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*Photo by Anders Björling '58.*



# 'These are some of ours!'



Jake Scamans '10

By the time you read this, seniors will be counting down their final two weeks of classes on the Hill, and those of us who work at this college will be preparing to send them off with an appropriate balance of gravity and celebration. This year's graduating class is large—more than 600, potentially the largest class ever to be graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College—and its many members are about to undergo a metamorphosis every bit as monumental as the one they experienced when they arrived on campus as fresh high school graduates to be reformed into a college community.

They are about to become alumni.

The word "alumni" is a Latin word that translates as "foster children" or "pupils," from roots indicating "to nourish" and "old" in the sense of growth. I'm pretty sure there's

no definitive guide on how to be an alumnus or alumna. I've seen plenty of guidebooks that tell you how to get into college, but I can't recall any that tell you how to get out—and how to relate to your old school once you are out. So we have invented a protocol, based upon mutual pride.

This college is clear about its educational mission: "The purpose of a Gustavus education is to help students attain their full potential as persons." But that potential is realized only as students leave to join the world of work. Then the College holds up their achievements, their leadership, their service, their relationships and activities, and says, "These are some of ours!"

At the same time, the College hopes that its alumni—including its newest in the Class of 2009—will want to maintain and defend the integrity of their degrees and remain active with the community that nurtured them, perhaps even sending something back to those who are engaged in teaching another student generation or, to paraphrase former President Edgar Carlson, acknowledging the place that at least helped to persuade them to be the kind of people they've become. (That's why you'll find those Annual Fund envelopes inserted into the *Gustavus Quarterly* periodically.) Thousands of alumni have already made that personal decision to "check in" regularly; the Alumni Notes section of this issue of the *Quarterly* includes more than 30 pages of their activities and achievements.

The members of the Class of 2009 are about to swell the ranks of the living alumni of Gustavus Adolphus College beyond 25,000. Wouldn't it be extraordinary to be able to hold up a fair sample of the lives of each and every one?

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## Physics professor awarded second NSF grant

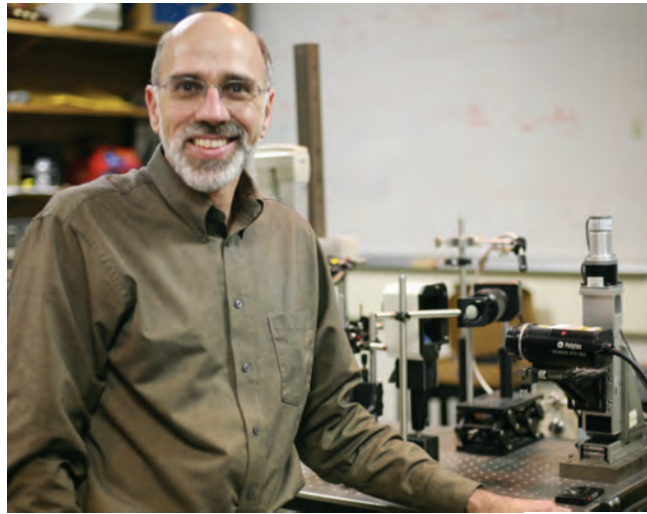
by Matt Thomas '00

Tom Huber, associate professor of physics at Gustavus Adolphus College, has been awarded a grant of nearly \$220,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that will allow him and two Gustavus students to study ultrasound excitation of microcantilevers during the next three summers.

Microcantilevers are tiny devices that are less than a third the width of a single strand of human hair. These devices can be used in atomic force microscopes to detect single atoms, or they can act as physical, chemical, or biological sensors.

"This project may have a broad impact because of the important role that the vibration of microcantilevers plays in an ever-increasing number of applications," Huber says. "By monitoring changes in the vibrational state of a microcantilever, it is possible to detect the minute change in mass when single cells, viruses, or certain molecules attach to the microcantilever."

Huber, who began teaching at Gustavus in the fall of 1989 after earning his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming, has been working with a group from the Mayo Clinic during the past four years to develop an ultrasonic technique for vibrating small objects such as microcantilevers. By using two ultrasound beams focused on the microcantilever, they can vibrate it without any



Matt Thomas '00

Physics professor Tom Huber

physical contact. Compared to conventional techniques, this ultrasound excitation method may offer significant increases in resolution and improve the sensitivity for mass sensing.


Huber's project was one of about 2,300 proposals submitted to the Civil, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Division of the NSF. Typically, the NSF chooses to fund about 10–15 percent of the proposals it receives. This is the second grant Huber has received from the NSF to support this faculty-student research program; in 2005, he received a \$149,000 grant to develop this technique.

Huber and his students will be working on campus, as well as traveling to the Mayo Clinic and Purdue University, where the microcantilever samples are being fabricated. While Huber has been the driving force behind this project, he stresses that students have been and will

continue to be an integral part of the process.

"The undergraduate students involved in this project get the extraordinary opportunity to perform cutting-edge, on-campus research and also collaborate with well-known research

groups at other institutions," Huber explains. "The students gain experience in a wide range of fields, including acoustics, optics, computer-controlled data acquisition, signal processing, modal analysis, and computer modeling."

The NSF is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense." With an annual budget of just over \$6 billion, it is the funding source for approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities. 

Matt Thomas '00 returned to Gustavus as media relations manager in 2007.

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# Benefactor and board member Patricia Lund dies at 96

**E**merita board member Patricia Hays Lund, Edina, died Jan. 24, 2009. She was 96.

Born on August 15, 1912, in Hallock, Minn., Lund was a school teacher before moving to Minneapolis, where she began working at Lund's in 1954 and married Russell Lund in 1980 after the death of both of their spouses. Known widely as a civic worker and a charitable activist, she was a member of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church and a past member of Careview Board. She was vice president of Lund's Inc. and a past chairman of its board. In addition to being named a life member of the Board of Trustees of Gustavus Adolphus College, she was a longtime member of the Woman's Club,

and a supporter of the Minnesota Opera, Vocal-Essence, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Pat and her husband, Russell, made substantial gifts to Gustavus Adolphus College over the years, enabling the College to build, among other projects, the physical education and athletics center that now bears their name. She was awarded the Greater Gustavus Award by the College in 1995 in recognition of her board and volunteer service and financial support.

Lund is survived by one of her three sons, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one of her two sisters. 



UPDATE



## COMMISSION GUSTAVUS 150

### Task Force Recommendations

The eight Commission Gustavus 150 task forces are now completing the process of drafting their recommendations to be received by the College's Board of Trustees this summer. Seven Strategic Plan Working Group reports, 45 academic-related department/program strategic plans, the Alumni Engagement Report, and 10 Student Affairs strategic plans have each been assigned to at least one task force. Sub-groups within each task force have been created to effectively review all of the reports and plans. Once complete, each document will have been assessed by a group of task force members and will inform the recommendations being drafted.

The recommendations are action-oriented and intentionally short. If needed, task force members can provide a brief rationale and a measurable outcome.


### Input on Recommendations

During May 2009, the recommendations will be posted on a secure website for faculty, administrators, staff, students, and alumni to view and to provide comments regarding the level of importance of each recommendation.

### National Summit Meetings

The 16 National Summit meetings are now completed. The most recent meetings were held in Tucson, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Seattle, and San Francisco.

### Commission Website

If you have questions about the Commission, you are invited to e-mail [CommissionGustavus150@gustavus.edu](mailto:CommissionGustavus150@gustavus.edu) or review the Commission website ([CommissionGustavus150.org](http://CommissionGustavus150.org)) for details on the purpose, scope, and timeline of the Commission, as well as details on Task Force and Summit meetings. 





# Forensics team wins state title again, in Top 20 at AFA-NIET third time

The Gustavus Adolphus College forensics team won its second straight Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association (MCFA) State Championship on Feb. 22 and then went on to place in the Top 20 at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) for a third consecutive year.

At the state tourney, Gustavus amassed 446 points to beat out runners-up Minnesota State Mankato (408) and Concordia-Moorhead (213). Gustavus competitors placed first in 7 of the 13 events and claimed four of the top seven spots in the individual sweepstakes standings. First-year **Chloe Radcliffe** (Prior Lake, Minn.) placed first in the individual sweepstakes, winning three individual event titles (After Dinner Speaking, Drama Interpretation, and Program Oral Interpretation) and placing second to teammate **Tasha Carlson** (senior, Apple Valley, Minn.) in a fourth. Carlson won the Prose Interpretation event for a second consecutive year and, by also winning the Oratory event, became one of Minnesota's two representatives at the 2009 Interstate Oratory Association (IOA) National Contest in Oxford, Miss., on April 25—the *fifth* consecutive year that a Gustavus speaker qualified for the prestigious IOA contest.

Other individual event champions were junior **Mary Cunningham** (Maplewood, Minn.) in Extemporaneous

Speaking and senior **Maria Siegle** (Cologne, Minn.) in Impromptu Speaking.

On March 13–14, the Gustavus team hosted the District IV Qualifying Tournament for the American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament and qualified 6 more speakers to join 11 who had already qualified, representing 55 event en-

tries in the national event, which was held this year at the University of Akron in Ohio on April 4–6. In between, the team competed at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament at Louisiana State University in Shreveport on March 18–21.

At the AFA-NIET, the team placed 18th in the nation out of 81 participating schools, marking the third straight year that

Gustavus has finished in the Top 20. Sophomore **Phil Helt** became the first Gustavus student to qualify two events for the quarterfinal round. Quarterfinalists (i.e., among the top 24 competitors in each event) were Helt in Communication Analysis and After Dinner Speaking, **Tasha Carlson** in Prose Interpretation, and **Chloe Radcliffe** in Program Oral Interpretation. 

## Third Summer Speech Institute set

Gustavus Adolphus College and its award-winning forensics team will offer their third annual Summer Speech Institute (SSI) for high school students on the Gustavus campus July 26–August 1. Students entering their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school in the fall of 2009 with a minimum of one year of competitive experience are eligible to attend. The first 85 applicants will be accepted.

Thirteen tournament speech events are covered:

Creative Expression	Great Speeches	Oratory
Drama	Humorous	Poetry
Dramatic Duo	Impromptu Speaking	Prose
Extemporaneous Reading	Informative	Storytelling
Extemporaneous Speaking		

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

Eighty-one students, from Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, New Jersey, and California, attended the 2008 SSI. For more information about attending the 2009 SSI, contact Kristopher Kracht, visiting instructor of communication studies and director of forensics at Gustavus (507-933-7486, [kkracht@gustavus.edu](mailto:kkracht@gustavus.edu), or visit the SSI website at [gustavus.edu/academics/communication/forensics/camp/](http://gustavus.edu/academics/communication/forensics/camp/)).

