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A portrait of Jim Peterson, the 14th president of Gustavus Adolphus College from 2003 to 2008. He is an older man with glasses, wearing a grey suit, a white shirt, and a green patterned tie. He is sitting in a chair with his hands clasped in his lap. The background is a wood-paneled wall with framed portraits.

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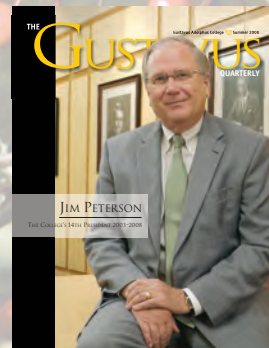
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## As the Quarterly went to press . . .

On April 25, 2008, the Board of Trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College elected **Jack R. Ohle** to be the College's 15th president. Ohle, currently the president of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, will take office July 1, 2008. For more information, visit [gustavus.edu](http://gustavus.edu).



# 'I Am Grateful . . .'

Stan Waldhauser '71



This is the last column I'll write for the *Quarterly*. With my retirement looming, it may not surprise you to hear that writing it has not been an easy task. I've started and stopped often, wondering what final message(s) to convey. Perhaps a summary of what advice I would leave for my successor? I decided that advice will go in an envelope I'll leave in the top desk drawer. Perhaps to reflect on the opportunities and challenges before our college? I'm actually going to have that conversation with the Board of Trustees and administrative leadership before I leave. I could opine on the near-term future of higher education in general. But, so many people have written so very many words on that topic. In my

opinion, more action would be better than more words in that regard anyway.

Instead, I wish to try simply to express my profound gratitude for all the gifts I have been given during my time here. These gifts have been many, and the closer I get to finishing my time on campus, the more obvious they become.

I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve my alma mater. How fortunate can one be to be entrusted to lead such a place? I am better for having been here. I trust that Gustavus is a better place because of my being here.

I am grateful for all of the truly extraordinary people who have surrounded me here, colleagues who welcomed me when I first arrived and those who joined me along the way. They have taught me, challenged me, buoyed and supported me, and in ways they may not even know, cared for me. I am convinced that there could be none better.

I am grateful for the other group of extraordinary people who have surrounded me here, the students. Gifted, spirited, caring, and engaged, they have given me great joy, and they continue to give me great hope for the future.

I am grateful for this home, my Gustavus and St. Peter home. Being apart from my wife and my "other home" in the Twin Cities has not always been easy. But a house on the edge of the arboretum, good people who have included me in their social circle, a lively campus community, and an extended community in St. Peter have made this a very good home for me and for Susan during her times on campus.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all kinds of "Gusties" and friends of Gustavus who care enough to support it and work on its behalf. All over the country and beyond, I have been warmly welcomed into hundreds of homes and offices to talk about Gustavus, its future and its needs. And I am especially thankful for the generous gifts to our college that may have resulted in part from those conversations.

I am grateful to my wife, Susan, for bearing with me the burden of living life apart from someone you love, and I'm grateful to my children and grandchildren for their understanding and support during these years of my stepping in and out of their lives.

I am grateful for the memory of Dr. John Kendall, without whose prodding, cajoling, and encouragement I would not have imagined considering this position. It was his letter, written shortly before his death, that ended with ". . . and in addition, Jim, sometimes it is good to think about giving back."

Finally, I am grateful to God for the gifts given to me that I could in turn share with this college at this point in its history. All together, I think we did pretty well.

Thanks be to God!

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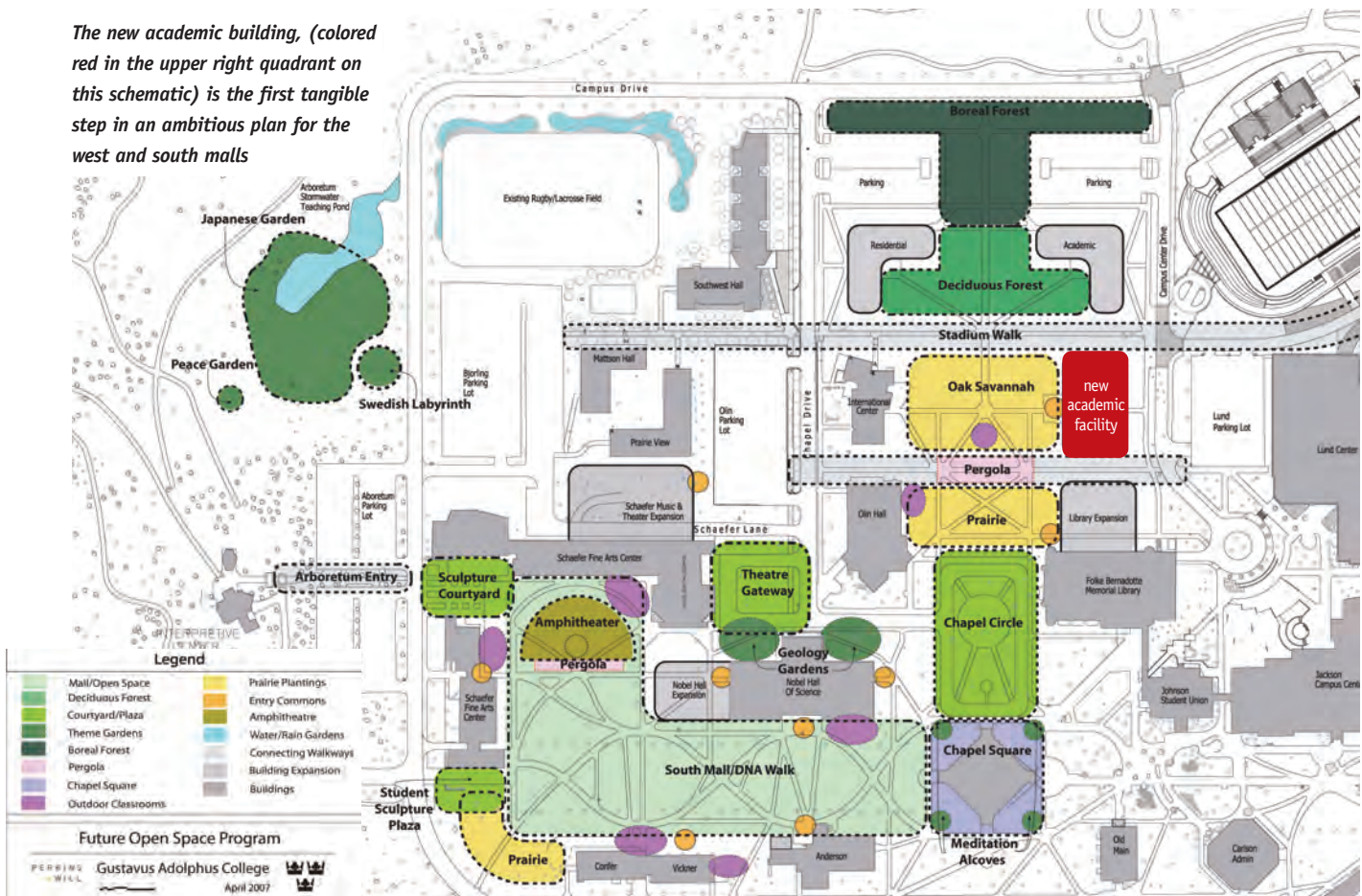
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## Architect hired for new academic facility

The new academic building, (colored red in the upper right quadrant on this schematic) is the first tangible step in an ambitious plan for the west and south malls



Gustavus Adolphus College has announced the hiring of BWBR Architects of St. Paul to design a new academic building for the College that will house the departments of Communication Studies, Economics and Management, History, Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology.

The announcement comes following presentations by selected finalists to a core com-

mittee of college officials comprising the provost, the director of the physical plant, the director of the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation, the vice president of finance, and a co-chair of the Kendall Center for Engaged Learning.

The new building will be built in the area west of Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library on the land that had been occupied by the old football sta-

dium. Early goals for the building include making it compatible with the College's focus on engaged learning and making it an environmentally friendly building.

"Sustainability has been a clear priority in the visioning sessions and the selection process," noted Warren Wunderlich, director of the physical plant. "Gustavus has

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## New academic facility

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made a commitment to be a leader in environmental stewardship.” The new building will not only demonstrate this commitment, but will be a springboard for further sustainable development on campus. While the College has generally practiced good stewardship, this will be its first intentionally sustainable building.

BWBR recently worked with the College on the design and construction of F.W. Olin Hall (1991) and the renovation and addition to the Alfred

Nobel Hall of Science (1996). The firm dates back to a solo architectural practice established in St. Paul in 1922 by Bill Ingemann, which was involved in campus building projects as early as 1928 (Uhler Hall and later Rundstrom and Wahlstrom). By the late 1950s, when the firm worked on plans for the food service addition to Johnson Student Union, its principals included Milton Bergstedt, Chuck Wahlberg, Lloyd Bergquist, and Fritz Rohkohl—whose names variously identified the practice until they adopted BWBR Architects in the late ’70s. 

# Briefly . . .

## International management major wins Fulbright

Senior Allison (Addie) Ryan has been granted a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2008–09 academic year. Ryan, a native of St. Paul, Minn., will take classes and research the effects of microfinance projects directed at women in Morocco. Ryan is the 12th Gustavus student since 1991 to be named a Fulbright scholar.

Ryan graduated from Gustavus this winter with a 3.9



Maat Thomas '00

**Addie Ryan '08**

grade point average, majoring in French and international management and minoring in peace studies. She became interested in Morocco through a Gustavus Economic Development and World Resources course taught by Professor Henry Hays. Her interest peaked when she took a trip to Morocco while studying abroad in France during the Spring Semester of her junior year. During her upcoming stay in Morocco, Ryan will learn Arabic and take courses at Dhar el Mehraz University in Fez.


Ryan credits both Hays and her French adviser, Laurent Déchery, for helping her with the Fulbright application process. Déchery is also the Fulbright adviser at Gustavus. “Laurent helped me get an early start on the application process last summer, and Henry helped me a lot with the topic of my research,” Ryan says. “Without help from both of them this wouldn’t have been possible.”

Ryan’s research focuses on “microfinancing,” the idea of providing banking and other financial services to the poor as a tool to reduce poverty. The movement has experienced increased popularity thanks in part

## Rwandan hero receives honorary degree

**P**aul Rusesabagina, the Rwandan who gained international fame when his heroic act of sheltering more than 1,200 people in the midst of a genocide became the basis for the Academy Award-nominated film *Hotel Rwanda*, was awarded an honorary degree by the faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College when he appeared on campus to address the 13th annual “Building Bridges” Conference on March 8.

Rusesabagina’s talk keynoted this year’s student-led conference, whose theme was “Genocide Awareness: How Will History Judge Us?” The conference also featured afternoon workshops: “Darfur: Have a Hand in Stopping Genocide,” “Healing the Wounds of Torture,” “Preventing Genocide,” and “Genocide in Your Back Yard.” Following the workshop sessions, volunteers packed food for Kids Against Hunger to be distributed in Africa.

Rusesabagina has been credited with saving 1,268 Tutsi civilians from slaughter by Hutu militias, who killed an estimated 800,000 people during the Rwandan genocide of 1994, when he offered them shelter at the Hotel des Mille Collines, where he was assistant manager. Asked why he put himself and his family at risk, defying death threats and blood-thirsty militiamen, he told a packed crowd in Christ Chapel on Saturday morning, “You don’t think about reasoning. You listen to your own conscience and do what you believe is the right thing.” 



Stacia Vogel

**Lectors Hank Toutain, dean of students (left), and Chaplain Rachel Larson adjust honorary degree recipient Paul Rusesabagina’s hood.**





to Muhammad Yunus—a 2006 Nobel Prize winner and founder of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. Ryan says that Yunus's model inspired her and gave her the idea for her research.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright program aims to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries, through the exchange of people, knowledge, and skills. The program sends approximately 1,100 American scholars and professionals per year to more than 130 countries, where they lecture and conduct research in a variety of academic and professional fields.

### Gusties lobby for state grant program at Capitol

by Mike Marcotte '08

A contingent of 55 Gustavus community members—students, alumni, and administrators—gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul on March 6 in support of Minnesota's State Grant Program, which provides financial aid assistance to low- and middle-income students and their families. The Gusties took the day off from class or work to provide voice to the need for maintaining or increasing the state grant program to provide access to higher education to all.

The grant program benefits college students at all higher education campuses across the state. At Gustavus more than one-fourth of the student body received a state grant for the 2007–08 school year. With each grant averaging more than \$3,500, the Minnesota grant program provides \$2.5 million to Gustavus students.

Day at the Capitol is an annual event coordinated by a ded-



Sen. David Hann '73 (R, Dist. 42 – Eden Prairie and Minnetonka) provided a well-received introduction to the Capitol and to the legislature's 2008 session agenda for the Gustavus delegation as the students prepared for a day of lobbying for the Minnesota State Grant program.

icated group of individuals on campus, including students and staff. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Private College Students (MAPCS), a student awareness group associated with the Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC). Campus support for the 2008 Gustie contingent came from Gustavus's Student Senate, the Department of Athletics, and the offices of Alumni Relations, College Relations, and the Dean of Students.

While at the Capitol, Gustavus students met privately with their legislators, were briefed on the grant program, and were given a crash course on lobbying. Sen. David Hann '73, greeted the students and gave them an update on what is going on at the Capitol this legislative session. The group also spoke with former State Representative Ruth Johnson '69 of St. Peter, who is currently serving as interim assistant dean of students at Gustavus.

Mike Marcotte '08 was co-president for the Gustavus Student Senate in 2007 and a

student coordinator for the 2008 Day at the Capitol event.

### Forensics team wins state championship, shines at AFA meet

The Gustavus Adolphus College forensics team placed first out of nine schools competing at the Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association (MCFA) State Championships held Feb. 16–17 on campus and then went on to achieve a second consecutive top-20 finish at the 31st annual American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET)—the nation's most competitive forensics meet—at the University of Texas at Austin in early April.

With multiple top-five finishers in every event but one at the MCFA tournament, Gusties placed 1st in eight of the twelve events, and 2-3 in three others. The team also claimed the Greg Lapanta Quality Award, which is awarded based on the number of points earned divided by the number of slots entered; Gustavus averaged 10.18 points per event entered.

For the second consecutive

year, both Minnesota representatives qualifying at the state championships for the prestigious Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest are from Gustavus: sophomores **Mary Cunningham** and **Emma Moreau** will represent Minnesota this year at the contest, which is the oldest annual speaking competition in the nation. (This also marks the fourth straight year that Gustavus will have a representative at the IOA National Contest, an unparalleled accomplishment among Minnesota colleges and universities. Gustavus has a remarkable record at the IOA contest, with more than 25 qualifiers dating back to 1913 and a number of top-five finishes, including national winners in 1953 and 1966.)

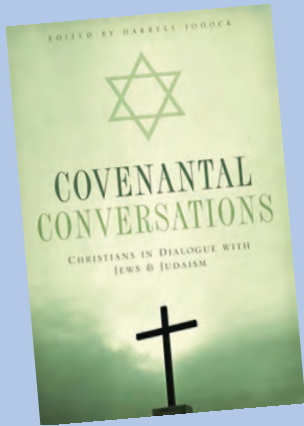
At the MCFA state meet, Gustavus won the overall team sweepstakes with 499 points (Minnesota State, Mankato was second with 397). Gusties took six of the top ten places in individual sweepstakes: **Emma Moreau** was 1st, **Mary Cunningham** 2nd, **Christopher Hunt** 5th, **Kavan Rogness** 6th,

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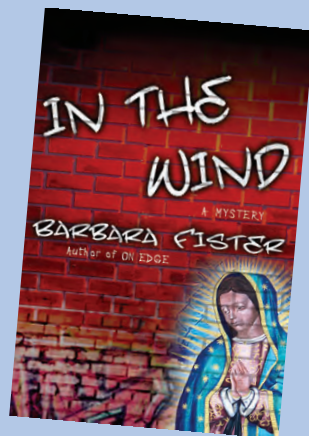


Bernhardson Professor of Lutheran Studies **Darrell Jodock** is the editor of *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism*, which was released in February 2008. The volume, which includes leading thinkers both Christian and Jewish, explores the shared theological framework, special historical relationship, and post-Holocaust developments and current trouble spots that define the Jewish-Christian relationship today. Talking points including "Covenants Old and

New," "Law and Gospel," "Healing the World and Mending the Soul," and "Jewish-Christian Relations in a Pluralistic World" help students, scholars, and Christians of all descriptions to understand the vital link and special promise that Jews and Christians share.

