA, on January 26, 2006. He was president of Sargeant House in Westtown, PA, and is survived by his wife, Lois, two sons, and two daughters.  
**Mildred Malmin Stebbins '46**, Spring Park, MN, on December 7, 2005. She had been a member of the Wyoming Medical Center advisory board and of the hospital auxiliary for nearly twenty years including a term as president. She is survived by her husband, Dick '46, four sons, and one daughter.  
**John C. Almen '50**, Kerkhoven, MN, on February 5, 2006. He was retired editor and publisher of the Kerkhoven Banner. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette (Seibel '50), three daughters and one son including Catherine Nelson '75, Theodore '80, and Ellen Almen-Dale '82.  
**Jerry L. Olmen '57**, Crystal, MN. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and six children and five stepchildren.  
**Karen Larson Pone '57**, New Paltz, NY, on December 21, 2005. She had founded Pone Ensemble of Music and was its artistic director, and she also taught piano and music theory. She is survived by two sons.  
**Phil Lindau '58**, Minneapolis, MN, on April 25, 2006. He was president of Commodity Specialists Company and is survived by his wife, Nancy, son Phil '84, and daughter Karen Peikert '86. See article in On the Hill section (p. 6) for a tribute.  
**Patricia Stueland '59**, Waukon, IA, on January 4, 2006. She was retired co-owner/teacher/administrator for a Montessori School in Dayton, OH, and is survived by her sister, Sharon (Olson '64), and brother-in-law, Kenneth '65.  
**Lois Johnson Thabes '63**, Bagley, MN, on February 3, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Rudd '64, and two sons, including Marte '96.  
**John P. Wolff '69**, Burnsville, MN, on February 4, 2006. He was retired as a senior marketing engineer in the technological measurement industry and served 31 years in the U.S. Navy and naval reserve, retiring as a captain in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Jeanie (Rebischke '72), one son, and two brothers including Harvey '78.

### Johnson named Wisconsin Player of the Year

**Neil Johnson '04**, River Falls, WI, has been named the 2005 Amateur Player of the Year by Wisconsin State Golf Association. Johnson was a senior on Gustavus' 2004 NCAA Division III National Championship team. In 2005, he won the Wisconsin State Golf Association Match Play Championship, tied for seventh place at the WSGA State Amateur, played well in three state opens, and finished second in the Minnesota State Open, setting a course record 62. In September, Johnson finished fourth in the Nebraska State Open, shooting 64 in the final round, and tied for sixth at the Wisconsin Public Links Association 36-Hole State Championship. Representing Wisconsin at the USGA State Team



#### What's in his bag?

**Driver:** Titleist 983K, 7.5 degree  
**Fairway wood:** Titleist 904F, 14.5 degree  
**Irons:** Hogan Apex, 2-PW  
**Wedges:** Titleist Vokey, 52 & 56 degree  
**Putter:** Callaway Two-Ball Blade  
**Ball:** Titleist ProV1

Championship, Johnson led the three-man team to a tie for 17th place. Featured in the January/February 2006 issue of Wisconsin Golfer, Johnson commented on his round of 62 at the Minnesota State Open. "It was amazing because I never shot a course record,

and it was a tournament record as well. I never shot a score that low, even just playing for fun, so it was just one of those magical days where everything went right." With his recent success, Johnson turned pro last September and plans to play on the Hooters Tour in 2006.

**Gail M. Johnson '74**, Chisago City, MN, on January 25, 2006. She was a senior account executive in news marketing for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and is survived by her parents, Howard '43 and Marlys (Gerber '43), and one brother.  
**Paul A. Mason '76**, Burnsville, MN, on January 24, 2006.  
**Eric Lund '81**, Minneapolis, MN, on April 4, 2006. He was an information architect for Amcom Corporation and is survived by his wife, Gaye Melton, three daughters, parents John and Suzanne (Anderson) '53 '53, one sister, and two brothers including Peter '87.  
**Gerald Brekke**, St. Peter, MN, on March 28, 2006. He was professor emeritus of Gustavus who taught in the Department of Education at Gustavus Adolphus College from 1962 to 1987. He is survived by his six children, including Wayne '70, Susan (Benson '69), Sandra '72, and William. See article in On the Hill section (p. 9).

**Myrtle Hollingsworth**, St. Peter, MN, on April 14, 2006. She worked at the Gustavus bookstore for over 35 years and was the biggest fan and supporter of her husband, the late Gustavus football coach Lloyd "Holly" Hollingsworth '36. She is survived by daughter Kay Walsh '67 and two grandsons including Don Walsh '94.  
**Charles Pihl**, Wayzata, MN, on April 5, 2006. He served on the Gustavus Board of Trustees from 1976-82 and on the Three Crowns Capital Campaign Council. He was a partner and shareholder of Holiday Companies and is survived by his wife, Marjorie, three sons, and two daughters including Susan Pihl-Niedermaier '77 and Sharon Smith '80.  
 (Correction) **Judy Hayenga Barone '68**, Fort Wayne, IN, on December 4, 2005. She was former vice president/investments for Smith Barney and is survived by her husband, Michael, one son, one daughter, and sister Diane Foote '66.

