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Gustavus Adolphus College has for a long time maintained a close and meaningful relationship with the Lutheran Church, and it intends to keep that relationship a vital and living presence as it engages the future. Though the relationship began with one pastor, our founder Eric Norelius, in one small church, over the years it has grown to include the Red River Synod, the Augustana Synod, the Lutheran Church in America, and now, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Along the way, many thoughtful and committed members of the community have helped the College understand and live out this relationship. One of the most influential of these was Dr. Edgar Carlson ’30, one of our great College presidents. As we think about the future, we are committing the work of two energetic and talented people to lead our thinking about how best to live out the College/Church relationship in this new century.

The first of these is Dr. Darrell Jodock, professor in our Religion Department and holder of the Bernhardson Chair of Lutheran Studies, who is among the most articulate thinkers and writers on this subject. (See his very thoughtful article in the Summer 2003 issue of the Quarterly.) Dr. Jodock will be leading important work with the Office of Church Relations, the Office of the Chaplains, and the Center for Vocational Reflection. The work of each of these entities needs to be held high, supported in the future, and integrated in ways that allow each to support and reinforce the work of the others. I expect that Dr. Jodock’s work will lead to new and vital ways for the College to relate especially to the Lutheran Church but also to other church traditions.

The second is the Rev. Grady St. Dennis ’92, the energetic new director of the Office of Church Relations. He will lead our unique partnership with the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. Our intention is to increase the presence of Gustavus in individual congregations. Likewise, we wish to increase the presence of congregations on campus through meetings of the Association and special programs for clergy. We also hope to welcome more church groups (particularly youth) to our campus.

Church-related activities abound at Gustavus. Christ Chapel remains at the center of the campus. It makes a strong statement about our continuing commitment to worship life, through daily chapel, Sunday worship, Taizé and evening worship, and special services throughout the academic year. Student-led services every Tuesday night are well-attended. The Chaplains’ Office, Center for Vocational Reflection, and others support an active apprenticeship program, retreats, and a program to sponsor collaboration between the church and the fine arts. These offices also offer individual spiritual guidance, Bible study, and other opportunities to grow in inquiry and commitment.

In all this, we understand Lutheran higher education to pay deep respect to non-Lutheran faith traditions. These are not only recognized but also welcomed on campus. Everyone benefits when we learn together and enrich each other’s understandings. Ecumenical efforts are important here, in part because there are many different Christian traditions represented on campus. Interfaith efforts are also nurtured, both as a response to increasing religious diversity and as a recognition of the value such interactions have for campus life and the Gustavus experience.

Finally, it’s also worth recognizing that not all Lutherans come to Gustavus with the same perspectives, worship traditions, and values. We have widely divergent opinions and practices on this campus—just as in the church at large and just as in the world community in which our graduates must find their place and their voice. We can prepare our students well only if we recognize these differences—together with our important commonalities. The best of what we do as a College leads us to learn from these differences, to encourage thoughtful conversations around them, and to support them even when they involve conflict.

Our recent strategic planning work calls Gustavus to prepare “new leaders for a new tomorrow.” In addition to curricular and co-curricular excellence, our Lutheran church-relatedness remains one of the foundational pieces of that preparation.

James L. Peterson ’64
President
Gustavus names new provost
Mary E. Morton will join College in July

by Matt Thomas ’00

The Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Mary E. Morton as provost and vice president for academic affairs on March 19.

In this newly defined position, Morton will oversee academic programs and strategic planning for the College. She will also be responsible for representing and advancing the College’s academic programs to internal and external constituencies.

Morton, who earned bachelor’s degrees in biochemistry and Romance languages from Bowdoin College, holds a doctorate in biochemistry from Dartmouth Medical School (1988). For the past three years, she has been at the University of Dayton, where she served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to that, Morton was on the faculty of the College of Holy Cross for 13 years, as a biology professor, coordinator of Science Programs (1997–2000), and later associate dean of the college (2000–2004).

At Dayton, Morton was praised for helping to redesign the undergraduate curriculum to ensure that it more strongly reflected the institution’s values and traditions. She increased the percentage of first-year students taught by full-time faculty, and she emphasized recognition of faculty scholarship and research.

“We are delighted that she will join our team,” Gustavus President Jim Peterson ’64 notes, “as her dedication to academic excellence is obvious. She will play a vital role in helping the College meet its strategic goals, especially in the areas of academic planning and institutional development.”

At Gustavus, Morton will oversee all academic departments as well as the Office of the Registrar, the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, The Office of International Education, and Gustavus Technology Services. She will be supported by two deans of the faculty, who will manage the day-to-day operations of the academic administration.

Morton’s appointment is effective July 1, 2007. •

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Matt Thomas ’00 joined Gustavus Adolphus College as media relations manager in February 2007.
Covenant Award goes to religion professor

The Covenant Award, bestowed annually by the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations, celebrates the efforts of individuals who have made distinctive contributions toward strengthening the partnership between the College and member congregations of the Association of Congregations. Alumni, pastors, Association delegates, faculty, staff, and students are eligible for the award.

Gustavus President Jim Peterson presented the 2007 Covenant Award to the Rev. Dr. Darrell Jodock on April 28 at the Association of Congregations annual meeting.

Jodock is the first Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor of Religion at Gustavus. As holder of the endowed chair since 1999, he has a responsibility “to represent and teach the Lutheran tradition within the faculty and College, to help interpret and articulate the church-related identity of the College, and to inaugurate educational projects of benefit to the ELCA and the College.” In 2006, he drafted the Statement of Church Relatedness for the College, which Gustavus officials are using as a key document in their strategic planning.

Keenly interested in the College’s relationship with the Church, Jodock is a frequently requested speaker for adult education in local congregations, continuing education classes for clergy, faculty workshops, and presentations for College administrators. He is recognized as a resource theologian worldwide. At Gustavus, he has served on the 2003 Nobel Conference Committee, the faculty personnel committee, the Honor Board, and the board of the Center for Vocational Reflection. In 2002 he helped design (and continues to serve as an advisory board member for) Pastor-to-Pastor, a program encouraging pastoral excellence sponsored by Gustavus and the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.

Jodock’s teaching interests include Lutheran studies, Christian-Jewish relations, the history of Christian thought, and nineteenth-century theology. He received the Wallenberg Tribute Award in 1993 and had a key role in founding the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, where he has served as chair and board member. He was a founding member of the Association of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA (2002). Most recently, he co-authored and edited a book on Jewish-Christian relations, scheduled for publication by Fortress Press in 2007.

An ordained pastor rostered in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, Jodock received his bachelor’s degree in 1962 from St. Olaf College, his divinity degree in 1966 from Luther Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in religious studies from Yale University School of Divinity in 1969.

New media relations manager hired

Matt Thomas ’00 has been hired as media relations manager at the College. Reporting to the Office of College Relations, Thomas will work with local, regional, state, and national media to convey the Gustavus story to the public. He started his duties on March 5, 2007.

Prior to joining the Gustavus administration, Thomas worked as a legal reporter for Courthouse News Service, a news wire service for law firms; as a sports reporter with The Lakeshore Weekly News in Wayzata; and as an announcer for Internet broadcasts of high school and college athletic events.

Thomas earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies and history at Gustavus; his education and mix of experience in print, broadcast, and electronic media make him a good fit for this position.
Forensics team places at state meet, nationals

The Gustavus forensics team finished second in the Team Sweepstakes among the ten colleges and universities participating in the 23rd Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association (MCFA) State Championships held on Feb. 17–18 on the campus of Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. The team then went on to place second in the nation in the Individual Events Team Sweepstakes among 57 competing schools at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention, held on March 8–10 at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

The Gustavus squad collected 30 individual awards at the state championships. The team of Henry Stokman (sr., Minnesota Lake, Minn.) and Alex Knewtson (jr., Mapleton, Minn.) won the state championship in Parliamentary Debate. A Gustavus team has won the championship in four out of the past five years; Stokman and Knewtson had also finished first in 2005, and second in the 2006 state debate competition.

Gustavus speakers stood out in the state oratory (persuasive speaking) competition, sweeping the top four places and five of the top seven, which had the MCFA checking its record book. Andrea Carilie (sr., Chatham, Ill.) placed first, and Bridget Traut (sr., Sartell, Minn.) finished second, both qualifying for the 135th Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest in April. The Interstate Oratorical Association’s national contest, which is the nation’s oldest annual public speaking contest, brings together 60 of the top collegiate persuasive speakers in the country, with each state allowed to qualify a maximum of only two competitors. Carilie qualified for the Interstate contest for an unprecedented third consecutive year; she had made the semifinal round of last year’s contest.

The team brought home more than 20 individual awards from the Pi Kappa Delta national meet. Brittany Lovdahl (jr., St. Cloud, Minn.) tied for the national championship in Informative Speaking. Maria Siegle (soph., Cologne, Minn.) likewise tied for the national championship in Impromptu Speaking and also placed fifth in Informative Speaking and ninth in Persuasive Speaking. Mary Cunningham (first-year, Maplewood, Minn.) was second in Persuasive Speaking (Gustavus speakers finished 2nd, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 15th among 82 entries in this category.) Tasha Carlson (soph., Apple Valley, Minn.) placed third in Prose Interpretation and was selected to the Pi Kappa Delta National Council as the at-large student representative. Andrea Carilie was one of 10 students named to the 2007 Pi Kappa Delta All-America Team, and Phillip Voight, associate professor of communication studies, was voted president-elect of the organization.

Two win NEH Summer Stipends

Two members of the Gustavus Adolphus College faculty have been awarded National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends of $5,000 each to support two months of scholarly work this summer. Institutions are limited to two nominees each in any given year for the prestigious NEH Summer Stipends, and it is a fairly rare occurrence when a college or university can claim two successful candidates.

Mary Solberg, associate professor of religion, was awarded an NEH stipend to assist her work on “German Christians in Print: A Reader.” One of the most troubling chapters in the history of Christianity involves the so-called “German Christians,” a movement that welcomed Hitler’s ascent to power and sought to wed Christianity to National Socialism. In pamphlets, radio addresses, and even liturgies, they articulated their desire to eradicate all traces of Judaism from Christianity. However, very little scholarship has been done on the role of religion and the conduct of German churches during the Third Reich. Solberg’s project involves tracking down extant German Christian publications and making available for the first time English-language translations of a representative selection, together with an introduction setting out their historical and theological context and significance.

Sujay Rao, assistant professor of history, earned an NEH stipend in support of his research and development of a chapter-length paper on the place of provincial politicians in Argentina’s history from that country’s independence in 1810 to 1829. Rao’s thesis is that opposition between the provinces and the capital, Buenos Aires, during these two decades has been overstated, rather than mobilizing the country’s lower classes, provincial politicians defended colonial hierarchies and preempted the development of genuinely popular movements. He will use his grant to spend a month this summer carrying out research in the Argentine national archives and a second month drafting the fourth chapter of what he anticipates will be a five-chapter book examining Argentine federalism in the three provinces of the strategic littoral region north of the capital.
One of the goals of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at Gustavus Adolphus College is to bring an international perspective to teaching, advising, and research. We engage our students and ourselves with the world by developing an appetite for a certain type of knowledge, one that opens the doors to other cultures, histories, and literatures. Experience on the spot is often the most practical way to convey this knowledge. Such was my experience during the summer of 2006 when I went to Tunisia with the intention of better understanding the Maghreb, engaging a longtime interest in the lands of Northwest Africa. Having received a Bush Foundation mini-grant in support of new research aimed at my teaching, I began a study of French colonization in North Africa and its repercussions on history, culture, and literature up to the present.

The Arabic term *Djazirat al Maghreb* means the Island of the Sunset or the Island of the Occident. The Maghreb encompasses Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. The original inhabitants of this region were the Berbers. But the Maghreb is conditioned by the Mediterranean coast, the Atlas mountain chains, vast deserts, and the fertility of the lands irrigated by its rivers. Over the centuries this geography attracted many invaders, among them the Arabs, who have stayed the longest and who have been the most influential, making the Maghreb an integral part of the Arab world. The French presence in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia began in 1830, and ended—in the case of Algeria—in 1962.

Starting my work at The Fourth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at the University of Carthage, in Carthage, Tunisia, I presented a paper titled “Algeria, a Land of Conflicts and Reconciliations. A literary approach to understanding Algeria, past and present. Hélène Cixous and Albert Camus.”

The conference, whose theme was “Global and Local Dialogues in the Humanities,” was aimed at engaging Muslim and Western worlds in a region at the crossroads of their cultural differences. The inevitable complex dialogues provided means for seeking mutual comprehension and philosophies to reconcile these differences. The varied and rich conference sessions were attended by representatives from 22 countries. Topics ranged from the prospects and problems facing Africa and the Middle East in claiming their identity representations and intellectual properties, to European understanding and acceptance of multiculturalism, diversity, and human rights in the Islamic communities.

From Carthage, I went to Tunis where I did research with the American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS) at the Centre d’Etudes Maghrébines in Tunis (CEMAT). Established in 1984 the institute works to facilitate scholarly research on North Africa and to en-
courage the exchange of scholars and scholarly information. In the United States, AIMS serves as the professional association of scholars interested in the Maghreb. At the CEMAT, I worked with various scholars who had received Fulbright grants or, like me, grants from their home institutions. The dialogues and work the center allows are of great importance for establishing a better understanding of Northwest Africa and its relationship to the Western world in a way that is at once open and informed. These dialogues are aimed at bringing about a better comprehension of Islam in the world.

Culture is history-bound—it cannot live without it, it evolves with it. And in the Maghreb, as in the rest of Africa and the Middle East, history repeats itself and constantly shuffles its cards, hoping to avoid past mistakes (both their own and those of the colonizing powers). I had a great opportunity to witness how the desire for freedom and peace is challenged daily, and to see how it is interwoven in the lives of every person.

Understanding how the Arab world functions and where it fits in the puzzle of nations is essential. Its construction is often fragile. During my stay in Tunisia in 2006, the war between Israel and Lebanon broke out and the pieces of this very delicate puzzle began scattering about the region. Any attentive Westerner in the Arab world at that moment had the clear opportunity to understand firsthand how past mistakes can easily be repeated with tragic consequences. Lebanon is a small country, a tiny country by geographical measure, yet it is large in its acceptance of diversity: Lebanon makes heroic efforts to blend together its various communities by accepting and respecting each other’s differences. One could not help asking: Couldn’t Lebanon constitute a solution for our divided world? Why did it have to suffer again? The civil war that ended 15 years ago and the ensuing reconstruction was long and thorough and ultimately successful. What was achieved in the recent war? Widespread destruction and promises to help reconstruct. The absurdity of such responses to such hapless events speaks for itself.

My goal at the CEMAT was to better understand French colonization of the Maghreb, and the aftermath in that region. I undertook a comparative study of Tunisia and Algeria in their approach to French identity and language as they freed themselves from years of cultural, economic, and political occupation.

Tunisia gained its independence in 1956, while...
A tale of the Maghreb

Algeria did so in 1962 after protracted combat between the French army and Algerian resistance and insurrectionary groups (all quite divided in their approach to a settlement). Habib Bourguiba was the first president of independent Tunisia, his major goal being to maintain secular control over the Tunisian schooling and administrative systems. Thus, Muslim groups had less influence and power in governing the country. Bourguiba also maintained the use of French throughout the school curriculum; the result of this was that after independence Arabic was introduced progressively and had more time to establish itself in the system than it had, for instance, in Algeria.

Algeria’s journey to independence was much more complex and difficult than Tunisia’s. Tunisia had been a protectorate of France, while Algeria was a “department” (the equivalent of a state or province in the North American continent). At the time of the insurrections calling for independence, a total of one million European colonizers—mainly from France—lived in Algeria, where there were eight million Algerians. The battle for independence lasted from 1954 to 1962, and was extremely violent, involving as it did, so many French “colons” who considered Algeria their land and had no intention of returning to France. France, on the other hand, was not eager to repatriate them because of the imbalance it would create in its economy and politics.

The last part of my work took place in Paris where I continued my research on Algerian independence and the years of political turmoil that continued into the beginning of this century. I refer specifically to the Algerian civil war of the 1990s that lasted nearly the entire decade. The ’90s are an important era in Algerian history. These were years of bloody warfare between Islamist movements on one side and the government and the army (two entities not always in concordance) on the other. The army and the government furnished weapons to a militia in charge of defending the population against the Islamist factions.

I carried out the latter part of my research at the library of the Institut du Monde Arabe (IMA) in Paris. The mission of the IMA is to build bridges between two civilizations that need to know each other better and are, in fact, eager to deepen their relations. The Institut’s arena of intent is vast: culture in all its aspects, science, knowledge of customs, and large political problems, always approached with an open mind and spirit.