Jodock, Darrell, ed., *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2008, paperbound, \$22.00)

Librarian **Barbara Fister's** second mystery/thriller novel was released in April. *In the Wind* is the story of a Chicago cop who has lost her job after testifying against a fellow officer. When she gives a ride to a Latina church worker who turns out to be a federal fugitive and then agrees to investigate her situation, she is caught up in a dangerous tangle with the FBI, angry cops, and white supremacists all determined to bury the fugitive rather than find the truth. The plot draws thought-provoking parallels between the turbulent 1970s and the world in which we live today while providing an interesting perspective on the city of Chicago.



Fister, Barbara, *In the Wind* (New York: St. Martin's Minotaur, an imprint of Macmillan, 2008, hardcover, \$24.95)

## Briefly . . .

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**Maria Siegle** 7th, and **Tasha Carlson** 10th. Individual event champions were Hunt (after-dinner speaking), **Brittany Lovdahl** (communication analysis), Lovdahl and Carlson (dramatic duo), Moreau (impromptu speaking), Siegle (informative speaking), Moreau (program oral interpretation), Carlson (prose), and Cunningham (oratory, qualifying for the IOA contest along with Moreau, who finished 2nd as Gusties swept four of the top five places in the oratory category). Moreau and Rogness finished second and third, respectively, in drama; **Austin Lafferty** and Cunningham were 2-3 in extemporaneous speaking; and Hunt and Rogness were 2-3 in poetry.

Gustavus's top-20 ranking at the AFA-NIET is particularly impressive considering that 15 of the top 20 schools are large universities (akin to a Division III college competing with the NCAA's Division I powers). Competing in the three-day competition were 89 colleges and universities. Fifteen student speakers represented Gustavus at the contest. **Emma Moreau** became the first Gustavus competitor to qualify for the semifinal round in persuasion, and **Mary Cunningham** also placed in the top 24 in the nation by qualifying for the quarterfinal round in the same category.

At the tournament's conclusion, senior **Brittany Lovdahl** became the third Gustavus student in four years to be named to the AFA-NIET All-America Team. Past All-Americans are Andrea Carlile '07 and Becky Kuehl '05.

## Nine earn tenure

Nine members of the Gustavus faculty were formally granted tenure at the College during chapel services on April 25. Seven who had held the rank of assistant professor will be promoted to associate professor effective September 1, 2008.

Granted tenure were **John Clementson**, professor of education (joined the Gustavus faculty in 2004); **Patricia English**, promoted to the rank of associate professor of communication studies (joined faculty in 2001); **Patric Giesler**, promoted to associate professor of sociology and anthropology (joined faculty in 1999); **Deborah Goodwin**, promoted to associate professor of religion (joined faculty in 2001); **Jeffrey Jeremiason**, promoted to the rank of associate professor of chemistry (joined faculty in 2002); **Yumiko Oshima-Ryan**, associate professor of music (joined faculty in 2004); **Matthew Panciera**, promoted to associate professor of classics (joined faculty in 2002); **Alisa Rosenthal**, promoted to associate professor of political science (joined faculty in 2004); and **Janine Wotton**, promoted to associate professor of psychology (joined faculty in 2002).

## Dance department entry selected for national festival


A dance piece from Gustavus Adolphus College is one of three entries from the American College Dance Festival Association's (ACDFA) North-Central Regional Conference selected by adjudicators to be performed at the biennial ACDFA National College Dance Festival in New York City in June. The piece's performers are also the region's nominee for the national ACDFA/Dance





Magazine Award for outstanding student performance.

More than 30 schools participated in the North-Central Regional, one of 10 regions established throughout the country. Colleges and universities may attend any regional conference and may present one or two works for adjudication. At the 2008 North-Central conference, Gustavus entered two works, and "Vigorous Incubation," choreographed by Visiting Instructor of Dance Cynthia Gutierrez-Garner, was selected as one of three works among the 41 presented for formal adjudication to be performed at the national festival. Seven student dancers perform in the work: senior **Britta Peterson**; juniors **Katie Jensen** and **Nikki Rusinko**; and sophomores **Marissa Augustin**, **Sarah Jabar**, **Katelyn Pedersen**, and **Nina Serratore**. The other two works from the region selected for performance at New York's Miller Theatre on June 4–5 are a solo piece from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and an ensemble piece representing Webster University.

North-Central regional officials also selected "Vigorous Incubation" as the region's nominee for the national organization's ACDF/A/Dance Magazine Award for outstanding student performance, which will be announced at the national festival in June. One of the faculty adjudicators, Jeffrey Bullock of Hollins University, a former soloist with the Pacific Northwest Ballet and Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, commented about the performance, "I appreciated how the transitions happened, it was so smooth—it just changed." (See photo on back cover.) 

## Major grants will aid sciences

### *Hughes and Merck grants support science education*

Gustavus Adolphus College has been awarded two significant grants that will lead its science program into the future.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), Chevy Chase, Md., has awarded a four-year, \$1 million grant to Gustavus Adolphus College in support of undergraduate science education. The grant, announced in April 2008, comes in response to the College's proposal to transform the first-year experience in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), with primary focus on biology and chemistry.

The Gustavus proposal to HHMI included several interconnected initiatives:


- to increase the participation of first-year students in on-campus research through expansion of research course offerings during the January Interim Experience and increased collaborative summer research opportunities;
- to develop the introductory "gateway" courses in biology and chemistry in order to provide more opportunities for integrated and interdisciplinary learning in science and incorporate the distinctive pedagogical attributes of "seeing" science;
- to initiate a peer mentoring program that will support ongoing development of a community of student-scholars;
- to establish a "scientific visualization and imaging center" that will house the fluorescence-based instrumentation needed to "see" science, help-

ing to realize curricular innovations at the introductory level and ultimately pervade the STEM curriculum; and

- to develop a new collaborative outreach program tied to the College's annual two-day Nobel Conference, starting with a pilot program for high school science teachers from rural south-central Minnesota school districts and an inner-city Minneapolis high school that will integrate conference topic-based resources and content into their teaching.


Gustavus's commitment to enhance the first-year student experience is one component of a longer-term goal of developing a curriculum, a support structure, and a culture of working across STEM departments to best prepare students to meet and take advan-

tage of the challenges and opportunities that the sciences will present in the immediate future.

Also assisting with that goal is a second major grant. In January Gustavus was notified that it is one of 14 colleges and universities from across the country to be awarded a 2008 program grant from the Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The MISE/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program awards provide up to \$60,000 to each recipient over three years for use by the biology and chemistry departments to support research stipends for undergraduate students and ancillary programs that encourage research collaborations between the two departments. 

### The corpse flower rises again

"Perry the Corpse Flower," the Titan Arum plant that raised such a stink on campus when it bloomed last spring, is growing again—this time to produce a titanic leaf. Chemistry professor Brian O'Brien, who supplied the original seeds, estimates that it will be one of the largest leaves ever produced in Minnesota. For further details, see the blog and webcam links at <http://arboretum.blog.gustavus.edu/category/titan-arum/>.

A smaller Titan Arum (named Bob after O'Brien—B O'B) was about to flower at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park in St. Paul as this issue of the *Quarterly* was going to press. Gustavus had donated the plant to the conservatory in 2004. 

Steve Waldhauser '70







# 19th-century etchings offered

by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art has been offered a donation of several fine etchings dating from the nineteenth century, from prominent East Coast art dealer Rona Schneider, who lives and works in New York. Schneider, a specialist in American prints who has published extensively on the subject, is the author of a study titled "The American Etching Revival: Its French Sources and Early Years" (published in 1982 in *The American Art Journal*). She recently published a catalogue raisonné of the works by the prominent American etcher Stephen Parrish (1846–1938), who played a crucial role in popularizing etchings in the U.S. during the American Etching Revival of the late nineteenth century. The Hillstrom Museum of Art's collection of American

etchings of this period began with the acquisition in 2002 of a Parrish print, and this portion of the collection has been growing since then, with assistance from Schneider, who has both sold and donated works to the Museum in the past.


Among the prints offered by Schneider is a fine, romantic image of a woman and a man in an atmospheric landscape, titled *An Evening Walk*, an 1886 etching by William Langson Lathrop (1859–1938). The artist, later a prominent landscape painter and founder of an art colony in New Hope, Pa., that was the center of "Pennsylvania Impressionism," initially made his name as an etcher. Lathrop's first etching was made using the blade of a saw that belonged to his father, and he was largely self-taught, although he studied, briefly, in 1887, at the Art Students League in New York under well-known painter William Merritt

Chase (1849–1916). Lathrop soon became widely recognized for his prints, and was one of a handful of artists whose etchings were included in an 1891 publication of the New York Etching Club, one of the preeminent institutions responsible for the support of etching as a developing art medium in the U.S.

As a young man, Lathrop had been enrolled in the Naval Academy in Annapolis, though he left before graduating to pursue his artistic interests. In his later years, his love of sailing led him to build his own boat, which he frequently sailed on the open waters off the Atlantic coast, and on which he entertained (including, one time, Albert Einstein). Lathrop perished at sea during the terrible "New England Hurricane of 1938" that devastated the upper Atlantic coast. Others who also tried to wait out the storm by remaining out on the water, away



*William Langson Lathrop (1859–1938), An Evening Walk (Woodland Scene with Lovers), 1886, etching on paper, 18 x 15 inches, offered as a donation from Rona Schneider Prints.*

from land, reported that Lathrop apparently had a heart attack in the midst of the storm. His body was found a month after his battered boat, *The Widge*, had been recovered. 


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## Annual exhibition of works by senior studio art majors

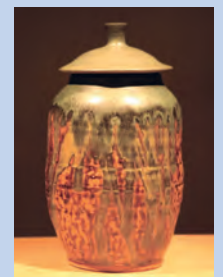
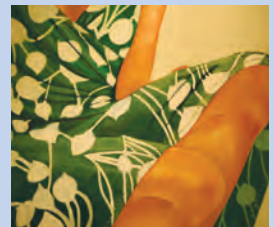


The Hillstrom Museum of Art is currently hosting *Permanent? Senior Show 2008*, which will be on view through June 1. This exhibit is a culminating event in the curriculum of the twelve studio art majors and is a required component of their major.

The exhibition demonstrates the diversity of styles and approaches taken by the artists, some of whom intend to continue studying or working in art after graduation. On display are works by **Danny Blacker, Stephanie Buresh, Erin Dinsmore, David Goldstein, Whit Hohman, Natalie Larson, Kasey Lyng, Shawna Mullen, Zach Newman, Kelsey Plucker, Nathan Schram, and Song Thao.**

Each artist is represented by her or his artwork and also by a personal statement reflecting the student's artistic goals and aesthetic philosophy. The exhibition was selected from a group of submissions by each artist, and the jurying process was carried out by the art faculty of the College. The installation of the exhibit was executed with assistance from the students, and a number of the works on view are being offered for sale. 

*Top left: Zach Newman, Puncture I, 2008, ceramic. Bottom left: Song Thao, Fat City (detail), 2008, watercolor on paper. Top right: Erin Dinsmore, Essence (detail), 2008, acrylic and oil on canvas. Bottom right: David Goldstein, Ashes to Ashes (detail), 2008, stoneware.*





## Anticipation . . .



Tom Roster

### May

Ongoing through June 1

Art: **Permanent? Senior Studio Art Majors' Exhibition**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Sunday, May 3, 4–7 p.m.

- 10 Music: **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra**, Warren Friesen, conductor, Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 11 Music: **Lucia Singers' Mothers Day Concert**, Patricia Snapp, conductor, Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

30–31 **Alumni Reunion**

**Weekend:** 45th- and 50th-anniversary class reunions; 50 Year Club gathering; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation (May 31), Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437 or [gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

- 31 Music: **Gustavus Wind Orchestra Season Finale**, Douglas Nimmo, conductor, Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

### June

- 1 **Commencement:** Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m. (ticket required); commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting; if inclement, Lund Arena), 2 p.m. Ticket required for baccalaureate and for exercises if indoors; for more information, contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).

### July

- 11 **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](mailto:jreese2@gustavus.edu)). Also on July 21 and August 8.

### August

- 21–Sept. 1 **Gustavus at the Fair:** College booth in the Education Building at the Minnesota State Fair, staffed 9 a.m.–9 p.m. daily. Wear your Gustie gear and stop by to sign our visitors' book!

### September

- 2 **Opening Convocation** for the 147th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

### Upcoming

- Oct. 3–5 **Homecoming and Family Weekend:** Receptions and dinners for classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003 in Mankato and the Twin Cities on Friday evening; reunion events on campus on Saturday. Family Weekend concerts on Sunday, Oct. 5. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

Oct. 7–8 **Nobel Conference<sup>®</sup>**

**44: "Who Were the First Humans?"** Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, watch for the order form in the Fall 2008 *Quarterly* or contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).

Oct. 25 31st annual **Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet** and Induction Ceremony, Alumni Hall, 6 p.m. Reservations required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

Dec. 5–7 **Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008**, 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 and 6 only) and 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; watch for the order form in the Fall 2008 *Quarterly*.

Dec. 11 **Festival of St. Lucia**, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.; Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Reservations accepted following mailing of invitation in mid-October.

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

## Additional schedules, information and updates

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

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

*Editor's Note: Last August, President Jim Peterson '64 informed the College's board of trustees of his intention to retire at the end of June 2008. As that time draws near, Vice President for College Relations Gwendolyn Freed, representing the Quarterly, sat down with Peterson to hear his impressions about his priorities and accomplishments, and about the future of higher education and Gustavus in particular.*

# THE STATE OF THE COLLEGE

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## THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT REFLECTS









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**GQ: What is your outlook on Gustavus today?**

**JLP:** At this point in the College’s history, Gustavus is most certainly in very good condition. The campus is in great physical shape. Financially, we are stable. We are not as strong financially as we need to be, going into the future, but we’re doing extremely well with what we have.

I don’t think our people resources could be any stronger than right now. We have excellent administrative leadership in place that will guide the College into the future. The faculty is surely as strong as it has ever been. Across the board, people are our greatest strength.

There is a true sense of community at Gustavus today. The idea and practice of community is especially important at this time, as we look ahead, imagine the future, and work together to achieve it. I’m feeling very good about how the College is now considering its future. We have important pieces in place to achieve our goals. We have a wonderful start with the strategic plan and its initiatives in particular.

**GQ: Have you accomplished what you set out to do at Gustavus?**

**JLP:** I have accomplished most of the things the Board and the search committee and I discussed before I came. We talked about setting a new plan in place and bringing the community together with a sense of new common purpose and direction.

We knew there were some leadership and staffing changes that would be good for the College. The provost position was established as academic leader and collegewide leader of institutional planning. We have two deans now for all the aca-





*President Jim Peterson reflects on changes in higher education with Vice President for College Relations Gwendolyn Freed.*

demographic work that's deep and broad. We attended to the separation of college relations from institutional advancement to hold both up more strongly. We joined the admission and financial assistance offices and better integrated our technology functions.

**GQ: Among your achievements, what are you most pleased about?**

**JLP:** I'm very pleased with the strategic initiatives coming into focus for the future. They will serve the College very well. Some of the components are already under way, one being the Kendall Center for Engaged Learning. We're excited about what it will do for faculty development, faculty-student research, and related activities. The Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation also has been established and its new director is in place.

We've also done some good facility work, with the completion of the Old Main renovations, Mattson Hall, and Southwest Hall (begun before my time here). It was wonderful to inaugurate the new football stadium and athletic fields this past fall. Next year, the Arboretum's prairie restoration will be completed. We've prepared the way for new wind turbines.

We now enjoy closer ties to the Lutheran Church. This was an area named early on as a priority. This has stayed a priority for me, and I am sure it will continue to be so. How we do that will be part of a continuing discussion, but the ties are firm and solid and I am very pleased with the leadership of Professor Darrell Jodock and the board of trustees on this, as well as the recent addition of the Rev. Grady St. Dennis in church relations.

Diversity is a strong commitment of mine. We have made very good strides but not nearly as much as I would have liked. The student body is more diverse than ever. We have a new process for integrating diversity goals within our college operation. The demographics of our world are changing fast and we must keep up. We're getting there.

**GQ: You first came to Gustavus as a student in the early sixties. How is it for you to be back as leader of the institution?**

**JLP:** It's a privilege, coming back to serve as president of my alma mater. There are lots of memories here that are important to me. They do come rolling back. I have wonderful memories of time spent with friends here. I have great appreciation for

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faculty members who influenced my life. I met my wife on the sidewalk outside my office window.

This has been a chance for me to renew old acquaintances with people who were teaching and learning here when I was here. I have been able to experience the sense of the place today and also recall how it was. In many ways it hasn’t changed. Some of the old buildings I knew are still working well. The “Gustavus spirit” continues to show up—and continues to be hard to define.