# Of bees, berries, and mushrooms

*A Gustavus connection  
discovered in southern Sweden*

by Rebecka Arbin '06

**I**t was the summer of 2005, and I lived a quiet life with my parents on their farm in southern Sweden. We cut firewood in the forest. We planted hundreds of spruces and pines in fields that would become forest. Spring flowers gave way to summer insects, and fall harvests followed. I gratefully switched activities from firewood and planting to picking, when wild strawberries and raspberries, blueberries, plums, and cherries became ripe. We sometimes ate pie for dinner, when my parents came in tired from their planting. I froze liters and liters of berries for winter use. It was hard to believe that in a few short months I would return to Gustavus, to my final year of college. The life of the academic and the life of the farmer were indeed far from each other.

*It was the summer of 1910, and a young impoverished Swedish farmer, Gunnar Mauritz Ahlquist, played fiddle at a wedding in a country church on the island of Öland off the eastern coast of Sweden. As Gunnar approached his bicycle to ride home afterward, he saw something very peculiar. A swarm of bees had taken up residence under his bicycle seat! Instead of seeing this as a major annoyance, Gunnar saw this as an opportunity. He very, very carefully walked his bike home in the long warm twilight and set to work building a straw beehive. This opportunistic attitude would serve him well his whole life. Gunnar's bees flourished, and he*

*not only constructed many more hives but sold honey to a candy factory in nearby Kalmar. He was making money, real money! Soon, though, it seemed Gunnar would have to give up on his bees. For three summers in a row, he would be required to serve in the military. This would leave the bees without a caretaker—ultimately, the end of his lucrative business. What was he going to do?*

I expanded my expertise from picking berries to harvesting the immense variety of mushrooms that sprouted up in our forest and along our roads. My stepmom and I picked basketfuls, took them home and fried, dried, or boiled them. One day I ran into the grocery store in Orrefors to buy some ice cream and saw on the bulletin board a notice: someone wanted to purchase wild, fresh berries and mushrooms. With many liters of produce coming in every day, I thought it would be a great way to make some extra money. I called the number and spoke with Marianne, a lady who seemed grateful for anything I was willing to sell. We arranged a meeting for her to see what I had.

*Not wanting to do military service, Gunnar thought hard about alternatives. Could he possibly join the thousands of others who emigrated to America? He carefully counted his honey money, and then began selling his possessions. Finally, he sold his numerous beehives, giving the last few to his cousin. With the proceeds, he bought a boat ticket to America! A dear auntie offered to loan him some money for his trip. Gunnar politely declined, and then later said that this was one of the proudest moments of his life. He had made enough money for the crossing himself. He also*



Gunnar Ahlquist '24



Becky Arbin '06 (left) talks Gustavus with 1924 graduate Gunnar Ahlquist's niece, Marianne, in Marianne's apartment in Orrefors, Sweden.


*had an angle on a job. Gunnar knew some Swedes who worked at a stone quarry in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and decided to try stonecutting. After a few years of this dangerous work, Gunnar decided he didn't want to end up like some of his friends at the quarry—missing a hand or leg. Instead, he decided to go for something a bit less dangerous: he enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College.*

Marianne was elderly and walked up to our display of berries and mushrooms with the aid of a walker. She had long, elegantly bound-up hair, kind blue eyes that squinted in the sun, and a funky fashion sense. I later learned that she had a lifelong passion for weaving and textiles and wove or sewed many of her own clothes. She loved all our produce and bought it all. She wondered where we lived, and we told her our farm was just a few kilometers away. Our American accents gave away the fact that we weren't Swedes, so she asked where we were from in the United States. I told her I studied at a college in Minnesota. "Minnesota!" she exclaimed. "Which college do you study at?"

*One autumn while Gunnar studied at Gustavus, his observant and inventive nature shone through once again. Home canning of fruits and vegetables was a tricky business in those days, with a hot-water bath needed to sterilize jars before food was put into them. In order to retrieve the jars from the boiling pot, people used hot mitts and pieces of fabric to protect their hands. What was really needed, Gunnar thought, was a pair of tongs to lift out the jars without burning one's hands in the steam. Gunnar designed and produced these tongs while he studied, and on breaks from Gustavus he and his friends would travel the countryside, selling the tongs door to door to nearby farms.*

"Oh, so you go to Gustavus College?" asked Marianne. "I should tell you about my dear Uncle Gunnar! I still have a picture of him in my apartment, wearing a funny square hat from when he graduated from Gustavus."

*Gunnar graduated from Gustavus in 1924, and went on to get his M.A. He built a factory in Minneapolis to make his tongs. His factory would later produce Gunnar's other inventions, including Christmas tree stands that held water and a collapsible grill. "So," he said once to Marianne, "one should think up things that all people need, when one invents." He became a millionaire and lived in Richfield. Besides inventor and business owner, Gunnar was also father to four children. He visited Sweden on occasion, and even said hello to the descendants of his bees still living in his cousin's beehives. Gunnar lived to be nearly 100 years old.*

Marianne, Gunnar's sister's daughter, invited me to her apartment, and she became much more than my produce customer. She became a friend. Bees played their part to bring Gunnar to Gustavus, while mushrooms and berries brought Marianne and me together. The reward for my entrepreneurial spirit was a fraction of Gunnar's, if one counts in dollars. But in terms of friendship and enriching knowledge about a fellow Gustie, I would say I got much more than I bargained for when I decided to sell a few liters of blueberries and some fungus. 

*Rebecka Arbin '06, a Scandinavian studies major whose family moved to Sweden from Deerwood, Minn., last year, completed her degree requirements in January 2006.*



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