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





# Briefly . . .

## Eight tenured

Upon recommendation of the Office of the Provost, eight members of the faculty were granted continuous tenure by the College's Board of Trustees in January 2009. All promoted to the rank of associate professor effective Sept. 1, 2009, they were formally installed during a chapel service on April 24. They are:

- Margaret Bloch Qazi**, Ph.D., biology (joined the Gustavus faculty in 2003);
- Priscilla Briggs**, M.F.A., art (2003);
- Scott Bur**, Ph.D., chemistry (2003);
- Casey Elledge**, Ph.D., religion (2002);
- Elizabeth Jenner**, Ph.D., sociology and anthropology (2001);
- Sujay Rao**, Ph.D., history (2003);
- Michelle Twait '98**, M.S., library (2000), and
- Esther Wang**, D.M.A., music (2004).

## Transfiguration tradition

In 1986, religion professor Robert Esbjornson '43, who was then also serving as interim chaplain for the College, started what would become a tradition at Gustavus Adolphus College when he invited former student Thomas Anderson '63, then pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco, to return for a weeklong residency during the week before the beginning of Lent. Each year since then, the Office of the Chaplains has invited a different guest—all of them former students who have gone into the ministry—to participate in the worship life of the College



*The Rev. Dr. Ted Zimmerman '69*

by delivering a series of "Transfiguration Talks" at daily and Sunday chapel services and meeting informally with students.

The 22nd Transfiguration speaker was the Rev. Dr. **Ted Zimmerman '69**, a faculty member at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong who was in residence at Gustavus from Feb. 19 through Feb. 24. He centered his chapel talks on the theme of "Mission in the 21st Century" with a focus on China and Hong Kong. Given his long service and experience in China, he also was a featured resource for the College's Global Insight program, which this year has focused on that country and its people, culture, and politics.

Born in Beijing, China, of Augustana Lutheran Church missionaries, Zimmerman spent much of his youth in Hong Kong before enrolling at Gustavus in 1965. He went on to seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, earning an M.Div. degree and ordination in 1974. After six years as a pastor in Tullahoma, Tenn., he, his wife,

Janey (Davis '68), and their two-year-old son went to Taiwan to be missionaries with the LCA. Learning the Mandarin dialect of Chinese, he served two congregations in Taipei until 1989, when he moved his family—now five with the addition of a daughter and another son—to St. Paul, Minn., to study for a Th.D. degree in New Testament studies at Luther Seminary. Upon receiving his degree in 1993, he and his family moved to Hong Kong, where he has taught New Testament and Greek at the Lutheran Theological Seminary for the past 15 years and become fluent in Cantonese dialect as well so he might serve as sacramental pastor in several congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong.

## Scholar at the Capitol

Sophomore mathematics major **Chenyu Yang**, Chengdu, China, attended the sixth annual "Private Colleges Scholars at the

Capitol" event on Feb. 19. The event, sponsored by the Minnesota Private College Council, is intended to introduce state legislators to some outstanding private college students and to raise awareness of the importance of undergraduate research. Yang discussed his research project—"Construction of a Low-Coherence Optical Reflectometer," carried out during the summer of 2008 with the support of a Presidential Faculty/Student Collaboration Grant and supervised by Professor **Steve Mellema '72** of the Department of Physics—with District 23A Representative (and associate professor of communication studies) Terry Morrow and District 23 Senator Kathy Sheran, and also with District 42 Senator David Hann '73. Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Brandy Russell**, Kendall Center Associate for Undergraduate Research, accompanied Yang at the event.



*"Capitol Scholar" Chenyu Yang (center) with Rep. Terry Morrow and Sen. Kathy Sheran*





*Philip Flickinger '01 (right foreground) guest-teaching at Gustavus in March*

### Gusties lobby state legislators

Forty students, six administrators, and one board member from Gustavus Adolphus College spent Thursday, March 5, at the Capitol in St. Paul. The mission for the group was simple: Stress the importance of the State Grant Program to Gustavus students by communicating directly with state legislators.

The annual event, known as Day at the Capitol, is organized by the Minnesota Private College Council and allows students to learn how to become effective advocates while urging state legislators to support Minnesota students. Currently more than 80,000 Minnesota undergraduate students receive need-based aid through the State Grant Program. The average State

Grant award for Gustavus students in 2007 was \$3,751.

"Minnesota families borrowed more than \$1.2 billion in 2007 to pay for higher education," Gustavus senior **Julia Kruchoski** said. "With a large number of students receiving need-based aid through the State Grant Program, it's important that we ask our legislators to relieve the burden of increasing tuition costs on Minnesota families."

Students who attended the Day at the Capitol event had meetings with their hometown legislators. Later in the afternoon, the group took part in two panel discussions with some individuals with Gustavus affiliations who work at the Capitol, including Senator **David Hann '73**, Representative and Associate Professor of

Communication Studies **Terry Morrow**, House Chaplain **Dennis Johnson '60**, Legislative Assistant **Meagan Bachmayer '08**, and Communication Specialist for the DFL Caucus **Matt Swenson '06**.

### Alumnus dancer is guest artist-in-residence

**Philip Flickinger '01**, a professional dancer with the Diavolo Company, based in Los Angeles, returned to campus March 4–10 as a guest artist-in-residence. During his residency, he mentored students and taught "Fundamentals of Modern Dance" for general education students, intermediate and advanced level dance classes, and a beginning acting class.

"Having Philip guest-teach our 'Advanced Modern Dance' class was wonderful on so many

levels," said senior sociology/anthropology major and dance minor Ryan Mather. "His guest stay at the College provided an opportunity for dance students at Gustavus to experience exciting and new things from across the country. It also allowed those of us who are considering dance after leaving Gustavus to see what options are available."

Flickinger graduated from Gustavus in the first class of the regular dance major. He pursued dance further at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he received his M.F.A. in 2005. He is currently one of 10 members performing in the internationally known Diavolo Dance Company.

### Nobel lecturer returns

**Curtis Marean**, a paleoanthropologist and expert on human

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### Briefly . . .

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origins who was an invited speaker at the 2008 Nobel Conference, returned to the campus in early March as this year's Rydell Professor.

Marean team-taught a cultural anthropology course with Karen Larson, professor of anthropology and interdisciplinary studies, and presented two public lectures, one at Gustavus and one in St. Paul at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Marean is currently a professor at the Institute of Human Origins, part of the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University in Tempe. During the last decade he has led on-site archaeological excavations in South Africa. In 2007, he and his colleagues announced that they had found the oldest known evidence for the use of coastal resources, dating back to about



Alex Messenger '10

**Curtis Marean**

164,000 years ago, in Cave 13B at Pinnacle Point on the South African coastline near Mossel Bay. While at Gustavus, Marean discussed his research at archaeological digs over the past year.

Established in 1995, the Rydell Professorship at Gustavus Adolphus College was endowed by Drs. **Robert E. '46 and Susan T. Rydell** to provide a rare learning experience for Gustavus students with world-class scholars.

### 'Building Bridges' addresses education inequalities

The 14th annual Building Bridges Conference, a student-initiated and student-led event addressing diversity issues, was held on March 14 on campus. The 2009 conference, titled "Liberation through Education," focused on ways that education influences individuals and communities and included an "action initiative" for attendees. "We wanted people to have an appreciation for what is going on regarding educational inequality, but also to feel a sense of empowerment," explained **Alli Linn**, co-chair of the 2009 Building Bridges executive committee.

The conference's keynote speakers were Erin Gruwell, whose experiences with a Long Beach, Calif., high school class of so-called "unteachable" students was the basis of the 2007 motion picture *Freedom Writers*, and Maria Keyes, one of Gruwell's

first students and an original Freedom Writer. Conference organizers scheduled afternoon workshops led by representatives of such educational initiatives as Teach for America, Admission Possible, and Schools for Schools, a branch of Invisible Children. (The Building Bridges committee had participated in a Schools for Schools project last fall, sponsoring a book drive that netted 25,000 books for Gulu Senior Secondary School in Uganda.) In the evening, as part of the conference's action initiative, students and community members participated in "Interactive Literacy," helping to guide local first- through fourth-grade students through themed, interactive learning stations.

*This section includes contributions from Matt Thomas '00, media relations manager, and Maren Balk '09, who is interning in the Office of Marketing and Communication.*

## Erratum

The headline for the story in the Spring 2009 issue of the *Quarterly* about history professor Byron Nordstrom receiving the Order of the Polar Star—"Nordstrom knighted by Swedish crown"—misstated his honor. He was not "knighted"; among the orders currently awarded by Sweden, only one involves something akin to knighting: the Order of the Seraphim, which goes only to visiting heads of state. The article itself is accurate. Our apologies for potentially embarrassing either the giver or the recipient, or both.

## On the Web . . .

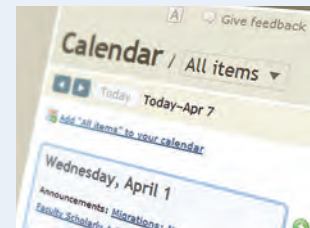


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From the Kendall Center

# 'Formalized Curiosity': Student Scholars/Faculty Mentors

by Laura Behling

You may know United States author Zora Neale Hurston from her remarkable collection of writing, most notably her literary tour-de-force *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937). But for Gustavus faculty and students working together on research, scholarship, and creative projects, Hurston offers both example and philosophy.

Born in 1891 in Notasulga, Alabama, Hurston entered Barnard College in 1925 after completing an associate degree from Howard University. While studying in the alien settings of both Barnard and New York, she became both intrigued by her own culture's folktales and equipped with the theoretical framework to help her make sense of her curiosity. She explained:

From the earliest rocking of my cradle, I had known about the capers Brer Rabbit is apt to cut and what the Squinch Owl says from the house top. But it was fitting me like a tight chemise. I couldn't see it for wearing it. It was only when I was off in college, away from my native surroundings, that I could see myself like somebody else and stand off and look at my garment. Then I had to have the spyglass of

Anthropology to look through at that. (Hurston, *Mules and Men* 1)

In her 1942 memoir, *Dust Tracks on a Road*, Hurston was even more succinct about the role that focused inquiry plays: "Research is formalized curios-

ity," she wrote, "it is a poking and prying with a purpose" (127).

Now, in this next century after Hurston's undergraduate studies, colleges and universities have long recognized the value of student-generated research, scholarship, and creativ-

ity as the hallmark of an engaged and successful academic experience. Since the publication of the report by the Boyer Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University, *Reinventing Undergraduate* continued on next page

## The Celebration of Creative Inquiry

The first Celebration of Creative Inquiry, a showcase for undergraduate research, was held on May 2, 2008, and featured more than 100 presentations representing the work of more than 130 Gustavus students. The Celebration is a campuswide forum to publicly share the creative inquiry of students from Gustavus Adolphus College. Held on the Friday evening before Honors Day, the Celebration features student poster presentations (or other similar presentations as appropriate) of their research, scholarship, or creative accomplishments. "Creative inquiry" is an intentionally broad term that encompasses research and scholarship including, in the arts, exhibits or performances. A student's project may emerge from a class assignment, off-campus experiences or internships, student-faculty collaborative research or creative work, independent student research, scholarship or creative projects, and the work of extra-curricular student organizations. The definition of creative inquiry varies by discipline and can include asking a question that has not been asked before; attempting to fill a gap in knowledge, or to create new knowledge, information, art, or expression; developing a process or product that requires the student to add ideas or imagination of their own; or fashioning a project that is shaped by choices the student made independently through critical reflection.