Who we are as a community is the same. The core values that we talk about now are consistent with what I recall from when I was a student here. Our values are what make the place authentic. They make for a place that shows up as it says it wants to show up. There is consistency, truthfulness, and authenticity here at Gustavus when we are at our best. I think that’s been true for a long time.

For me, it’s been like renewing an old and valuable relationship. It’s made a difference in how I relate to my work. It’s not critical that the president be an alum of the College, of course, but it’s been important for me. It’s like being grounded here.

**GQ: What changes do you see coming in higher education?**

**JLP:** I see lots of bright lights ahead of us but lots of challenges too. On the challenge side of the ledger is financial pressure. Costs are increasing. We are trying to keep tuition down because accessibility and affordability are major issues for all of us. We rely significantly on tuition revenue but we need to keep it down, so we can keep college accessible and hold down student debt. This is a significant issue for students and their families. Without a huge endowment, this is an issue for the College, too.

There are also continued competitive forces that affect the kind of student body that we enroll. It’s costly to recruit and provide the financial aid and scholarships that we know our students need. As always, attracting and maintaining the best teachers and administrators is very important. We want great people working with great students.

In the future, assessment of student outcomes will continue to be an issue for higher education. And, we need more ways to describe how good we are at what we do. Other challenges certainly include changing student demographics and the uncertain economic future including the credit crunch situation.





**GQ: How would you characterize the role of a college president today?**

**JLP:** It is a unique challenge and privilege, and a unique set of responsibilities. Perhaps, too, a unique set of expectations: leader (and follower), politician, speaker/preacher, cheerleader, convener, solicitor, and others. As a college president, you have many constituencies. In the for-profit world, you have primarily employees, customers, and shareholders. Here, you have administrators, faculty, trustees, alumni, athletics, the church and church congregations, students, parents, and others. Each has interests and these overlap to a degree. Each has expectations of how the president will spend his time. Each will let you know when you're not meeting their expectations.

**GQ: How have you tried to influence Gustavus most?**

**JLP:** I've tried to make a difference in influencing a positive campus culture. It's really the nature of how we relate to each other, think together, and plan. I hope that I have helped to make the College better in this way. By a positive culture, I mean more than just being nice. It's creating community. It's trusting each other enough to do work—effective, efficient, and timely work. A good working culture moves all of us in the College ahead. It's good for people. It's good business.

Transparency has been a goal as well, and it's an important part of how I work. I feel we can work best if we are transparent. This means thinking together, discussing, planning, and executing our own primary responsibilities in a way that we are working toward the same ends. I'm always looking for that alignment. I hope also that I've helped build the kind of campuswide leadership that will propel Gustavus long into the future—long after I'm gone.

**GQ: Have you enjoyed your interactions with students?**

**JLP:** The students are the joy of my life in this job. If you don't enjoy being around students, you should find something else to do! I think Gustavus students are remarkable for the enthusiasm, smartness, and brightness they bring. The degree to which they are engaged in life and activities on and off campus is incredible. I am so encouraged by the kind of students we have here. They encourage me to think positively about the future when other things in the world sometimes do not.

**GQ: What surprised you the most when taking the job?**

**JLP:** This notion of how much time and energy is devoted to process in higher ed-

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education—the amount of time it takes to gather the right people around the right decision-making process. A good answer can come when you have a way for people to participate, but the problem can arise when you allow process to wear down the quality of a decision. I wasn’t aware of how much process can rule.

**GQ: Is there anything you would like to have done differently?**

**JLP:** I have mixed feelings about whether I would have tried to move some things along faster, because in an academic environment, things just move more deliberately.

What I’ve not done as much as I would like is off-campus outreach, with current and new donors, and engaging the community in our college. That’s much improved now, and I’ve been able to put in more time externally over the last year or so, but not nearly as much as I had hoped.

**GQ: How has this job brought out the best in you?**

**JLP:** Before I arrived, expectations of what the new president needed to be and do were well thought out and well written. The match came with some of the things I had done professionally—who I am, the way I relate to people and with (I hope!) a degree of authenticity.

I am who I am. If who I am helped the College be what it wants to be, then haven’t we done a good job together? If I had to make up a new personality, in a smart place like this, people would see right through it. It’s about fit. The question was, is this person a good fit, suited right in terms of personality and how he relates to people, right for this place at this time? For me, the job has also brought out openness and availability, the need to listen well, and, I guess, a degree of patience.

**GQ: What does Gustavus need in the next five to ten years?**

**JLP:** The entire Gustavus community needs to believe in its directions. And we need to believe we can actually achieve our goals. We need to trust each other to carry out our mutual roles with a sense of commitment and urgency.

A new president coming in will want to believe in and trust in the people who are here. He or she will want to continue to create and knit together the best possible working relationships.





Gustavus needs continuing strong leadership—across the College. It needs clear articulation of goals for the future and strategies to achieve them. It needs more endowment and annual support to make that future happen.

**GQ: If you were to leave a note behind for your successor, what would it say?**


**JLP:** I would encourage my successor to appreciate and support and enjoy what's here. Systems are in place. People are in place. The ideas are solid, and you can pick up from where we are now and use your own ideas and creativity, too, but go from here.

The note would say, "I am available to you." I am happy to do that. But it would also say, "I will not involve myself unless you call me."

It would say, "God speed. You have important work to do."

**GQ: What does the future hold for Jim Peterson?**

**JLP:** I'm going to stop for a while. I've been running full speed for a long time. Lots of people have given me the advice that I will be just as busy after life at Gustavus. This is true, I'm sure, but I will have more choices over how I spend my time.

I will spend more time with Susan, and play with my grandchildren. I'll get back to my wooden boats and spend time on the water. Perhaps later in the year I'll let some things sift back in. I don't intend to build a whole new career but I look forward to continuing to contribute what I can. I hope I can continue to make a difference—in some new ways. 

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# Sports notes


## Women's hockey wins MIAC

*The 2008 MIAC Champion Gustavus women's hockey team defeated the University of St. Thomas 1-0 at Don Roberts Ice Rink to claim its fifth consecutive MIAC playoff tournament title. The Gusties have now won the six MIAC playoff titles in the nine-year history of the tournament.*



## Ubl named All-America, MIAC Player of the Year

Gustavus senior women's hockey player Stefanie Ubl (Blaine, Minn.) has received two prestigious post-season honors. She was announced as the 2008 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was also named to the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) All-America team. Ubl was a key contributor on a Gustavus team that compiled an overall record of 25-3-0 and won its fourth consecutive league title with a record of 18-0-0.

A three-year starter at both defense and forward, Ubl had a banner senior season, ranking third in the MIAC in scoring with 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points. She also led the team in scoring with 30 points (14 goals and 16 assists) in 25 games for an average of 1.20 points per game. Ubl amassed 74 points (34 goals and 40 assists) in 75 games during her three-year career at Gustavus after transferring from the University of North Dakota. She is the seventh player to receive AHCA All-America honors in the 11-year history of the Gustavus women's hockey program and becomes the third Gustie player to receive MIAC Player of the Year honors. 



Stefanie Ubl





# Men's and women's tennis teams excel at ITA Small College Championships

## Andy Bryan receives national sportsmanship award

The Gustavus men's and women's tennis teams performed very well at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Small College Championships in Mobile, Ala., in mid-October.

On the men's side, senior Andy Bryan (Edina, Minn.) finished second in the singles draw, losing to John Watts of Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) 4-6, 6-2, 3-6 in the Division III championship match. Bryan then teamed with Charlie



Andy Bryan

Paukert (Jr., Grand Forks, N.D.) to finish fourth in the doubles draw. On the women's side, senior Jenni White (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) and sophomore Sierra Krebsbach (North Oaks, Minn.) finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the singles draw. The duo then teamed up to finish third in the doubles draw.




Sierra Krebsbach and Jenni White



Charlie Paukert

All four players earned a spot on the 2007-08 ITA All-America Team by finishing in the top eight in singles or doubles at the championships.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Andy Bryan was chosen to receive the 2007 James O'Hara Sargent Sportsmanship Award presented by Rolex Watch USA. The James O'Hara Sargent Sportsmanship Awards go to one male and one female player who display outstanding sportsmanship and exemplify the spirit of college tennis during the course of the ITA National Small College Championships. 



The Gustavus men's tennis team claimed its fourth Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III Men's Indoor Championship with a thrilling 5-4 win over #1 seed and defending champion UC-Santa Cruz at the Swanson Tennis Center in late February. Members of the team are, front row from left, Mike Burdakin, Andy Bryan, Nick Hanson, Aaron Zenner, and John Kauss; back row, Coach Steve Wilkinson, Charlie Paukert, Dave Koppel, Ben Tomasek, Kevin Stickney, assistant coach Tommy Valentini, Dave Tierschel, and assistant coach Kevin Whipple.





*The Gustavus men's swim team won its sixth MIAC title in the past seven years, outdistancing St. Olaf by 131 points. The team went on to finish 12th at the NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in Oxford, Ohio.*

## Winter Sports Summary

by Tim Kennedy '82

**Men's Hockey** – Coach Brett Peterson saw his squad, which compiled a record of 13–12–1 overall, place fourth in the regular-season conference standings with a record of 10–6–0. The Gusties qualified for the MIAC playoffs for the seventh straight year and were the only team this season to defeat St. Norbert College, which went on to win the NCAA Div III championship. Sophomore forward David Martinson (St. Louis Park, Minn.) was named to the all-conference team and first-year goaltender Josh Swartout (St. Louis Park, Minn.) was named to the all-rookie team.


**Women's Hockey** – The Gustavus women's hockey team became the first team to complete the MIAC regular season with a perfect record (18–0–0) in winning its fourth consecutive league title. Coach Mike Carroll's squad went on to claim its fifth consecutive MIAC playoff championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the fifth straight year. The Gusties lost to UW-Superior in the first round of the tournament by the score of 3–1. Stefanie Ubl (sr., Blaine, Minn.), Molly Doyle (sr., Eagan, Minn.), Mari Gunderson (jr., Shoreview, Minn.), and first-year Kirstin Peterson (St. Paul, Minn.) were named to the all-conference team. Ubl was also named MIAC Player of the Year.

**Men's Basketball** – The Gustavus men's basketball team completed another successful season with a record of 19–8 overall including a second-place finish in the conference standings with a record of 14–6. Coach Mark Hanson's squad advanced to the championship game of the MIAC post-season tournament before losing a heartbreaker to St. Thomas, 76–73. Trevor Wittwer (sr., Redwood Falls, Minn.) and Kane Sivesind (sr., Madison, Wis.) were named to the all-conference team, and Sivesind was also named to the all-defensive team. Trevor Wittwer was named one of ten finalists for the prestigious Josten's Division III Player of the Year Award.

**Women's Basketball** – The Gustavus women's basketball team was selected to play in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive sea-

## Men's swimming team places 12th at NCAA championships

**T**he Gustavus men's swimming team finished 12th at the NCAA Div. III Swimming and Diving Championships, which took place at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in mid-March. Eight swimmers qualified for the national meet, including Ben Hanson (sr., Minnetonka, Minn.), Connor Ziegler (sr., Sauk Rapids, Minn.), Tyler Wakefield (jr., Hutchinson, Minn.), Whitaker Davis (fy., Palatine, Ill.), Clem Auyeung (jr., North Mankato, Minn.), Dave Pearson (jr., Woodbury, Minn.), Skyler Davis (so., Palatine, Ill.), and Matt Stewart (jr., Burnsville, Minn.). The Gusties scored 106 points, marking the third consecutive year that the team has tallied over 100 points and finished in the top 15 at the NCAA championships.

Four swimmers garnered All-America honors at the meet by virtue of finishing in the top eight in an individual event. Matt Stewart led the way as he placed third in the 500 freestyle, sixth in the 200 freestyle, and was a member of the 800 freestyle relay team that finished sixth. Skyler Davis placed seventh in the 1650 freestyle and was a member of the 800 free relay team, and Dave Pearson and Ben Hanson joined Stewart and Davis on the 800 free relay team. 





*The Gustavus women's swim team won its second consecutive MIAC title, edging St. Olaf by 31 points. The Gustie women have now won four titles in the past seven years.*

son after posting a regular-season mark of 18–10 and finishing third in the MIAC standings with a record of 16–6. The Gusties advanced to the semifinals of the MIAC playoffs before losing to St. Thomas (77–61) and then completed their season with a 73–64 loss to Simpson in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Jess Vadnais (sr., Hudson, Wis.) received numerous post-season honors including all-conference, WBCA/State Farm All-Region, D3hoops.com All-Region, and WBCA/State Farm Honorable Mention All-America. Vadnais was also one of ten finalists for the Josten's Division III Player of the Year.

**Men's Swimming** – The Gustavus men's swimming team claimed its sixth MIAC title in the past seven years, outscoring St. Olaf by 131 points. The Gusties crowned four individual-event champions: junior Matt Stewart (Burnsville, Minn.) in the 200 and 500 freestyle, senior Ben Hanson (Minnetonka, Minn.) in the 200 butterfly, and sophomore Skylar Davis (Palatine, Ill.) in the 1650 freestyle. The team also claimed two relay titles, the 400 free relay team of junior Clem Auyeung (North Mankato, Minn.), senior Tyler Wakefield (Hutchinson, Minn.), Matt Stewart, and Ben Hanson, and the 800 free relay team of Stewart, Dave Pearson (sr., Woodbury, Minn.), Skylar Davis, and Hanson.

**Women's Swimming** – The Gustavus women's swimming team won its second consecutive MIAC championship and its fourth in the past seven years by edging rival St. Olaf by 31 points. The Gusties crowned two event champions—sophomore Carrie Gundersen (Minnetonka, Minn.) in the 500 freestyle and the 200 free relay team consisting of sophomore Janae Piehl (Hutchinson, Minn.), sophomore Christi O'Connor (Great Falls, Mont.), junior Emma Espel (Fargo, N.D.), and sophomore Jonna Berry (Hastings, Minn.).

**Gymnastics** – The Gustavus gymnastics team compiled a regular season dual meet record of 3–3 and placed seventh at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, which were held in Whitewater, Wis. The Gusties qualified two competitors for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships, which took place in Cortland, N.Y. Junior Aryn Bell (Eden Prairie, Minn.) finished 42nd on the vault with a score of 9.225, and junior Laura Hansen (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) placed 52nd on the balance beam with a score of 8.475.

**Men's Nordic Skiing** – The Gustavus men's nordic skiing team finished a solid season with a sixth-place finish at the Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA) Regional Championships, which were held in Biwabik, Minn. Junior Jens Brabbit (Winona, Minn.) was the team's top finisher in both the 10k freestyle, placing 23rd, and the 15k classic, finishing 15th.

**Women's Nordic Skiing** – The Gustavus women's nordic ski team turned in the finest season in the history of the program, placing second at the Central Collegiate Ski Association (CCSA) Regional Championships and 18th at the NCAA championships. The Gusties finished ahead of three Division I programs at the regional meet and qualified three skiers for the NCAA championships for the first time in the program's history. That group comprised senior Laura Edlund (Forest Lake, Minn.), who finished 18th in the 15K classic race and 38th in the freestyle, junior Kelly Chaudoin (Ely, Minn.), who placed 29th in the freestyle and 35th in the classic, and senior Kathleen DeWahl (St. Paul, Minn.), who placed 27th in the classic and 37th in the freestyle. The NCAA Collegiate Ski Championships are unique in that they combine Division I, II, and III programs into one event, which makes the performances of Edlund, Chaudoin, and DeWahl even more impressive.

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## Wittwer named Academic All-American




Trevor Wittwer

**G**ustavus men's basketball player Trevor Wittwer, a senior from Redwood Falls, Minn., has been named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)/ESPN *The Magazine's* Academic All-America Team. Wittwer, a health fitness major with a 3.89 grade point average, was a Third Team selection in the College Division. A three-year starter and two-time all-conference selection, Wittwer scored his 1,000th career point during the season and finished his career ranked 21st on

the all-time scoring list with 1,172 points. Wittwer becomes the 67th Gustavus student-athlete to be named to a CoSIDA Academic All-America team and the second this academic year following soccer player Trevor Brown, who was honored in December. Trevor is the third Gustavus basketball player to be honored, joining current head coach Mark Hanson (1983) and Marc Newell (1998). Gustavus ranks 14th among all Division III institutions in number of CoSIDA Academic All-Americans. 

## Pole vaulter Shanna Dawson sixth at NCAA indoors


**S**enior Shanna Dawson (Fairmont, Minn.) finished in a tie for sixth in the pole vault at the NCAA Div. III Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, in mid-March. Dawson cleared a career-best indoor height of 12 feet at the national meet. She earned All-America honors by virtue of finishing in the top eight at the NCAA championships. 