This year, I have been sharing the results of my research in Tunisia and France with my students and colleagues. How often do we talk about our scholarly work with our students? Although we think they might not be interested, they actually are. Frequently they do not know what we really do outside the classroom. They need to perceive us as teachers and scholars, educators and researchers, and see that these are not two separate entities with no correlation. These two aspects of our work at Gustavus Adolphus go hand in hand and do not stand as a divide in our professional lives. Grants such as those from the Bush Foundation help us invite our students to experience our research, and inspire them to investigate into new subjects.

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Building Bridges

Investigative journalist Lisa Ling was the keynote speaker at the College’s 12th annual “Building Bridges” student diversity conference held on March 10. Ling, who reports on issues of social justice for various television shows, said that we live in a time where we can find a wealth of information on the Internet, most of which is not reliable, and that we are responsible for seeking out the truth. Her message was part of the 2007 conference theme “Find Your Voice: Putting Awareness into Action.” The Building Bridges conference is an annual student-led, student-initiated diversity conference organized to promote mutual respect and understanding of diversity and to deal with diversity in a proactive, social, and informative way.

Fulbright winner

Erica Duin, a senior international management and French major, has been granted a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2007–08 academic year. Duin, a native of Hastings, Minn., who developed a passion for Morocco during a 2006 summer internship with the
U.S. Agency for International Development in Rabat, will take classes at Al Akhawayn University and conduct research on water resource management in the Sebou River Basin in Morocco. The Fulbright program aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge, and skills, and sends approximately 1,100 American scholars and professionals per year to more than 130 countries. Duin is the fourth Gustavus student since 1996 to be named a Fulbright scholar.

Energy Wars
Minnesota colleges and universities competed during February in the Campus Energy Wars. The challenge was for each campus to reduce energy consumption and heat use; the incentive (besides lowering their negative impact on the environment) was a concert performed by the rock band Cloud Cult at the winning school. Gustavus students and faculty made a concerted effort to change their behaviors during the month by turning off unused lights in their dorm rooms or classrooms, unplugging appliances, and lowering thermostats. A proposal from a Gustavus student also led to St. Peter Municipal Utilities providing 2,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs to further improve energy efficiency on campus. Gustavus ended the month-long challenge with a competition to see which student or administrator could pump the most energy into an electrical generator by pedaling a stationary bicycle.

First-year Liam Glover takes a turn at generating electricity during the Campus Energy Wars challenge.

Makes 'Top 60'
Senior student Alex Zupan has named to the USA Today All-Academic Team as one of the country’s “Top 60” students. The newspaper’s award recognizes significant, broad-based accomplishments among an extremely selective group of scholars, student-athletes, and campus leaders. Zupan, who won a Goldwater Scholarship last year, has also been recognized this year with an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship (see Sports section).

Model website
The Gustavus homepage was prominently featured in the 3rd edition of Information Architecture for the World Wide Web, the definitive book on Web design and one of the top-selling books on the subject at Amazon.com. The authors of the book praise the Gustavus homepage for its eye-catching colors, clearly labeled information, and easy-to-use menus, all of which indicate that the homepage was well-designed to anticipate users’ needs.

Gustavus hosts national oratory competition
Gustavus Adolphus College was selected to host an opening round of the 2006–2007 Claude Pepper Oratory Competition as the event expanded this year from its original site. Previously held exclusively at Florida State University, the home of the Claude Pepper Foundation and the Pepper Center, the prestigious competition encourages undergraduate and graduate students to develop the public speaking skills that enabled Florida senator and congressman Claude Pepper (1900–1989) to have such an impact on the American political scene. This year’s competition prompted students to explore U.S. foreign relations, asking, “What should U.S. policy be towards Cuba, and what lessons from our history with Cuba can we apply to other areas of U.S. foreign policy?”

The first round of the oratory competition was held at 18 colleges and universities across the United States. A recording of the winning speeches at each competition was then sent to the Pepper Center in Tallahassee, where they were ranked by a topic-specific expert. The top six speakers were then invited to the Florida State University campus on March 28 to compete for a $1,500 scholarship and a chance to address a committee of the U.S. Congress.

ChYLI Program earns human rights award
Gustavus Adolphus College’s Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI) program has been recognized with the St. Peter 2006 Human Rights Award from the city’s Human Rights Commission for furthering human rights in the St. Peter community. Program Director Veronica Alba accepted the award at the March 26 St. Peter City Council meeting.

ChYLI is “a culturally based positive youth development program that empowers young people to take action for change.”

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Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science David Wolfe has co-authored a new book, Lessons in Play: An Introduction to the Combinatorial Theory of Games. The book explains combinatorial game theory, which is the study of positions in two-player strategy games. Readers learn how to break a game down into possible positions, or moves to be made, and how to find the optimum move at any point in the game. This can be achieved by visualizing the game board broken down into pieces, then assigning each component a value based on potential moves—both beneficial moves available to the player as well as detrimental moves possible for the opponent. The outcomes of the games analyzed in the book all depend on the skill and strategy employed by the player, so games like chess, checkers, and Go (a Chinese game popular in Asia) are the main subjects of the book, while games that include elements of chance (like cards or dice) are excluded. Lessons in Play is the first textbook to be written on combinatorial theory; it is aimed at junior- and senior-level college classes, as well as graduate studies.


Associate Professor of English Joyce Sutphen has collaborated with two colleagues to edit an anthology of poems titled To Sing Along the Way: Minnesota Women Poets from Pre-Territorial Days to the Present. More than 100 women are represented in the anthology, including Harriet Bishop, Minnesota’s first public school teacher, children’s author Carol Ryrie Brink, Meridel LeSueur, Phoebe Hanson, Cary Waterman, Patricia Hampl, Louise Erdrich, and Sutphen herself, as well as a number of women just starting out as writers.

Sutphen also has had a chapbook titled Fourteen Sonnets published in a limited edition of 115 copies bound in paper wraps and 36 numbered and signed copies printed on handmade paper and bound in boards.


Scott Newstok, assistant professor of English, is the editor of Kenneth Burke on Shakespeare, a volume that gathers and annotates all of the Shakespeare criticism—including previously unpublished notes and lectures—by American intellectual Kenneth Burke (1897–1993), one of the most formidable literary critics of the 20th century. Newstok notes that Burke’s interpretations of Shakespeare have had a major influence on important lines of contemporary scholarship and that many readers outside academia have enjoyed his investigations into what makes a play function.

Noted critic Harold Bloom writes, “Scott Newstok’s well-edited collection of Kenneth Burke’s essays on Shakespeare is an authentic augmentation of the best modern criticism we have on Shakespeare.”


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gram that provides Chicano-Latino high school youth from southern Minnesota with opportunities to develop their leadership ability and enhance their educational outlook.” The program was developed in 1993 by the Region Nine Development Commission located in Mankato, Minn., and is now coordinated by Gustavus and funded through the Minnesota Department of Education. Since the program moved to Gustavus in 2005, there has been increased emphasis on post-secondary education. ChYLI students visit several area colleges each year so they are aware of local options for post-graduation. Currently, five former ChYLI participants are enrolled at Gustavus.

ChYLI accepts 70 students into the program each year from five area high schools: St. Peter, Mankato Area, Madelia, St. James, and Sleepy Eye. Goals of the program include building a network of Chicano-Latino leaders, increasing understanding of the Chicano-Latino culture, involving youth in service-learning opportunities, community decision-making, and vision setting, and increasing school connectedness and graduation rates among Chicano-Latino youth. A ChYLI service conference is held each year, and the program also sponsors “ChYLI Project Reconnect,” a partnership with area schools that focuses on increasing parent involvement, connecting students to their school, and providing additional educational resources.
Emeritus professor’s retrospective charged with mystery

by Donald Myers ’83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art recently presented Don Palmgren: A Retrospective Exhibition. The exhibition considered the career of Palmgren, who taught studio art at Gustavus from 1972 until his retirement in 2003, through a selection of pastels, photographs, and drawings from across the years.

Palmgren earned an M.F.A. in 1971 from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and also holds a master of divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, earned in 1964. He has participated in exhibitions at Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis, the Alan Stone Gallery in New York, and many other locations, especially in Minnesota, and his works are found in corporate collections such as those of 3M Corporation and Cargill Corporation. Since his retirement, Palmgren has continued his work as a visual artist, most recently exhibiting at the John Natsoulas Gallery in Davis, Calif., and has also pursued his avocation of writing. His essay, “Two-Headed Jack,” relating to one of the large pastels in the exhibit (see back cover), was included in the exhibition brochure.

Many Gustavus students over the years studied drawing with Palmgren, who during class would often circulate around the drawing tables to make critiques, sometimes limiting his comments to a softly spoken “yeah,” or “hmmm . . . ,” or sometimes just a sigh. It was always apparent that there was much meaning in those cryptic exhalations, even if it was not immediately clear, and the anecdote indicates something of the nature of Palmgren’s art: one understands that there is something more being conveyed than just the objects so expertly portrayed in his works.

Palmgren relates his art to “magical realism,” a term most often applied to literary works (which is fitting in some way since Palmgren has been interested in being a writer since he was a young man). He cites works by Gabriel García Márquez (born 1927), such as his short stories “The Man with Enormous Wings” and “The Sea of Lost Time,” as significant for him. In magical realism, there is a disarming normality that can be suddenly dispelled by an abrupt jerk into a different, magical reality. This appeals to Palmgren, and is akin to the effect in his work, where objects and spaces feel, to quote him, “unreal, yet real; outrageous, yet believable.”

Palmgren believes there is something mysterious inherent in objects and the space around them, and when he chooses them, and carefully places them in a still life composition, the objects become further charged with that mystery, or with presence, a term he uses in describing his work. Another term he uses is numinous, coined by German theologian Rudolph Otto (1869–1937) to describe that which is holy, especially that which is neither rational nor sensory but which is outside of oneself. Palmgren considers the mystery present in his drawings to be akin to the numinous quality experienced during the celebration of the Christian Eucharist. He likens the experience of his work to the numinous, and he thinks of the space in his still lifes as a kind of sacred space. He cites his own “priestly” experience in considering his art.

Palmgren subscribes to the idea that art is a process of making order out of chaos. His means of doing so include careful selection of subjects, well-considered composition of pictorial elements, and a finely honed sensitivity to the mystery that can arise between and around those elements. In this way, Palmgren creates an alternative world in which the numinous is made present and capable of being sensed.

Donald Myers ’83 has directed Gustavus Adolphus College’s Hillstrom Museum of Art since its opening in 2000. He is also an instructor in art history at the College.
May
5–27 Art: Senior Studio Majors’ Exhibition, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: May 5, 4–7 p.m.

9–13 Theatre: The Tempest, by William Shakespeare, directed by Amy Seham, with Rob Gardner as Prospero, 8 p.m. (May 9, 10, & 11), 1 p.m. (May 11), 7 p.m. (May 12), and 2 p.m. (May 13). Ticket required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 60th Anniversary of Gustavus Alumnus John J. Williams, 7 p.m., Anderson Theatre.

30–31 Art: Minnesota State High School Art Honors Exhibition, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: May 30, 4–7 p.m.

11–13 The Gustavus Quarterly head

14 14th Annual Gustavus Annual Dinner, in honor of the Class of 1957, 7 p.m., Christ Chapel.

July
9–29 National Youth Sports Program, a College-sponsored academic and sports day camp for 150–200 youth ages 10–16 from low-income families in targeted school districts in southern Minnesota. For more information, contact Kathryn Bode, Department of Education (507/933-7457).

13 Admission Summer Open House, sponsored by the Office of Admission, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Tours, scholarship information, lunch with faculty and students; for more information, contact Joy Reese ’02 (507/933-7603 or jreese2@gustavus.edu). Also on July 23 and August 10.
August
23–Sept. 3  **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
4  **Opening Convocation** for the 146th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.
30  **Gusties Gather!** Alumni gatherings at sites throughout the country. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800/487-8437 or www.gustavus.edu/alumni/).

October
2–3  **Nobel Conference® 43: “Heating Up: The Energy Debate,”** Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the College Relations Office (507/933-7520) or visit the Nobel Conference website ([www.gustavus.edu/nobelconference](http://www.gustavus.edu/nobelconference/)).
27  **Gustavus Library Associates’ biennial gala: “Razzle Dazzle • A Royal Affair,”** Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Reservations required; for more information, contact the Office of College Relations (507/933-7520).

November
30, Dec. 1 & 2  **Christmas in Christ Chapel 2007: “The Word Becomes Flesh,”** Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 1 and 2 only) and 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; watch for order form in the Fall 2007 Quarterly.

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

**The Arts**  To receive a more complete [fine arts schedule](http://www.gustavus.edu) or more information on fine arts events noted in the calendar, contact Al Behrends ’77, director of fine arts programs, by phone (507/933-7363) or e-mail (al@gustavus.edu). Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
The New Library
From the outside, it doesn’t look all that different. At night, ranks of books on shelves show through the brightly lit windows, and students can be seen hunching over their notes in the carrels, studying for a test or writing a paper. Their faces may be illuminated by the glow of a laptop or connected to the Internet through the library’s wireless network, but just as often they’re writing on a pad of paper beside a stack of books. Approach the front doors and the first thing you’ll notice through the glass is a life-sized, semi-abstract woman reading with her head cocked to one side. She is “A Knowing Woman,” a sculpture by Gloria Tew dedicated to Frances Engelsma, a founding member of Gustavus Library Associates, which was unveiled this past September. One of her hands holds an open book, the other invites us in.

Past her right elbow, there’s a busy nook devoted to new books and dozens of conversations as students discuss group projects, socialize, or somehow lose themselves in a book even while surrounded by chatter. Nothing new in that, either. Though popular culture would have you believe libraries are places where “shhh!” is the rule, the Gustavus library has always been a social place, so much so that since at least the 1950s it has been the subject of op-ed complaints in the student newspaper. Those criticisms died down when the library established a “quiet floor” to accommodate those who want to study without distraction.
Behind the sculpture, things have changed a bit in the past decades. Where the card catalog used to stand, there’s a cluster of computers that is always busy and two printers that never seem to stop churning. Beyond that, there’s a glass-fronted computer lab that doubles as a classroom for students learning the complexities of research in a hybrid print and digital world. On one day, they may come to the lab to learn how to conduct a literature review for a biology class. On another, they may download international statistics from World Development Indicators into a spreadsheet, or pull up an electronic version of the front page of *The New York Times* on the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, or search for a particular phrase in every book published in English before 1700.

Welcome to the new library. The walls are exactly where they were when the current building opened in 1972, but like Dr. Who’s Tardis, it’s much bigger than it appears on the outside.

**Virtually Everything**

In the past few years the library has added scores of electronic resources, ranging from “Web of Science” (an electronic version of the Science Citation Index and the Social Science Citation Index that covers the contents of more than 8,000 journals and knits together connections through the sources they cite) to full-text collections of journals in chemistry, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and communication studies, as well as databases covering all the subjects in which the college offers majors. The library provides campus access to RefWorks, software for creating your own personalized database of sources—and, even more popular with students, a function for printing out formatted bibliographies in the citation style of your choice. Through many of our databases, students and faculty can set up alerts that notify them as new articles are published on topics they’re following. And they can browse today’s happenings in newspapers from around the world through LexisNexis and Proquest Newstand.

But it’s not all about the latest and newest. This year the library added a database that reproduces the content of *The New York Times* back to 1851. The number of books in the collection

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**‘Hector’ and ‘Helen’**

A study room on the library’s lower level is now home to “Hector,” a Mac Mini computer with a wide flat-screen monitor, two keyboards, a laptop hookup, and an iSight camera. This flexible workspace is ideal for groups writing collaborative papers, creating Powerpoint for group presentations, or working on other computing projects. Groups may sign up to reserve Hector for up to three hours at a time.

A nearby study room is home to “Helen,” twin to Hector, but without a camera. Like Hector, Helen is a Mac Mini with a huge flat-screen monitor, two keyboards, and a cord to hook a personal laptop up to the keyboards and screen. Helen is also perfect for collaborative projects.

The library partnered with Gustavus Technology Services (GTS) to create these spaces. GTS is also planning to outfit a room across the hall from Hector with blue screen, camera, and playback equipment specifically for practicing and taping speeches and oral presentations.

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*A group of students tries out the “Hector” computer system for conferencing and collaborative projects.*

Fatima Elattir, a sophomore from Rabat, Morocco, points to the camera image of herself onscreen while Laura Oftstad (right), a sophomore from Coon Rapids, and Dana Setterholm (left), a senior from Marine on St. Croix, look on.
increased by over 30 percent overnight when an amazing digital archive, *Early English Books Online*, went live through the library’s website. This digital collection reproduces, page by page, every extant book published in English between 1473 and 1700.