Barbara Fister

**Annette Broner '08 explains her research project, "The Cross-Cultural Lived Experience of Passion (between Argentina and the U.S.)," to a fellow student at the inaugural Celebration of Creative Inquiry event held in May 2008. Posters or similar presentations for more than 100 undergraduate research/scholarship/creative projects were included in the showcase. Broner's faculty sponsor was Patricia English, associate professor of communication studies.**





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*Education: A Blueprint for America's Research Universities* (1998), the national call to engage undergraduate students in research and scholarship—to formalize their curiosity inside and outside of the classroom—has been heard and put into practice by Gustavus faculty, who themselves are curious about the world, and who see the

purpose that intellectual and creative poking and prying play in the life of the College's students.

The benefits of undergraduate research are potentially tremendous for student learning. Students report gains in a variety of skills, including design and hypothesis formation, data collection and interpretation, information literacy, critical thinking, communication, and computer work. They also increase their sense and prac-

tice of professionalism because of the opportunities they have to work on publications or presentations, the close relationships they develop with faculty mentors, and for some students, a better understanding of the demands of a career as a chemist or a studio artist. In short, undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative opportunities signal deep engagement with learning and a commitment to collaborative learning between faculty and students.

For many faculty members, "formalized curiosity" is best incorporated into a course, where he or she can work with a student on developing a research trajectory, explain and model how to critique and in-

corporate sources, and then discuss, through thoughtful questioning of and commenting on, the student's work.

Departments at Gustavus such as communication studies, history, political science, and religion offer students the opportunity to undertake a significant faculty-guided independent research project. In other departments, such as geology and biology, students undertake directed research, conducting field exercises, developing experiment protocol, and writing a research prospectus and study. In music, majors design and present a recital, research one work from the recital in depth, or complete analytical program notes.

## Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grants, 2005–2008

Laura Behling and Chelsea Kramer (English), *Come On!: American Posters from World War I*

Margaret Bloch Qazi and Tanner Miest (biology), "Female Determinants of Sperm Fate in the Fruit Fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*"

Priscilla Briggs and Nicholas Hansen (art/art history), Video Collaboration with "Teens Rock the Mic"

Scott Bur and David Guptill (chemistry), "Heterocyclic Compounds"

Jill Locke and Kristen Nelson (political science), "Brides and Brothers: Marriage and Fraternity in Tocqueville's France and America"

Steve Mellema '72 and Chenyu Yang (physics), "Study of Optimal Imaging by Reflection through Random Media"

Charles Niederriter and Jared Sieling (physics), "Energy Storage as a Partner to Wind Energy Production"

Lois Peterson and David Goldstein (art/art history), Creation and Installation of a Ceramic Wall Mural for Christ Chapel

Toshiyuki Sakuragi, Bao Xiong, and Lee Vang (Japanese studies), "Cognitive Linguistic Study of Hmong Language"

Sanjive Qazi and Jason Pitt (biology), "Bioinformatic Approaches to Understanding Gene Switching in the Model System Fruit Fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, and the Hijacking of the Host T-Cell Machinery by HIV"

Paul Saulnier and Eva Cornell (physics), "Studying Swarms in Nature: A Biophysics Project"

Amy Seham and Maggie Sotos (theater/dance), *Miranda's Amazing Adventure*

Mary Solberg and David Lick (religion), "The German Christian Movement in Print"

## Interdisciplinary science opportunities

One important aspect of the mission of Gustavus Adolphus College is to provide a curricular framework that is interdisciplinary in nature. Indeed, Gustavus has a long and strong history of promoting and supporting educational and scholarly activity at the interfaces of the traditional disciplines of the liberal arts. In the natural sciences and mathematics, interdisciplinary strength is exemplified by well-established programs in biochemistry and molecular biology and environmental studies and an emerging program in neuroscience.

Gustavus has been recognized nationally for a proposal by biology and chemistry faculty to further strengthen the interdisciplinary environment. The College was awarded \$60,000 in 2003 and again in 2008 by the Merck Institute for Science Education through its support of the Merck/AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Undergraduate Science Research Program. The Merck/AAAS grant supports collaborations and activities involving faculty and students in research with the interdisciplinary and interfacial areas of biology and chemistry during summers between 2008 and 2010. Grant funds will pay for five student summer research stipends, research costs, and other activities aimed at enriching the environment for interdisciplinary collaboration. Gustavus was among only 14 colleges and universities in the nation to receive one of the prestigious, peer-reviewed grants in 2008, and among only 20 colleges and universities that have received the grant twice.






Yet courses are only some of the places where such opportunities exist for faculty to engage with students in research and scholarship. Independent projects and collaborative research between a faculty member and a student also offer areas to explore. And at Gustavus, professors and students work together during the summer months, funded by Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grants, by programmatic grants such as the Merck/AAAS

Undergraduate Science Research Program or the Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant, or by external grants awarded to individual faculty members. This summer research also includes community building and student presentation opportunities.

What is clear is a shared commitment among faculty to work with Gustavus students in research, scholarship, and cre-

ative projects, and to offer opportunities to transform their students' college experience and deepen their critical knowledge. To engage undergraduate students as scholars expects us to re-imagine the complete undergraduate experience, demands that we challenge traditional ways of doing research in our disciplines, and asks us, finally, to formalize our own and our students' curiosity with the world. 

*Laura Behling, Ph.D., associate professor of English and chair of the department, is director of the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, the College's faculty development program. She joined the Gustavus faculty in 1999.*

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## Midstates Consortium for Mathematics and Science

The Midstates Consortium for Mathematics and Science was founded by the Pew Charitable Trusts in 1988. The Consortium seeks to improve undergraduate science and mathematics education by providing high-quality and flexible professional development opportunities for students and faculty at the member institutions. Major activities include two annual symposia on undergraduate research hosted at Washington University (St. Louis) and the University of Chicago, faculty development workshops, and exchange programs that support visits of students and faculty members to other member schools to give presentations or to enhance research collaborations.

Gustavus students Bradley Abell, Ryan Espy, Daniel Mellema, and Chenyu Yang attended the 2008 Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science, with Steve Mellema '72 (physics). The students gave presentations on the research they have been conducting with faculty members in chemistry and physics:

Bradley Abell and Daniel Mellema, "Non-Contact Modal Excitation of Microcantilevers Using Ultrasonic Radiation Forces" (adviser: Tom Huber);

Ryan Espy, "Photolytic Degradation of Imazethapyr in the Environment" (Amanda Nienow);

Chenyu Yang, "Construction of a Low-Coherence Optical Reflectometer" (Steve Mellema).

Gustavus's participation in this symposium is one benefit of membership in the Midstates Consortium for Math and Science, which is supported by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant.

## Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant

In 2008, Gustavus Adolphus College was awarded \$1 million by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to support several programs focused on education in the science disciplines, particularly in chemistry and biology. The grant will fund transformative programs relating to the first-year student experience in chemistry and biology, including curricular changes, implementation of a peer mentoring program, and increased research opportunities for first-year students. Each year, two January Interim Experience courses will be offered that provide an intensive research experience for first-year students. Other aspects of the grant include the creation of a visualization and imaging center to support teaching and research and a collaborative outreach program helping Minnesota high school teachers connect Gustavus's Nobel Conference to their classrooms.

The HHMI award provides for six summer research positions for first-year students in each of the four award years; funds are budgeted to directly support three students to participate in a second year of research. Early involvement in research is expected to have a dramatic impact on the student experience and these students will then be encouraged to continue with their research project in subsequent academic years and summers.

## Department-sponsored symposia

Academic departments also provide opportunities for student majors to present their research, scholarship, and creative works. These include the major with honors thesis presentations in communication studies and history, the senior thesis presentations in religion, the senior art show, and the senior music recitals. In addition, several departments and programs in the sciences host a fall symposium in which students with on- and off-campus summer research experiences present their work and the local chapter of Sigma Xi sponsors an afternoon of research panel presentations for students in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, economics and management, geography, geology, health and exercise science, mathematics and computer science, physics, and psychology.

On April 26, 2008, the Department of Philosophy hosted the Minnesota Philosophical Society Student Conference, and on that same day the Department of Geography hosted the Midwest Undergraduate Geography Symposium.





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## Student Research Presentation Awards 2007–08

In 2007–08, the Provost’s Office awarded funds to 31 students to attend conferences or competitions for discipline-specific research, scholarship, or creative works.

### National Science Foundation Research Conference

Nicole Soper Gordon ’07, biology and English

### Muse, Undergraduate Literature Conference

Rebecca Andert ’08, English

Jonathan Peasley ’08, classics and English

### American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Samantha Madsen ’09, health education teaching and physical education teaching

Chris Kappler ’08, health education teaching and physical education teaching

Riley Hoffman ’08, health education teaching and physical education teaching

### Summit of Sages Conference

Erin Hirschev ’08, nursing

Helen Meyer ’08, nursing

### Midwest Political Science Association

Mikka McCracken ’09, political science

### Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society

### Undergraduate Research Conference

Katie Anderson ’09, English

Rebecca Andert ’08, English

Grayce Backstrom ’08, Scandinavian studies

### Drury University Undergraduate Research Conference

Andi Twiton ’08, philosophy

### National American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Kelly Rozenboom ’08, chemistry

### Undergraduate Research Conference for Political Science at Wartburg College

Luke Anton ’08, political science and religion

Breton Harris ’08, political science

Siddarth Selvaraj ’08, political science and communication studies

Jenni White ’08, political science

### National Black Graduate Student Conference

Apryl Galbreath ’08, communication studies

Rhea Muchalla ’09, gender, women, and sexuality studies and philosophy

Shana Clarke ’09, sociology and anthropology

### American Chemical Society

Molly Beernink ’08, ACS chemistry

Leigh Clanton ’09, biochemistry

Nate Erickson ’08, chemistry

Emily Pelton ’08, ACS Chemistry

Mallory Richards ’08, ACS chemistry

Nathaniel Swenson ’09, chemistry

Veronica Taylor ’09, chemistry and biochemistry

### Winchell Symposium

Colin Boettcher ’09, chemistry and biochemistry

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Additionally, the Provost’s Office supported

10 communication studies students who

presented at the St. Thomas Conference on

Undergraduate Research in Communication,

nine health and exercise science students who

attended the Northland Chapter Sports

Medicine Spring Meeting, 19 students who

competed at the American College Dance

Festival, and 15 who competed at the

American Forensics Association’s national

tournament.

dozen students also received funding to

present their research at the National

Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Elizabeth Eckman ’09, art history

Katie Halverson ’09, Spanish

Brianna Hewitt ’09, health fitness

Lisa Johnson ’08, nursing

Kari Kleve ’08, health fitness

Tami Korb ’08, health fitness

Brandon Ness ’08, health fitness

Rachel Poppy ’08, health fitness

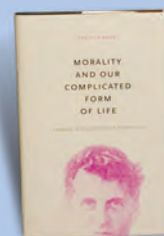
Peter Schwagerl ’08, athletic training

Tegan Twait ’08, health fitness

Sarah Willis ’08, health fitness

Trevor Wittwer ’08, health fitness

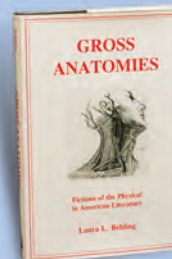
A number of books penned or edited by members of the Gustavus faculty have been published during the 2008–09 academic year. They are all available from the College’s bookstore, the Book Mark (1-800-847-9307, or online at [www.bookmark.gustavus.edu](http://www.bookmark.gustavus.edu)), which carries Gustie gear as well as a full range of gift items, trade books, and CDs by Gustavus ensembles and alumni. Most of these new releases are also available at your local Border’s or Barnes & Noble, or through Amazon.com.