## Winter Sports Summary

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**Men's Indoor Track and Field** – The Gustavus men's track and field team finished seventh at the MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held at Saint John's University. Senior Drew Hood (Mankato, Minn.) was the lone event champion for the Gusties, as he won the pole vault at a height of 14 feet, 11 1/2 inches. Hood also placed second in the heptathlon with a school-record total of 4,659 points.

**Women's Indoor Track and Field** – The Gustavus women's track and field team finished second at the MIAC indoor championships, held at Saint John's University. The Gusties claimed three individual event titles including two by sophomore Kaelene Lundstrum (Bird Island, Minn.). Lundstrum won the pentathlon with a school- and conference-record total of 3,342 points and the high jump at a height of 5 feet, 3 inches. Senior Shanna Dawson (Fairmont, Minn.) was the other winner, as she claimed the pole vault title at a height of 11 feet, 11-3/4 inches. Lundstrum and Dawson also qualified for the NCAA indoor championships, where Lundstrum finished 14th in the high jump (5' 3-1/4") and Dawson earned All-America honors with a sixth-place finish in the pole vault (12' 0"). 

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





## A 1949 station wagon, Vic Gustafson, and a trip to Georgia

by Teresa Harland '94

**R**ollie Hirman '58 tells the story with a wide grin across his face. It goes something like this: In 1957, Vic Gustafson '42 took a gaggle of nine swimmers to Georgia to swim in exhibition meets with Georgia Tech and others. "We were so excited about the trip that we didn't even consider our means of transportation. Vic's '49 station wagon turned out to be our means of transportation, and it was so cramped that two of us had to alternate turns lying across the luggage the entire way to Georgia!" says Hirman.

As this group of young men, led by their proverbial "father," Vic, traveled south in a filled-to-capacity station wagon, they together shared an experience that is now a fond memory. According to Rollie, Vic, not unlike Jesus, would reenact the miracle of the loaves and fishes and feed the multitudes. "We'd find a place to pull over and eat and Vic would appear with sandwiches. We kept wondering where this food came from." During one roadside lunch stop, Rollie experienced a life much different than in St. Peter, Minnesota. He saw first-hand how race relations in the South differed from what existed in St. Peter. Rollie recalls running from the park to a distant restaurant to buy a soda. When he entered the business, he was told to exit the




*President Jim Peterson recently visited with Mary and Rollie '58 Hirman at their home in Florida. The Hirmans have completed a trust in honor of Rollie's 50th reunion in late May, with Gustavus and the Mayo Clinic as beneficiaries.*

door and go around to the "Whites Only" entrance.

Vic Gustafson played a significant role in Rollie's life. "Vic had an uncanny ability of taking an average man and swimmer and turning him into something

special. Vic did that for many of us on the swim team. We left Gustavus not only better swimmers, but better people."

Rollie has carried a personal sense of gratitude in his heart for many, many years. He had spent his first year of college at another private Minnesota school, where he didn't do so well academically and was asked not to return. On bended knee, he approached Gustavus and begged for a second chance. The late Howard Holcomb '49, then director of admissions, gave him that second chance. Rollie went on to graduate from Gustavus in four years and vowed that someday, somehow, he would repay the chance that Howard and Gustavus took.

As Rollie's 50th reunion approached, he felt the time was right to make a special gift to Gustavus. "Our class has set lofty goals and I wanted to do my part to see us reach them." Utilizing a charitable remainder trust, Rollie and Mary Hirman used appreciated assets—in their case, real estate—to fund the trust. In return, Rollie and Mary will receive a life income from the trust, with Gustavus and the Mayo Clinic named as beneficiaries. If you are interested in a life income gift, please call Laurie Dietrich, planned gift administrator, at 507-933-6043 or e-mail [ldietric@gustavus.edu](mailto:ldietric@gustavus.edu). 

*Teresa Harland '94 has been associate vice president for advancement at Gustavus since 2006.*

### Contact Information

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




# Coneflower Prairie blooms with possibilities

by Teresa Harland '94

The Coneflower Prairie project looks forward to the spring sun. Not only will the Coneflower Prairie be planted this fall, but Gustavus hopes to take full advantage of the \$200,000

Schmidt Foundation matching grant opportunity to help restore the 70-acre prairie in an undeveloped area of Linnaeus Arboretum. The Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation will match gifts and multi-year pledges at a 1:1 ratio until May 31, 2008.

“Our fundraising efforts have been strong, and we continue to talk with donors who are interested in supporting what will be an amazing prairie right here in St. Peter,” says Cindy Johnson-Groh, executive director of Linnaeus Arboretum. Fundraising efforts through March totaled almost \$130,000 toward the \$200,000 matching grant opportunity.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-726-6192 for more information or to make your gift. You are welcome to visit the Coneflower Prairie website at [gustavus.edu/arboretum](http://gustavus.edu/arboretum). 


## ONLINE information, resources, ideas

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

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

## Presidential Fund created

In support of retiring President Jim Peterson’s vision and his wishes, Gustavus Adolphus College has created the **James L. Peterson Presidential Fund for Research and Development**. With your help, the leaders who follow in his footsteps will inherit more than a campus and community transformed by his leadership. They will also inherit a launch pad for the new ideas through which the College will make dramatic contributions to the common good in the generations to come.

You are invited to join in support of this endowed fund to honor and perpetuate Jim Peterson’s legacy at Gustavus with a gift. The goal is to raise significant funds for the endowment by May 31. If you have questions or would like additional information about the fund, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 507-933-7577 or 800-726-6193. 





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## Gustavus Alumni Association

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

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

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### Egyptian holiday

Professor Ementa Samiha Ibrahim, who has led several groups of Gustavus students to Egypt during recent January Terms, introduced her first group of adult travelers in November 2007 to "The Magic and Mysteries of Egypt." The tour group of nearly 20 included several Gustavus alumni and faculty members, pictured while visiting Abu Simbel Temple are from left: **Buster and Nina Malo West '71**; Ibrahim; **Janet Prehn**, spouse of late sociology professor **John Prehn**; Professor Ementus **Aaron Everett and his wife, Mary**; and **Ruth Starby Bergeron '79**.





# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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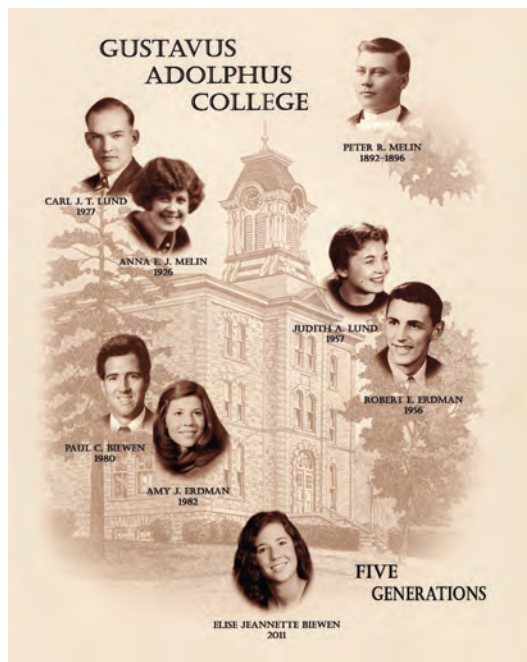
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- Jeff Heggedahl '87**, Minneapolis
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- Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90**,  
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- Betsy Starz '02**, Maple Grove
- Ron White '75**, Eden Prairie



### Swenson joins Century Club

**Hildur Anderson Swenson '30** celebrated her 100th birthday on December 15, 2007, along with 37 relatives from nine states and two countries. At a reception held in her honor, she is pictured with a bouquet of 100 roses, a gift from her neighbors. Swenson is a retired teacher (including 12 years at St. Peter High School) and parish worker, and served as class agent for her Gustavus class for many years.



### Five generations framed

**Judy Lund Erdman '57** came up with a creative way to display five generations of Gusties in her family. She took her photos and ideas to Carol Adele-Jewett, proprietor of Artful Imaging in Roseville, MN, who assembled the family tree shown above. The line starts at upper right with her grandfather, **Peter Melin**, an immigrant from Sweden who studied pipe organ and piano in the School of Music at Gustavus in the 1890s. His daughter **Anna '26** (Judy's mother) married **Carl Lund '27**, and they sent three daughters and one of their sons to Gustavus. Judy married **Bob Erdman '56**, and they in turn had three daughters, all of whom graduated from Gustavus. Daughter **Amy '82** married **Paul Biewen '80**; they have four children, and this past fall their daughter—Judy's granddaughter—**Elise Biewen '11** enrolled as a fifth-generation Gustie.

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**Juanita Dahlberg Marotta**, Green Valley, AZ, is the author of *Swedish Pioneer*.

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**Dorothy Krey Garrison**, Monroe, WA, established the Dorothy K. Garrison Endowed Research Fund in Diabetes at the University of Washington Medical School.



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**Dennis Lofstrom**, Overland Park, KS, is working on building a hospital in Nyakato, near Mwanza, Tanzania ■  
**Ruth Zimmerman**, Rice Lake, WI, retired from University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives.





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**Rosemarie Anderson Kohler**, Vista, CA, lost her husband, Albert, last July ■ **Lester Schuft**, Hutchinson, is a sales representative and host for KDUZ/KARP radio and plays in a polka band.

# ReunionWeekend2008

## Class of 1958 & 50 Year Club

### Friday, May 30

- 1-7 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
- 2:30 p.m. **Reunion Seminar I** – Alumni Hall  
The Peterson Presidency, 2003-08  
*Jim Peterson '64 will reflect on his five-year tenure as president and the status of the College today.*
- 4 p.m. **Class of 1958 Memorial Service** – Christ Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. **1958 Class Photo** – Christ Chapel
- 5 p.m. **50 Year Club Dinner** – Campus Banquet Rooms
- 5 p.m. **Class of 1958 Reception** – The Dive
- 6 p.m. **Class of 1958 Banquet** – Alumni Hall
- 8 p.m. **1958 Class Social** – The Dive

### Saturday, May 31

- 7:45 a.m. **Class of 1958 Continental Breakfast** – Campus Banquet Room  
At 8 a.m. *Carole Lambert Cameron '58 will perform a portrayal of Katie Luther in My Life with Martin.*
- 8 a.m. **Breakfast** available ala carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room
- 8:30-5:30 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
- 9 a.m. **Reunion Seminar II** – Alumni Hall  
Discover Our Natural World  
*Naturalist Jim Gilbert '62 will demonstrate that the greatest show on earth is just outside our back doors everywhere we look. This seminar will provide you with the awareness to get the best seat in the house.*
- 10 a.m. **Refreshments and Conversation** – Alumni Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **Reunion Seminar III** – Alumni Hall  
Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief  
*James M. McPherson '58 will discuss ways in which Lincoln, who had no formal military training and virtually no military experience, mastered a steep learning curve to become an effective commander in chief during the Civil War. Topics discussed will include the various levels of the commander in chief's responsibilities in wartime; war aims; national strategy (including the issues of slavery and emancipation); military strategy; military operations; and Lincoln's relations with prominent generals, including McClellan, Meade, and Grant.*
- Noon **Book Signings** – Johnson Student Union second floor  
*James McPherson '58 & Dennis Johnson '60*  
*Books available by McPherson include Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, This Mighty Scourge: Perspectives on the Civil War, Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam, For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War, and Abraham Lincoln and the Second American Revolution. Johnson will be signing the second printing of Esby! The Heart and Mind of a Professor, a collaborated book written with the late professor emeritus of religion Robert Esbjornson '41 prior to his death last October. The book is described as the memoirs of Esbjornson's long career and includes a collection of his writings. Johnson provided the narrative and context.*
- 12:30 p.m. **Alumni Luncheon for 50 Year Club and 1958** – Campus Banquet Rooms
- 2 p.m. **Reunion Seminar IV** – Alumni Hall  
Is There an Elephant in the Room?  
*The intriguing title refers to the awkward dilemma that evolution presents to believers. The elephant is a metaphor for the Godless process of evolution by natural selection that posits that all life gradually appeared without any guidance or external influence—no intelligent designer. Thomas J. Lindell '63, a scientist and believer will examine whether it is possible to do theology in light of this impasse.*
- 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 President Jim and Susan (Pepin) Peterson '64 '65 and Distinguished Alumni Citations to Craig Johnson '69, Bloomington, MN, bishop, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECLA; Talmadge King '70, Oakland, CA, chair, department of medicine, University of California, San Francisco; and Barbara Berry Leonard '63, Marine on Saint Croix, MN, professor, long-term care of children and youth, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota.*
- 8 p.m. **Gustavus Wind Orchestra Concert** – Christ Chapel

## ReunionWeekend2008

### Class of 1963

#### Friday, May 30

- 1–7 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
- 1:30 p.m. **Bridge Tournament** – Arboretum Interpretive Center
- Self-guided Tours** – Granlund sculptures and Hillstrom Museum of Art
- Golf Tournament** (9 holes) – Shoreland Country Club
- 2:30 p.m. **Reunion Seminar I** – Alumni Hall  
The Peterson Presidency, 2003–08  
*Jim Peterson '64 will reflect on his five-year tenure as president and the status of the College today.*
- Nurses Reunion** – Linner Lounge
- 5 p.m. **Memorial Service for Class of 1963** – Christ Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. **Social Hour** – President's House
- 6:30 p.m. **Class of 1963 Dinner** – President's House
- 8:30 p.m. **Socializing/Singing/Story Telling** – Arboretum Interpretive Center  
PowerPoint photo tour of old haunts

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- 8 p.m. **Gustavus Wind Orchestra Concert** – Christ Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. **Afterglow for Class of 1963** – Arboretum Interpretive Center  
Singing and socializing

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**Roger Fletcher**, Blue Earth, retired as a Realtor and broker ■ **Bruce Kobs**, Excelsior, retired as a dentist.

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**Floyd Flowers**, De Kalb, IL, is former head of the Family Service Agency in DeKalb, IL; in his honor, the nonprof-it has been renamed the Floyd Flowers Family Service Agency.

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**Gary F. Anderson**, Hugo, is director of Crossing Bridges for the St. Paul Synod of the ELCA ■ **Tom Bohn**, Ithaca, NY, is director of the Washington Semester for Ithaca College ■ **Pat Findley Casto**, New Hope, retired as a program assistant and receptionist at Park Nicollet Health Services ■ **Donald Granberg**, Salt Lake City, UT, recently audited a class at University of Utah titled "The Anthropology of Mormonism" ■ **Elli Gilbert Holt**, Harker Heights, TX, provides after-school care to her grandchildren ■ **Mary Bradford Ivey**, Sarasota, FL, traveled this year to visit the national parks in the Southwest and is planning a trip to Sweden ■ **Abby Arthur Johnson**, Alexandria, VA, is adjunct professor of liberal studies at Georgetown University ■ **Barbara K. Johnson**, Fargo, ND, is an RN at Meritcare Health Systems ■ **Jeannine Brunskill Johnson**, Minneapolis, retired as an office assistant in the division of health for the City of Bloomington ■ **Ken Johnson**, Excelsior, is CEO of CMS Direct ■ **Bonnie Kuseske MacLean**, Grand Marais, was appointed by the governor as a Cook County representative to the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program ■ **Kent Nakamaru**, Kealakekua, HI, is a self-employed dentist ■ **Joanne Urness Sorenson**, Bloomington Prairie, is an RN at the Owatonna Hospital ■ **David Toft**, Rochester, is a researcher at the Mayo Medical Center ■ **Carole Rosenkrans Zacher**, Eden Prairie, is active with gardening, grandchildren, church activities, volunteer work, and travel to her cabin.







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**Elouise Anderson Johnson**, Excelsior, is administrative vice president for CMS Direct ■ **Kent Rosenblum**, Alameda, CA, is owner of Rosenblum Cellars ■ **Kathryn Wellington**, Bellingham, WA, is program manager for healthcare education programs at the Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare.

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**Janet Anderson Carter**, Clinton Township, MI, recently sang under conductor John Rutter at Carnegie Hall in New York.