Not old enough for you? Try the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*. It contains virtually all Greek texts surviving from Homer’s era (8th century BCE) to 600 CE, as well as most surviving works up to the fall of Byzantium in 1453.

Of course, while the library has been adding all of these new resources, students have at their fingertips a burgeoning wealth of research material available on the Web. They can consult historical primary sources through sites like the Library of Congress’s American Memory Project—or see history in the making. Thanks to the immediacy of the Web, our students were able to read documents being collected by the House Judiciary Committee investigating the firing of U.S. Attorneys at exactly the same time as the *New York Times* reporters covering the story. Today’s students have access to rare primary sources from their dorm room and can be involved in the first draft of history in ways unimaginable twenty years ago.

They can even contribute, themselves. They can post their own pictures on Flickr, upload video to YouTube, share their favorite links through Del.icio.us, Digg news stories, and write their own commentary through blogs and social networking sites. A much-cited report from the National Endowment for the Humanities rang the alarm that people weren’t reading as much fiction as they did ten years ago. Buried in the report was the interesting news that more people then ever are *writing* it. Culture is no longer a spectator sport. The long-term implications of this emerging “read/write culture” have yet to be understood, but there is no doubt that our current students are able to interact with information in new and exciting ways.

But with all of these options comes a challenge. Deciding where to turn for high-quality information can be perplexing. Several large-scale studies have shown that students turn first to the Internet when doing their research, yet many undergraduates lack the sophistication to know where the best sources are, or how to evaluate their reliability. And though the Web has become an indispensable tool for researchers, there still are many important sources that are not available for free.

**Libraries for Learning**

Though it would seem doing research is easier than ever, the sheer abundance of resources requires sophisticated critical thinking skills—skills that are necessary for lifelong learning and
productive civic engagement. It’s no wonder that information literacy—the ability to find, evaluate, and use information critically—is identified as one of several “essential learning outcomes” of a liberal education in the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ 2007 report, *College Learning for the New Global Century*.

At Gustavus, this essential outcome is nothing new. Since at least the 1950s, the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library’s identity has been that of a “teaching library.” Odrun Peterson, director of the library from 1944 to 1973, said “the College Library is first and foremost an instrument of teaching.” Her planning documents for the current library were amazingly consistent with “Libraries Designed for Learning,” a recent landmark study by Scott Bennett, librarian emeritus of Yale University, who has called on libraries to design their buildings and programs around student learning.

What does it mean for libraries to be designed for learning? It means asking the right questions. How do students prefer to learn? What conditions encourage learning? In Bennett’s view, libraries should not be planned around resources or services, but rather should take into account students’ learning behaviors and the ways that faculty encourage learning. He proposes that libraries should be “learning commons” that offer flexible learning spaces for individual and group learning, planned with faculty and others involved with the institution’s mission.

He also discovered, as he studied successful library designs, that food has a significant role to play. At Yale, it turned out the place where students were having the most vibrant conversations about ideas was in “Machine City,” a dingy basement lounge equipped with vending machines. Like most academic libraries since the 1990s, the Gustavus library doesn’t ban food and beverages, instituting instead a “leave no trace” campaign to keep the library inviting and attractive.

**Learning Together**

The library has also responded to the growing need for group work spaces by partnering with Gustavus Technology Services to outfit two rooms with equipment for digital collaboration. They each offer a Mac mini computer, a digital camera, a wide-screen monitor, and two key-boards so that a group of students can work on multimedia projects together. Those who prefer to bring their own equipment can hook up a laptop to the monitor. Soon a third room will be converted into a presentation practice space with blue screen, camera, and playback equipment.

Faculty, of course, play the most significant role in encouraging students to see the library as a laboratory for learning. Faculty across the curriculum involve students in research in many creative ways. Students in Chaplain Brian Johnson ’80 and Eric Eliason’s First Term Seminar, “Stories from the Source,” create posters that illustrate how Bible stories have been reinterpreted in the arts. In Phil Voight’s course on campaign communication, students design a political campaign by creating storyboards for campaign commercials and wiring stump speeches, position papers, and briefings for the candidates. Greg Kaster has history students trace quoted works to see whether the original author has used their source accurately and fairly. Across the curriculum, students are engaging in authentic research in a variety of ways, the sort of experiential learning that is a hallmark of a Gustavus education.

This June, faculty from across the campus are coming together for a workshop on “The Student as Scholar: Enhancing Research and Creative Practices.” Facilitator Jill Singer, past president of the Council on Undergraduate Research and professor of geology at Buffalo State University, will help the faculty consider ways to expand and enhance the multiple ways students engage in research and creative work as a key piece of a Gustavus education.

The librarians, too, play a role. They offer one-on-one tutorials at the reference desk and on the Internet. Students can open a chat window from the library’s website or from their favorite chat program and get instant assistance. Librarians work with faculty to conduct workshops in the library, from a basic introduction to how the library works in the First Term Seminar, to in-depth, hands-on work with students working on senior theses. And, like other faculty, the librarians conduct research. Current projects under way include studies of the choices students make as they select sources, how well interdisciplinary databases serve under-
graduate needs, and the role of common reading programs on college campuses.

Last year, a project on how students and faculty use the library’s website led to a sitewide redesign. More than 900 students participated in an online survey. The main incentive? A chance to win exclusive use of a study room in the library for the rest of the semester. Evidently, having a room of one’s own in the library is a highly desirable thing.

The Persistence of Print

It’s not all digital. The library continues to add traditional materials to its collection and, contrary to rumors, students still read books. On average, around a hundred books a day are checked out during the fall and spring semester. Thousands of course reserve readings are distributed through the Moodle course management system. In spite of the convenience of online sources, surveys at Gustavus and nationally show that students want hard copy of what they’re using for their work. They report it’s simply more convenient to read, mark up, and organize material on paper. Though students start their research on the Web, a recent study found that the vast majority of them report using traditional print resources, too.

And indications are strong that they are likely to continue to turn to the library for books. At the close of 2006, Forbes issued a report that was bullish on books, finding that the Internet is fueling a thirst for reading material. This past March, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported that teens are buying more books than ever before. OCLC, an international library consortium, recently studied perceptions of libraries and found that college students are the heaviest users of libraries and that by and large they have positive feelings for libraries.

Most of all, the study found that when college students think about libraries, they think of books. The Knowing Woman would be pleased.

Barbara Fister has been an academic librarian on the faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College since 1987.

No matter how much technology changes, one thing remains the same—the library is a great place for a nap.
Two win NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships

Gustavus Adolphus College student-athletes Hailey Harren (women’s cross country) and Alex Zupan (men’s cross country) have been selected as two of 58 student-athletes from across the country to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships for the fall sport season. Harren and Zupan were the only student-athletes from a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference institution selected to receive the $7,500 awards this fall.

Harren, a native of Cold Spring, Minn., finished eighth at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships last fall after winning the national individual title in 2005. She claimed the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCAA Central Region individual titles this past fall and was named both the MIAC and NCAA Central Region Runner of the Year. A political science and financial economics double major, Harren has compiled a 3.77 cumulative grade point average. She will attend law school next fall. Harren has also been very active in the community working as a Study Buddy at a local elementary school and visiting local nursing homes as a part of the Elders program.

Zupan, a native of Monona, Wis., was a four-year letterwinner on the cross country team, serving as the team’s captain for his junior and senior seasons. He earned all-conference honors in his sophomore season with an 11th-place finish at the MIAC Championships. In his junior season, Zupan earned all-region honors with a 20th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. A math and music double major, Zupan ranks #1 in his class academically with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. He was recently named to the USA Today All-Academic Team, honoring him as one of the top 60 college students in the country. In addition to his academic and athletic involvement, Alex has also been involved in the community, taking part in the Big Partner program where he spent time mentoring a local youth. Zupan will pursue a doctorate in pure mathematics; however, he has not yet decided which university he will attend.

Over the last three years, Gustavus ranks third (tied with the University of Missouri) for the most postgraduate scholars among all NCAA schools (Division I, II, and III). Emory and Stanford have the most postgraduate scholars with 16 each, while Gustavus and Missouri are next with 10 each. Harren and Zupan are the 19th and 20th Gustavus student-athletes to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in the history of the program.

The NCAA awarded 58 postgraduate scholarships of $7,500 each to 29 male student-athletes and 29 female student-athletes from all three divisions (I, II, and III) who participated in fall sports. Those sports included men’s and women’s cross country running, football, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s water polo, women’s field hockey, women’s equestrian, badminton, and volleyball. To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade-point average of 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale) or its equivalent and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. The student-athlete also must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a graduate student.
Women’s hockey team wins MIAC regular season and playoff titles for third consecutive year

The Gustavus women’s hockey team solidified its status as the dominant program in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by claiming the regular season and playoff titles for a third straight year. Coach Mike Carroll’s squad finished the regular season with a league mark of 17–1–0 and then went on to beat St. Thomas 3–2 in the playoff championship game to earn the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Over the past three seasons, Gustavus has compiled a MIAC regular season record of 52–2–1, while compiling a mark of 6–0 in the post-season tournament and outscoring its opponents 20–8 in those six games.

Unfortunately, the Gusties saw their season come to an abrupt end with a 4–1 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Gustavus finished the year with an overall mark of 25–3.

Andrea Peterson Named AHCA National Player of the Year in Women’s Hockey

Andrea Peterson, a senior defenseman for the Gustavus women’s hockey team and a four-time All-America selection, is the winner of the 2007 Laura Hurd Award, presented to the Women’s College Division Hockey Player of the Year as voted by the nation’s Division III head coaches. Peterson, a native of White Bear Lake, Minn., was named the Player of the Year in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) in each of her four varsity seasons.

“Andrea Peterson is the finest individual, and hockey player, that I have had the opportunity to work with in my 20 years of coaching hockey,” says Gustavus head coach Mike Carroll. “She is dedicated, hard working, passionate, competitive, bright, and humble.”

Carroll adds, “While Andrea’s statistics speak for themselves, they do not begin to tell the story of the impact she has had on the Gustavus women’s hockey program. Andrea is a natural leader and she sets a great example for the team to follow in the classroom, the locker room, and on the ice. In competition, Andrea always plays her best hockey in the big games and has been the main reason that Gustavus has won three consecutive MIAC titles and played in four consecutive NCAA Tournaments.”

Peterson’s 185 career points are a school and conference record, as well as a national record for defensemen. She ranks third all-time in career points among all players in Division III.
Winter Sports Summary

by Tim Kennedy ’82

Men’s Hockey – The Gustavus men’s hockey team qualified for the MIAC post-season tournament for the sixth consecutive year, but fell to St. Olaf 3–1 in the opening round. Coach Brett Peterson’s squad posted a mark of 11–13–2 overall and 9–6–1 in the MIAC. The Gusties were led in scoring by first-year forward Eric Bigham (Robbinsdale, Minn.), who tallied 11 goals and 16 assists for 27 points. Bigham was joined on the all-conference team by senior defenseman Jon Keseley (St. Louis Park, Minn.).

Women’s Hockey – The Gustavus women’s hockey team claimed its third straight MIAC regular-season title with a record of 17–1–0 and then went on to win its fourth consecutive MIAC post-season tournament title by defeating St. Thomas 3–2 in the championship game. The Gusties, who received an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, were upset in the first round by UW-Stevens Point 4–1. Coach Mike Carroll’s squad finished with an overall mark of 25–3 and tied the school record for wins in a season. Five Gusties were named to the all-conference team: senior forward Kelly Crandall (Plymouth, Minn.), junior defender Marge Dorer (St. Paul), junior forward Molly Doyle (Eagan, Minn.), senior defender Andrea Peterson (White Bear Lake, Minn.), and sophomore forward Jenny Pusch (Minneapolis).

Men’s Basketball – The Gustavus men’s basketball team placed fourth in the MIAC regular-season standings with a record of 11–9, while finishing with a mark of 14–13 overall. Coach Mark ’83 Hanson’s squad qualified for the MIAC post-season tournament for the seventh consecutive season and defeated Carleton 70–59 in the first round before bowing to St. John’s 87–65 in the semifinals. Senior post Trevor Wittwer (Redwood Falls, Minn.) were named to the all-conference team: senior forward Kelly Candal (Plymouth, Minn.), junior forward Scott Burchardt (St. Louis Park, Minn.), sophomore forward Jenny Pusch (Minneapolis), and sophomore forward Pat Rice (Minneapolis). The Gusties, as he placed 19th in the freestyle race and 24th in the classic race.

Women’s Basketball – The Gustavus women’s basketball team placed second in the MIAC regular-season standings with a record of 18–4. The Gusties earned the #2 seed in the MIAC post-season tournament and advanced to the championship game before falling to St. Ben’s 56–54. Coach Mickey Haller’s squad received a bid to the NCAA tournament, but lost to host George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., in the first round by the score of 61–47. Senior post Bri Monahan (Hutchinson, Minn.) and junior guard Jess Vadnais (Hudson, Wis.) were both named to the all-conference team. Both Monahan and Vadnais reached significant milestones during the season: Monahan became the program’s all-time leading scorer (1,466 points), while Vadnais scored her 1,000th career point.

Men’s Nordic Skiing – The Gustavus men’s nordic ski team wrapped up its season with a sixth-place finish out of ten teams at the Central Collegiate Ski Association Regional meet in Ishpeming, Mich. Junior Kevin Patsold (Grand Rapids, Minn.) was the top finisher for the Gusties, as he placed 19th in the freestyle race and 24th in the classic race.

Women’s Nordic Skiing – The Gustavus women’s nordic ski team wrapped up its season with a fourth-place finish out of 11 teams at the Central Collegiate Ski Association Regional meet in Ishpeming.

Sports notes

Rock star

Gustavus has a national champion in its own kitchen. Literally. Kevin Birr, assistant catering manager in the Gustavus Dining Service and also assistant director of summer programs for the College, is a member of the four-man team that won the 2007 U.S. Curling Association’s (USCA) men’s national championship on Feb. 24 in Utica, N.Y., and qualified to represent the United States at the world championships during the first week in April in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

“We had made the National Final Four three of the past four years and had continued to improve every year,” says Birr. Nevertheless, winning the national championship is a significant leap for Team Birr, which is “skipped” by Kevin’s brother, Todd. “For one thing, the USCA provides funding to allow the national team—us—to travel to where the best teams in the world are,” Birr notes, “and we now have coaches.”

In the moments following their win in Utica, Birr and his teammates were lined up for photos and a barrage of clipboards holding forms to be signed. “We hardly knew what we were signing,” Birr recalls, “but among other things they authorized the USCA to fly them to practice facilities and meets around the world.

Curling, a sport that originated in Scotland, is played on a rectangular sheet of ice, on which two teams alternately slide large “rocks” (about 42 lbs. each) toward a target area known as the “house.” Sweepers brush the ice ahead of the moving rock to subtly change its direction and speed, attempting to place it closer to the center of the target area than their opponent’s rock or to knock their opponent’s rock away.

Curling may have a limited following in the United States, but Birr notes that it is a big draw in many northern countries. More than
200,000 tickets were sold for the week-long world championships, which were held in the NHL Edmonton Oilers’ hockey stadium in front of 10,000–15,000 fans per contest.

At their first world championship representing the United States, Team Birr took home a bronze medal after upsetting eventual gold medalist Canada in pool play early in the week.

Birr and his teammates now have their sights set on training for the U.S. Olympic trials in 2009. The 2009 USCA national champions will represent the United States at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Women's Basketball

Gustavus junior guard Jess Vadnais (Hudson, Wis.) has been named the 2006–07 MIAC Player of the Year by the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women’s basketball coaches. She is the first Gustavus women’s basketball player to receive MIAC Player of the Year honors.

Vadnais led the conference in scoring with an average of 18.9 points per game and broke the school record for points in a season with 523. She also shattered the school record for free throws made in a season with 169 (the previous mark was 103) and tied the record for three-point field goals made with 62. Vadnais finished second in NCAA Division III in free throws made (169) and sixth in free throw percentage (89.9%).

In addition to being named the MIAC Player of the Year, Vadnais was a Kodak/WBCA First Team All-America selection, a d3hoops.com Second Team All-America selection, and a DIII News Second Team All-America selection. She enters her senior season needing just 223 points to become the program’s all-time leading scorer.