**Peg O’Connor**, professor of philosophy and director of the Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies program, is the author of *Morality and Our Complicated Form*

*of Life*, which was released in July 2008. In the book she develops a new approach to the grounding of ethics that looks to the interconnected nature of social practices—especially those that the 20th-century philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein called “language games”—as providing structure and stability to our moral lives while accommodating change in moral understandings and attitudes.

O’Connor, Peg, *Morality and Our Complicated Form of Life: Feminist Wittgensteinian Metaethics* (University Park, Penn.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008; hardcover, \$55)



Also released in July 2008 was *Gross Anatomies*, by **Laura Behling**, associate professor of English and chair of the Department of English. Her

subject is the mutilated and fragmented body that appears in American literature in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as authors, reacting in part to the horrors of the

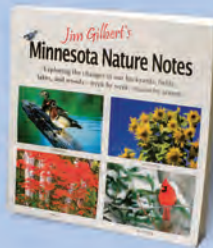


# bookmarks

Civil War, World War I, and industrialized workplace accidents, turned medical practice into metaphor to explore precisely what had become of corporeal and metaphysical identity.

Behling, Laura L., *Gross Anatomies: Fictions of the Physical in American Literature* (Selinsgrove, Pa.: Susquehanna University Press, 2008; hardcover, \$53.50)

**Jim Gilbert '62**, visiting instructor of environmental studies and former campus naturalist and executive director of Linnaeus Arboretum (on staff 1998–2005), has published a new book of Minnesota phenology. He shares the fruits of more than 30 years of observing the changing Minnesota landscape as well as the reports of a network of correspondents from remote corners of the state who are part of his weekly WCCO Radio call-in program.



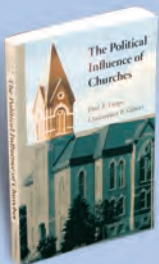
Gilbert, Jim, *Jim Gilbert's Minnesota Nature Notes* (Minneapolis: Nodin Press, 2008; trade paper, \$27.95)

**Eric Dugdale**, associate professor of classics who joined the faculty in 2001, saw two books published during the Fall 2008 semester. *Greek Theatre in Context*, released in October, presents a broad selection of key ancient sources—both visual and literary—about all aspects of classical Greek dramatic performance, as well as scenes from the plays themselves that offer insights into their staging, plots, and reception. In *Sophocles: Electra* (released in December), Dugdale has supplied a fresh translation of *Electra* along with detailed commentaries and practical questions to stimulate ideas on staging and encourage students and other readers to explore the play's dramatic qualities.



Dugdale, Eric, *Greek Theatre in Context*, a title in the series Greece and Rome: Texts and Contexts (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008; trade paper, \$25)

Dugdale, Eric, *Sophocles: Electra*, a title in the series Cambridge Translations from Greek Drama (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008; trade paper, \$11)



**Christopher Gilbert**, professor of political science, teamed up with former student Paul Djupe '93, who is now an associate professor of political science at Denison University in Ohio, to write *The Political Influence of Churches*, a detailed study of the impact of religion—and churches—on the politics of individual church members. In the words of one reviewer, “[The authors] combine sophisticated theoretical understandings of religion and of group dynamics with an ambitious research design and resourceful data analysis . . . [that] will affect future research in religion and politics for years to come.”

Djupe, Paul A., and Gilbert, Christopher P., *The Political Influence of Churches*, a title in the series Cambridge Studies in Social Theory, Religion and Politics (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008; trade paper, \$22.99)



Jan. 1, 2009, was the publication date of *Feminist Interpretations of Alexis de Tocqueville*, a volume co-edited by **Jill Locke**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at Gustavus, and Eileen Hunt Botting, Rolfs Associate Professor of Political Science and director of the Gender Studies program at the University of Notre Dame. Their book moves beyond traditional readings of Tocqueville by emphasizing the relationship of his life and work to modern feminist thought. With the resurgence of political interest in Tocqueville during the past two decades, there has been significant scholarly attention to the place of gender, race, and colonialism in his work, but this is the first edited volume to gather together a range of this creative scholarship.

Locke, Jill, and Botting, Eileen Hunt (eds.), *Feminist Interpretations of Alexis de Tocqueville (Re-Reading the Canon)* (University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009; trade paper, \$35)

The publication in January 2009 of *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies* marked the completion of more than seven years of collaborative research for co-editors **Tom Emmert**, professor of history at Gustavus, and Charles Ingrao, professor of history at Purdue. As associate director of the Scholars' Initiative, Emmert has helped direct an international consortium of historians, social scientists, and jurists examining the controversies that still divide the peoples of the former Yugoslavia. The findings of its 11 research teams will assist scholars, public officials, and the people they represent both in acknowledging inconvenient facts and in discrediting widely held myths that inform popular attitudes and the electoral success of nationalist politicians who profit from them.



Emmert, Thomas A., and Ingrao, Charles W. (eds.), *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: A Scholars' Initiative* (West Lafayette, Ind.: Purdue University Press, 2009; trade paper, \$43.95)



**Roger McKnight**, professor emeritus of Scandinavian studies (taught 1975–2007), has produced a book chronicling the social adaptation of two families that had immigrated to the United States from Sweden. *Severed Ties and Silenced Voices* tells the stories of two neighboring families that settled in rural Watonwan County in southern Minnesota in the latter half of the 1800s.

McKnight, Roger, *Severed Ties and Silenced Voices: Separation and Social Adaptation in Two Swedish Immigrant Families* (Chicago: Nordic Studies Press, 2009; trade paper, \$15)

In *Stompin' at the Grand Terrace*, **Phil Bryant '73**, professor of English, presents a new collection of poems and prose pieces conceived as a memoir in verse. A testament to the power of music as it mixes with memory, the book celebrates family, history, culture, and Chicago's South Side, as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of two lifelong friends who share an abiding love of America's great art form—jazz. An accompanying CD features more than a dozen compositions inspired by Bryant's poems, written and performed by jazz pianist Carolyn Wilkins.

Bryant, Philip S., *Stompin' at the Grand Terrace: A Jazz Memoir in Verse* (Janesville, Minn.: Blueroad Press, 2009; trade paper, \$18.95, w/accompanying CD)







# Recent donations augment Hillstrom Museum holdings



**Dewey Albinson (1898–1991), *May Snow*, 1938, oil on canvas, 30 x 34 1/4 inches, gift of Dr. John and Colles Larkin.**

by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art has received several recent donations of art, among them three works donated by Dr. John and Colles Larkin, who are widely known as devoted collectors and enthusiasts of art. Dr. Larkin is a retired orthopedic surgeon, and Mrs. Larkin is a former assistant curator of prints, drawings, and photographs at Smith College Museum of Art, having previously worked in the prints and drawings departments of the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University and at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The

Larkins' donation includes a large oil painting from 1938 by Dewey Albinson (1898–1991) titled *May Snow* and two works by Wanda Gág (1893–1946), one a 1929 ink and wash drawing titled *Still Life—Vase of Flowers*, the other a watercolor from around 1935 titled *Rolling Fields*.

Dewey Albinson was born in Minneapolis and studied at the Minneapolis School of Art from 1915 to 1919, then studied at the Art Students League in New York in 1921. He served as director of the St. Paul School of Art in the mid-1920s, and was later involved in the WPA, serving as state director of its Educational Division from 1935 to 1937.

Albinson exhibited widely, including in Chicago and New York, and his works were hailed by critics for their vigor and directness. He was known for his landscapes in particular.

*May Snow*, which was shown at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh in 1941, in an exhibition titled "Directions in American Art," is evidently an image painted in Quebec, Canada (a label affixed to the back of the painting bears the title, date, and indicates Quebec as the locale depicted), where the artist spent two summers and a winter during the 1930s. The painting is a street scene after a late-winter snowstorm, and the figures depicted wade through or play in the snow that blankets the ground and the rooftops. There is a geometric, abstracted quality to the imagery, and although his work was figurative, Albinson borrowed from various modern art movements, including Cubism. *May Snow* joins another work by Albinson in the Hillstrom Collection, a lithograph from around 1930 titled *Hillside Farm*, donated by Gloria C. Kittleson in 2005.

Wanda Gág was born in New Ulm to a family in which art was a natural part of experience. Her father, artist Anton Gág (1859–1908), encouraged and instructed his daughter in art. She later wrote, "As a child, I thought drawing was like eating and sleeping. I could not imagine life without it, and I was astonished when I discovered that



**Wanda Gág (1893–1946), *Still Life—Vase of Flowers*, 1929, ink wash on paper, 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, gift of Dr. John and Colles Larkin.**

many people did not draw at all." Gág studied art formally at the St. Paul School of Art (1913–1914), the Minneapolis School of Art (1915–1917), and, after becoming one of only 12 students in the United States to receive a scholarship, at the Art Students League in New York in 1918. She met with significant success, both for the works she widely exhibited in prominent New York galleries and for her role as a writer and illustrator of children's books, including the famous Newbery Award-winning *Millions of Cats* from 1928.