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**Kathy Eaton Asted**, Andover, is owner and dental consultant of Asted Consulting Associates ■ **Naomi Rothrock Baker**, Manassas, VA, is a nurse with Fairfax-Northern Virginia Hematology-Oncology ■ **Barbara Veker Elnes**, Edina, is a full-time substitute teacher in the Hopkins and Edina ISDs ■ **John Knox** is dean of the college of science, engineering, and technology at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ **David Olsen**, Mendota Heights, retired as a manager of customs and trade affairs at 3M ■ **Gloria Blaine Olsen**, Mendota Heights, is a partner at Kennedy & Graven ■ **Julie Biehl Paschke**, Minneapolis, retired as an RN at the Hennepin County Medical Center

■ **Julie Hallquist Petersen**, Shoreview, teaches second grade at Como Park Elementary ■ **Judy Opheim Schwakopf**, Overland Park, KS, is education coordinator at Carondelet Health ■ **Stephen Youngdahl**, Austin, TX, is senior pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

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**Mark Borglum**, North St. Paul, works at Reeves Park, Inc. ■ **Karen Leonardson Borre**, St. Louis Park, is manager of training organization at MTS Systems ■ **Mike Gisvold**, Plymouth, works at Relocation Title Services ■ **Leslie Anderson Hade**, Fort Dodge, IA, is volunteer director for the City of Fort Dodge ■ **Susan K. Johnson**, Sigourney, IA, is co-director of the select children's choir, Govap, in southeast Iowa ■ **Diane Berthiaume Kokal**, Orono, is an in-



#### Botanical discovery

**Norma Johnson Hein '53**, Charlotte, NC, was on a tour of the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, NC, with her retirement community group and discovered that the botanical garden staff member meeting them—**Jamie Burghardt '95**, manager of the Orchid Conservatory—was also a Gustie. The 8,000-square-foot Orchid Conservatory opened January 19 and holds more than 13,000 plants, about 300 orchids at a time, a cascade waterfall, and a reflecting pool.



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## 1956 Annual Class Agents meeting

**JoAnn Johnson Lundborg '56** and **Carolyn Jens Brusseau '56** once again faithfully reported to the Hualalai Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii for the 1956 annual Class Agents meeting in February. Usually held in the dead of winter, their annual meeting brings both agents together to construct class letters and plan strategy for the year. Whether they are "with or without" behind the beach towel will be forever in doubt!



## Houston Gusties Gather!

The Houston Chapter participated in the national Gusties Gather! day on September 30, 2007. Seated from left are **Becky Blanton '98**, **Duane Talus '58**, and **Wanda Schwartz Schnabel '69**. Standing are **Sonya Harbo Talus '58**, **Deborah Carroll Lookabaugh '74**, **Valerie Savvoir Rosemond '73**, **Jeff Marshall '75**, **Connie Martin Johnson '75**, **Bob Holmes '82**, and **Dean Johnson '63**.

dependent consultant ■ **Thomas Opheim**, Ada, is an attorney at the Opheim Law Office and for Norman County ■ **Kathy Wangerin Pederson**, Stillwater, is a radiologist at St. John's Hospital ■ **Marian Petersen Riggert**, Mancos, CO, is a team leader in the Southwest Colorado Mental Health Center ■ **Lynne Mattke Schulz**, St. Louis Park, is a ballroom dancer and owns Organizer On Duty ■ **Craig Waryan**, Mesa, AZ, is an independent contractor ■ **Judy Young Wilder**, Clarkston, WA, is bookkeeper at Map Travel Company ■ **Brian Wohlrahe**, Eden Prairie, is owner of the Weco Equipment Company.

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**Carol Brahee**, Cologne, is a clinical quality consultant/RN at Fairview Ridges Hospital ■ **Susan Carlson Hayes**, Montgomery, is art teacher and media specialist for the Montgomery-Lonsdale schools and illustrated the book *New Prague, A to Z* ■ **Trish Haugo Wheaton**, Toronto, Ontario, is president of Wunderman Canada ■ **Mary Wollan**, Spring Park, retired as operations manager at the Hennepin County Medical Center.

## 73 Class Agent:

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**Gail Wohlman Ahern**, Taunton, is a self-employed farmer ■ **John Apitz**, Mendota Heights, is an attorney in the government relations department at Messerli & Kramer ■ **Marilyn Weigand Barnes**, Champlin, is an RN, certified pediatric nurse practitioner at Riverway Clinic ■ **Dennis Born**, Waseca, is a geologist/hydrologist at Born Well Drilling ■ **Janet Westerlund Carlson**, Maple Grove, is director of music at Osseo United Methodist ■ **Tom Dahlberg**, Tucson, AZ, retired as a math teacher and assistant coach at Hastings High School ■ **Stephen Edlund**, Forest Lake, teaches at Coon Rapids Middle School ■ **Deborah Ellis**, St. Paul, is an attorney in private practice and was named to the 2007 *Who's Who in Criminal Defense* Top 40 list ■ **Jill Fagerlund**, Faribault, is a teacher and elementary counselor at Lincoln School in Faribault ■ **Kathleen Boehmke Janacek**, Lake Elmo, is a dentist with HealthPartners ■ **Jim Kain**, Inver

Grove Heights, is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin ■ **Barry Lane**, Detroit Lakes, is vice president of learning services at Minnesota State Community & Technical College ■ **Kurt A. Larson**, Cambridge, is a parole officer for the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections ■ **Julie Lindahl**, Minnetonka, is medical director at United Healthcare ■ **Paul Maatz**, Wilton, is administrator in the state courts of the Ninth Judicial District ■ **Janet Nietz McCarty**, Marco Island, FL, retired as a health and physical education teacher at Woodbury High School ■ **Le Ann Peterson Metzger**, Appleton, WI, is principal at Coolidge Elementary in Neenah ■ **Linda Brekke Opheim**, Ada, is an RN with Norman-Mahnommen Public Health ■ **Kathryn Johnson Reischel**, Hudson, WI, retired as an English teacher in the Hudson ISD ■ **Diane Peterson Retzlaff**, Shafer, teaches first grade in the Forest Lake ISD ■ **Rick Webb**, Edina, is owner of Ciao Bella, Zelo, and Bacio restaurants ■ **Sondra Maruska Weinzierl**, Plymouth, is a training consultant at Weinzierl Education Assoc.

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## 75 Class Agent:

*Paul Heckt*

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affairs and communications at Johns Manville Corporation ■ **Kim Onken Elvecrog**, Maplewood, is an ESL teacher at North High School ■ **Jon Hachfeld**, Shoreview, is a self-employed franchisee for Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. ■ **Chris Hildreth**, Irvine, CA, is president of ESP ■ **Jim Johnson**, Northfield, is an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration ■ **Daniel Little**, Brookings, SD, is president/CEO of Dairynet, Inc. ■ **Craig Menozzi**, Lakeville, is principal at McGuire Middle School in Lakeville ■ **Patty Bohan Nolan**, Brooklyn Park, is an account manager for Docherty Inventives, Inc. ■ **Steve Odgren**, Eau Claire, WI, is president and owner of Hartland Hardwood ■ **Kris King Raean**, Faribault, teaches music in the Montgomery/Lonsdale ISD ■ **Julie Nielsen Reid**, Brandon, SD, is an elementary computer coordinator in Brandon Valley School District ■ **Randy Reinke**, Minnetonka, is executive vice president of Custom Products of Litchfield, Inc. ■ **Al Roggow**, Apple Valley, is a software engineering manager at Lockheed Martin ■ **Diane Bailey Schuster**, Bloomington, is a principal product manager at Boston Scientific ■ **Steve Weros**, Corcoran, works at the Goodman Group ■ **Bonnie Hanks Wilson**, Wyoming, MI, is a senior loss prevention specialist at Mercantile Bank of Michigan.

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### Bernadotte Study Tour reunion

In June 2007, the living participants in the Bernadotte European Study Tour (BEST) gathered for a 50th-year reunion. In 1957, the group had traveled to Europe on the ship Stockholm, spent time in Stockholm, Sweden, studying aspects of that country corresponding to their individual college interests, and then separated into two groups to tour various other areas of Europe. The reunion was held at the home of Donald '58 and Ginny Olson of Bloomington, MN.

The photo above shows the group in 1957 as they were leaving New York aboard the Stockholm: from left, **Martha Swanson**, **Dean Albert Swanson**, **Donna Reinhardt '57**, **Emily Hildebrandt '58**, **Harold Boler '57**, **Wanda Heuer '58**, **Mary Alice Bloomstrom '57**, **JoAnn Springer '58**, **Donald Olson '58**, **Patty Boehm** (a friend of Donna Reinhardt), and **Ruth Hokanson** (special student). Not in the photo but members of the tour group were **Duane Talus '58** and **Alan Carlson '58**.

The photo below shows the group attending the reunion in 2007: **Alan Carlson '58**, **JoAnn Springer Lane '58**, **Duane Talus '58**, **Emily Hildebrandt Kulenkamp '58**, **Patty Boehm Spanier** (friend of the late Donna Reinhardt Gustafson '57), **Wanda Heuer Johnson '58**, and **Donald Olson '58**.



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## Connecting in Iringa

Nursing chair Paula Swiggum's January IEX class on "Transcultural Care in Tanzania" took junior and senior nursing majors from St. Olaf and Gustavus to Iringa, Tanzania—where they ran into two Gustavus grads. The Rev. **Jerry Hoffman '59**, retired after many years as pastor of Nativity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and his wife, **Joan Miller Hoffman '61**, a retired elementary school teacher from the Mounds View school district, happened to be visiting care facilities in the African nation at the same time. Pictured from left with Professor Swiggum and the Hoffmans are the 10 Gustie nursing students: **Swiggum, Danielle Koopman '08, Kelly Taunton '08, Augusta Volstad '09, Joan and Jerry Hoffman '61 '59, Sarah Frodl '08, Laura Peterson '09, Grace Bury '08, Lauren Hansen '08, Ashlee Oldani '09, Kalie Freeborn '08, and Colleen Farrell '08.**



## Heading south . . . far south

**Glenn and Hope Pluto Annexstad '59 '59** traveled to Antarctica last year. The Annexstads reside in St. Peter and winter in Scottsdale, AZ.

System ■ **Carol Erickson Seitzer**, St. Peter, is a special education teacher and district coordinator in the LeSueur/Henderson ISD ■ **Robert Withers**, Eden Prairie, is vice president and senior financial adviser at Merrill Lynch & Company.

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**Carlson Gustafson**, Tahoe City, CA, is district general manager of the Tahoe City Public Utility ■ **Jeanne Karp-Oelfke**, Hamburg, is a nurse manager-cardiovascular emergency at Ridgeview Medical Center ■ **John Mattke**, Buffalo, president and chief operating officer of Cold Spring Granite, was named the 2007 Building Stone Institute Person of the Year, recognizing his time and talents, leadership, strategic vision, and service to the organization ■ **Carol Moore Mitchell**, Lakeville, is a CSA at Mesaba Airlines ■ **Amy Dunlevy Odgren**, Eau Claire, WI, is associate pastor at First Lutheran Church ■ **Glenn Perkins**, Edina, is a partner/dentist at Eagan Valley Dental Center ■ **Paul Rambow**, Edina, was recognized on the Minnesota Super Lawyers list for 2007.

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Lake, is interim director of teaching and learning in the Columbia Heights ISD ■ **Jim Hearn**, Houston, TX, is a partner in Hendricks and Partners ■ **Bruce Laverty**, Bonita, CA, is an executive officer at the Naval Hospital, 29 Palms ■ **David Lee**, Woodbury, is vice president and partner at Professional Litho Arts ■ **Dave Schultz**, Bemidji, is chief financial officer at Paul Bunyan Telephone Co-op ■ **Steve Swentkofske**, Cohasset, is an agent for Farm Bureau Financial Services.

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is assistant principal and athletics director at Monroe Middle School ■ **Leigh Gentz**

**Gervais**, Fergus Falls, is a physical therapist with Lake Regional Healthcare and skating coach with the Fergus Falls Skating Club and the Fergus Falls Hockey Association ■ **David Goodlett**, Oakland, CA, is a professional musician, and teaches and is dean of students at A.S.A. Academy ■ **Jon Hoogenboom**, Conifer, CO, is an engineer at Arcadis ■ **Kathleen Krieger Johnson**, Mantorville, is a registered occupational therapist at the Mayo Medical Center ■ **Lisa Anderson Johnson**, Mankato, is vice president of training at Butterfly Worldwide ■ **David Jones**, Minneapolis, is senior community relations specialist at Thrivent Financial ■ **Kathryn Borchardt Jundt**, Eden Prairie, is a special education paraprofessional in the Eden Prairie Schools ■ **David Knoll**, Plymouth, is division controller/account executive/sales for Boulevard Moving & Storage/Mayflower ■ **Barb Beestman Krall**, Marshfield, WI, is a staff transport nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital ■ **Janice Broehl Meintsma**, Minnetonka, is marketing coordinator for Imagine Print Solutions ■ **Tammy Meister**, St. Paul, is an orthodontist in private practice ■ **Barbara**

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### Bob Krough Invitational contested again

The 2007 Bob Krough Invitational Golf Tournament was held last fall at Pokegama Country Club in Grand Rapids, MN, and the highlight of the tournament was the return of Byron Helgeson, club pro at Walt Disney World Golf in Orlando, FL, whose golf instructions provided mixed results for the rest of the golfers. Pictured from left—with their awards indicated—are **Bob Krough '60** (most short putts missed), **Doug Perkins '61** (most mulligans), **Jerry Thrall '60** (shortest drives), **Jim Krough '61** (most out-of-bounds), **Jim Donicht '60** (refused Helgeson's lessons), **Arlan Burmeister '60** (longest drives right and left), **Chuck Smith '60** (most lost balls), **Doug Pritchard '58** (most woodys), and **Byron Helgeson '60** (most patience).

**Lundstrom Perkins**, Edina, is an RN at Fairview Southdale Hospital ■ **Kevin Russeth**, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, is chairman, CEO/executive director for QRSciences ■ **Mary Jo Matchinsky Steele**, Elk River, teaches fourth grade in the Elk River ISD ■ **Becky Olson Tromp**, Hibbing, is an accountant at New Con ■ **Catherine Tucker**, Bloomington, IN, is an assistant professor in the anthropology department at Indiana University ■ **Martha McVey Weiss**, Alpharetta, GA, does freelance computer services ■ **Stacy Welborn**, Litchfield, is an ESL teacher at Litchfield Middle School.

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### Chance meeting in Mexico Riviera

While vacationing in Mexico with **Al Eckloff '63** (right) this past winter, **Peter Nyhus '60** sported his "I Love GAC" T-shirt he purchased from the women's lacrosse team at the football stadium dedication last fall. On the way to the pool Nyhus asked his group if they thought anyone at the pool would know what GAC is? After just 15 minutes **Dawn Iacarella '95**, visiting from New York, asked if they went to Gustavus!

images for a historic exhibit ■ **Kris Guyer Jones**, Minneapolis, is an administrative assistant at Thrivent Financial ■ **Susan Astrup Lundquist**, Rochester, is an executive recruiter at Target ■ **Katri**

**Korpela Mullaly**, Marstons Mills, MA, is a manager at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts ■ **Jill Sherman**, Sudbury, Ontario, is a research analyst for Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research,



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## Reading and writing—Carolyn Wedin '61 stays busy

The forthcoming four-volume Oxford Encyclopedia of African-American History includes more than 25 entries researched and written by **Carolyn Wedin '61**. Writing at her home in the woods near Frederic, Wis., Wedin, a professor emerita in modern languages and literature at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, has contributed articles on topics including George Washington Carver, the Hampton Conferences, the Boston Guardian, the Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation, the Mohonk Negro Conferences, the Messenger, the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the film Birth of a Nation, and Charles Young.

Wedin has also been busy away from her computer. In addition to finding lots of quality time for grandson Milo (see photo), she and her husband, Anthony Rolloff, helped last fall to organize and develop "The Big Read," a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for Polk and Burnett counties in Wisconsin and Chisago County in Minnesota to read and discuss Willa Cather's novel My Antonia. So successful was this effort to increase interest in reading good literature that the organizers are now developing a proposal to do Jack London's Call of the Wild in the winter of 2009—complete with dog sled races!

The couple also spent three weeks in Sweden in September 2007, where Wedin continued to work on a translation of Historical Sketches, a book published in 1924 in Swedish about the Trade Lake area of Wisconsin where she lives. The author, L.J. Ahlstrom, was a nephew of Wedin's great-grandmother, and the two families had helped found the Trade Lake Baptist Church after emigrating together from Sweden in 1869. Ahlstrom, who became a Baptist minister, wrote about Baptist history in Sweden and the United States but also included much about pioneer life, relations with the Native Americans in the Trade Lake area, and early settlement of the Mississippi and St. Croix river valleys

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Annandale, is an elementary music teacher in the Buffalo Schools ■ **Bret N. Smith**, Lexington, KY, is an associate professor of physiology at University of Kentucky Medical School ■ **Mark Stenzel**, Coon Rapids, is a district sales manager at Tension Envelope Corp. ■ **Stacy Mangnuson Upton**, Whitefish, MT, works at Whitefish Physical Therapy.