Vadnais helped the Gusties post a mark of 22–6 this season and earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

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Mich. First-year Brynden Manbeck (Grand Rapids, Minn.) was the Gusties’ top finisher in the freestyle race as she placed 15th. Junior Sarah Willis (Willmar, Minn.) led the team in the classic race with a 12th-place finish. Willis, junior Laura Edlund (Forest Lake, Minn.), and sophomore Kelly Chaudoin (Ely, Minn.) just missed qualifying for the NCAA championships.

Men’s Swimming and Diving – The Gustavus men’s swimming and diving team came up five points short of posting its sixth consecutive MIAC title as St. Olaf claimed top honors in the closest finish in the 77-year history of the MIAC swimming championships (843.5 to 838.5). Individual champions for the Gusties included sophomore Matt Stewart (Burnsville, Minn.) in the 200 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, senior Scott Hagemeyer (Willmar, Minn.) in the 50 and 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, senior Brian Amundson (Blaine, Minn.) in the 100 freestyle, and first-year Skyler Davis (Palatine, Ill.) in the 1,650 freestyle. Coach Jon ’88 Carlson’s squad also won the 200, 400, and 800 freestyle relays. Swimmers earning all-conference honors included Stewart, Hagemeyer, Amundson, Davis, junior Ben Hanson (Minnetonka, Minn.), junior Jonah Winter (Park Rapids, Minn.), Junior Connor Ziegler (Sauk Rapids, Minn.), sophomore Billy Cuevas (Woodbury, Minn.), and senior Josh Waylander (Montevideo, Minn.).

Women’s Swimming and Diving Team – The Gustavus women’s swimming team claimed its third MIAC championship in the past six years in convincing fashion over St. Olaf. Individual champions for the Gusties included first-year Carrie Gundersen (Minnetonka, Minn.) in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle, first-year Sarah Koep (Burnsville, Minn.) in the 100 breaststroke, first-year Christi O’Connor (Great Falls, Mont.) in the 200 backstroke, and sophomore Erica Hickey (Great Falls, Mont.) in the 200 butterfly. Coach Jon ’88 Carlson’s squad also posted first-place finishes in the 200 and 400 medley relays. Swimmers earning all-conference honors included Gundersen, Koep, Hickey, senior Yoshi Ludwig (St. Peter, Minn.), junior Sara Pfau (Bismarck, N.D.), first-year Jonna Berry (Hastings, Minn.), first-year Maggie Hansvick (Litchfield, Minn.), junior Maggie Luke (Stillwater, Minn.), and senior Laura Watkins (Fargo, N.D.). The Gusties finished the season with a 30th-place finish at the NCAA championships in Houston, Texas. Members of the team who participated in the national meet were Gundersen, Koep, O’Connor, Pfau, Ludwig, and first-year Janae Piehl (Hutchinson, Minn.).

Gymnastics – The Gustavus gymnastics team completed its season with a seventh-place finish at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) West Region meet, held in La Crosse, Wis. The Gusties were led at the region meet by senior Brittany Moore (Plymouth, Minn.), who placed second on the vault with a score of 9.55. Moore qualified for the NCGA championships along with teammates Nicole Gergen (sr., Hastings, Minn.), Christine Askham (soph., Arvada, Colo.), and Laura Hansen (soph., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.). Gergen was the top finisher at the national meet as she earned second-team All-America honors with a 12th-place finish on the balance beam.

Men’s Indoor Track and Field – The Gustavus men’s indoor track and field team placed sixth at the MIAC championships, which were held at St. Olaf in early March. Individual champions for the Gusties included junior Andy Klaers (Loretto, Minn.) in the 35-pound weight throw and sophomore Tyler Geyen (Delano, Minn.) in the 55-
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meter hurdles. Klaers, Geyen, junior Ben Treichel (Webster, Wis.; 400 meters), and junior Drew Hood (Mankato, Minn.; heptathlon) earned all-conference honors by virtue of finishing in the top three. Klaers qualified for the NCAA championships, which were held at Rose-Hulman University in Terre Haute, Ind. He placed fourth there in the weight throw with a throw of 58’8” and earned All-America honors by finishing in the top eight.

Women’s Indoor Track and Field – The Gustavus women’s indoor track and field team placed ninth at the MIAC championships, held at St. Olaf in early March. Senior Janma Castellano (Blaine, Minn.) was the lone individual-event champion for the Gusties as she won the pole vault with a conference and school record effort of 12’2”. Castellano, junior Shannah Dawson (Fairmont, Minn.; pole vault), senior Kelsey Becker (Burnsville, Minn.; 4x200 relay), junior Sari Lindeman (Cannon Falls, Minn.; 4x200 relay), sophomore Linda Kanne (Franklin, Minn.; 4x200 relay), and junior Funto Okanla (St. Paul; 4x200 relay) all earned all-conference honors by finishing in the top three in their event. Castellano qualified for the NCAA championships, which were held at Rose-Hulman University in Terre Haute, Ind. There she placed fourth in the pole vault at a school-record height of 12’3-1/2” and earned All-America honors by finishing in the top eight.

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Gusties help USA National Bandy Team to B-Pool gold medal in Russia

Gustavus senior biology major Erik Kraska, former standout goaltender on the men’s varsity hockey team from Plymouth, Minn., was the goaltending anchor for the USA National Bandy Team that won its second consecutive B-Pool Gold Medal Championship at the 2007 World Bandy Championships in Kemerovo, Russia, January 26–February 6, 2007. Also on the current USA National Team is Gustavus junior Scott Arundel, who has been studying abroad this year in Uppsala, Sweden, and playing with a first-tier bandy team there.

The USA team swept the round robin, defeating Holland, Mongolia, Hungary, Estonia, and Latvia and outscoring the opposition 51–5 despite having an unprecedented five rookies making their international debut, including fullback Arundel and goalkeeper Kraska. For the tournament, the USA team finished 7–1 and earned the respect of the bandy world for their speed, creative style, and sportsmanship.

The city of Kemerovo, located in the remote Kuzbass region of Siberia, had spent the entire last year planning this tournament, and the USA players were stunned by the enthusiasm of the fans. As the USA team rolled up victories, they were mobbed everywhere for autographs and had a police escort everywhere they went. Rookie keeper Kraska quickly became a crowd and media favorite. There were bandy posters and flags from all the participating countries everywhere in the city, and the TV, radio, and newspaper coverage was nonstop. More than 30,000 people attended the Russia–Norway opener, which was played in sub-zero weather in the larger of the city’s two outdoor stadiums. The stadium’s huge new color Jumbotron allowed instant replay action and crowd shots.

In 2004 the Federation of International Bandy fulfilled the requirements of the International Olympic Committee for bandy to be recognized as an Olympic sport, and the forecast is that it will be an official venue for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada.
Men’s swimming team finishes fifth at NCAA championships

The Gustavus men’s swimming and diving team placed fifth at the NCAA championships, held March 15–17 in Houston, Texas. The Gusties scored a school-record 225 points at the national meet and posted the highest finish in the program’s history. Six swimmers earned All-America honors including sophomore Matt Stewart (Burnsville, Minn.), senior Scott Hagemeyer (Willmar, Minn.), junior Ben Hanson (Minnetonka, Minn.), senior Brian Amundson (Blaine, Minn.), first-year Skylar Davis (Palatine, Ill.), and sophomore Billy Cuevas (Woodbury, Minn.).

Stewart led the Gusties as he finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:39.21), third in the 500 freestyle (4:29.15), and fifth in the 200 butterfly (1:50.87). Stewart’s times in the 200 free, the 500 free, and the 200 fly were all new school and all-time MIAC records. Seniors Scott Hagemeyer and Brian Amundson closed out their careers in style as Hagemeyer placed seventh in the 100 backstroke, ninth in the 50 freestyle, and eleventh in the 100 freestyle and Amundson placed sixth in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 100 freestyle.

Hagemeyer completed his career as the most decorated swimmer in the history of the program. During his standout four-year career, Hagemeyer earned all-conference distinction 21 times and All-America honors 13 times.

In the relays, the Gusties placed three teams in the top eight, including the 200 free relay, which finished sixth (Amundson, Hagemeyer, Hanson, and Stewart); the 400 free relay, which finished third (Stewart, Hanson, Amundson, Hagemeyer); and the 800 free relay, which finished sixth (Stewart, Cuevas, Amundson, Hanson).

The Gustavus women’s swimming and diving team used overall team depth to pull away from favorite St. Olaf on the final day and win the 2007 MIAC Women’s Swimming and Diving Championship. The title was the program’s first since 2004, but the third in the past six years. Gustavus outscored the second-place Oles 789 to 634. The meet was held at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center in Minneapolis.
A century of banking, a testament to the liberal arts

by Teresa Harland ’94

The Klein family—including brothers Dan ’70, Jim ’71, and Alan—is celebrating 100 years in banking this year. Three generations of the family have been involved in community banking in Minnesota.

The Kleins’ forebears immigrated to the United States from Germany, traveling up the Mississippi to Minnesota and eventually settling in the Chaska area. In 1907 the brothers’ great uncle, C.H. Klein, a school teacher and state senator, purchased controlling interest in the First National Bank of Chaska. One hundred years later, KleinBank is the second largest family-owned state bank in Minnesota, with over $1.2 billion in assets.

Banking institutions saw their share of hard times during the 1920s and ’30s. Many banks were forced to close their doors due to the stock market crash in 1929 and the ensuing Depression. But not one of the Klein banks dissolved during that time. Because of this reputation, community leaders of Montevideo and Madison, Minn., whose banks had failed, approached the Klein family to take over their banks. The Kleins have stayed true to their communities, now serving customers in 19 locations across Minnesota.

The Klein ties to Gustavus began in 1938 when George Klein, C.H. Klein’s nephew, attended the College. George graduated in 1942 and after graduation began work at the State Bank of Cologne. George’s career spanned 37 years. During this time, he was chairman of the board of seven banks as well as six independent insurance agencies and was president of three family-owned companies, all related to the building materials business. George also was extremely active in civic affairs; upon his death in 1979, the Chaska Rotary established a “Service Above Self” award in his memory that continues to this day.
Sons Dan, Jim, and Alan followed in George Klein’s footsteps in many ways. Because their father attended Gustavus, Dan felt a strong tie to Gustavus. He liked the idea of a liberal arts education and graduated from Gustavus in 1970. His brother Jim also attended Gustavus, graduating in 1971, and brother Alan graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1974.

“The banking industry is a combination of science and art,” states Dan Klein. “A liberal arts education provides a platform for thinking in this manner and those are the type of employees we want working for us. Values like integrity, excellence, teamwork, and innovation carry through from a family and college experience to a work environment.”

Teresa Harland ’94 is associate vice president for advancement at the College, with responsibilities for the Gustavus Fund, alumni relations, and advancement services.

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Gustavus Library Associates, celebrating its thirtieth year of nourishing student learning through its support of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College, presents

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**Saturday, October 27, 2007**

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Co-chairs Susan Wilcox, 952.944.5972, and Nacia Dahl, 952.808.3212, will welcome your call.
The music in their lives
a two-generation partnership with the College

The campus celebration on May 4 marking the College’s achievement of “All Steinway” status would have been a grand moment for Ethel Pehrson ’30. The dedicated piano teacher, who taught on the Gustavus faculty from 1950 to 1976, died on Oct. 31, 2006, in Los Angeles, but not before learning that her college had earned the coveted status as it has made a concerted effort in the past few years to upgrade its pianos for teaching and performance. She had provided a significant gift to assist the College in procuring Steinway pianos, which are considered by serious musicians to be among the world’s best. Only 66 colleges, universities, and conservatories around the world have earned “All Steinway” recognition, which requires that at least 90 percent of an institution’s instruments be of Steinway manufacture.

But Ethel Pehrson’s story encompasses much more than pianos in the music department, although that was certainly dear to her. Her relationship to Gustavus Adolphus College actually spans more than a century and a great number of interests.

Ethel’s mother, Ella Peterson Pehrson, was an 1895 graduate of the College who joined the Music Conservatory faculty in 1897 and taught piano for 38 years (1897–1901 and 1913–1947). She raised three children as a single parent and sent them all in turn to Gustavus—Bertil ’25, Ethel ’30, and Helen ’33. Ethel followed in her mother’s profession; after earning her B.A. in music, she taught public school music and gave private piano lessons from 1930 to 1947. She pursued advanced study, earning an M.M. degree in piano from the University of Michigan in 1949 and studying with Frank Mannheimer, Guy Maier, Joanna Graudan, and Dimitri Mitropoulos. In 1950 she joined the music faculty at her alma mater, where she taught piano for 26 years until her retirement in 1976.

Ethel’s interest in the students seeking an education at Gustavus did not flag in her retirement years. She kept in touch with a number of her students, including Bill Holm ’65, Nancy Hanson Nash ’70, and Christine Bendell Hutton ’70. Development officers recall that she was always asking about the needs of the College, and not just in the music area. In addition to her gifts to the piano fund and to the Class of 1920 String Instrument Scholarship, she contributed major gifts to underwrite a curatorial studio and secure collections room in the Hillstrom Museum of Art, the office of the Department of Political Science in the renovated Old Main, and the Diversity Center in the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center. She also provided significant gifts for the endowment of the Pehrson Chair in Education (named in honor of her brother, Bertil, and his wife, Grace) and to the tree replacement project of the Building a Greater Gustavus campaign, following the tornadoes of 1998.

In 1975 friends and family of Ella Pehrson provided funds to place a Paul Granlund sculpture in the lobby of Jussi Björling Recital Hall as a memorial to her. Sonata, named for Ella’s favorite composition, Beethoven’s Piano Sonata in C sharp minor (familiarly known as the “Moonlight Sonata”), was created by Granlund in memory of Ella and stands today as a tribute to both of the Pehrson’s and their long association with Gustavus.

Does your legacy include Gustavus?
Your legacy gift can help
“Give the Gift of Gustavus to Students for Generations.”
An attorney or financial planner can help you leave your legacy using the following:
“I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give and bequeath to Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, [percentage of estate, specific amount, or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose [or specify purpose].”
For ideas, visit the Gustavus website at www.gustavus.edu, clicking on “Giving to Gustavus” and then “Planned (and Estate) Giving Resources.”
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former students lifelong relationships
with Gustavus and with each other
to enable alumni to actively advance
and engage in the mission of the
College.

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A classic painting
Classics major Lili Payne ’03, Minneapolis, returned to the campus in January 2007
to work a little magic in the renovated Old Main office suite of the Department of
Classics. Visitors to the offices of the department’s faculty now have no doubt that
they’re in the right place when they encounter this mural of the Parthenon upon
entering the suite. Payne, pictured here in front of her contribution to the
department, has been working as a scenic painter for Macy’s Eighth-Floor Auditorium
Special Events in downtown Minneapolis. In her free time she is painting murals and
fine art commissions and designing and building Web pages. See more on her
An inclusive list of four “Gustavus Century Club” members:

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Johnson joins Gustavus Century Club
On May 6, 2006, Pearl Johnson ‘28, Minneapolis, celebrated her 100th birthday and received a certificate from Gustavus welcoming her into the Century Club, a very exclusive group! Johnson wrote to the Alumni Office and described Gustavus preparing her well for her teaching career, her enjoyment of meaningful and inspiring daily chapel services as a student, and making good friends with classmates and professors.

California this winter ■ Sally Henderson Provenzano, Florence, CO, retired as a counselor at Florence High School.

Class Agents:
57 Nancy Reiter Grimes, Clem and Marys Mattson Nelson
50th ANNIVERSARY May 25 & 26 2007
58 Owene Sammelson
59 Shirley Lundgren Kanne, Bloomington, enjoys golf and travel ■ Lenida Jeppson Sandahl, Stillwater, volunteers at Bethesda Hospital on the archives committee.
60 Class Agent: Dennis Johnson
61 Arlan Burmeister, Owatonna, traveled to Mexico, Arizona, and

Cross River arts patrons
Lee Jaenson Zopff ’52 (left) and Edna Granlund ’50 were among those who attended the “Tribute to Paul Granlund,” a special showing of sculptures created by Edna’s late husband, at the Cross River Heritage Center in Grand Marais, MN, last August.

DeRemee writes two books
Dick DeRemee ’55 has turned to philosophy and the written word since retiring from a medical career. He has recently published two books: The Mick-Rick Debates: Controversies in Contemporary Christianity is a series of debates between an Anglican priest, Michael Maasdorp (Mick), and a retired physician, DeRemee (Rick), conducted trans-Atlantic on the Internet. They highlight differences between liberal Christian theology and traditional conservative views. (For copies, visit www2.xlibris.com/bookstore/index.asp.) The metaphor of Time and the Mystery of Consciousness is that consciousness distinguishes humanity from all other animate species. This treatise examines a theory of its genesis and how consciousness is key to rational thinking, the arts, morality, and religion. (For copies, visit www.dorrancebookstore.com.)