Gág was primarily interested in drawing and related printmaking media such as lithography, although she also frequently made watercolors. She pursued drawing with particular zeal, and her published diaries constantly refer to her triumphs and struggles in the medium. Her *Still Life—Vase of Flowers* is a fine example of her draftsmanship. It features the floral and plant motifs that are often encountered in her work, and tremendous energy is invested by the artist in all the forms, including the surface on which the still life elements are arrayed and the ostensibly neutral background. In a diary entry from 1928, Gág wrote, "To me, sometimes, an

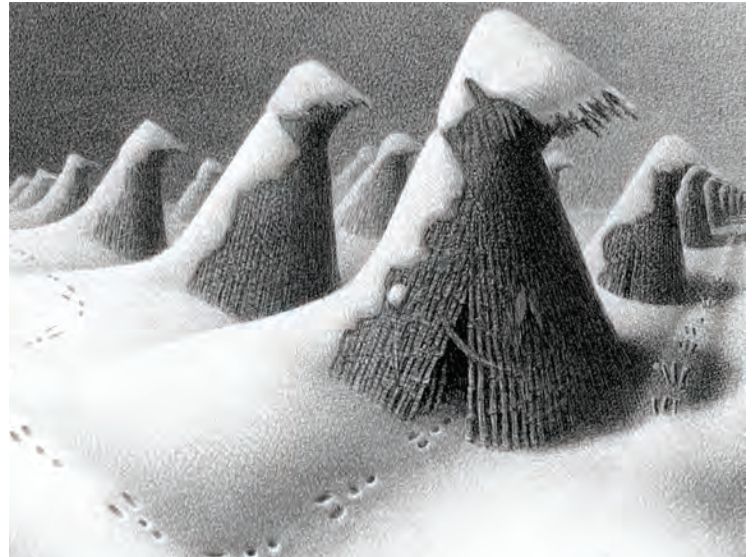


object projects repetitions of its own form into the surrounding atmosphere, and in this way space achieves a three dimensional quality." She elaborates on this idea in a diary entry from the next year, perhaps written around the same time *Still Life—Vase of Flowers* was made: ". . . I will try to show what I mean by the interaction of enveloping planes of space. We must suppose each object being enveloped to a space volume which is indigenous to and born of the particular form which it surrounds." She continues later by noting, ". . . a sensitized perception is necessary to determine where each object should stop making rings around itself so to speak." *Still Life—Vase of Flowers* demonstrates the artist's approach, especially in the shaping of the space around the flower in the upper center, or around the perfume bottle in the lower left, which gives the objects an aura or electrical buzz that completely energizes Gág's composition.

The other Gág work given by the Larkins, the watercolor depicting *Rolling Fields*, was paint-

ed on sandpaper. The artist experimented with sandpaper for lithographs starting in 1923. She later came to view sandpaper as also a desirable support for drawings and watercolors, finding the glittery effects of the sand and the resulting depth very attractive. Two artists Gág particularly admired were Vincent Van Gogh (1853–1890) and Paul Cezanne (1839–1906), both of whose influence can be read in *Rolling Fields*, which shows an interest in the geometric approach to landscape found in Cezanne's work, and which is composed in repetitive and relatively large brush strokes that relate to Van Gogh's handling of paint. *Rolling Fields* and *Still Life—Vase of Flowers* join another work by Gág in the Hillstrom Collection, a brush and ink drawing on sandpaper from 1929 titled *There Is a Green Hill Far Away—Sewer Pipes in Central Park*, purchased using donated acquisition funds in 2002.

In addition to the works donated by the Larkins, the Museum also has been given another lithograph by Regionalist artist Grant Wood (1891–1942),



**Grant Wood (1891–1942), *January*, lithograph on paper, 8 7/8 x 11 7/8 inches, gift of Dr. David and Kathryn (Rydland '71) Gilbertson.**

his frigid image of *January* dating to 1937. This is the latest in a group of numerous donations of Wood's prints from Dr. David and Kathryn (Rydland '71)

Gilbertson, who have fully embraced the Museum's goal of obtaining examples of all 19 of Wood's lithographs. With this  
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## Hillstrom Museum hosts annual senior studio art majors' show

This year's senior studio art majors' exhibition, Kaleidoscope 2009, is on view at the Hillstrom Museum of Art through May 31. This exhibition is a culminating event in the curriculum of the ten studio art majors and is a required component of their major. It demonstrates the diversity of styles and approaches taken by the student artists, some of whom intend to continue studying or working in art after graduation. On display are works by **Randi Dettling, Johannah Erickson, Elizabeth Faldet, Erica Larson, Anne Pearce, Emily Pickford, Tania Schueller, Alex Stassen, Brent Suski, and Mai Yang.**

The exhibited works were created using a variety of different media such as painting, digital photography, sculpture, drawing, and ceramic. Each artist is represented by her or his artwork and by a personal statement reflecting the student's artistic goals and aesthetic philosophy. The exhibition was selected from a group of submissions by each student, and faculty from the Department of Art and Art History served as jurors, choosing the strongest works from each artist. The exhibition was installed with assistance from the student artists, and a number of the works on view are being offered for sale.



**Wanda Gág (1893–1946), *Rolling Fields*, c. 1935, watercolor on paper, 10 1/2 x 16 7/16 inches, gift of Dr. John and Colles Larkin.**



# Calendar


## Summer Spectacles



*Willard Misfeldt (b. 1930), Untitled, c. 1960-1964, oil on masonite board, 29 7/8 x 19 3/8 inches, gift of C. Milton '49 and Elaine M. Brostrom.*

nation from C. Milton '49 and Elaine M. Brostrom. The Brostroms are long-time associates of the College, and Milt taught in the mathematics department from 1955 to 1991 while Elaine held numerous administrative positions, including serving

as director of public affairs from 1980 to 1991. The untitled painting by Misfeldt depicts a lantern in a fractured, Cubist manner. It will be included in an exhibition featuring works by past and present College studio art faculty, planned for spring of 2012 as part of the College's 150th anniversary celebration.

The Museum is grateful to all its donors, and wishes to encourage those who might like to donate funds toward acquisitions (either for direct purchase or to increase the Museum's endowment, which provides interest income for acquisitions), or who might own artworks that would be appropriate additions to the Museum's collection, to contact either the Museum or the College's Office of Institutional Advancement. 

*Donald Myers '83 has directed Gustavus Adolphus College's Hillstrom Museum of Art since its opening in 2000. He is also an instructor in art history at the College.*

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latest gift, the Museum now holds 11 of the prints, and the Gilbertsons have five that they have promised as future gifts, leaving only three more to be acquired. *January* is a compelling depiction of winter cold, with the corn shocks symbolizing the fertility of the Iowa landscape, while a series of rabbit tracks in the snow show that life is not extinguished but is merely in seasonal dormancy. An example of the lithograph was displayed in an international exhibition in Venice and came to the attention of Pope Pius XI, and after the Pontiff expressed interest in purchasing the print, Wood sent him an example as a gift. Wood reused the imagery of *January* in a 1941 oil painting now in the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The Hillstrom Museum of Art has also been given an oil painting by former College art instructor Willard Misfeldt, who taught at Gustavus in the 1960s, a do-

### May

Continuing through May 31

Art Exhibition:

**Kaleidoscope 2009 – Senior Studio Art Majors' Exhibition;** Hillstrom

Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: May 2, 4–7 p.m.

20 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast,** featuring Kathy Tunheim, assistant professor of economics and management; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

29–30 **Alumni Reunion Weekend:** 45th- and 50th-anniversary class reunions and 50 Year Club gathering; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation (May 30), 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/)).

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

31 **Commencement:** Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting; if in-

clement, Lund Arena), 2 p.m. Tickets required for baccalaureate and for commencement if indoors; for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).

### June

28 **"Summer in the Garden,"** Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum Summer Garden Event; Melva Lind Interpretive Center and Linnaeus Arboretum grounds, 4–8 p.m. For more information, contact Shirley Mellema (507-933-6181 or [arboretum@gustavus.edu](mailto:arboretum@gustavus.edu)).

Anders Björling '58



*Prairie Smoke may be one of the performers at "Summer in the Garden," the Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum's summer garden event.*



Tom Roster

*Gustavus Adolphus College's class of 2009 will graduate May 31. For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication by calling 507-933-7520.*

## July

10, 20, Aug. 7 **Summer Open Houses**, sponsored by the Office of Admission; 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Tours, scholarship and financial aid information, lunch with faculty and students; for more information, contact Joy Reese '02 (507-933-7603 or jreese2@gustavus.edu).

## August

27–Sept. 7 **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

8 **Opening Convocation** for the 148th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

## Upcoming

Oct. 6–7 **Nobel Conference®**  
**45:** "H<sub>2</sub>O – Uncertain Resource"; Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520), look for the registration form inserted in the Fall 2009 issue of this magazine, or visit the College's Nobel Conference website ([gustavus.edu/nobelconference](http://gustavus.edu/nobelconference)).

Oct. 9–10 **Homecoming and Family Weekend** (note revised dates): Receptions and dinners for the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 in Mankato and the Twin Cities on Friday evening; reunion events on campus on Saturday. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni

Relations (800-487-8437).  
 17 32nd 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).  
 Nov. 14 **Shine \* A Royal Affair**, biennial Gustavus Library

Associates gala and fundraiser; Minneapolis Convention Center, 5:30 p.m. For reservations and more information, call the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7550).

Dec. 4, 5, & 6 **Christmas in Christ Chapel:** 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 & 6) and 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520) or look for the registration form inserted in the Fall 2009 issue of this magazine.

Dec. 10 **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 invitations in mid-October; for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520)

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

## Additional schedules, information and updates

**Sports** Up-to-date **sports schedules** may be found on the 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 may also be found.

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



# January Adventures

by Steve Waldhauser '70

In the fall of 1963, Gustavus Adolphus College unveiled a new curriculum that included some significant academic changes. Prior to its adoption, the College had offered nine different degrees, including bachelor of science degrees in music, music education, business administration, nursing, physical education, and other specializations—now it would focus on the bachelor of arts degree only. Previously, academic offerings had been measured in credit hours, and 132 were needed to graduate—now they would be measured in courses, with 32 required. In the old curriculum, every student had to take a course in Christianity for every semester in residence—the new curriculum required just three religion courses (later reduced to one). The new curriculum also had a new name—“4-1-4.”

Gustavus was one of the first schools in the nation to adopt the 4-1-4 program, a 16-week fall semester ending before Christmas, a one-month “Winter Term” followed by a “Reading and Touring Week,” and a 16-week spring semester. The Winter Term was designed to give students the opportunity to take one course (usually not part of their major sequence or program), allowing travel abroad or a special research trip when they would not miss other classes. Three were required for graduation in addition to the 32 course credits. Imaginative students could even plan their own courses if they could persuade a faculty member to sponsor the activity. Both faculty and students were encouraged to be adventuresome and creative in their planning.

In the intervening years, the name has changed—it’s now the January Interim Experience (IEX) rather than Winter Term—but the spirit of adventure and creativity lives on. Scanning the schedule of 2009 IEX courses reveals something for just about everyone’s interest or imagination: “Horticulture” and “Monkey Love” from the Department of Biology; “A Taste of Roman Food” from the Department of Classics; “Dinosaurs and Extinction” from the Department of Geology; “American Popular Music” from the Department of Music; “Philosophy for Children” from the Department of Philosophy. Four different courses in film studies—film noir, Chinese film, “road” movies, and Jesus in film and text. A course on the blues, team-taught by English professor Phil Bryant and economics professor Larry Wohl. Language courses in Greek and Arabic. Travel courses to Ecuador and the Galapagos, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Guatemala, Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia, India, Australia and New Zealand, Sweden, and Washington, D.C. The Center for Vocational Reflection’s popular “Changing the World” course; economics and management professor Tim Peterson’s online investing course. Eleven foreign destinations through UMAIE. More than 80 courses all told.