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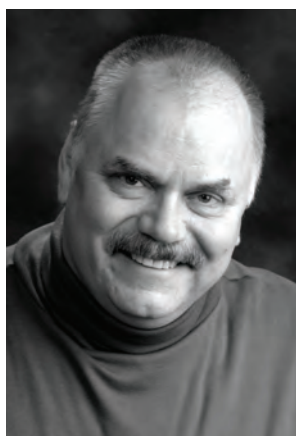
**Gustie teachers at Henry Sibley High School**

On a staff development day, Gustie teachers at Henry Sibley High School (West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, and Eagan) gathered for a photo. Pictured from left are **Jennifer Lange Clem '95**, **Cheryl Lee Forrest '79**, **Ann Staples '02**, **Rob Hanson '89**, **Peg Pearson Christenson '72**, **Stacy Johnson Lufkin '90**, **Suzanne Temple '05**, **Steve Lufkin '88**, and **Tony Kienitz '89**.

York under the auspices of Jazz at Lincoln Center, prompting a featured review in the *New York Times* ■ **Thyra Fossum**, St. Paul, is a faculty member at Capella University ■ **Craig Fredrickson**, Prior Lake, works at Smarte Carte, Inc. ■ **Kitty Hart**, Chaska, is an account executive for Capsule ■ **Jamie Heggerston Leonard**, Tracy, works at Appletree Institute ■ **Jill Heins Nesvold**, Forest Lake, is director of the American Lung Association ■ **Janell Puumala Niskanen**, Negaunee, MI, is a registered occupational therapist at Superior Therapy Services ■ **Ed Parsons**, Minneapolis, is IT manager at Embroidery Library ■ **Katie Holm Setterlund**, Alma, MI, works at Lodewyk, Nesen & McKim ■ **Marc Setterlund**, Alma, MI, is professor and assistant provost at Alma College.

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**Rouch named 2007 Photographer of the Year**

**Steve Rouch '73**, St. Paul, has been named 2007 Photographer of the Year by Minnesota Meetings and Events Magazine. The magazine picks the "best of" in categories that relate to weddings and other events in Minnesota based upon votes gathered from peers, vendors, clients, and readers of the magazine. Rouch is the only Master Photographer in Minneapolis/St. Paul and is winner of the Minnesota state wedding album competition. He photographs around 100 weddings a year and is considered "the most booked wedding photographer in the Twin Cities."

Rouch has studied under greats like Ansel Adams, and his classical training in photography includes many of the world's great masters, among them Monte, Big Daddy Blair, Dean Collins, David Ziser, and Jay Maisel. He views his work more from the perspective of being a "visual historian," not a picture taker. He has been invited to exhibit his work at Epcot Center in Disneyworld. Rouch recently published a fine art photography book called *Inner Visions* and is working on another titled *Vanishing America*. He is owner and operator of Steve Rouch Photography ([www.choicephoto.com](http://www.choicephoto.com)).

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# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



Coach **Scott Christensen '77** with one of his Stillwater High School runners, miler **Ben Blankenship**, who won two consecutive state mile championships.

## From high school to the world championships

For more than 25 years, **Scott Christensen '77** has been teaching at Stillwater Area High School and coaching the boys' cross country and track and field teams. This past spring he had the opportunity to expand his horizon a bit when he was named to lead the U.S. senior national team at the World Cross Country Championships in Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 30.

Christensen had coached the junior national team at the world championships in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 2003. Nevertheless, he wasn't sure if he'd have the chance to lead the senior team after an Olympic coach took the men's team to Kenya last year. "I started thinking that maybe because I'm a high school coach they might bypass me," he told Stu Groskreutz, sports editor of the Stillwater Gazette, in February. He needn't have worried, although he does admit to coveting the post.

Christensen was named "team leader" for this year's men's senior team during the annual meeting of USA Track & Field (USATF) in Hawaii in December 2007. (Team leader is essentially head coach, although USATF avoids the head coach label since so many of the elite runners on the national team have individual coaches.) USATF officials note that it's rare for a high school coach to be able to step up to be a national team coach at a world championship—the chair of USATF's Cross Country Council could think of only one other prep coach who led a team at that level—but expressed great confidence in Christensen's knowledge and his "calming, laid-back approach."

Christensen has been involved with USATF for many years and is currently national chair of Endurance Sport Science for the organization. He conducts clinics around the country.

When he's not out with his athletes, Christensen teaches human physiology at Stillwater and is chair of the school's life science department. He has coached the Stillwater Ponies boys' cross country and track teams for 27 years now, winning a total of 37 section championships (believed to be the most by any coach in Minnesota State High School League history). His cross country teams have won three state championships while placing in the top five nine times; his track and field teams have earned three MSHSL state titles and three True Team state championships. His program has produced numerous runners who went on to become collegiate All-Americans, including three sub-four-minute milers.

As for the national assignment, Christensen is actually looking forward to the spotlight's glare, noting that some of his responsibilities won't differ much from his regular duties with the Ponies. "I like biting off big bites of things," he says, "and this is certainly a big bite of something."

school-age teacher at Kinder Care ■

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*Gustie friends enjoyed a Lorie Line Christmas concert together at the Orpheum in Minneapolis in December 2007. Pictured from left are Dagni Johnson Lee '83, Eileen Applegate Sternard '83, Lorie Line, Kim Line Edwards '83, Randi Ness Kelley '83, and Kathleen Applegate Iverson '83.*

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*of Prisons Norm Carlson '55. Watching her father hold a full-time federal government job while still finding time to volunteer for community organizations and in his local church gave her the fundamental drive to choose her career path. In addition to her current post, she serves on California's Fish and Game Commission, a post she was recommended for by a member of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's staff in 2005.*

**Gustafson named Tahoe City Public Utility general manager**

**Cindy Carlson Gustafson '80**, Tahoe City, CA, has been appointed general manager of the Tahoe City Public Utility District, the oldest governmental agency in the Tahoe Basin. Gustafson is the sixth general manager of the organization, which was founded in 1938, and is the only woman to have held the post. Gustafson was hired in 1991 as a director of resource development and community relations and most recently held the position of assistant general manager. Gustafson grew up outside of Washington, D.C., and is the daughter of a former director of the Federal Bureau

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*Kent Rosenblum '66, president, CEO, and director of winemaking at Rosenblum Cellars, in a barrel-aging room. Most of his wines are aged in a combination of new and older oak obtained from more than 55 different coopers in the United States, France, Hungary, Australia, and Russia.*

## The vineyards are fruitful for these Gusties

It's an image straight out of the movies, a pastoral reverie for daydreamers: the estates on California hillsides surrounded by vineyards, the idyllic lifestyle, the grape harvest, the romance of wine. But these four Gusties (and undoubtedly more whom we haven't identified yet), who managed to find their way to California from the Upper Midwest, are actually living the dream, and making a living on California wines.



While working for Conus Communications in Minneapolis, coordinating satellite news feeds for local news broadcasts for member stations throughout the country, **Jodie Boulet '86** met future husband Tom Daughters, a St. John's University graduate who was attending his second year of medical school at the University of Minnesota. In 1990 they made the cross-country move to Santa Barbara, CA, where Jodie took up three jobs to help make ends meet while Tom began his residency at Cottage Hospital.

Jodi says, "Our interest in wine started to develop when we could finally afford our first bottle in 1991!" Inspired by a trip to northern California's Napa Valley and the growing promise of the wine industry in southern California, they hatched the idea of getting into the business along with a winemaker friend and business partner, Brett Escalera (who still "daylights" as head winemaker for the Fess Parker Winery), and his wife, Monica.

The foursome started with a 1997 vintage syrah and became official as a

label in March of 1999. Their wine company, Consilience, acquires its fruit from several of the best growers in Santa Barbara County and focuses largely on the Rhône varietals, pinot noir and zinfandel. With Jodie at the helm as general manager, the company has grown to include distribution in many states throughout the country. Since 2004 she has also maintained a busy tasting room in Los Olivos, the center of winery tourism in the Santa Ynez Valley/Santa Barbara area.

Recently Jodie has also been involved as the general manager of another exciting winery venture, called Tre Anelli, which focuses on producing the classic Old-World Italian and Spanish varietal wines. Tre Anelli also maintains a tasting room in Los Olivos, but is limited to tasting-room and direct-to-consumer sales.



This year, Rosenblum Cellars celebrates its 30th anniversary. From a modest beginning making wine in his basement, **Kent Rosenblum '66** has built what was initially a hobby into an esteemed winery while also establishing a reputation as a talented winemaker with a gift for crafting world-class single-vineyard zinfandels.

A trained veterinarian, Kent moved from Minnesota in 1970 to join a veterinary practice in Alameda, CA. He and his wife, Kathy, were attracted to the emerging wine scene in northern California, and they were soon part of a





**Jody Boulet-Daughters '86** and her husband, **Tom Daughters**, have named two of their wines after their black Labrador, Mambo: *Cuvee Mambo Red* and *Cuvee Mambo White*.

weekly wine group. Kent took up home winemaking and began studying his favorite wines. In 1978 he and Kathy and some friends founded Rosenblum Cellars, producing a modest 400 cases of a widely praised Cullinane Vineyard Zinfandel in that first year.

"We had been doing some home winemaking as a group from Berkeley Ski Club for a number of years and decided to start a winery," Kent told an interviewer from the *Star Tribune* when he was visiting the Twin Cities recently. "We rented a closed-down bar called the Dead End, refurbished it, got it all bonded . . . and realized we were in the middle of a rough neighborhood—house of ill repute, drug dealers, all that stuff. The bottom line was, they thought we were as illegal as they were. Actually, they kind of protected the place!"

Demand for his wines grew faster than production, resulting in a move to a larger facility in nearby Emeryville. Production reached 5,000 cases and recognition and awards followed, and within five years a still-larger space was needed. A move back to Alameda, near Kent's veterinary clinic, was made in 1987.

Today, Rosenblum Cellars produces more than 40 different wines each year using fruit from over 75 vineyards throughout California. To honor the commitment made by his vineyard partners, Kent, known to friends, partners, and wine aficionados alike as the "King of Zin," personally oversees

every wine. "We are like 30 little wineries rolled into one," he maintains. "We may have 120 small lots of grapes, but each one is managed as if it is the only one. We hand-sort the fruit. Specific yeasts are carefully selected for each lot. Fermentation is done in very small batches."

Rosenblum Cellars, which now produces more than 100,000 cases annually, is awarded well over 100 medals each year for its wines. And Kent still actively continues his veterinary practice while also attending to his "hobby."



**Megan Gunderson '01** samples a Hall Winery merlot she helped to create.

"My degree in biochemistry and molecular biology gave me particular insight into the scientific aspects of winemaking," says **Megan Gunderson '01**. Starting as an intern at the Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville, in the Napa Valley of northern California, she discovered that she had a real passion for wine and viticulture. After stints as laboratory manager for St. Supery Vineyards and Winery and Dominus Estate (both also in the Napa Valley), she joined the relatively new Hall Winery in June of 2005 as an enologist and in the fall of 2007 took on the role of assistant winemaker.

In 2005 Craig and Kathryn Hall had unveiled a state-of-the-art winery in the hills near Rutherford, CA, dedicated to producing single-vineyard and limited-production wines. Their vineyards encompass more than 500 acres of classic Bordeaux varietals: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, and sauvignon blanc. As assistant winemaker, Megan works on all stages of the winemaking process, from helping to choose winemaking methods to monitoring fermentation and overseeing the cellar.

After acquiring the historic Bergfeld winery in St. Helena in 2003, Hall

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**Dean Katzung '91** in the "enological Disneyland" that is Gallo of Sonoma.



## Vineyards

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Winery will open a Frank Gehry-designed visitors' center and winery there in 2009. Megan is "proud and excited" to be part of Hall's plans.

Dean Katzung '91 admits that he took a round-about way to arrive at Gallo of Sonoma, one of the largest wineries in the world. But, then again, he notes that his first boss at Gallo used to be an engineer at a nuclear weapons lab.

After graduating from Gustavus, Dean had enrolled in the graduate program in biochemistry at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he eventually earned a Ph.D.

However, while in grad school, he started home-brewing beer with a friend from the yeast genetics lab down the hall. "Our beers didn't exactly make Milwaukee famous, but it was a fun and tangibly rewarding form of biochemistry," he says now.

"After realizing that I wasn't too interested in academic science, I started looking at a job in brewing." He found one at Leinenkugel's, but after one too many winters in Milwaukee, he opted to jump from beer in Wisconsin to wine in California. "I got a chance to meet Pete Vella, vice president of winemaking at E.&J. Gallo Winery," he relates. "He was intrigued at the idea of bringing in someone with a non-traditional background and with strong problem-solving skills." So Dean headed west in 2000.

He started by assisting the cabernet/merlot winemaker, using his research background to help out on vineyard and winemaking trials and experiment with fermentation and aging. Dean is now assistant winemaker for Gallo of Sonoma, assisting the pinot noir winemaker and running his own syrah programs. "I also play a little bit with the Italian varietals of Barbera and Sangiovese."

Dean is also the winemaker for Gallo Family Vineyards Sonoma Reserve Syrah, the 2005 bottling of which recently received a "top value" accolade in *Wine Spectator* magazine. "It was the first time one of my wines has been singled out by the *Spectator*," he notes, adding, "Kent Rosenblum received two "top values" and one "top wine" in the same issue for his syrahs and petite sirah, so I've got something to shoot for!"



### Johnson exhibits at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

**Wendy Johnson '79**, Orono, is one of 17 Minnesota artists and designers selected by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum to exhibit outdoors during its 2008 Summer Exhibition, "Treeology," a salute to the towering wonder and quiet power of trees in today's world. "Treeology" opens May 24 and continues through October 12. The art installations will be placed along a tree-lined, 1.5-mile walk through the arboretum grounds, providing a fresh perspective on trees and their gifts to planet Earth.

Johnson's exhibit is titled "1 in 10,000," referring to the fact that, when an acorn falls, it has about 1 in 10,000 chance of becoming a tree. "Predators, such as squirrels, and various environmental factors affect its survival to the point that for every 10,000 acorns, only one will survive to become a tree," Johnson notes. "This exhibit reflects on the 10,000 acorns that were statistical players in the life of the exhibit's central oak tree. The 100 gazing globes symbolize the 10,000 acorns (100<sup>2</sup>, with reflections filling in for the total 10,000). The globes will be placed to represent the visual randomness of how they fall from the tree—the chaos theory of pattern distribution in nature. Their placement plays with the dynamic balance between natural chaos and the perfect manufactured form of the globes."

Johnson's installation also speaks to the effect that humans and other creatures have on the life of an oak. The globes will reflect the visitors back to themselves and encourage the visitors to see they are not just observing the scene but are present in the environment of the tree. From a distance, the mystical globes will shimmer as a mass of dancing, reflected light. The effect of Johnson's exhibit will change as the weather and seasons change.

Of 78 proposals submitted, a jury of designers and critics selected 17 to be implemented, along with eight alternates. Construction of the exhibition will begin in Arboretum grounds in mid-May. The "Treeology" exhibition is the cornerstone of a year of celebrations—including the Arboretum's 50th anniversary year and the 100th anniversary of the University of Minnesota's Horticultural Research Center. Winning designers are given a \$2,500 stipend to defray costs and have been encouraged to partner with contractors, builders, nurseries, garden centers, and others to create and/or install their works at the Arboretum.

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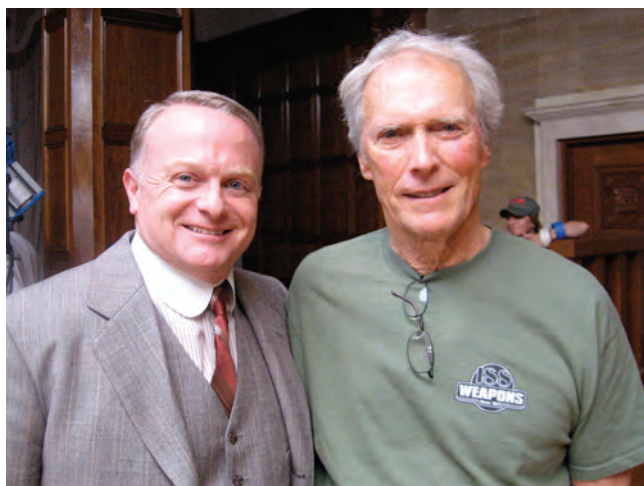
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**Alumna joins Minnesota Twins in planning medical fundraiser**  
*Jackie Hunt Christensen '86*, Minneapolis, pictured with former Minnesota Twins first baseman Kent Hrbek, served on the planning committee and spoke at the VIP reception at the third annual Diamond Awards gala fundraiser for the Minnesota Medical Foundation and the Bob Allison Ataxia Research Center. At the gala, Diamond Awards for the 2007 season were presented to members of the Minnesota Twins by the Baseball Writers of America. Proceeds from this year's gala will go to fund Parkinson's, ALS, muscular dystrophy, and other neurodegenerative diseases besides ataxia. In addition to her involvement with the Diamond Awards planning committee, Hunt Christensen volunteers as public affairs senior adviser for the Parkinson's Action Network.