DeRemee reports that the books should be available at the Book Mark in the near future.

Reunions2007
Classes of 1957 & 1962
and 50 Year Club
May 25 & 26, 2007
October 13 & 14, 2007: Homecoming & Family Weekend
Information will be included in class letters and on the alumni website at www.gustavus.edu/alumni; registration material will be sent to reunion classes.
Gustavus Alumni

Reunion Weekend 2007

Class of 1957 & 50 Year Club

Friday, May 25

9 a.m. Class of 1957 Golf Outing – Shoreland Country Club, St. Peter
1-7 p.m. Registration – C. Charles Jackson Campus Center
2:30 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall, O.J. Johnson Student Union
The Past, Present, and Future of Gustavus: Milt Bratstrom ’49 will present images from Gustavus’ past, and President Jim Peterson ’64 a college update and plans for the future.
4 p.m. Class of 1957 Memorial Service – Christ Chapel
4:30 p.m. 1957 Class Photos – Christ Chapel
5 p.m. 50 Year Club Dinner – Campus Center Banquet Rooms
5 p.m. Class of 1957 Reception – The Dive, O.J. Johnson Student Union
6 p.m. Class of 1957 Banquet – Alumni Hall
8 p.m. 1957 Post-Banquet Social – The Dive

Saturday, May 26

7-9 a.m. Breakfast available a la carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room
8:30 a.m. Registration – Jackson Campus Center
5:30 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall
Discover Our Natural World, with naturalist Jim Gilbert ’62
The greatest show on earth is just outside our back doors everywhere we look. This seminar will provide you with awareness to get the best seat in the house.
10 a.m. Refreshments and Conversation – Alumni Hall
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Heating Up: The Energy Debate, Jef Jeremiason, chair of the 2007 Nobel Conference, will address issues about climate change, declining oil reserves, and new and advancing technologies, some of which are being researched and implemented at Gustavus. Dr. Jeremiason will preview the 43rd Nobel Conference, to be held October 2 & 3, 2007.
11:30 a.m. Alumni Luncheon for 50 Year Club and 1957 – Campus Center Banquet Rooms
1 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall
The Woman of the House, Margaret Anderson Kelliher ’80, House Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives, will reflect on the past legislative session and discuss future challenges for the State of Minnesota.
2 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall
The Iceman: Gene Sandvig ’57 will discuss the evolution of world-class speed skating from his perspective as an Olympic speed skater in the ’50s to a referee and committee member today.
2:30 p.m. Self-guided Activities
Tour renovated Old Main, view the Hillstrom Museum of Art in the Jackson Campus Center, or take a walk on a self-guided Granlund sculpture tour (brochure at Registration Desk).
3:30 p.m. Vesper Service – Christ Chapel
4:30 p.m. President’s Reception – Evelyn Young Dining Room
5 p.m. Alumni Banquet – Evelyn Young Dining Room
Presentation of Greater Gustavus Award to Russ and Jan Ledin Michaletz ’74 ’74 and Distinguished Alumni Citations to Margaret Anderson Kelliher ’80, Paul Peterson ’94, and Magnus Ramstrom ’85.
8 p.m. Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concert – Christ Chapel
10 p.m. Candlelight Chapel Service – Christ Chapel

Sunday, May 27

7-9 a.m. Breakfast available a la carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room

Class of 1958 women meet in Stillwater and St. Peter

Last summer nearly 40 women from the Class of 1958 gathered in Stillwater to celebrate their 70th birthdays (top photo). Hearing of their planned reunion, President Jim Peterson ’64 asked if they had ever thought about coming back to campus for a gathering. He offered lunch in the President’s House and transportation from the Twin Cities, and several women from the class took him up on his offer and are pictured with him (bottom photo) in front of the President’s Home.

Columbia, MO, is a chemist at University of Missouri. Mike Manuel, Omaha, NE, is active in the Lions Club and spends winters in Arizona. Michael McGaffin, Warminster, PA, is president of HJM Direct. Correen Silseth Morrill, Spokane, WA, retired as a consultant in career and organization at Tactix. Vail Peterson Parsons, Eden Prairie, is a licensed school nurse in the St. Paul ISD. LouAnn Eckberg Reese, Shoreview, is retired organizer/accompanist for Incarnation Lutheran Church. Rosemary Eklund Saur, Pittsford, NY, retired as a faculty member at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology. Elwin Schubbe, Springfield, is working in sales/marketing for D Best Pasty. Sharon Peterson Silcocks, Whitehall, MT, is a real estate agent at Stelling Ranch and Land.
Reunion Weekend 2007
Class of 1962

Friday, May 25

9:00 a.m. Tennis Outing warm up and registration – Swanson Tennis Center

9:30 a.m. Tennis Doubles Rotation – Swanson Tennis Center

10 a.m. Golf Registration – Shoreland Country Club

10:30 a.m. Tee times start for golfers – Shoreland Country Club

11:30 a.m. Presentation by Steve Wilkinson – Ylven Lounge, Swanson Tennis Center. All classmates welcome

Noon Box Lunches – Ylven Lounge, Swanson Tennis Center

Noon Lunch on your own – Market Place, C. Charles Jackson Campus Center

1 - 7 p.m. Registration – Jackson Campus Center

1:30 p.m. Tour of selected campus sites (Lund Fitness Center, Carlson International Center Residence Hall). Meet outside the Book Mark in lower level of Jackson Campus Center

2 p.m. Tour of selected campus sites (Old Main, Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library). Meet outside the Book Mark in lower level of Jackson Campus Center

2:30 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall, O.J. Johnson Student Union

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8:30 a.m.- Registration – Jackson Campus Center

9 a.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall

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11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Program – Campus Center Banquet Rooms

1 p.m. Class Photo – Jackson Campus Center

1 p.m. Reunion Seminar – Alumni Hall

The Woman of the House: Margaret Anderson Kellicher ’90, House Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives, will reflect on the past legislative session and discuss future challenges for the State of Minnesota.

2 p.m. Chapel Service and Memorial for Deceased Classmates – Christ Chapel. Organist, Lou Ann Reese; choir conducted by Diane Kolander Loomer. Class photo taken in the chapel immediately after service.

3:30 p.m. Vesper Service – Christ Chapel

Conducted by Gustavus Chaplains’ Office; open to everyone

5:30 p.m. Cocktails, Dinner and Program – Best Western, Mankato

Sunday, May 27

7 - 9 a.m. Breakfast available a la carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room

Dianne Skalbeck Thunhorst, Ely, sings in the choir at Our Savior Lutheran in McAllen, TX, in the winter. Sandy Hendrickson Walls, Grand Rapids, MI, is director of nursing for the Kent County Health Department. Sandra Swenson Wise, Lake City, is assistant librarian for the Lake City Public Library.

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Bill Lahti, Paul Tillquist
e-mail: 1963classagent@gustavus.edu
Janet Bramsen Gerecke, Minnetonka, retired as secretary/treasurer at S&S Mini Warehouse, Inc.

Class Agents:
Linda Leonardson Hallinan, Joanna Carlson Swanson
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David Garms, Fairfax, VA, is an independent consultant. Sylvia Wilson Kittelson, Litchfield, retired as a first-grade teacher in the Litchfield ISD. Carol Gilbertson Lind, North Mankato, retired as a professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Mary Fahden McBrath, Prior Lake, splits time between Prior Lake, MN, South Carolina, and Mexico, and enjoys traveling, singing in the choir, yoga, and being a foster mother for the Humane Society. Valerie Donner Sechler, Spicer, is a self-employed piano teacher. Jean Kersten Youngerberg, Springfield, is a self-employed farmer.

Class Agents:
Bev Nordskog Heden, Elaine Buck Stenman
Bruce Dissell, Hibbing, retired as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. John Harbo, Baton Rouge, LA, retired as research entomologist at the USDA Honey Bee Breeding and Genetics Laboratory after 34 years of service with Agricultural Research Service. Colin Kivi, Walker, retired as a career corrections agent for the State of Minnesota. Mike Pearson, New Orleans, LA, is a professor of marketing at Loyola University. Charles Rodning, Semmes, AL, is professor in the surgery, anatomy, and physician assistant departments and chair of the surgery department at University of South Alabama.

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Ed Gustavson, Tulsa, OK, received the Great Spirit Award from the March of Dimes. Craig Halverson, Lake City, is owner of Touch of Class Interiors.

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Holiday birthday

Linda Lund Anderson ’59 (center) celebrated her birthday during the holiday season with friends and classmates, from left, Elaine Torrey Holmen ’59, Lois Madsen Allen ’59, Marcia Hedberg Wallin ’59, and Carol Johnson Heyl ’59.

Krouth Invitational Qualifiers

Eagle Ridge Country Club in Caledon, a former Iron Range stone quarry converted into a golf course, hosted the 2006 Bob Krouth Golf Invitational. A golf consulting firm managed the event while participants, pictured from left, golfed and shared on-course duties. Qualifying players included Jim Krouth ’61 (tee boxes), Doug Pritchard ’59 (sand traps and fitness trailer), Chuck Smith ’59 (water hazards), Jim Donicht ’60 (greens speed and pin placements), Doug Perkins ’61 (various rough heights), Arian Burmeister ’60 (mowing), and Bob Krouth (executive director). Proceeds from the tourney were given to Gustavus in honor of Lee Krouth, the late longtime coach, athletic trainer, and professor.
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Susan Early Bellke, Denver, CO, is a self-employed speech therapist. Mark Bennett, Sioux City, IA, is chief judge for the Northern District of Iowa. Becky Bingea, San Rafael, CA, is an assistant director of audiology at University of California. Dan Boxrud, Ham Lake, is a civil engineer for Short/Elliot/Hendrickson. Scott Bryngelson, New Brighton, is a pharmacist for Pharmerica. Karen Backels Carpenedo, Erie, PA, is a bookseller for Borders Books and Music. Grant Cyboron, Fair Haven, NJ, is a senior member of the engineering staff at AT&T Communications. Carol Coonrod Darrow, Prescott, AZ, is director/education for Primavera School, Inc. Nancy Thompson Davis, Gainesville, FL, is a nurse practitioner at Cardiology Associates of Gainesville. Daniel Engstrom, Burnsville, is an assistant county administrator for Hennepin County. Carla Gingold Feldhammer, Carbondale, IL, is admission and staff nurse at Hospice of Southern Illinois and duplex of the Zambian staff nurse at Hospice of Southern Carbondale, IL, is admission and charge of the local food bank. Gary Petersen, Wayzata, is in residential real estate sales for Coldwell Banker Burnet. Edward Peterson, Raleigh, NC, is an assistant service manager at Leith, Inc. Candace Rebelein Powell, Shalimar, FL, is a volunteer at the Junkyard Dog Gift ‘n Thrift. Arthur Raedeke, San Francisco, CA, is director of Versus Litigation Consulting. Mary Johnson Rialson, Tracy, teaches first grade at Park Side Elementary School. Dale Schulz, Wayzata, is owner/president of St. Specialty Foods. Kathy Steenberg Strong, Shoreview, is human resources manager at Boston Scientific. Roxey Swenson, Fort Dodge, IA, is a physical education instructor for the Fort Dodge School District. Cory Johnson Tate, Prior Lake, is a physical therapist for Institute for Athletic Medicine. Trudy Tolzmann Thomas, Mapleton, is on the nursing faculty at Minnesota State University. Kathy Veeby, St. Paul, is on the board of directors of the University of Northern Colorado. Kathy Steenberg Strong, Shoreview, is human resources manager at Boston Scientific. Roxey Swenson, Fort Dodge, IA, is a physical education instructor for the Fort Dodge School District.

Gustie nurses on Seattle Pacific faculty

Ruby Monson Englund ’64 (left) and Kathy Fitzsimmons ’75 both teach nursing at Seattle Pacific University. Ruby and Kathy were delighted to learn they were both Gustie nurses and enjoy recalling their days at Gustavus and the excellent education they received. Ruby teaches Basic Nursing and Nursing of Adults and will be retiring in June of 2007 after teaching for 39 years. Kathy is completing a doctoral in nursing education at the University of Northern Colorado.

Ruby also is the founding director of Nursing Camp, which she has led for seventeen years. High school students spend a week on the Seattle Pacific University campus during the summer observing nurses in area hospitals, learning basic nursing skills, and hearing presentations from experienced nurses. The camp was featured in the Summer 2004 issue of the Journal of Christian Nursing.

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Kathleen Talmo Engstrom, Burnsville, is a pediatric staff nurse at Shriner’s Hospital for Children. Marie Westerman Hero, Northfield, is a self-employed artist/weaver and recently received a State Arts Board grant for her weaving. She shows her work at galleries and teaches weaving workshops. Scott C. Johnson, Stillwater, is on the board of directors at Security State Bank of Marine.
Friends afloat

Last fall Cheryl Downey ’66, Santa Monica, CA (right), returned to Minnesota to celebrate her 40th anniversary reunion and visit her son, Christopher Bandasch ’09, a sophomore at Gustavus. She also enjoyed a boat outing with Susan Papin Peterson ’65 (left). Both were involved in theater as students and cast together in The Miracle Worker—Peterson in the role of Anne Sullivan and Downey as Helen Keller.

Former faculty member honored

Former psychology professor and staff psychologist Bill Lydecker (on staff 1965–1992) and his grandson Mitchel Favor were present at the new University Center at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Jan. 24 to unveil a sculpture in honor and memory of Lydecker’s late wife, former UWRF Chancellor Ann Favor Lydecker (also a former faculty member at Gustavus, in the education department 1968–87). Chancellor Lydecker, remembered as “the Students’ Chancellor,” was instrumental in gaining approval from the Wisconsin Building Commission and the Wisconsin Legislature to build the new center; she served UWRF from 2000 to 2004, before her untimely death in a car accident. The sculpture, titled The Singers, is the work of Paul Granlund ’52. Lydecker and his grandson are pictured with current UWRF chancellor Don Betz (right) at the unveiling ceremony.

Gustavus Alumni

has joined the law firm of Anthony Ostlund & Baer, PA, Minneapolis, where he continues to specialize in complex litigation ■ Ronald M. Nelson, Arden Hills, is chief financial officer at CHF Solutions, Inc. ■ Janet Hilton Peterson, Raleigh, NC, is accounting and finance manager at Thyssen Precision Forge ■ Deb Kruize Retzloff, Battle Lake, is employee health coordinator at Lake Region Healthcare Corp. ■ Louise Larson Riddle, Rapid City, SD, is a personnel assistant at Ridco ■ Mary Moore Schwab, West St. Paul, retired from teaching in the Wayzata ISD.

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administration at Hamline University. Paul Dye, Bainbridge Island, WA, is self-employed in home remodeling and restoration. Bruce Edwards, Westerville, OH, is chief executive officer for Exel Americas. Kim Ehritt, Whiting, VT, is director of constituent records at Middlebury College. Janet Soderling Erickson, Burnsville, is director of transformation ministries for Community of Hope Lutheran Church. Allan Fackler, Garland, TX, is a licensed practical/vocational nurse for Maxim Healthcare Services. Clayton Fosburgh, Las Vegas, NV, is controller at the Las Vegas Review Journal. Mark V. Fryklund, Edmond, OK, is a photojournalist at KOCO-TV. Karen Skalbeck George, San Diego, CA, is a teacher of NSH-SDC students in the South Bay Union School District. Gwen Lindell Glaeser, Charlotte, NC, is leasing associate for Cosland. Diane Peterson Hanson, Shoreview, teaches at Carver Elementary. Lynn Barnum Hanson, Eagan, is an administrative assistant for Eagan Hills Church. Peggy Dean Hillman, Reston, VA, teaches sixth grade in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Dennis Houck, Centennial, CO, is an executive vice president at Merchants Mortgage and Trust Corp. Bruce Johnson, Apple Valley, is a sergeant with the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office. Dorian Samskar Jordan, Appleton, WI, is on the board of the Classical Charter School Association. Marcia Skoglund Kunze, St. James, is an ECFA parent educator for the Murray County Central Schools. David Leak, Bloomington, is owner of Blue Rhino Studio. LuAnn Ward Lisell, Plano, TX, is owner/consultant for HR Solutions. Rick Lisell, Plano, TX, is project manager for General Electric Commercial Finance. Doug Livdahl, Napeville, IL, is EVP/Finance and administration for Clipper Group. Kim Hayday McConnell, Plymouth, is a physician at Gillette Children’s Specialty Health Care. Steve Meyer, Ashland, WI, is owner and veterinarian of Willow Animal Hospital. Wendy Quick Meyer, Heron Lake, is city administrator for City of Mountain Lake. Mike Milbrath, Minnetonka, is employed at SAP Americas. Brian Morris, Pine Island, is a mechanic for the Pine Island ISD. Jeffrey Murphy, Hermosa Beach, CA, is a senior consulting services manager at Sorenson Solutions. Joyce Thompson Nelson, Puyallup, WA, is controller for Valley Radiologists. Scott Nielson, Duluth, is a physician at Cloquet Hospital. Dean Nissen, Hutchinson, is a family physician at Hutchinson Medical Center P.A. Craig E. Peterson, Glendale, CA, is a senior engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Tim Puff, Anoka, is president of Computer Forum. Bruce Rannow, Hutchinson, is owner/chiropractor at Rannow Chiropractic Clinic. Rebecca Rathke, Washburn, WI, teaches physical education at Washburn Elementary School. Bruce Robb, Fort Myers, FL, is self-employed. Will Rossbach is co-owner of Rossbach Construction. Gall Johnson Rudberg, St. Paul, works at HealthPartners, Inc. Chris Ruser, Center City, is a systems analyst for Plastic Products Co., Inc. Jerry Ryan, Grand Forks, ND, is retired as a potato broker for Ryan Brothers, Inc. Nancy Clark Shaeffer, Plymouth, is director of admissions and marketing at Providence Academy. Boyd Sorenson, Plymouth, is co-owner of Multisource Manufacturing LLC.
Wunder Woman
Marketing magazine of Canada thinks it’s fair to say that Trish Haug.
Wheaton ’72 is the “queen of CRM.” Wheaton, president of Wunderman Canada, has transformed the agency from a traditional direct-marketing shop to a customer relationship management (CRM) powerhouse, which has more than tripled in size (to around 170 staffers) since she took the reins in 1998 and is now Canada’s largest and oldest relationship marketing agency.