On the following pages we highlight a couple of those courses. We travel to Washington, D.C., with political science professor Kate Knutson for the inauguration of President Obama, and to the kitchen of the Carlson International Center with classics professor Mary McHugh to sample Roman food. And we check in with two students whose interim course two years ago has turned into something much larger.



Monuments, history, and the inner workings of government:

## *Professor Knutson goes to Washington*

**It's a moment** they're likely to remember for the rest of their lives.

The 15 students enrolled in a January Interim Experience (IEX) class taught by Assistant Professor of Political Science Kate Knutson were among the crowd that gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to witness the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. But that was just one of many moments experienced by the class, which spent nearly two weeks in the nation's capital learning about the workings of American government.

Besides attending inaugural events, the class took advantage of the many educational opportunities that are available in Washington. During their stay the class toured the U.S. Capitol, the National Archives, the Supreme Court building, the U.S. Department of State,

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**By Steve Waldhauser '70**

*Above: The Gustavus contingent was better prepared than most to spend several hours out on the National Mall waiting to witness the Inauguration. The group left their hotel at 5:15 a.m. in order to beat the crowds to the Metro and the Mall and claim a good viewing site.*





A visit to the U.S. Department of State included presentations by a number of Gustavus alumni. Pictured with the class are **Randall Meredith '87**, a Foreign Service officer (fourth from left in the back row); **Sandra Lewis '81**, Office of the Inspector General (fifth from left in back); **Cynthia Nelson '80**, Office of Policy Coordination, Bureau of Human Resources, who coordinated the visit (far left in middle row); **Karen Enstrom '85**, financial economist with the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs (middle row, second from left); **Barbara Day '75**, Domestic Resettlement Section chief, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (middle row, fourth from left); and **Judith Chammas '71**, who has served in U.S. embassies around the world in Damascus, Bagdad, Yemen, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Geneva, and most recently as charge d'affaires in Bangladesh (middle row, fifth from left).

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the Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, and National Public Radio headquarters. They also visited with Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar and made stops at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the headquarters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. And they talked to Gustavus graduates who work in legislative offices and the State Department and learned about internships that may open doors for some among them who are interested in government service.

Knutson's IEX course is called "Inauguration Politics: Washington, D.C." The structure of the January Interim at Gustavus, when students enroll for only one

course, allows Knutson and her fellow professors to schedule off-campus travel without conflicting with other courses, as would be the case during the fall or spring semester. After spending six days in class on-campus, Knutson and her 15 students made Washington their classroom from Jan. 13 through 26.

But let's start at the beginning, which, for the students who wished to enroll, was early in the spring of 2008.

Because hotels in the Washington, D.C., area were expected to book up by summer, Knutson had to start planning the trip early. Students were required to register for the course in the spring, before they knew the outcome of the election and even before the two parties' candidates were firm. The class was limited to 15, and many more students who expressed interest in the fall as the



campaign heated up and the election was held had to be denied, mainly because of the limited hotel space.

Knutson also had to plan tours and set up meetings with government officials, which she says was made much easier by Gustavus alumni. She had sent e-mails to alumni active in the Washington, D.C., area alumni chapter seeking people in various areas of government who might meet with her class and was overwhelmed by the response. By the time the group was ready to leave for Washington, she had developed a 21-page itinerary that included everything from daily appointments to which Metro line, station, and transfer would get the group there, from emergency information to what items are prohibited in the Capitol or on the Mall, and from who was appearing at the pre-inaugural concert to brief bios of most of the people they would meet during their stay.

The group's Washington stay opened with dinner on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, with the president—Gustavus president Jack Ohle and his wife, Kris, who happened to be in town on College business. By 9:10 the next morning, the class was standing in the security line for a tour of the Capitol, which took them through the Rotunda, the old Senate chambers, and a very dark and small room that used to house the Supreme Court. They obtained tickets to view the sessions of the Senate and the House from their respective galleries and were struck immediately by the differences in protocol and atmosphere between the two bodies. The Senate was quiet and the few senators who were there seemed "more senior and civilized" to the students—nothing was happening, and the students entertained themselves by identifying senators they'd seen on TV. The House was much more active, as the Children's Insurance bill—which the class had studied before leaving St. Peter—was being debated. The excitement and commotion of speakers, voice votes, and a roll call marked a dramatic change from the serenity the students had noted just a few moments earlier. The group spent the rest of the day on Capitol Hill, some of the students visiting the offices of their senators and representatives.

"It is incredible to sit in the Senate and House galleries and realize that for many years, decisions that have affected the American people have been made in these



The group experienced a "Minnesota Morning" with Senator Amy Klobuchar and her staff. Pictured in the back row, from left, are **Brian Knutson, Andrew Manley, Jackie Schwerm, Rachel Stuckey, Leah Goss, group leader Kate Knutson, Jacob Partridge, Adam Snyder, and Linden Zakula '05**, Klobuchar's press secretary. In the middle row are **Rachel Schmitt**, legislative assistant **Rose Baumann '06, Mara Berdahl, Morgan Jones, Senator Klobuchar, Andrea Nelson, Abby Norlin-Weaver, and Shannon Ginter**. In front are **Allie Stehlin, Kristy Proctor, and Brittany Bauer**.

rooms," junior Mara Berdahl wrote in the reflection paper Knutson required of each participant. "I love being around all the history that Washington, D.C., holds."

"What will stay with me is what I've seen of the process for making laws—all the stuff government has to do," says sophomore Adam Snyder, "I have more confidence now in the mechanisms of government."

Following class discussion at the hotel, the group started the next day at 8:30 a.m. at the office of Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, who hosts "Minnesota Mornings" every Thursday for home-state visitors. The students had the opportunity to visit with two Gustavus grads who work for the senator—Linden Zakula '05 is Klobuchar's press secretary, and Rose Baumann '06 is a legislative assistant. From there the group walked to the National Archives, which houses the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights among many other historical documents.

"That was one of my favorite stops," junior Jacob Partridge says. "It is an indescribable feeling to be looking at a document written by Thomas Jefferson . . . I could have spent an entire day here."

Junior Rachel Stuckey reflected the whole group's thoughts: "It's one thing to learn about it in a classroom, but it brings a completely different level of understanding after you are able to see it in person."

On Friday the class toured the Washington headquarters of National Public Radio and visited the offices of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), where they were briefed by Tim Sparapani,

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John Cross, for the Mankato Free Press



Kate Knutson, assistant professor of political science, led 15 Gustavus students to Washington, D.C., to witness the inauguration of President Barack Obama.





Top: Walking (here to Arlington National Cemetery) and the Metro were the group's means of transportation. Immediately above: Thousands of flags were distributed to the crowd that gathered on the Mall.

*"Simply seeing our government at work has given me a completely new understanding that I would not have been able to get from a textbook. Now, continuing my interest in business and politics back at Gustavus, this trip will be very present in many of my classes and studies."*

— Leah Goss '11

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an ACLU lobbyist and legislative counsel for privacy issues, and BJ Kuhns '06, a legislative assistant for the ACLU. On Saturday, they visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

On Sunday the group headed to the grounds in front of the Lincoln Memorial to take in the kickoff event of the inauguration festivities—the free Obama Inaugural Celebration concert, featuring a lineup of musical performers that included Beyonce, Bono, Garth Brooks, Cheryl Crow, Renee Fleming, Josh Groban, Herbie Hancock, John Mellencamp, Bruce Springsteen, James Taylor, Usher, will.i.am, and Stevie Wonder. That evening the students were the guests of Andrea Johnson, daughter of Gustavus economics and management professor Bruce Johnson, and some friends at a “Networking in D.C.” dinner.

“The public service aspect of my vocation, the calling to be part of a system that has such great potential to do great things, was made more clear to me while experiencing the things I did while in D.C.,” says sophomore Rachel Schmitt. Among them was an ambitious service project the District had organized in anticipation of the many visitors in town for the inauguration to mark the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, which happened to be Monday, Jan. 19. Class members joined with thousands of other volunteers who rode the Metro to RFK Stadium, where they helped to assemble more than 75,000 care packages for military personnel serving abroad. What had been planned as a 90-minute shift turned into an all-day affair for the Gusties, as they filled bags, served as crowd control, directed people to relieve other workers, and wrote letters to soldiers. All agreed it was a wonderful—but draining—experience.

The group met in their hotel lobby at 5 a.m. on Tuesday to leave for the National Mall and the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Professor Knutson told them to be ready to be “tired, exhausted, frustrated, claustrophobic, and uncomfortable the whole day,” but the Metro wasn’t as packed at 5:20 a.m. as they had anticipated. Once they got off the Metro, the crowds were daunting, but the gates were already open near the Washington Monument so they squeezed in and just

kept walking toward the Capitol, eventually getting much closer than they thought they'd be—as well as directly in front of one of the six Jumbotrons spaced throughout the Mall. At 8:30 a.m. the pre-inaugural concert was replayed; at 10 a.m. the United States Marine Band and the San Francisco Boys and Girls Choruses opened the inauguration ceremonies. Flags were passed out to everyone on the Mall.

“To be present at such a historic moment, to look back and be able to say ‘I was there’ is so amazing to me,” senior Abby Norlin-Weaver would write later. “It was an honor for me to be present.”

The Supreme Court was in session while the class was in Washington, and on Wednesday following the inauguration the students sat in on the oral arguments of *Nken v. Mukasey*, an appeal in the area of immigration law. Tours dominated the next day, as the class visited the White House Visitors' Center, the Washington Monument, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

Knutson had arranged for six Gustavus graduates who work for the State Department to meet the group on Friday to discuss their responsibilities and lead tours of the facility, including its diplomatic rooms and its operations center, which maintains 24-hour communication with all of the U.S. embassies around the world. Students heard from Cynthia Nelson '80, from the Bureau of Human Resources; Randall Meredith '87, a Foreign Service officer; Sandra Lewis '81, from the Office of the Inspector General; Karen Enstrom '85, with the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs; Barbara Day '75, Domestic Resettlement Section chief, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Judith Chammas '71, who has served in U.S. embassies around the world, most recently as charge d'affaires in Bangladesh. In addition to getting a sense of the variety of backgrounds represented within the Department of State, the students were introduced to some of the internship opportunities available there.

“I want to work internationally, and I had been considering a career with the State Department,” says sophomore Brittany Bauer. “I found it very helpful to meet with people who worked there. . . . It was especially neat to talk to Gustavus alumni. I

*“Part of what made this course such an amazing experience for me was that I shared it with people who were equally excited . . . about everything we did.”*

— Kristy Proctor '10

liked hearing about their time on campus and how their experiences there led them to the careers they have now.”