**Busy in Hollywood**  
*Peter Breitmayer '87* is pictured with actor/director Clint Eastwood on the set of the Eastwood-directed film *The Changeling*. Breitmayer played the major supporting role of Councilman Thomas Thorpe in the film, which stars Angelina Jolie and John Malkovich among others. On a lighter note, Breitmayer just finished shooting on the new *G.I. Joe* movie, in which he was cast as "Lifeline," the squad's pacifist medic.

the 2007 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Alumni Association USA Kintetsu Essay Contest ■ **Jeremy Weaver**, Champaign, IL, is visiting lecturer at University of Illinois.

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## London Gusties catch up with profs

**Amy Mickelson Thompson '87** and her husband, Peter, organized a gathering of London-area Gusties in January, also inviting Gustavus professors who were in the city during the month. Peter had hosted the students enrolled in Professor Bruce Johnson's IEX class on "The European Union: Politics and Economics of Integration" at Goldman Sachs's London office earlier in the week. (Johnson and his students also met with **Peter Westberg '91**, who is with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in London, and **Sigrid Gustafson Pettersen '03**, who is with IKEA in Brussels.)

Pictured at the alumni gathering, seated from left, are **Tina Lohmann-Andrews '00**; **Bruce Johnson**, professor of economics and management; **Alan Guthrie '94**; **Patricia Costello**, assistant professor of psychology who accompanied the European Union class; **Katherine Genis '85**; and **Ann DeLaHunt Burniston '88**. Standing are **Amy Mickelson Thompson '87** and **Joyce Sutphen**, associate professor of English who also led an IEX group to London for "Writing in London, London's Writers."



## Wins school district's highest honor

**Jill Johnson-Smith '91**, received the Madison (WI) Metropolitan School District Distinguished Service Award during ceremonies held on April 14. This is the district's highest honor for meritorious contributions to students and schools. Nominations were submitted by colleagues, supervisors, and parents, who wrote letters of support and responded to a list of questions relating to the nominee's work for and dedication to the district and its students. A 21-member committee of teachers, administrators, parents, citizens, business and community leaders, and student representatives selected the honorees.

Johnson-Smith, an elementary teacher at Orchard Ridge School in Madison, WI, was one of two elementary teachers to receive the award this year.

**Schlieff Bennett**, Arlington, VA, is a project assistant for Global Environment & Technology Foundation ■ **Eric Boline**, Rochester, is an assistant manager at Dominion Management Services ■ **Victoria Czupryna**, Plymouth, is a senior account manager at Appliance Recycling Centers of America ■ **Sarah Fredericks**, Atlanta, GA, received a Ph.D. in religious and theological studies/science, philosophy, and religion from Boston University and is a visiting assistant professor

at Georgia Institute of Technology ■ **Shanna Holthaus**, St. Louis Park, works with in-home supervision and administrative support at Companion Housing ■ **Sabina Ludy**, Chapel Hill, NC, is a clinical pharmacist at the Duke Hospital ■ **Jessica McIntire**, Superior, WI, works at Sage in Dublin, Ireland ■ **Sean K. O'Brien**, St. Paul, is a financial analyst at SEH ■ **Randy Schmeling**, West St. Paul, performed in the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* at the Ordway Center for Performing Arts ■ **John Stenson**,

Puli, Nantou, Taiwan, is a teacher and coach at the A-dan School ■ **Kara Wachlarowicz Wallace**, Pine Island, is a physician assistant at the Mayo Medical Center ■ **Kelly Bangstad Wilz**, Bloomington, IN, is a doctoral student at Indiana University ■ **Katy Srnec Zeier**, Coralville, IA, is in the doctor of pharmacy program at University of Iowa College of Pharmacy.

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**Hartzell competes in national crossword tournament**  
**Brent Hartzell '89**, Locust Grove, VA, chief of staff to the chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Education, recently finished 35<sup>th</sup> at the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. The tournament, directed by Will Shortz, the New York Times puzzle editor since 1993, begins with six puzzles of varying difficulty on Saturday morning and afternoon, a Sunday-size seventh puzzle on Sunday morning, and then the championship playoffs for the top three in each of the top three skill divisions (A, B, C) on Sunday around noon. In the past two years, Hartzell has gone from #178 to #35 in rank by solving hundreds and hundreds of puzzles, including over 1,000 in the past 12 months. All of the participants who finished ahead of Hartzell were consistently faster, so speed is one aspect he hopes to improve.

Each tournament puzzle has a time limit ranging from 15 to 45 minutes, based on size and difficulty. For each puzzle, a solver scores 10 points for each correct word, 150 bonus points for a correct puzzle, and 25 points for each minute remaining on the clock when the puzzle is turned in. Hartzell's puzzle solving times were 4, 9, and 12 minutes respectively on the Saturday morning puzzles; 6, 19, and 10 minutes on the Saturday afternoon puzzles; and 17 minutes on the Sunday-size puzzle on Sunday morning. He made only one mistake during the tournament in 77 minutes solving seven puzzles. By comparison, the tournament's co-champions solved the seven puzzles cleanly in a cumulative total of 42 minutes. Hartzell owes much of his improvement to daily practice with puzzles in the New York Times, New York Sun, Los Angeles Times, and books of old puzzles, and the support and patience of his wife, **Sheryl (Bearson '92)**.



**UI physician receives international honor**  
**Marta Hemmingson VanBeek '93**, Iowa City, IA, an assistant professor in the Department of Dermatology in the University of Iowa's Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine and a dermatologist at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, received a prestigious international award from the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) during the 2007 World Congress of Dermatology in Buenos Aires, Argentina. VanBeek received the North American Young

Dermatologist International Achievement Award for "significant achievement in dermatology that stands as an example to all young dermatologists." The ILDS bases the award on domestic and international service in the field of dermatology. One dermatologist from each continent receives a Young Dermatologist International Achievement Award at the World Congress of Dermatology meetings, which are held every five years.

Rosemount, works at Target Corp. ■ **Nathan Porath**, Eagan, is a dental student at University of Minnesota ■ **Ryan Taylor**, Minneapolis, is a self-

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## Skiing in the Bitterroots

**Alan Brew '89, Andrea Sundheim Brew '89, and Jim Brew '92** met up in Montana for back-country skiing in the Bitterroots. Alan came out from Ashland, WI, in March to spend time with his brother, Jim, and Jim's wife, Andrea, who make their home in Missoula, MT.



## Pederson appears on National Geographic Channel

**Joel Pederson '90**, Richmond, UT, appeared on the National Geographic Channel's *Watching Naked Science: Grand Canyon* televised in February. Pederson is associate professor and director of the luminescence lab in the Department of Geology at Utah State University. Pederson does most of his research in and around Grand Canyon or elsewhere on the Colorado Plateau and is called on when someone is interested in the formation of the landscapes of that region. Pederson's lab is currently under contract to do work at a series of high-profile archaeological excavations upcoming in Grand Canyon National Park. Pederson received his master's degree in geology from Northern Arizona University and his Ph.D. in earth and planetary science from the University of New Mexico.

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**Finn Kuusisto**, Plymouth, is a software engineer for ISII in Plymouth  
**Luke Madson**, Ellendale, is a quality resource analyst at the Waseca Medical Center  
**Travis Michelson**, Willmar, teaches 9-12 choirs and AP music theory at Willmar High School  
**Laura Molde**, Montevideo, is a production potter for Grey Fox Pottery  
**Sarah Creighton Olson**, Hyattsville, MD, works at the National Milk Producers Foundation  
**Nick Peterson** is studying electrical engineering at Michigan Tech  
**Matt Pollari**, Roseville, is an intern with the Al Franken Campaign  
**Jon Quinlivan**, Owatonna, is an inside sales estimating associate for Viracon  
**Heather Rossow**, Faribault, is a product manager for Carlson Craft Binder Division  
**Matt Sinnen**, Chanhassen, works at Analytics and Inc.  
**Marcy Tatro** is doing marketing and consulting for David Drucker, M.D., in Denver  
**Tyler Ties**, Lewiston, is a financial analyst at IBM  
**Ingrid Vick**, St. Paul, is a creation care coordinator for Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota  
**Josh Wahlstrom**, Hastings, is a committee page for the Minnesota State Senate  
**Tyler Wilken**, Champaign, IL, is a teller at First Federal Bank.





## Weddings

**Bob R. Johnson '51** and Mary Berthold, 02/16/07, Balsam Lake, WI.

**Phyllis M. Anderson '54** and **Roger Erickson '53**, 10/02/07, Faribault, MN.

**David Toft '63** and Meredith McConahey, 08/12/06, Rochester, MN.

**Susan Swanson '74** and Michael Kimitch, 02/16/08, Eden Prairie, MN.

**Joan Warnsholz '80** and Karl Drenth, 10/26/07, St. Paul, MN.

**Wendy Gilliland '85** and Rick Haagenson, 07/30/05, Eagan, MN.

**Colleen Nori '90** and James Bartzsch, 08/04/07, Ft. Wayne, IN.

**Stephanie Owen '91** and Jay Lyons, 06/30/07, Hopkins, MN.

**Mandi Gillespie '95** and Brad Young, 08/04/07, Camden, NC.

**Vincent Petersen '95** and Noel Peterson, Minnetrista, MN.

**Janelle Phelps '95** and Erik Magelee, 06/09/07, Mapleton, MN.

**Michele Thieman '96** and Greg Sperle, 12/29/07, Ft. Collins, CO.

**Kimberly Miller '97** and Steve Bui, 04/28/07, San Diego, CA.

**Peter J. Peterson '97** and Vera Gualtieri, 08/30/07, Minneapolis, MN.

**Laura Selby '97** and Jeff Nielsen, 12/28/07, St. Louis Park, MN.

**Erica Stone '00** and Eric Scott, 09/02/07, Bloomington, MN.

**April Hicks '01** and Kris Vaos, 06/09/07, McHenry, IL.

**Emily Brekke '02** and Dan They, 11/03/07, Mounds View, MN.

**Nick Greenig '02** and Amanda Sheady, 02/02/08, St. Peter, MN.

**Stefanie Loncorich '02** and Nicholas Frank, 12/01/08, Hector, MN.

**Katherine Rosenthal '02** and Justin Rose, 09/16/07, Zumbrota, MN.

**Jessica Cunningham '03** and Jeremy Miller, 10/16/07, Shakopee, MN.

**Molly McKay '03** and Daniel Steffen, 10/28/06, St. Paul, MN.

**Sarah Monson '03** and **Isaac Monson '04**, 10/28/06, Madelia, MN.

**Andrew Walter '03** and Alexandra Curran, 09/02/07, Simsbury, CT.

**Beth Worley '03** and **Chris Huizinga '02**, 01/26/08, St. Paul, MN.

**Katherine Hoffman '04** and Dan Anderson, 12/29/07, Nicollet, MN.

**Amy Ness '04** and Nathan Mead, 02/22/08, Eden Prairie, MN.

**Lucas Westman '04** and Katie Dobson, 12/22/07, Mankato, MN.

**Carissa Herzog '05** and Jeffrey Roach, 10/22/07, Stillwater, MN.

**Briana Isaacson '05** and Andrew Torvick, 07/14/08, Dassel, MN.

**Meghan Lynch '05** and **David Heldman '04**, 08/04/07, Richfield, MN.

**Danielle Abel '06** and Travis Olson, 08/25/07, Waseca, MN.

**Brandon DeWolf '06** and Tara Stadheim, 08/11/07, Cedar Rapids, IA.

**Sean Evenson '06** and Greta Loen, 12/22/07, Benson, MN.

**Sally Johnson '06** and Andy VanHal, 12/15/07, Owatonna, MN.

**Mollie Lager '06** and **Caleb Bousu '06**, Bloomington, MN.

**Kristin Welsh '06** and Randy Kirk, 03/10/07, Hastings, MN.

**Tony Stadtherr '07** and Joni Forstner, 08/11/07, Mankato, MN.

## Births

Estefani, by adoption from Guatemala, to **Eric Hanson '81** and Joni Hanson, born 12/25/01

Anna, to **Jean Cunningham Mulvahill '81** and James Mulvahill, 4/2/06.

Twins, Tristan and Tennyson, to **Debora Holmes '82** and Jim Mayfield, 12/19/07.

Halima, to **Laura Moldenhauer Bigirindavyi '85** and **Jean-Paul Bigirindavyi '00**, 11/15/04.

Sawyer, to **Wendy Gilliland Haagenson '85** and Rick Haagenson, 11/12/07.

Jonathan, by adoption from Guatemala, to **Eric Lande '85** and Christine Lande, born 8/10/06, adopted 1/8/07.

Haley, to **Penny Noeska Johnson '88** and Niel Johnson, 12/7/07.

Thor, to **Todd Raarup '88** and Meredith Raarup, 3/3/08.

Leo, to **Mike Dueber '89** and Jodelle Dueber, 12/28/07.

Derek, to **Kelly Kreiser Dorholt '90** and **David Dorholt '90**, 6/8/06.

Max, to **Stephanie Henke Engel '90** and **Richard Engel '90**, 2/2/07.

Sarah, to **Laura Koenig Garner '91** and Rick Garner, 1/10/08.

Grace, to **Michael Gempeler '91** and Mary Beth Gempeler.

Moriah, to **Laura Hudson Godsey '91** and Max Godsey, 11/28/07.

Siena, to **Dean Katzung '91** and Deanna Katzung, 2/8/08.



### Reconnecting in Sweden

**Jody Svensson Christiansen '95** traveled to Sweden for the first time last summer and spent 10 days in Stockholm visiting her friend, Camilla Alfalk, and her family. Christiansen met Alfalk while studying abroad in Spain during the spring semester of her junior year at Gustavus in 1994. Christiansen is pictured with her husband, Mark, in front of Drottningholm Palace in Stockholm.



### International marathoners

**Alan Guthrie '94**, a resident of Ashorne, United Kingdom, and **Nels Dokken '94** met in Dublin, Ireland, on October 29, 2007, to run the Dublin Marathon. This is the second international marathon they have run together, the first one being the Stockholm Marathon in June 2003.



### Jacobs elected shareholder

**Michael Jacobs '95**, Mankato, has been elected shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard, one of Minnesota's largest law firms. Jacobs practices in the firm's Mankato office and focuses his practice on corporate and business law and commercial real estate transactions. He holds a law degree from Hamline University School of Law and a master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas.





## Gustie students meet with Butorac at Aussie Open

In January Gustavus men's tennis coach **Steve Wilkinson** brought his January Term class to Australia, where they had the opportunity to watch **Eric Butorac '03** compete in the Australian Open. Butorac won two rounds in men's doubles and two rounds in mixed doubles in front of his fellow Gusties. This was the first chance for Wilkinson to watch Butorac play professionally since he joined the tour following his graduation. In the photo, Butorac addresses the group outside the Vodafone Arena, the second-largest venue for matches. Butorac gave talks several mornings before matches began and invited other players to join him.



## Stockwell named to the RE/MAX Platinum Club

**Jason Stockwell '00**, Richfield, has been named to the Platinum Club by RE/MAX, which recognized him for achieving the third highest sales in its North Central region during 2007. Only five percent of RE/MAX North Central associates have achieved the Platinum Club level. Stockwell, who is employed with RE/MAX Results in Apple Valley, was also recognized for his 2007 contributions of \$1,400 to the Children's Miracle Network by Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, the local CMN beneficiary.



## Johansen named editor of law review

**Kate Johansen '04** has been elected the 2008–09 editor-in-chief of the William Mitchell Law Review, Vol. 35, at William Mitchell School of Law. In addition to serving on law review, she competes in the Jessup International Moot Court competition and is co-editor of the school's newspaper. During her first year of law school, Johansen received the highest grade in three courses and volunteered as a health policy researcher. Her publications include two law review articles, an editorial in the Center of the

American Experiment's Symposium on Urban Conservatism, and a humor list on the popular literary website, McSweeney's.