Wunderman’s new business in the past two years includes the Royal Canadian Mint, Rogers Communications, Diageo, and BP, resulting in 40 percent growth in 2006 for the agency, whose clients also include Microsoft, Citibank, Diners Club, Wyeth, Ford, and Kraft. Wheaton credits the agency’s expertise in high-growth areas like digital and online marketing and CRM; meanwhile, the staff give kudos to their boss. Referring to the Rogers and Royal Mint accounts, Senior Vice President and Creative Director Brian Langerfield says, “Somehow we came out on top, and it’s because Trish has established herself as a fantastic leader when it comes to new business.”

A well-known industry figure appearing frequently in Canadian media, Wheaton has been board chair of the Canadian Marketing Association (CMA; 2004–05) and for the past 11 years the ence of the CMAs annual RSVP Awards ceremony, Canada’s largest marketing event. In 2000 she received the association’s Directors’ Choice Award for contributions to the evolution of Canadian marketing, and in 2006 she was named to Marketing magazine’s “Power List” comprising the 100 most influential people in Canadian communications and to Strategy magazine’s list of the top 25 “Canadian Wonder Women” in Canadian marketing.

Wheaton’s resume is a testament to liberal learning. Before joining Wunderman in 1985 as an account executive, Wheaton was head of direct marketing for Yale University Press, where she had also been assistant editor of the Yale Series of Younger Poets. She earned an M.A. in American studies from the University of Minnesota in 1977. And how many other marketing executives can drive a grain truck and speak Swahili? Wheaton grew up on a farm near Muhomora, where her first job was driving a grain truck during harvest. And her Swahili comes from her stint as a Peace Corps volunteer, teaching English in Kenya.

“I am really looking forward,” Wheaton says. “Even at 20 years with a company, I think there is still a lot to do . . . I think it can continue to evolve and grow as much as the past four to five years.”

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Judd Heitner, Eden Prairie, is a dentist for Prairie Dental Group.
John Hupepenbecker, Edina, is a dentist at Midway Dental Clinic.
Bruce D. Johnson, Madison Lake, is a project manager for Minnesota Elevator, Inc.
Josey Hardman Nielsen, Duluth, is an assistant professor at College of St. Scholastica.
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Jane Ogden Bercier, Oxford, MA, is employed at D’Connor, Maloney and Company.
Kelly Bevans, Brainerd, is owner of Brainerd Mobil.
Lindi Odell Bitter, Saline, MI, is employed by Behavior Consultants.
Jim Bjork, Chaska, is chief operating officer at Midway Dental Clinic.

Teaches in Ukraine
Cecilia Conklin Oberg ’68, St. Paul (center), teaches English as a second language at the Mississipi School in St. Paul and last summer taught at Donetsk Christian University in Donetsk, Ukraine. She is pictured here with some of her Ukrainian students.
As long as I’m needed

Bill Green ’72 is no longer a “temp.” On Feb. 13, 2007, the Minneapolis school board unanimously awarded the eight-year board member the job of Minneapolis school superintendent after an overwhelming show of public support. Green, a professor at Augsburg College, had been named interim superintendent last year in the aftermath of the forced resignation of the previous superintendent, Thandiwé Pebbles, who had been hired in 2004. He quipped that tumult and moved quickly “into the fire,” in the words of another board member, to seek out some of the district’s harshest critics and assure them that their views would be heard. He brought on academic and financial specialists to help steer the district toward marshaling its dwindling budget behind best academic practices for reaching failing students. When the board began to consider whether to conduct a national search for a permanent superintendent, they heard from advisory groups of parents and community meetings that their best candidate was already on the job.

Green assumes the job officially at a time when the district has shrunk to its smallest enrollment in more than 20 years—partly because of students moving to charter and suburban schools. The district has shown some progress in narrowing its racial achievement gap, but Green’s chief mandate will be to accelerate that pace to avoid further enrollment losses.

“I’m going to be here as long as I’m needed and as long as I have something to offer,” he says. “I know what needs to be done.”

Alumna introduces NYC students to Gustavus

Jamesetta Alexander Newland ’72, White Plains, NY, keeps herself busy enough as director of clinical practice and primary healthcare associate at the Lienhard School of Nursing at Pace University, where she also coordinates a Presidential Wellness Initiative. In addition, she is program director of a grant from the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration to deliver primary healthcare services to underserved and at-risk populations. And she has been serving as an external examiner for the Past Basic Family Nurse Practitioner Program affiliated with the University of Botswana at the Institute of Health Services in Gaborone, Republic of Botswana.

Nevertheless, Newland has taken time to introduce some promising high school seniors from New York City to higher education in the liberal arts in general and Gustavus Adolphus College in particular. In previous years she had recommended students to the Admission Office, but last March she accompanied four students to her alma mater to spend three days on campus participating in activities arranged by the Office of Admission, sitting in on classes, eating meals in the Dining Service, staying with student hosts in the residence halls, and attending the “Building Bridges” student-led diversity conference.

Newland’s volunteer effort is part of a larger strategic initiative by the Admission Office to involve alumni in recruitment, particularly in the recruitment of students of color. She is pictured with two of her charges at the College’s 2007 “Building Bridges” dinner.
Miller now Minister of Music and Worship

On Jan. 7, 2007, St. James Lutheran Church in Burnsville bestowed a new title upon Kelvin Miller ’73 to mark his 25th year as director of music at the church. Miller is now officially the “Minister of Worship and Music,” and he has a proclamation and a letter from the bishop of the ELCAl St. Paul Area Synod, Bishop Peter Rognes, to prove it. Both the Savage Pacer and the Burnsville & Lakeville Sun-Current ran feature stories to mark the congregation’s recognition of his milestone.

Miller has served as a choir director for some 35 years, first at Le Sueur United Church of Christ while he was Gustavus Adolphus College’s first fine arts programs coordinator, and for the past 28 years at St. James after he moved to the Twin Cities to become president of his own event-planning and promotion firm, Primarius Promotions, in Minneapolis. He took on the task of coordinating the whole music and worship program at St. James three years after he started directing the senior choir.

Today St. James has several musical groups that together provide a music ministry to the congregation: Cheshub, a children’s choir; Celebrate, for children through sixth grade; Genesis, for junior and senior high school students; Jubilation Ringers, a bell choir; Grace of Plenty, a vocal ensemble; Praise III, a contemporary vocal group; and a senior adult choir, which Miller himself still directs.

Along with its strong music program, St. James also organizes musical themes. Miller notes that, while many churches offer a traditional and a contemporary service each Sunday, his church decided to alternate traditional and contemporary weekends, with both services on a given Sunday incorporating the same theme. “That way, everyone gets everything,” he says, “and music becomes a unifier.” Congregation members have raved about the decision.

Not just involved in the audio experience at St. James, Miller has also developed special decoration schemes for the church. “If you can have significant, relevant enhancement during the seasons of the year,” he maintains, “it can make the worship setting more alive.”

Given his tenure as director and now minister of music, Miller has seen children grow up through the choirs and membership in his senior choir change dramatically. His longest-standing choir member is his own wife, Diane (Clark ’76), who has sung in his choir for 35 years. “It’s only the time of the week I get to direct her,” Miller jokes.

Yoshikawa, Tokyo, Japan, is an office worker at Tokyo Kasai-Sakain University. Nancy Taylor Zaliek, St. Peter, is executive director for the United Way of St. Peter.

Saline, MI, is president/consultant for Behavior Consultants. Carolyn DeWitt Carlson, Plymouth, teaches in the Robbinsdale School District.

Lisa Gault, St. Peter, is senior vice president of Nicollet County Bank; in March, for the 70th consecutive year, the bank was recognized with a Five-Star rating by BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation’s leading independent bank rating and research firm. Brenda Buttuff Johnson, Chatfield, is an economics and business information operations manager at St. Mary’s University and Rochester Community Technical College. Mark Lund, Burnsville, is an attorney at Paige J. Donnelly, Ltd.

Jim Mara, Woodbury, is health and human services planner for Hennepin County. Mark Prieve, Faribault, is a systems analyst at Electronic Data Systems. Susan Fox Prieve, Faribault, is a public health nurse for Rice County.

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Elaine Ito, Minneapolis, is a physical therapist at Hennepin Faculty Associates. Brenda Kolstad Kafka, Orontville, is controller at Hickory Tech. Chad Kelly, Plymouth, MN, left his job last year as chief marketing officer at Piper Jaffray Co. in Minneapolis and is raising up to $15 million for a private fund that will invest in lakefront property in northern Minnesota.

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Gary Guptill, Duluth, is pastor at Family of God Lutheran Church. Cathy Villars Harms, Apple Valley, is fund manager for Saint Paul Capital Fund. Ash Keswani, Mahometi, is vice president of surgical urology at Coloplast.

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Nelson named CHF CFO
Ronald M. Nelson ’73, Arden Hills, has been promoted to chief financial officer for CHF Solutions in Brooklyn Park, a privately held manufacturer of medical devices for cardiac care. He had been vice president of finance at CHF since June 2002. Nelson, a certified public accountant, has been a senior financial officer of several emerging-growth medical device companies throughout his career, which began at Deloitte & Touche.

Bend in the River Big Band celebrates 20th year
The mostly Gustie Bend in the River Big Band, is now in its 20th year of entertaining. The band released its second CD this spring and is booked for performances in the Twin Cities area this summer. Musicians in the group include: sax — Paul Rippe ’82, Becky Schmidt Welland ’88, Chuck Linderkamp ’88, Bruce Olson ’76, and Ed Johnson; trumpets — John Egnell ’78, Steve Truran ’87, Chris Sasaki ’86, Phil Belin ’82, and Mike Supple; trombones — Mark Mahwinkel ’80, Keith Nelson ’86, Alex Lindstrom ’99, and John Zschunk. Other include David Miller ’80 (piano), Ben Anderson ’88 (drums), Pete Karstad ’85 (bass), Laurie Rejzer (vocalist), and former Gustavus music instructor Bob Hallquist (director). The band’s schedule can be viewed at www.brbb.org.

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Jon Albrecht, Norwalk, CT, is dean of students and coach in the Norwalk Public Schools ■ Lori Tjoasaas Buegler, Maple Grove, works with communications at Lord of Life Lutheran Church ■ Kevin Cully, Alpharetta, GA, is owner of Cully Technologies and organized a conference this year around application development and database systems attracting speakers from 13 states ■ Gus Leonard, Marina, CA, is language lab coordinator at California State University, Monterey Bay ■ Melissa Stokes Lundquist, St. Paul, is working for the Angel Foundation ■ Tammy Pope Mootz, Crystal Lake,
In August 2006 four friends from the Class of 1978 gathered in St. Peter for their own reunion and stopped by the College sign at the College Avenue entrance. Although several had visited each other over the years, this was their first joint reunion all together since 1982. Their tour of the campus found many of their old haunts, but they also marveled at the many changes and improvements. Pictured from left are Julie Nielsen Reid, Karen Peterson Bauer, Lori Benson, and Barb Parks.

Hagberg publishes second book in series

Amy Hammond Hagberg, ’83, Buffalo, MN, has published the second book in her “How Do You Know He’s Real” series. Titled “How Do You Know He’s Real? God Unplugged,” Hagberg notes that the book is a collection of profound real-life journeys and dramatic encounters with the living God by young athletes and musicians. “Being famous doesn’t make celebrities’ lives perfect—they still struggle with the same issues that most young people deal with: insecurity, anger, peer pressure, addiction, and self-esteem.”

Massett, Red Wing, is community bank president at Associated Bank. Daley Norris Newville, Grand Rapids, is director of administrative services at Lake Country Power. Ingrid Nyholm-Lange, St. Paul, is a museum educator at the Minnesota Children’s Museum. Lisa Tollman Perblix, Elk River, is a computer learning consultant at Wells Fargo Services Company. Amy Schreiner Pucel, Wellesley, MA, is a stay-at-home mom. Paul Robelia, Orono, is a family medicine physician for Mayo Medical Center.

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Ill., teaches music/band/chorus at West Elementary School. Susan Swanson, Beloit, WI, was one of three faculty members at Beloit College granted tenure in 2007 and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Swanson, who earned her Ph.D. in hydrogeology from University of Wisconsin, teaches in the geology department at Beloit.
Friends celebrate Pojdl’s 50th in Switzerland

Last fall, five college friends of Pavel Pojdl met in Villars, Switzerland, to celebrate Pojdl’s 50th birthday. Pictured from left are Pavel Pojdl ’84, Uwe Kausch ’84, Mel Chez ’84, John Herbert ’84, Chuck Extrand ’84, and Steve Rupp ’84.

Hangin’ in Hawaii

Friends from the Class of 1987 have been getting together each summer since their graduation; they celebrated their 20th get-together in Hawaii in February. Pictured from left are Lisa Loppnow (honorary Gustie), Beth Stolberg, Tammy Noren Downing, and Christine Gustafson Fattore.
With a Warner Brothers movie release under his belt, Dean Hyers ’88 (right) applies filmmaking techniques to professional presence training with Gustie partner Pete Machalek ’89.

Training emotion and presence
Dean Hyers ’88 is a filmmaker and performance specialist skilled in coaching emotional management and authentic presence. His award-winning movie, Bill’s Gun Shop, was released on the Warner Brothers label last year, and he is now in development on a girls’ hockey movie slated for production in the winter of 2007. Meanwhile he continues to train executives, public speakers, professional women, police officers, and federal undercover agents in the art and science of emotional management and the silent language of presence.

Working on a movie while training professionally (through a company called SagePRESENCE, which he and fellow Gustie Pete Machalek ’89 formed in 2001) brings back all the craziness Hyers thought he’d escaped when his interactive media company, Digital Cafe, was acquired by Campbell Mithun Advertising in 1999.

“It’s a cool but difficult life,” Hyers says. “One day really captured it all: After a tradeshow, a presentation to an I.T. department, and four hours of training a group of rising women executives to leverage emotions powerfully at work, I caught half of a girls’ hockey tournament game as movie research and then left my wife and kids to go on stakeout with some undercover narcotics cops to prepare for our covert training this spring.”

As different as all these things sound, Hyers claims he does only one thing—“direct people to better performances and help them authentically align their feelings with their words as they try to live the stories they tell.” Learn more on his website, www.deannyahyers.com.

Promoted to assistant prisons director
Paul Laird ’88 has been promoted to assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for Industries, Education, and Vocational Training (IEVT), the division that develops education and training programs that provide inmates with the necessary skills to successfully reenter society. Laird, who started his Bureau career as a correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Phoenix in 1988, worked in positions of increasing responsibility in Los Angeles; Dublin, CA; Tucson, AZ; and Florence, CO, before being named warden of the Federal Correctional Complex at Coleman, FL, in 2002. In 2004 he was appointed senior deputy assistant director; Correctional Programs Division, Washington, DC.