The class toured Mount Vernon on Saturday and visited Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday. On Monday, Jan. 26, they started their day with lobbyists representing Lutheran Political Advocacy and Immigration Policy, who are based at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Washington office. They then returned to Capitol Hill for a session titled “Understanding the Legislative Process,” led by Dan Elling '99, minority staff director of the Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, who previously worked for Representative Jim Ramstad (R, Minn.) and former Representative Nancy Johnson (R, Conn.). He was joined later by several Gustavus graduates who are now Congressional staffers: Rose Baumann '06 and Linden Zakula '05 from Senator Amy Klobuchar's staff; Matt Forbes '06, legislative assistant for Representative Collin Peterson (D, Minn. 7th Dist.); Melissa Habedank '04, internship program manager for Senator Byron Dorgan (D, N.D.) and legislative correspondent specializing in health care, human services, and education issues; and Justin Withoff '08, legislative assistant for Senator Pat Roberts (R, Kan.). The afternoon ended with a visit with Minnesota Representative Tim Walz at his office.



“As we came to the end of the trip, on our last full day in Washington, D.C., a few of us went on a nighttime stroll among the monuments,” junior Andrea Nelson wrote in her reflection paper summarizing her experience. “On our walk, we stopped for a while at the Lincoln Memorial, and I reflected once again on where I was and where I was headed. I found the step where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his ‘I Have a Dream’ speech. . . . I realized that anything is possible.”

I realized how lucky I was to be there, to be a Gustavus student.”





# A Taste of Ancient Rome

By Kayla Elbert '11



From left, first-year Tom Ulsby and sophomores Eric Lohman and Brittany Salisbury prepare a Roman dish with help from Assistant Professor of Classics Mary McHugh.

It just takes one phone call to order your favorite Erbert and Gerbert's sub sandwich, and just one coupon to order that two-for-one jumbo pizza from the local P.J.'s Pizza joint, and of course McDonald's is open 24-7. For typical college students, the majority of their food may come from places like these. Others, however, may be looking for something new, different, and healthier. Fortunately, Mary McHugh, assistant professor of classics, offered a January Interim


Experience (IEX) course in 2009 at Gustavus Adolphus College introducing traditional Roman foods as well as ancient Roman culture. Learning about where food comes from, ways in which it was used, and social history from the perspective of food were all incorporated in this four-week course.

Conducting a presentation was one of the requirements of the course. Each day after the 24 enrolled students were seated in their desks in Old Main at 10:30 a.m., McHugh would invite one of them up to the front to give a prepared presentation. Maintaining her outgoing attitude throughout the remainder of the two hours, McHugh shared stories of famous Roman women, such as Claudia Quinta, Lucretia, and Cloelia, to the class, while stressing the fact that these ancient stories "all have a purpose."

While some of the students wished the class had more emphasis on food and Roman chefs, they appreciated being able to learn about Roman history. "I enjoyed learning about the background of traditions of common food and how it's similar and different from present-day techniques," said senior Nick Lindquist, who has quite a passion for cooking. Both Lindquist and first-year Emily Persons agreed that "the banquet is what we looked forward to most." On Thursday, Jan. 29, all 24 students, along with McHugh, cooked Roman food for a dinner banquet that they shared with the Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honor Society and the classics faculty.

Hands-on cooking in the International Center for two hours a week was another unique opportunity these students had. Each day five different students headed over to the International Center's kitchen to prepare food. Each week, the recipes they made came from different time periods. During the first week, they cooked using mainly vegetables, such as lentils and turnips. In the second week they cooked foods that were available to the Romans around the time of 1200 B.C. (so they could not have tomatoes on their pizza since tomatoes had not yet been used during that time period!). The focus during week three was different kinds of meat, and dessert was saved for the final week of cooking.

For most students, their favorite part of the course was the cooking, mainly because of the unique foods they were able to make and eat together. First-year Katrina Belton enjoyed the fact that there was "more one-on-one time with [McHugh]" during this time. Adding to Katrina's comment, first-year Carrie Johnson emphasized how nice the "down time during cooking" was. Since each group had no more than five students in it, this was a perfect time to get to know each other better as well as eat delicious Roman food.

Research papers, presentations, lecture, discussions, listening to guest speakers, and cooking were all a part of this unique January IEX class. Reflecting on the class, first-year Katie Zappetillo said, "It's fun to learn how to cook and learn a lot about the culture." Maybe the next time these students think about driving down to McDonald's or calling to have some pizzas delivered to their dorm rooms, they'll think of this class and be inspired to cook something new and different. Professor McHugh's "A Taste of Roman Food" IEX class left the students with much knowledge about Roman culture as well as some unique cooking opportunities. 

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Kayla Elbert, a sophomore from Maple Grove, Minn., wrote this article as part of her January IEX course on communication writing.

# Applying their lessons

**Casting about** during the fall of 2006 for a January Term class they could take together, first-year friends Brittany Bohlig and Lydia Busiahn decided to sign up for a course titled “Nonprofit Management,” taught by visiting instructor Marlys Johnson ‘58. They suspected that they wouldn’t have much call to use what they learned.

It turns out they were wrong.

The course for which they had registered was, on paper, a general overview of nonprofit management. The students started by defining what a nonprofit organization is and then learned, step by step, what it takes to start and run a successful nonprofit organization. Their instructor, Marlys Johnson, who is retired from Scholarship America (formerly Citizens’ Scholarship Foundation of America, based in St. Peter), which she helped to make the nation’s largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, provided the expertise, knowledge, and support. The main project for the students in the class was to create a fictional nonprofit of their own, based upon a passion.

When they realized that they both had a passion for assisting veterans and wounded soldiers, Brittany and Lydia decided to create a nonprofit called “Operation S.O.S.” (Support Our Soldiers). They soon found themselves immersed in the project.

“We spent countless hours and many late nights in the library, trying to develop a successful organization,” recalls Brittany, a biology major from Minnetonka, Minn. They began with a feasibility study, trying to identify any other nonprofits in the state that might already be working with wounded soldiers. Determining that there were none, they decided to create one that would assist wounded soldiers physically, mentally, and financially once they returned to Minnesota.

Their research revealed that more than 22,000 U.S. soldiers had already been wounded in the War on Terror. These men and women need aid and support throughout their recovery, especially when they return home or to hospitals in the Midwest. Lydia and Brittany developed a vision statement rooted in the idea that all wounded soldiers should have the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

“In our J-Term class we learned how to create the legal documents for nonprofits, such as articles of incorporation and bylaws,” says Lydia, a nursing major from Wood Lake, Minn., “and we also learned how to do fundraising with an elevator speech and plan fundraising events. We developed programs for our nonprofit with names like Support Squadron, Financial Fellows, and Caring Comrades to address the various needs of returning soldiers. We developed goals and objectives for every program and made sure one of our ‘board members’ would be able to complete them in a timely manner.”

“We developed a mission statement, articles of incorporation, programs, a business plan, and marketing strategies,” Brittany adds. “The last day of the course we proudly presented our nonprofit to the class, and it was great to know that all of our hard work had resulted in success. We had created, in the course of a month, a nonprofit that could actually be started successfully.”


After the class ended, Lydia and Brittany discussed the idea of volunteering with an organization serving veterans for their next January Term, but really

didn’t know what they’d do with all the information they had learned. During the summer of 2007, however, a friend of Brittany’s father who had been wounded while serving in Iraq told Brittany that he and some friends were trying to start a nonprofit support organization for veterans.

“Although Veterans and Friends was legally a nonprofit, it was just getting started and a number of documents were yet to be created,” Brittany recounts. “There was a lot of work to be done so that this nonprofit could start carrying out its mission and impacting the lives of others.” Brittany and Lydia knew how to do that.

The two were asked to help and decided to work with the organization during January Term 2008. During the month they developed mission and vision statements and many of the other documents they had learned about and created for their fictional nonprofit a year before. The completed mission statement—“to support service members in their academic pursuit, strengthen relationships between veterans and their communities, and provide support for military families and friends”—echoed the statement they had written for their own project, except Veterans and Friends focuses on veterans pursuing higher education. Lydia and Brittany implemented strategies Johnson had taught them for creating a successful organization and created a semester plan with short-term and long-term goals for a Normandale Community College chapter so that the organization could immediately start impacting the lives of veterans.

“We were very excited when we were invited to be on the nonprofit’s board of directors,” Lydia says. After careful consideration, they both accepted and are now heavily involved with the Normandale CC chapter of Veterans and Friends, where they have assisted in planning community activities, developing a care package program for soldiers on active duty, advising on a scholarship and grant initiative, and organizing a fundraiser with entertainment. While the Normandale CC chapter is the only active one at this time, the Veterans and Friends organization—following the lead of its two expert board members—has set a long-range goal of establishing 10 chapters in the next five years.

Brittany and Lydia are still in awe that they have had the opportunity to translate their passion to action and actually help returning soldiers. “At the time,” they muse, “we had no idea that taking this course would have a great impact on our lives in the future.” 



*Juniors Brittany Bohlig (left) and Lydia Busiahn were working at an information table for Veterans and Friends at a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization this past summer when this photo was shot.*





# Sports notes



*MIAC playoff champions – The Gustavus men's hockey team claimed the program's first MIAC playoff championship title since 1993 with a 5–2 win over Hamline in front of a standing-room-only crowd at Don Roberts Ice Rink on March 4. The Gusties, who were seeded second in the tournament, defeated third-seeded St. Thomas 3–1 in the semifinals before knocking off the fourth-seeded Pipers in the championship game.*

## 'Do You Believe in Miracles?' Men's hockey team defies odds to make NCAA championship game

by *Tim Kennedy '82*

**I**n the second week of January, Gustavus men's hockey coach Brett Petersen sat down with his players to discuss where the team was headed after disappointing losses to UW-Superior (5–4 in OT) and St. Scholastica (5–0) had left the team with a record of 8–7–0 overall and 3–3–0 in the MIAC.

Petersen and the team talked about how a difficult schedule and problems with the team's rink (which forced the team to practice and play its games on the road for the first two months of the season) had dealt the team a tough hand, but it was now time to decide in what direction the team was heading, especially with a key series against St. Thomas coming up the next weekend. What came out of the meeting was a decision to focus on one game at a





**MIAC regular-season and playoff champions** – The Gustavus women's hockey team defeated St. Thomas 3–0 to claim its sixth consecutive MIAC playoff championship on March 4 at Don Roberts Ice Rink. The Gusties also won their fifth straight regular-season conference title with a record of 16–0–2. Coach Mike Carroll's squad has now posted two consecutive undefeated seasons in league play and currently boasts a 42-game conference unbeaten streak that dates back to the 2006–07 season.

time and commit as a group to sticking together no matter how difficult the situation appeared at that time. There were not catchy slogans or “Win one for the Gipper” speeches; the focus was on making sure all 27 players would work to give their best effort each and every time they would step on the ice for the rest of the season. What would happen from that point on for Coach Petersen and his squad would lead to one of the more improbable runs by a group of young men in the storied history of the Gustavus men's hockey program.