Chavelle, to **Michelle Cole Knochenmus '91** and Howard Knochenmus, 8/23/06.  
 Eryn, to **Darcey Schoenebeck '91** and **Jay Schoenebeck '80**, 3/10/08.  
 Micah, to **Alisa Spong Lee '92** and Michael Lee, 6/25/07.  
 Soren, to **Melissa Hanson Rosdahl '92** and Kurt Rosdahl, 5/15/07.  
 Anna, by adoption from Guatemala, to **Sara Nelson Shore '92** and Tony Shore, 5/16/07.  
 Zachary, to **Jean Erickson Walikonis '92** and Randall Walikonis, 7/14/06.  
 Jordan, to **Jessica Rogich Deakin '93** and Robert Deakin, 2/2/07.  
 Daniel, to **Paul Djupe '93** and Kate Djupe, 8/4/07.  
 Grant, to **Heather Hogle Elliott '93** and Douglas Elliott, 12/1/07.  
 Kaitlyn, to **Katina Daniell Monzon '93** and Ricardo Monzon, 6/19/07.  
 Caroline, to **Tim Wilson '93** and Heather A. Wilson, 6/21/07.  
 Kate, to **Rebecca Ninke '94** and David Watson, 3/1/08.  
 Brody, to **Becky Pearson Owens '94** and Jim Owens, 6/1/07.  
 Lydia, to **Jill Dirnberger Timm '94** and Craig Timm.

Benjamin, to **Stacey Evers Vasecka '94** and Chris Vasecka, 4/17/07.  
 Riley, to **Kyle Finney '95** and Robyn Finney.  
 Cameron, to **Renee Bellrichard Galloway '95** and Jeff Galloway, 2/4/08.  
 Gustav, to **Ilsa Lund '95** and **Brian Kraatz '96**, 9/26/07.  
 Seth, to **Debbie Lightly Mascaro '95** and Stephen Mascaro, 8/17/07.  
 Ella, to **Brad Olson '95** and Mary Kay Olson, 5/5/07.  
 Amanda, to **Roxanne Hagen Ruffenach '95** and Shane Ruffenach, 2/15/07.  
 Beckett, to **Kate Magnuson Strand '95** and Brian Strand, 11/25/07.  
 Bella, to **Amy Rodning Swenson '95** and Jeff Swenson, 4/13/06.  
 Delaney, to **Shannon Rafferty Treichel '95** and David Treichel, 12/17/07.  
 Charles, to **John Feistner '96** and Kari Feistner, 10/1/07.  
 Molly, to **Todd Mayer '96** and Laura Mayer, 9/12/07.  
 Eva, to **Dusan Turcan '96** and Elizabeth Turcanova, 5/22/06.  
 Jaxon, to **Amy DeVille Boschee '97** and Michael Boschee, 11/11/07.  
 William, to **Elizabeth Bomier Irish '97** and Joshua Irish, 10/6/07.  
 Rhys, to **Bradley Nuss '97** and Rebecca Nuss, 3/3/08.  
 Lucille, to **Erin Johnson Turner '97** and **Jon Turner '97**, 2/4/06.  
 Makenna, to **CloEve Anderson Demmer '98** and Ryan Demmer, 4/12/07.  
 Ingrid, to **Karen Lantz Holt '98** and **Ryan A. Holt '98**, 12/17/07.  
 Gustav, to **Rachel Dault Hudson '98** and Jay Hudson, 1/18/07.  
 Riley, to **Stacey Olson Huebner '98** and Charlie Huebner, 1/23/08.  
 Noah, to **Nathan Slinde '98** and Kirsten Slinde, 2/23/07.  
 Matthew, to **Sonja Roiger Timmerman '98** and **Jim Timmerman '98**, 12/21/07.  
 Gabriel, to **Callie Braun Armstrong '99** and **Eric Armstrong '96**, 9/5/07.  
 Gabriella, to **Kiril Avramov '99** and Edit Harangozo MD, 3/3/07.  
 Andrew, to **Emily Johnson Coleman '99** and Patrick Coleman, 12/18/07.  
 Malin, to **Alyssa Malinski Erickson '99** and **Steve Erickson '99**, 6/9/07.  
 Mitchell, to **Stephanie Marthaler Friesz '99** and Joshua Friesz, 1/10/07.  
 Twins, Steven and Betsy, to **Sara Pihoda Gillette '99** and Ryan Gillette.  
 Finley, to **Amy Hero Jones '99** and





Zachary Jones, 1/2/08.  
 Jace, to **Jayme Bartelt Jackson '99** and Justin Jackson, 10/6/07.  
 Hope, to **Tricia Otterblad Kohanski '99** and Noel Kohanski, 1/30/07.  
 Alyssa, to **Amy Bergman Kopp '99** and **John Kopp '99**, 11/23/07.  
 Isabel, to **Janelle Manno '99** and Antonio Carbajal, 10/9/07.  
 Twins, Kaylee and Kiersten, to **Deborah Koski Meester '99** and Aaron Meester, 12/11/07.  
 Anissa, to **Kimberly Olson Wimmer '99** and Trent Wimmer, 5/19/07.  
 Zoe, to **Erica Slusser Haas '00** and **Eric Haas '99**, 10/4/07.  
 Tyler, to **Tara Anlauf Hupton '00** and **Nick Hupton '99**, 9/10/07.  
 Annika, to **Beth Peter '00** and **Jeff Johnson '00**, 7/25/07.  
 Twins, Karina and Annika, to **Kristi Huettl Johnson '00** and Aaron Johnson, 2/13/08  
 Zaara, to **Naveed Kidwai '00**, 1/14/08.  
 Connor, to **Kira Theimer Morrissey '00** and Kevin Morrissey, 1/29/07.  
 Aiden, to **Kristi Petersen Murphy '00** and Steven Murphy, 11/28/07.  
 Seth, to **Linda Cowan Pack '00** and Christopher Pack, 3/18/07.  
 Ava, to **Lindsey Anderson Placek '00** and **Shane Placek '00**, 11/20/07.  
 Lillian, to **Laura Frey Polikowsky '00** and Christopher Polikowsky, 10/23/07.  
 Lauren, to **Travis Quast '00** and Angela Quast, 11/28/07.  
 Noella, to **Laura Carlson Ross '00** and Jeffrey Ross, 11/11/07.  
 Carter, to **Caroline Rettmann Stutsman '00** and Michael Stutsman, 5/1/07.  
 Ella, to **Danelle Sweeney '00** and **Matthew Dammeyer '99**, 2/29/08.  
 Bryce, to **Melissa Hummel Thomas '00** and Jason Thomas.  
 Owen, to **Rebekah Ostgarden Weekly '00** and Michael Weekly, 1/16/07.  
 Makayla, to **Eric Boline '01**, 10/24/07.  
 Jade, to **Jennifer Plath Dierkhising '01** and **John Dierkhising '99**, 11/19/07.  
 Broden, to **Jennifer Larson Johnson '01** and Matthew Johnson, 12/18/07.  
 Ashlyn, to **Kelly Devine McGeary '01** and Timothy McGeary, 1/14/08.  
 Tanner, to **Bridget Hundt Smith '01** and Dean Smith.  
 Zuri, to **Graziela Tanaka '01** and Cleipson Martins, 12/17/07.

Benjamin, to **Kara Wachlarowicz Wallace '01** and **Matthew Wallace '03**, 10/30/07.  
 Soren, to **Jill Sorenson Weiland '01** and Martin Weiland, 6/26/07.  
 Maddeline, to **Molly O'Keefe Kramer '02** and **Joshua Kramer '01**, 1/19/08.  
 Landon, to **Mike Metzger '02** and Ann Bailey, 1/4/08.  
 Rylan, to **Julie Christenson Oachs '02** and **David Oachs '01**, 11/24/07.  
 Estelle, by adoption, to **Shannon Swanson Severud '02** and Craig Severud, born 3/15/05, adopted 3/08.  
 Albany, by adoption, to **Shannon Swanson Severud '02** and Craig Severud, born 8/16/02, adopted 4/08.  
 Andrew, to **Laura Hanson Spanier '02** and Chad Spanier, 3/27/07.  
 Daisy, to **Jay DeLaRosby '03** and Tabby DeLaRosby, 9/30/07.  
 Cooper, to **Adam Long '03** and Janelle Long, 2/27/08.  
 Blake, to **Nikki Busch Menden '03** and **Brad Menden '03**, 9/18/07.  
 Ava, to **Jessica Cunningham Miller '03** and Jeremy Miller, 5/30/07.  
 Addison, to **Sarah Holm Pospisil '03** and Jared J. Pospisil, 11/15/07.  
 Jonathan, to **Becky Kaczrowski Sonnek '03** and Matthew Sonnek, 2/3/08.  
 Kiera, to **Mandy Fischer Britz '04** and **Adam Britz '03**, 11/16/07.  
 Logan, to **Adam Hennen '04** and Gina Hennen, 3/15/07.  
 Benjamin, to **Michele Simmonds Jabs '04** and **Paul Jabs '02**, 11/26/07.  
 Lilah, to **Diana Wichmann Reindal '04** and Heath Reindal, 11/7/07.  
 Cooper, to **Nikki Briggs Beckmann '05** and **Marc Beckmann '05**, 12/1/07.  
 Abigail, to **Kalee Schrupp Nuest '06** and Chad Nuest, 1/3/08.

## In Memoriam

**Gladys Mays '32**, Chisago City, MN, on February 7, 2008.  
**Marvin Holt '33**, Plymouth, MN, on November 21, 2007.  
**Luverne Johnson Sellstrom '41**, Apple Valley, MN, on February 20, 2008.  
**Violet Lund Edin '44**, Upsala, MN, on January 2, 2008.  
**Paul Flo '44**, Ellsworth, WI, on December 31, 2007.  
**Sherman Peterson '45**, Chisago City, MN, on September 3, 2007.



### Bandy update

Four classmates from the Class of 2007 and former varsity hockey players—from left, **Erik Kraska**, **John Arundel**, **Jon Keseley**, and **Mike Hosfield**—traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, in October to play for the Helenelund IK Bandy Klubb for the 2007–08 season. The foursome took time off during the regular Swedish bandy season (November–February) to travel to Moscow, Russia, with the USA National Bandy Team for the 2008 World Championships (Jan. 27–Feb. 3). Team USA completely dominated its bracket to win the B-Pool gold medal at the championships in front of an overflow crowd at the Olympiyskiy Stadium in Moscow. The gold medal was the second in two years in the B Pool for the national team and for Kraska, who was the starting goalkeeper for the 2007 U.S. team as well. (John Arundel's brother, **Scott '08**, also medaled in 2007 after being recruited for the team while studying abroad in Sweden).

In fact, the current U.S. National Bandy Team is dominated by Gusties. In addition to the four Helenelund Klubb members on the 17-man roster named above, the co-head coaches—**Chris Halden '78** and **Chris Middlebrook '79**—are both former Gustavus hockey players, as is the back-up goalkeeper, **Ben Levy '07**, and team's physical therapist on the bench, **Rick Hjelm '83**.

Meanwhile, on the local front, Levy and three more Gusties were part of the Minnesota Blades team that won the USA Division I Bandy National Championship on March 2. Pictured from left with their trophy are **Aaron Allar '03**, **Ben Levy '07**, **Jordan Anderson '03**, and **Danny Bissonnette '07**. The Blades had finished their season in first place with a 9–1 record, and had an overall season record of 14–2–1.

Bandy is being considered as an exhibition venue at the 2010 Olympics to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



**Bernard Halver '46** on December 6, 2007.

**Donald Graville '47**, Moline, IL, on December 25, 2007. He was retired from Erickson Furniture and is survived by three daughters.

**Dolores Bauman Harrison Larsen '48**, St. Cloud, MN, on March 10,

2008. She was a volunteer for Place of Hope and is survived by one son and two daughters including Mary Harrison '76.

**Gene Kamholz '49**, Palm Desert, CA, on February 5, 2008. He was a retired district manager for *Reader's Digest* and is survived by

## College staff recognized for service

At the annual Staff Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 21, members of the support staff were recognized for milestone anniversaries of their service to the College.



**30 years** – **Marie Dutton**, campus custodial coordinator, physical plant.  
**45 years** – **Layton Gehrke**, shops coordinator, physical plant.



**25 Years** – **Jan Jensen**, library assistant, Lund Music Library; **Margaret Allen**, Market Place cashier, Dining Service. Not pictured: **Janice Reid**, coordinator, custodial services; **Pat Stevenson**, switchboard coordinator, telecommunications, Gustavus Technology Services.



**2007 Retirees** – **Barbara Anderson**, custodian (13 years of service); **Rita Betzing**, custodian (17 years).

his wife, Yvonne, three daughters, and one son.  
**Dick Chambers '50**, Bloomington, MN, on February 6, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Marge, son Reg '72, and one daughter.  
**William D. Forbes Jr. '51**, Minneapolis, MN, on January 19, 2008.  
**Donald Pietz '51**, Ames, IA, on February 23, 2008. He was a retired veterinarian and is survived by his wife, Lois (Bloemke '54), two daughters, and two sons.  
**Patsy O'Connell Sherman '52**, Bloomington, MN, on February 11, 2008. She was a retired chemist for 3M, where she was co-inventor of Scotchgard, and received a Gustavus Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of scientific research in 1975. She is survived by two daughters and one sister.  
**Mary Stollenwerk Berg '53**, Superior, WI, on March 15, 2008.

She was a retired pastor's wife and missionary-in-residence for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and served her class as class agent, writing class letters full of puns. She is survived by her husband, Don '51, three sons including Scott '77 and Jonathan '87, and daughters Laurie '79, Lynnae '80, and Kristin Cochran '84.  
**Jeanette Severson Mattson '54**, Red Wing, MN, on October 2, 2007. She was a retired employee of St. John's Hospital in medical records and is survived by her husband, Clifford, two sons, and two daughters.  
**Robert Jacobson '55**, Lake Oswego, OR, on January 28, 2008. He was a retired cytotechnologist for Providence Medical Center and is survived by his wife, Cleo (Miller '55), daughter Karen Nuelk '82, sons Karl '83 and



## Choir presidents collect at Christmas in Christ Chapel

Three consecutive years of former Gustavus Choir presidents attended the same presentation of Christmas in Christ Chapel last December and posed for a photo. Pictured are **Anders Eckman '06**, **Claire Anderson '05**, and **Travis Michaelson '07**.

Raymond '85, and a sister, Marilyn Akerson '49.  
**Dennis Johnson '55**, Mora, MN, on December 30, 2007. He was retired owner of Johnson Bee Farms and is survived by three sons and one daughter.  
**Ruth Norberg Nye '55**, Half Moon Bay, CA, on February 23, 2008. She was retired from Meadow Heights School and is survived by four daughters, one son, sister Marie Bergstrom '50, and brother Carl '53.  
**Phyllis Rinehart Manning '57**, Titusville, FL, on August 17, 2007. She is survived by one son.  
**Darold Gremmert '58**, Alexandria, MN, on October 31, 2007.  
**James R. Ogren '58**, Tazewell, VA, on August 29, 2007.  
**Stanley Holmquist Jr. '64**, Grove City, MN, on December 22, 2007. He was retired owner of Holmquist Lumber and is survived by his wife, Betty, and two daughters.  
**Gladys Aagard Laughlin '65**, Laughlin, NV, on February 23, 2008.  
**Daniel Jopp '66**, Spring Valley, WI, on January 20, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Ann.  
**Starr Hall Blair '68**, Lubbock, TX, on February 22, 2008. She was senior therapist for Gateway Counseling Center and is survived by her husband, John '66, one son, and one daughter.  
**Thomas Aug '70**, Zumbrota, MN, on May 9, 2007. He was a dentist and is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and one son.  
**Kathy Ruud '70**, St. Paul, MN, on October 21, 2006. She was a retired first-grade teacher for the St. Paul School District.  
**Becky Bade Lane '74**, Chaska, MN, on December 18, 2007. She taught elementary school in Belle Plaine for 33 years and is survived by her husband, Andy, one daughter, and two sons including Greg '11.  
**Michael Greiner '80**, Albert Lea, MN, on October 16, 2007. He was employed by Albert Lea Electroplating as a chemist and is survived by his wife, Marlene, two daughters, and one son.  
**Harry Dunscombe**, on January 21, 2008. He was retired part-time music instructor of cello at Gustavus from 2001–2005.  
**Charles Wagner**, North Mankato, MN, on January 17, 2008. He was a retired adjunct professor who taught accounting in the Department of Economics and Management at Gustavus and is survived by his wife, Rutheda, two daughters, and three sons including David '82.

## Erratum

The In Memoriam listing for **M. Charles Anderson '51** in the Spring 2008 *Quarterly* omitted two survivors, sister Natalie Smith '46 and one son.



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## *arts on campus*

Adjudicators at the American College Dance Festival Association's North-Central Regional Conference in March selected the ensemble of "Vigorous Incubation" (above), representing the Gustavus Department of Theatre and Dance, as the region's nominee for the national AC DFA/Dance Magazine Award for Outstanding Student Performer and the dance itself as one of the three pieces among the entries from 33 colleges and universities participating in the region to be performed at the biennial AC DFA National College Dance Festival in New York in June. See pp. 8-9 for more on the department's honor. Photo by Terena Wilkens.

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