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Carl Evenson, Lafayette, CO, is chief scientist at Elton Research Inc.
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Michael Gooderum, Buffalo, is a freelance movie script writer
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The Best Seat in the House
Margaret Anderson Kelliher ’90 was sworn in on January 3, 2007, as Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, becoming only the second woman to hold that position in state history. In this photo taken at the ceremony, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page administers the oath of office.

‘Mompreneur’
Amy Reinsch Saldanha ’92 was one of seven women featured in a January 28 St. Paul Pioneer Press article on “mompreneurs”—creative mothers who own their own businesses. According to the article, “Mothers of Invention,” an increasing number of women with children are leaving corporate jobs behind and opting instead for the increased flexibility of self-employment. Saldanha is the owner of Kiddiwampus, a children’s design store that she opened last year in Edina. She had been employed as a corporate attorney until the birth of her second child, when she decided to stay home. After four years, she wanted to get back to work, but this time at a job where she could put her family first. Leaving behind a corporate job can be difficult, the article cautions, because flexibility often comes at the expense of stability, but so for Saldanha’s experience has been positive. She says she works the same amount of hours a week as she did at her previous job, but she has more control over her work schedule, which equals more time spent with her children, who are 7, 4, and 3 years old.
Bronson named deputy commissioner of Minn. DHS
Christine Elieron Bronson ‘94, Eagan, has been named deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. In her new role she will oversee legislative activities as well as DHS budget and finance divisions and will continue to oversee Medicaid. Bronson joined the department in 2003 as director of policy development and was named Medicaid director in 2004. Prior to joining DHS, Bronson specialized in child welfare and youth issues at the National Center for Children in Poverty and worked for several years at the Minnesota Legislature. She holds a master’s degree in political theory from Columbia University.

Meet me in Melbourne
Dan Currell ‘94, St. Paul (right), is senior director at Corporate Executive Board. As his work takes him around the world, he often times contacts Gusties at various locations. While in Melbourne, Australia, in early December, Currell met with Erik Bowman ‘93 and Linda Kipling Whitaker ‘93, an Australian exchange student who now is employed by Qantas Airlines.

DeGrave edits book
Analisa Hackmann DeGrave ‘93, Eau Claire, WI, is the lead editor of Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Latin American Issues, a new addition to McGraw-Hill/Dushkin’s “Taking Sides” series. Contextualized by an issue summary and postscript, this debate-style textbook addresses an array of controversial topics via the presentation of yes and no readings that either support or reject each issue question, such as Is Democracy Threatened by Social Unrest and the Rise of Latin America’s Left? And Is the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAAs) Good for Latin America? DeGrave, an assistant professor of Spanish at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, also wrote the introductory essay to the textbook.

Swenson, Atwater, is a mental health practitioner at Woodland Centers.

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Andrew Lindberg, Farmington, is a manager at Met Life. Bryan McWhite, New Hope, is pastor for men’s and young adult ministries for Crystal Evangelical Free Church.

Jay Pettis, Minneapolis, is a chiropractor for Healing Touch Chiropractic in Eagan. Leah Fryer Reinhart, Cambridge, received a master’s degree in addiction studies from Hazelden Graduate School and is a mental health/chemical dependency social worker for Chicago County Human Services.

Anne Ageson Venable, Bellingham, WA, teaches at the Ferndale School District and is studying school counseling at Seattle Pacific University.

Cory Weinrich, Jacksonville, FL, is serving as the frontiers director for Youth With A Mission at its Jacksonville, FL, training center.

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Molly Brusman, St. Paul, is a child and adolescent mental health nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

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Jacob Cassidy, St. Paul, is a research assistant for the U.S. Senate.

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Coddington, Blaine, is a graduate student in civil engineering at University of Minnesota. Josh Cook, Sauk Rapids, teaches second grade in the Park Rapids Area Schools. Andrew Dahl, Edina, is an analyst for Benfield Group. Jon Dumps, Clayton, MO, is vicar at Lutheran Campus Ministry. Phillip Eckels, Denver, CO, is a medical scientist at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Jeffrey Eichten, Duluth, is a medical resident at Duluth Family Practice Center. Brian Emerick, Iowa City, IA, received a master’s degree in student development at University of Iowa and is a senior admission counselor at University of Iowa. Mark Flores, Lawrence, KS, is collections specialist, deficiency group, for Wells Fargo Auto Finance. Anne Freirose, Williston, VT, and Kristine Freirose celebrated a civil union on 8/12/06. Heidi Fryer, Posco, WA, teaches math and coaches gymnastics and track in the Kennecott ISD. Ali Fugleberg, Eden Prairie, is primary care clerkship coordinator at University of Minnesota. Josette Gables, Bloomington, is a business development consultant at Oracle. Tricia Gregerson, Burnsville, is an RN at Fairview Southdale Hospital. Melissa Vierling Grostyan, Maple Grove, is a legal administrative assistant at Avonon & Associates. Hope Grover, Burnsville, is a teacher, adviser, and co-director at EdVisions Coop and coaches at Macalaster College. Meghan Harney, Duluth, is a medical student at University of Minnesota. Pierce Harrington, St. Louis Park, teaches physical education in the Eden Prairie ISD. Jesse Harvey, Savage, is senior accountant for Ryan Companies, Inc. Josh Heiden, Rochester, is head tennis pro for Rochester Tennis Connection. Jeff Henrichsen, Grand Rapids, is owner/president of Grand Rapids Abstract Company, Inc. Brian Hobson, Hinckley, teaches music at Hinckley Elementary School. Lea Howard, Shoreview, is a health educator at HealthPartners. Jon Jennings, Lincoln, NE, is an actuarial analyst at Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. Hunter Jenzen, Waseca, is a deputy for the Waseca County Sheriff’s Office. Kerri Boucka Johannsen, Des Moines, IA, is an energy policy professional staff member for the Iowa Senate Agriculture Committee. Emily Johnson, Fargo, ND, is a hall director at North Dakota State University and completed a master’s degree in education leadership at North Dakota State University. Scott Jones, Mankato, received an MBA from Minnesota State University. Mankato. Christopher Kampa, Eagan, is a graduate student in business at University of St. Thomas. Allison Kramer, Naples, FL, is a physician’s assistant student at Nova Southeastern University. Ali Vollmer Krebs, Farmington, is a homemaker in the Kennewick ISD. Ben Leroy, Mankato, started a master’s program in horn performance at Minnesota State University. Mankato. Bob Logan, St. Louis Park, is enrollment director at Capella University. Beth S. Luegge, Shakopee, is a rehab therapist for Physicians Neck and Back Clinics. Angie Lundeau, Phoenix, AZ, is a victim advocate for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office. Matt Lunning, Omaha, NE, is a resident physician at University of Nebraska Medical Center. Michelle Maczka, Philadelphia, PA, is construction assistant for Habitat for Humanity-Philadelphia. Marie Desaulnier Miller, Fargo, ND, is a teaching assistant and graduate student in science education/biology at North Dakota State University. Paul Miller, Fargo, ND, received a master of divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and is an associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead. Logan Mitton, St. Paul, is a risk analyst at Valspar Corporation. Scott Morris, Minneapolis, is pursuing his MBA at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, and helping to start a non-governmental organization called Lift Kids, a group born out of the desire to realize a better future for the children living in communities in need. Andrew Mulder, St. Louis Park, is a medical student at University of Minnesota. Medical School. Katya Sedio Murray, St. Louis Park, is a senior program manager at Ryan Partnership. Alison Routh Nelson, Kerkhoven, is a kitchen designer for Menards. Anne Nelson, Paynesville, is an OB/labor and delivery nurse at Methodist Hospital. Julie Christenson Oachs, St. Paul, is a
Greetings from Eire
Dave and Tonya Johnson George ’96 ’96 took their Gustie spirit across the Atlantic to the “Emerald Isle” and had their photo taken overlooking the famous Cliffs of Moher.

Vohs receives U of M honors
Kathleen Vohs ’94, Minneapolis, was awarded the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, the University of Minnesota’s highest honor for assistant professors. The purpose of the professorship program is to nurture the careers of the most promising junior faculty members in order to strengthen the faculty for the future. This is only the second time in 20 years that a professor in the Carlson School of Management has been awarded this honor. Vohs is an assistant professor of marketing.

Solutions
Josh Peterson, St. Louis Park, is a home mortgage associate for Edward Jones Mortgage. Becky Potter, Eagan, is a purchasing agent at Tappe Construction. Sean Primley, Denver, CO, is a resident in urology at University of Colorado Hospital. Joy Reese, St. Peter, is an admission counselor at Gustavus. Joshua Rinas, Norwalk, CT, is vicar at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Robert Ryland, Minneapolis, is a special education teacher at Wayzata High School. David Shepley, Little Canada, is an equity analyst at Arbor Capital Management. Amy Sommer, Denver, CO, teaches Latin at Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village. Sara Sonnabend, Minneapolis, teaches middle school art in the Chicago Lakes BSD. Devan Spinelli, Edina, is a government consultant for Thomson West. Steve Stauff, Shakopee, is sales manager for Best Buy. Ben Swing, Duluth, is a computer programmer at Synchronon Voice and Video. Nick Taintor, Minneapolis, is an auditor at HLB Tautges Redpath. Shannon LeMay Tupy, New Prague, is an EBD teacher at New Prague Middle School and a graduate student in special education at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Tommy Valentini, Minneapolis, received a master’s of theological studies degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Tracy Vicory, Seattle, WA, is volunteer and events coordinator at Third Way Network. Chris Wagener, Hopkins, is director of youth ministries at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Laura Wagner is a first lieutenant, special forces for the U.S. Air Force. Nikki Lindstrom Warner, St. Paul, is senior staff specialist at Target Corporation. Bill Warner, St. Paul, is in sales at Warner’s Steillian. Ellen Zimmel, Minneapolis, is administrative assistant/metro impact for Church of the Open Door.

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Christine Anderson, New Hope, is owner, wedding floral designer at Christine’s Floral Touch. Megan Backer, Lilydale, graduated from University of Minnesota Law School and is a law clerk to the Hon. Bruce Wills at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Lonnie Ellis, Minneapolis, is director of social justice ministry at Church of St. Luke in St. Paul. Benjamin Marti, Nicollet, is artist-in-residence at the Morgan Creek Vineyards. Kelli Swanson Matzek, St. Paul, is assistant city planner for the City of Lake Elmo. Amanda Murphy, Burnsville, is a lab technician at General Mills. Katherine Nolan Nelson, Eden Prairie, is a graduate student in education at Hamline University. Jen Walter Odegard, Rosemount, is a nurse at Fairview Osboro Clinic. Melanie Poach, St. Louis Park, is gymnastics coach at Henry Sibley High School and was named “Coach of the Year” at the Classic Suburban and Section meets. Amanda Reiser, St. Louis Park, is an event planner for Jostens. Jill Sink, Minneapolis, is a dental student at University of Minnesota. Andy Sveen, Rapid City, SD, is a law clerk for Judge Karen E. Schreier with the U.S. District Court in the District of South Dakota. Jennifer Thingvold, Loretto, is a counter-terrorism analyst at EUROM. Jerry Washington, Philadelphia, PA, is a personal fitness consultant at Aquatics Fitness Center. Paul Wojahn, Minneapolis, is senior account representative for John B. Collins Associates.

Class Agents:
Amanda Frie, Guthrie Michael, Marie Nelson, Josh Williams

Megan Kaiser Barta, Medford, teaches first grade at Hartley Elementary. Julia Gleeman, Minneapolis, is a graduate student in architecture at University of Minnesota. Sarah Goodwin, Maple Grove, is an RN at Fairview Southdale Hospital. Kayla Thorson Jones, Mankato, is an administrative assistant for I&S Engineers & Architects, Inc. Katie Keltin, Northglenn, CO, is a nursing student at Regis University. Paul Richardson, Minneapolis, is an astrophysicist at NASA. Robin Stennes, Eagan, teaches ninth-grade English and theatre at Lake Junior High School in Woodbury. Maggie Stolp, Hopkins, is a graduate student in education at St. Mary’s University. Jenny Kilby Woyahn, Minneapolis, is a retail buyer for 5 Swans.

Class Agents:
Kevin Hansen, Liz Zappetto Lewis, Anne Michaleot, Becky Neitzke, Jessica Nelson, Anne Shipley

Marc Beckmann, Wake Forest, NC, is an analytical chemist for Glavo Smith Kline. Manal Elattir, Rabat, Morocco, is alumni coordinator for the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). Kristen Gupta, Minnetonka, is an account operations specialist at General Mills. Brady Kruusemark, Chaska, teaches band to 5th-12th graders at Central High School. Shalynn Lutz, St. Paul, is a veteran service representative at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Laura MacBride, Milwaukee, WI, is studying sociology at University of Wisconsin. Brooke Solberg McGuire, Mankato, teaches math and social studies in the Nicollet Public Schools. Emily Miller, Richfield, is international sales coordinator for Genmar Holdings, Inc. Gina Mueller, New London, is resource development/marketing coordinator for United Way of Kandiyohi County. Jenny Pearson, Excelsior, is an executive-in-training at Target Corp. Joe Peters, Fort Collins, CO, is a personal banker for Wells Fargo. Tasha Pike, Rochester, will be attending Mayo Medical School on the Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Scholarship. Lynnea Plotter, Gaylord, received a master’s degree in the pediatric nurse practitioner
program and is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Park Nicollet. Miriam Bullard Rauk, Minnetonka, is an RN at Methodist Hospital. Nathan Rauk, Minnetonka, is a business analyst for Thrivent Financial. Lynette Schwagerl, Beardsley, teaches in the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District. Ryan Taylor, Mankato, is owner of Prime Productions.

Class Agents:
Anders Edström, Matt Forbes, Jessica Olson, Katie Parks, Mollie Peterson, Matt Swenson

Stefanie Arndt, Mercer, WI, is assistant athletic trainer for College of St. Scholastica. Sara Boldt, Faribault, teaches physical education and coaches JV girls’ basketball at Wazyata High School. Eric Boyum is in medical school at Washington University. Brandon Darcy, Lake City, teaches band, choir and K-12 music at Campbell-Tintah Public School. Kelsey Gordon, Plymouth, received a degree in clinical exercise physiology and cardiac rehab from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Meagan Gore, Woodbury, is a staff accountant for Larson Allen. Justin Haagheim is in Argentina doing service work through a program of the ELCA. Erika Hitchcock, St. Paul, is working on a cardiac telemetry unit at United Hospital. Sally Johnson, Geneva, teaches elementary special education in New Richland with the NRHEG District. Tore Johnston, Eagan, is an analyst for Lockheed Martin Corporation. Gina Kilchenman, Bloomington, is sales and catering coordinator at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Amanda Kimmet, Chicago, IL, is working toward an M.Div. degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Katie Machowski, Shoreview, is a receptorist for Arthur Shuster, Inc. Andrea Nelson, Alexandria, is an athletic trainer for Alexandria Orthopedic Associates. Courtney Noeker is working in Panama with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Ann O’Dell, Baltimore, MD, is field manager for Cold Stone Creamery. Shelly Ohman, Clear Lake, is a staff accountant in the financial institutions group of Larson Allen. Christine Rasmussen, St. Peter, works at River Rock Coffee. Noelle Salmonson, Rice, is an adventure ocean youth staff member on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Monarch of the Seas. Andy Tschida is a geospatial analyst for Continental Mapping Consultants, Inc., in Sun Prairie, WI. Wade Wietgrefe, Cottage Grove, is studying city planning at University of Arizona. Nate Zilka, Bloomington, works at Behavioral Interventions Inc. providing case management of undocumented immigrants to the Department of Homeland Security.

Weddings
Gary Borchardt ’82 and Judy Borchardt, 2/28/07, Burnsville, MN.
Jeanne Johnson ’84 and Todd Hanson, 6/17/06, New London, WI.
Melissa Reinhardt ’93 and Brandon Weis, 12/13/05, San Diego, CA.
Todd Schwanke ’94 and Marsha Allen, 5/20/06, Milwaukee, WI.
Erin Cunningham ’95 and John Dueber, 8/4/06, Oakland, CA.
Suan Hanson ’95 and John McElwaine, 11/25/06, Washington, DC.
Markus Silpala ’95 and Tricia Silpala, Minneapolis, MN.
Rebecca Hoffman ’96 and James Lipson, 11/11/06, Tucson, AZ.
Kelly Laumann ’96 and Cole Crawford, 12/1/06, Saint Peter, MN.
Karen Daas ’97 and John Street, 1/22/07, San Antonio, TX.
Ann Hanson ’97 and Joseph Lininger, 1/6/07, Union Grove, WI.
Dan Elling ’99 and Sonya Sotak, 11/24/06, Alexandria, VA.
Allison Finkenbinder ’99 and Brent Crik, 1/1/06, Boulder, CO.

Joanna Josephson ’99 and Robert Roberg, 12/30/06, Fargo, ND.
Anne Aageson ’00 and Thomas Venable, 12/29/06, Bellingham, WA.
Amy Mertens ’00 and Michael Kowalski, 8/8/06, Marinette, WI.
Anna Rossing ’00 and Bernhard Zimmermann, 4/22/06, Eagan, MN.
Dawn Krabbenhoft ’01 and Mark Stapleton, Portland, ME.
Tracy Regenscheid ’01 and Edward Warn, 9/16/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Amada Thompson ’01 and Lucas Steier, 12/16/06, Fargo, ND.
Jason Tomalia ’01 and Victoria Low, 4/8/06, Ann Arbor, MI.
Cassandra Holst ’03 and Jeremy Truelove, 12/31/06, South Whitley, IN.
Pamela Mertens ’03 and David Shepley ’02, Little Canada, MN.
Jeff Severtson ’03 and Jeff Groves, 8/5/06, Denver, CO.
Travis Christensen ’04 and Tricia Klecker, 11/18/06, Mankato, MN.
Jennifer Kibby ’04 and Paul Wojahn ’03, 10/20/06, Minneapolis, MN.
Nicole Briggs ’05 and Marc Beckmann ’05, 1/5/07, Wake Forest, NC.
Galina Guneva ’05 and Chris Barnsley, 1/6/07, Sofia, Bulgaria.
Cassandra Krueger ’05 and Eric Drake, 11/11/06, White Bear Lake, MN.
Jody Morsching ’05 and Cory Hassel, Eagan, MN.
Kristine Paulsen ’05 and Joshua Ringen, 7/1/06, Mankato, MN.
Emily Beatty ’06 and Jason Hoeft, 11/25/06, New Ulm, MN.

Ebersole inducted into Principal Financial Group Hall of Fame
C. Scott Ebersole ’72, St. Cloud, a senior agent for Principal Financial Group, as been inducted into the Principal Financial Group Hall of Fame. Ebersole earned his induction by qualifying for numerous top clubs through the production of new business and maintaining and servicing existing clients. He is one of just 144 representatives in the 128-year history of The Principal to receive this distinction; he is also a qualifying and life member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MART).

Uppsala reunion
Last August, former Gustavus comptroller Anders Björing ’58 and Gustavus Professor of Scandinavian Studies Roland Thorstensson traveled to Sweden to follow the trail that the celebrated Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus took in 1732. Prior to the hike, Thorstensson spent time with several Gusties. Pictured from left are Daniel Lundberg ’98, Thorstensson, Rachel Willson-Broyles ’02, and Julia Paraskova ’99. Lundberg defended his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Uppsala in April 2006 and Paraskova is in graduate school at the same university. Willson-Broyles spent the summer in Sweden after receiving her graduate degree in Scandinavian studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Gusties complete off-road 31.6 mile marathon
Alumni hikers (from left) Luke Twelt ‘04, Brent Magnusson ‘05, James Sorensen ‘05, and Justin Scanlan ‘04 completed the 31.6-mile Jay Challenge Marathon in July 2006. The Jay Challenge Marathon, widely considered to be one of the most difficult off-road marathons in the country, takes place in Jay, VT. It consists of a climb up to Jay Peak, gaining more than 4,000 feet in elevation, followed by a rapid descent and multiple miles through rivers around the mountain. All were thrilled to see the finish line, as well as a dry pair of shoes, but agreed that they would be back again in the near future.

Births
Isabelle, to Jim Mara ‘83 and Kathy Mara, 7/14/06.
Catherine, to Jim Hicks ‘85 and Catherine Hicks, 12/29/05.
Twins, Sydney and Cecilia, to Eric Lindberg ‘85 and Samara Sanders, 11/18/06.
Wyatt, to Annie Bjerken-Janey ‘87 and David Janey, 4/25/06.
Ryan, by adoption from Guatemala, to Susan Roepke Gorka ‘87 and Scott Gorka, born 11/12/05, adopted 4/23/06.
Rachel, to Kristin Shover Lokkesmoe ‘87 and Darren Lokkesmoe, 1/24/07.
Christian, to Jay Scott ‘87 and Candi Scott, 1/23/06.
Lucy, to Jim Rogers ‘88 and Jennifer Rogers, 7/17/06.
Ashley, to Jean Eliaison ‘91 and Steven Tubbs, 4/27/06.
Sophia, to John Church ‘92 and Katie Church, 8/8/05.
Amalia, to Jennifer Stavrou Rodine ‘92 and Paul Rodine ‘92, 4/24/06.
Isabella, to Mark D. Severt ‘92 and Anita T. Severt, 1/8/07.
Annika, to Karin Lambberg Straazny ‘92 and Philipp Straazny, 12/26/06.
Isaac, to Ingrid Podnieks Yelkin ‘92 and Bruce Yelkin, 5/4/06.
Jadyn, to Melissa Young-Kruse ‘92 and Mark Kruse, 4/2/06.
Kelsey, to Mike Finstad ‘93 and Jodi Finstad, 11/23/06.
Eleanor, to Chris Gomez Schmidt ‘93 and Brad Schmidt ‘93, 11/23/06.
Claire, to Stephanie Morris Hendrikson ‘93 and Brad Hendrikson ‘92, 10/25/06.
Ava, to Dagmar Schmieder Meinders ‘93 and Dale Meinders, 6/16/06.
Lilyanna, to Bethany Johnson Nissen ‘93 and Brian Nissen, 9/17/06.
Mary, to Nicole Strusz-Mueller ‘93 and Bill Mueller, 9/13/06.
Callie, to Kristine Haukoos Voeltz ‘93 and Christopher Voeltz, 3/22/06.
Keenan, to Melissa Reinhardt Weis ‘93 and Brandon Weis, 2/23/07.
Jalynn, to Shannon Bauer ‘94 and Cynthia Bauer, 4/22/06.
Kiele, to John Jacobson ‘94 and Kristen Jacobson, 8/21/06.
Elizabeth, to Brian Schoeneberger ‘94 and Barbra Schoeneberger, 7/9/06.
Rachel, to Tony Yetzer ‘94 and Leslie Luther, 10/28/06.
Joshua, to Jodi Holley Hudson ‘93 and Jon Hudson.
Lydia, to Erin Lees Kraker ‘95 and Daniel Kraker, 4/29/06.
Nolan, to Jennifer Bevis Svatos ‘95 and Steve Svatos, 3/6/06.
Tucker, to Brandi Sharp Vieths ‘95 and Shawn Vieths, 9/9/06.
Elise, to Alec Walker ‘95 and Patricia Walker, 1/4/07.
Beckam, to Angie Silson DeCurtins ‘96 and Jeremy DeCurtins, 11/9/06.
Gavin, to Amy Klund Gerst ‘96 and Chris Gerst, 10/20/06.
Charles, to Nicole Wilkins Porter ‘96 and Steve Porter, 10/11/06.
Adeline, to Garr Rice ‘96 and Molly Rice, 11/3/06.
Aaron, to Adam Beduhn ‘97 and Elizabeth Beduhn, 1/25/07.
Sophia, to Prima Lundquist Boudreau ‘97 and Christopher Boudreau ‘98, 12/21/06.
Sari, to Jennifer Johnson Cords ‘97 and Matt Cords ‘97, 11/30/06.
Evelyn, to Alana Gustafson Erickson ‘97 and Jeffrey Erickson ‘93, 12/7/06.
Taciolo, to Koren Shelander Henry ‘97 and Brian Henry, 1/22/06.
Grant, to Alicia Johnson Manley ‘97 and Mel Manley, 2/12/07.
Hudson, to Tiffany Wild Mikolichke ‘97 and Brian Mikolichke, 1/14/07.
Addison, to Angie Dudeck Bowby ‘98 and Todd Bowby ‘98, 5/15/06.
Allison, to Mary Ann Dodd-Hermansen ‘98 and Joel Hermansen, 2/15/06.
Addison, to Nicole Miller Fettig ‘98 and Allan Fettig, 5/20/06.
Tobias, to Michelle Anderson Twalt ‘98 and Tyson Twalt ‘98, 9/18/06.
Anna, to Rachel Doppelhammer Yetzer ‘98 and David Yetzer, 11/14/07.
Meredith, to Melissa Cronin Kusilek ‘99 and Matthew Kusilek ‘98, 9/12/06.
Anna, to Andrea Kwanme Anderson ‘99 and Greg Anderson, 12/4/06.
Brooke, to Todd Brown ‘99 and Kristen Brown, 12/1/06.
Saylin, to Terri Chee ‘99 and David Howard ‘79, 10/26/06.
Wyatt, to Kadie Stone Davis '99 and John Davis '00, 2/2/07.

Iris, to Allison Finkenbinder '99 and Brent Crick, 9/11/06.

Kallyn, to Aaron Grove '99 and Breck Grove, 11/16/06.

Benjamin, to Crystal Laurvick O'Conor '99 and Aaron O’Conor, 11/8/06.

Annika, to Heather Magnus Rodning '99 and Patrick Rodning, 6/23/06.

Michael, to Katie Ryser Aafedt '00 and David Aafedt, 1/26/07.

Ephram, to Nicole Bemmels Carlson '00 and Corey Carlson '00, 1/25/07.

Aine, to Emily Brand-Cleary '00 and Kevin Cleary '00, 5/6/06.

Marin, to Jill Redebaugh Harvey '00 and Jesse Harvey '02, 10/14/06.

Vivian, to Janelle Roy Hatlevig '00 and Toby Hatlevig '97, 1/20/07.

Norah, to Kory Kath '00 and Melissa Kath, 10/25/06.

Wyatte, to Sarah Lang Moen '00 and Jesse Moen, 9/24/06.

Lucas, to Heidi Marshall Thompson '00 and Jeff Thompson '00, 7/11/06.

Jacob, to Megan Sherma Arnold '01 and Scott Arnold, 1/4/07.

Jack, to Amanda Erickson Feterl '01 and Michael Feterl, 9/28/06.

Zander, to Eric Haas '99 and Erin Haas '99, 11/14/06.

Olivia, to Sarah Miller Haukoos '01 and Brian Haukoos '00, 4/27/06.

Noah, to Heidi Fiederichs Herkel '01 and Andrew Herkel, 11/20/06.

Brayden, to Dana Prenn Hoof '01 and Daryl Hoof, 9/5/06.

Lukas, to Jessica Martin '01 and Matthew D. Johnson '00, 1/10/07.

Landon, to Jen Sather Olson '01 and Matthew Olson, 9/12/06.

Kylie, to Corene Laue Swansson '01 and Chris Swansson '99, 10/17/06.

Krayton, to Kate Reiman Bergstrom '02 and Brian Bergstrom '02, 1/13/07.

Layne, to Lisa FitzSimmons Davis '02 and Justin Davis, 11/25/06.

Aston, to Hunter Jenzen '02 and Kristy Jenzen, 11/29/06.

Linley, to Missy Mellema Johnson '02 and Trevor B. Johnson '02, 1/21/07.

Mason, to Leigh Kunelius King '02 and Randy King, 1/20/07.

Ava, to All Vollmer Krebs '02 and Tyler Krebs, 9/23/05.

Avery, to Matt McCabe '02 and Jennifer McCabe, 9/26/06.

Maddox, to Heidi Lindell Bracken '03 and Corey Bracken, 10/24/06.

Landon, to Jen Walter Odegard '03 and Barry Odegard, 12/24/06.

Maddox, to Heidi Lindell Bracken '03 and Corey Bracken, 10/24/06.

The next generation

Classmates and friends of the Class of 1999 gathered before the holidays with their families. Pictured front row from left are Holly Swanson Parks (with son Hudson), Marc Newell (son Parker), Brita Eriksson Williams (son Breckyn), and Rob Williams (son Jaelend). Back row are Heather Magnus Rodning (holding India Hiltner), and Ally Bardolph Hiltner (son Jude and daughter Semme). Not pictured but in attendance were Chris Parks and son Brodie, Nate Hiltner, and Patrick Rodning.

In Memoriam

Florence Jenson Bradford '31, Sunapee, NH, on January 6, 2007. She was a retired ESL teacher and is survived by her husband, John, and two sons.

Linnea Abrahamson Crowner '32, Alhambra, CA, on December 12, 2006. She was a retired ESL teacher for Laubach Literacy Center and is survived by three sons and two sisters, including Aina Abrahamson '35 and Dagmar Breck '38.

Stanley F. Sandquist '33, Maplewood, MN, on February 10, 2007. He was retired treasurer for John E. Blomquist Inc. and is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Charles Hinz '34, New Ulm, MN, on September 30, 2006. He was a retired dentist and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Vernon Oman '35, Willmar, MN, on January 1, 2007. He was a retired marine engineer for American Oil Company and is survived by three children including Nancy Ward '59.

Carl Thompson '35, Hendricks, MN, on September 25, 2006. He was a retired physician and is survived by his wife, Lillian, and two daughters.

Franklin C. Anderson '39, Owatonna, MN, on February 2, 2007. He was a retired physician and former medical director for Federated Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife, Sophie, three daughters, two sons including John '67 and Alan '72, and brother Bro '35.

Lucille Cohrs McClellan '40, Dovray, MN, on October 22, 2006. She was a retired teacher and is survived by her husband, John, and two sons.

Arthur "Batch" Johnson '41, White Bear Lake, MN, on August 16, 2006. He was professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Minnesota and served on the board of trustees at Gustavus. He is survived by his wife, Doreen (Borgstrom '42), daughter Mary Dee Hicks '75 (George '75), and three sons including Lee '68 and James '82 (Lori Yiker '82).

Muriel Puelston Lindberg '41, Groton, SD, and is survived by three sons including Nancy Ward '59.

Marvin Aafedt '42, Kennewick, WA, on February 9, 2007. He was a retired physician and is survived by his wife, Loris.

Dick Selvig '44, Albert Lea, MN, on October 6, 2006. He was a retired municipal judge and sports editor for the West Central Daily Tribune and devoted his life to the cares and needs of others struggling with alcoholism. He is survived by his wife, Elsa, one son, and two daughters.

Marilyn Eastlund Blackhurst '45, Medford, OR, on February 13, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Kent '47, two sons, two daughters, and brother Ken '51.

Robert Gove '46, Plymouth, MN, on April 9, 2007. He was a retired social studies teacher and football coach at Mound High School and is survived by his wife, Betty (Johnson '47), one daughter, and three sons including Nathan '85.

Deb Akerson '47, St. Petersburg, FL, on December 2, 2006. He was a retired attorney and is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Jacobson '49), two sons, and two daughters.
C. Harold Peterson ’47, Tucson, AZ, on April 2, 2007. He was a retired attorney for Soo Line Railroad and is survived by his wife, JoAnn (Peterson ’49), one son, and one daughter.

Jack Nelson ’48, Hot Springs, AR, on November 28, 2006. He was a retired chiropractor for St. Louis Place Clinic and is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and two children, including Linda ’73.

Betty Engebretson Holmquist ’49, Nekoosa, WI, on January 7, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Glen ’49, three daughters, and three sons including Michael ’75.

Geva Lou Rodelius Severinson ’50, Eden Prairie, MN, on March 17, 2007. She was retired appointment coordinator for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. She is survived by four children including Scott ’77 (Karen Erickson ’78), Gregg ’79, and Jayne Mundt ’81.

Gene Lampi ’51, Stillwater, MN, on August 30, 2006. He was a retired quality control manager/rocket scientist for Buckbee-Mears and is survived by his wife, Karen, and four daughters.

Laura Carlson Danielson ’52, Niceville, FL, on February 15, 2007. She is survived by her husband, James, two daughters, and sister Irene Moore ’50.

Donn W. Erickson ’52, Albuquerque, NM, on December 11, 2006. He was a retired meteorologist for the National Weather Service and is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, and one son.

James A. Nelson ’52, Palm Harbor, FL, on February 10, 2007. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Suzanne, three daughters, and two sons including Matthew ’80.

Bob Sotebeer ’57, Eagan, MN, on March 29, 2007. He was a retired salesman for Drummond American and is survived by his wife, Mardy (Dahlquist ’58), two sons, and one daughter.

Mark A. Embretson ’68, Brainerd, MN, on February 24, 2007. He was a retired physical education and health teacher and coach for Brainerd Schools and is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and two daughters including Jamie Lauinger ’97.

Greg Engwall ’72, Winthrop, MN, on April 16, 2007. He was a self-employed attorney and is survived by two sons, one daughter, his mother, and one sister.

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