Three days after Coach Petersen's team meeting, the Gusties swept St. Thomas for the first time in 25 years by the scores of 5–3 and 3–2 and closed out the regular season with a record of 7–3, including an important 3–2 win on Senior Night that would allow the Gusties to finish second in the conference standings with a league mark of 10–6–0. Next up was the MIAC post-season tournament, where the team would face a St. Thomas squad that was itching to pay the Gusties back for handing them back-to-back defeats earlier in the season. Instead, the Gusties broke open a tight game with two goals in the third period and claimed a 3–1 victory to advance to the playoff title game against Hamline, which had upset St. Olaf 5–1. In the championship game, the Pipers shocked a standing-room-only crowd at Don Roberts Ice Rink with two goals in the first three minutes of the game; however, the Gusties kept battling and scored twice in the

final four minutes of the first period to tie the score at 2–2. Gustavus then scored two goals within one minute in the middle of the second period and was on its way to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years with a 5–2 win over the Pipers.

The next weekend, the team was in Superior, Wis., to face #2 UW-Superior in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Gusties, sporting an overall mark of 17–10–0, were big underdogs against the highly-touted Yellowjackets, who boasted a mark of 23–3–3, and had lost only once in 16 games at home during the season. Gustavus, however, defied the odds, as first-year standout Ross Ring-Jarvi (Anoka, Minn.) scored with a minute left in the second period and senior goaltender Matt Lopes (East Falmouth, Mass.) recorded 33 saves to hand UW-Superior its first shutout loss of the season. David Martinson (Jr., St. Louis Park, Minn.) scored an empty net goal with :04 left to give the Gusties a 2–0 win and their first trip to the NCAA Frozen Four since 1982.

As if a trip to the NCAA Frozen Four weren't enough, the team was on its way to Lake Placid, N.Y., to play on the same rink where the U.S. Olympic Team upset the Soviet Union on its way to winning a gold medal in 1980. The magical journey would continue for Coach Petersen and his squad as they defeated the University of Wisconsin-Stout Bluedevils, 3–2 in overtime in the semifinal game. Patrick Dynan

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### Men's hockey

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(Jr., Maple Plain, Minn.) scored two goals including the game-winner six minutes into the extra session to lead the Gusties to victory.

On Saturday, March 21, the Gustavus men's hockey team took the ice at Herb Brooks Arena, in front of an estimated crowd of 3,500 fans, and a national television audience, to face Neumann College of Aston, Penn., for the NCAA Men's Division III Ice Hockey Championship. It was a match-up between two teams that had overcome great odds to get to the title game, as Gustavus was the #4 seed of four teams from the West Region, while Neumann was the #5 seed out of seven teams from the East Region. The Gusties took a 1-0 lead when David Martinson scored five minutes into the contest; however, Neumann scored seven minutes later and the score was tied at 1-1 after the first 20 minutes of play. Unfortunately for Gustavus, Neumann would control the second period, outscoring the Gusties 3-0 and taking a commanding 4-1 lead into the locker room after two periods of play. The Gusties controlled play for much of the third period, outshooting the Knights 9-3, but Neumann would hold on for the 4-1 victory and claim the 2009 NCAA title.

The Gustavus team and its fans had hopes of hearing "Do you believe in miracles?" ring through the rafters of storied Herb Brooks Arena as goaltender Matthew Lopes skated around the ice with a Gustavus flag wrapped around his shoulders, but an upstart squad from Neumann College had plans of its own as it claimed the first NCAA championship of any kind for its institution. The Gusties, while disappointed with the outcome, created memories that will last a lifetime, and put the Gustavus men's hockey program back among the elite of small-college hockey. 

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

## Martinson, Peterson, and Mackley earn All-America honors in hockey

Three Gustavus hockey players, two from the women's team and one from the men's team, have been honored by the American Hockey Coaches Association as All-America selections for the 2008-09 season. Junior forward Melissa Mackley (Burnsville, Minn.) and sophomore defender Kirstin Peterson (St. Paul, Minn.) were named to the RBK Hockey Women's Division III All-America West First Team, while junior forward David Martinson (St. Louis Park, Minn.)



*Melissa Mackley*

was named to the RBK Hockey Men's Division III All-America West First Team.



*Kirstin Peterson*

Martinson, who finished second in Division III in goals scored, led the Gusties in scoring with 26 goals and 15 assists for 41 points. The two-time All-MIAC honoree also led the squad with seven power-play goals and five game-winning goals. Martinson recorded at least one point in 25 of the team's 30 games this season. In two seasons at Gustavus, he has tallied 47 goals and 35 assists for 82 points. He is the first

## Winter Sports Summary

*by Tim Kennedy '82*

**Men's Basketball** – The Gustavus men's basketball team battled through a challenging season, posting a record of 13-14 overall while finishing sixth in the MIAC with a mark of 11-9. The Gusties did qualify for the MIAC playoffs and defeated Saint John's in the quarterfinals before losing to St. Thomas in the semifinals. Junior guard Jesse Van Sickle (Garden City, Minn.) was named to the all-conference team, while first-year post Bobby Johnson (Edina, Minn.) was named to the all-rookie team and senior wing Tim Olmstead (Glencoe, Minn.) was selected to the all-sportsmanship team.

**Women's Basketball** – Coach Mickey Haller led her team to the MIAC playoffs for the ninth consecutive year as the team finished fourth in the league standings with a record of 14-8. The Gusties finished 16-10 overall. Senior Emily Nelson (Mankato, Minn.) and junior Bri Radtke (Winsted, Minn.)

were named to the all-conference team, while first-year guard Molly Geske (Mendota Heights, Minn.) was named to the all-rookie team and Julia Schultz (Jr., Marshall, Minn.) was named to the all-sportsmanship team.

**Men's Swimming** – The Gusties closed out their season with a second-place finish at the MIAC championships and a 15th-place finish at the NCAA championships. Senior Matt Stewart (Burnsville, Minn.) led the team at the conference meet as he won the 500 freestyle and the 200 butterfly. Junior Skylar Davis (Palatine, Ill.) won the 1650 freestyle. The Gusties also won the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay. Stewart, Davis, Clem Auyeung (Sr., North Mankato, Minn.), Dave Pearson (Sr., Woodbury, Minn.), Tyler Wakefield (Sr., Hutchinson, Minn.), Whitaker Davis (FY, Palatine, Ill.), Billy Schultze (FY, Mankato, Minn.), Josh Seaburg (FY, Moorhead, Minn.), and Paul Kirihara (So., Bloomington, Minn.) all earned all-conference honors by finishing in the top three of an individual or relay event at the conference meet.

**Women's Swimming** – Coach Jon Carlson's squad registered a second-place finish at the MIAC championships and then closed out the year with a 35th-place finish at the NCAA championships. Carrie Gundersen (Jr.,




David Martinson

men's hockey player to be named to the All-America team since Jon Keseley was selected in 2006.

Mackley, who led the Gustie women in scoring with 8 goals and 19 assists for 27 points, scored two

points or more in a game 10 times during the season. She finished second in the MIAC in scoring with 7 goals and 15 assists for 22 points, and she also ranked second in assists with 15 and second in power play points with 9 (1g, 8a). A three-year starter, Mackley served as a tri-captain for this year's team.

Peterson anchored a Gustie defense that led the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 0.74 goals per game. She was also a key part of the penalty-kill unit that ranked second in the country, allowing only 7 power play goals in 128 attempts during the season. Peterson also contributed 4 goals and 12 assists for 16 points. She finished second in the MIAC in scoring by a defenseman with 3 goals and 10 assists for 13 points in 18 league games.


The Gustavus women's hockey program has now had at least one player named to the AHCA All-America Team for six consecutive years. 

## Two earn All-America honors at NCAA indoor championships

Seniors Kaelene Lundstrum (Bird Island, Minn.) and Tyler Geyen (Watertown, Minn.) earned All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships by virtue of finishing in the top eight in their events at the national meet.

Lundstrum earned All-America honors in two events as she placed fifth in the pentathlon and seventh in the high jump. In the pentathlon, Lundstrum scored 3,366 points, which was just below the school record total of 3,445 points she registered at the MIAC championships. In the high jump, Lundstrum cleared a height

of 5' 3-1/4", which was a bit below her qualifying height of 5' 5-3/4" ; however, she competed in the high jump just 30 minutes after completing the grueling pentathlon.

Geyen earned All-America honors in the 55-meter hurdles, finishing fourth with a time of 7.55. Geyen, who had won all six of his 55-meter hurdle races of the indoor season until finishing fourth at the national meet, set the school and conference record with a time of 7.54 in the prelims at the NCAA championships. 



Kaelene Lundstrum



Tyler Geyen

Minnetonka, Minn.) and Anika Erickson (So., Milaca, Minn.) led the way at the conference meet, as Gundersen won the 1650 freestyle and Erickson won the 200 breaststroke. Eleven Gustie swimmers earned All-Conference honors by virtue of finishing in the top three of an individual event or on a relay at the conference meet; that group included Gundersen, Erickson, Marnie Luke (So., Stillwater, Minn.), Maggie Hansvick (Jr., Litchfield, Minn.), Steph Korba (FY, Lakeville, Minn.), Janae Piehl (Jr., Hutchinson, Minn.), Serena Elthon (FY, Faribault, Minn.), Dajanna Vidovic (FY, Coleraine, Minn.), Jonna Berry (Jr., Hastings, Minn.), Allyson Hannemann (FY, Mansfield, Ohio), and Krista Koenen (Sr., Willmar, Minn.).

**Men's Nordic Skiing** – The Gusties finished sixth at the Central Collegiate Ski Association Championships with a team score of 115 points. Jens Brabbit (So., Winona, Minn.) led the squad with a 12th-place finish in the freestyle race and a 14th-place finish in the classic race. Brabbit was named to the All-CCSA Second Team by a vote of the league coaches at the end of the season.

**Women's Nordic Skiing** – Coach Jed Friedrich's squad skied to a fifth-place finish at the Central Collegiate Ski Association Championships with a team score of 124 points. Kelly Chaudoin (Sr., Ely, Minn.) led the team with a

fourth-place finish in the freestyle race and a 15th-place finish in the classic race. Chaudoin, who was a Second Team All-CCSA selection, closed out her standout career at the NCAA championships in Rumford, Maine, where she placed 30th in the freestyle race and 33rd in the classic race.

**Gymnastics** – Senior Christine Askham (Arvada, Colorado) led a group of five Gusties to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships where she placed 14th in the All-Around with a score of 36.375. Joining Askham at the national meet were Meghan Johnson (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. – balance beam), Laura Hansen (Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn. – balance beam), Aryn Bell (Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn. – vault), and Jess Dolan (Sr., Milroy, Minn. – floor exercise). As a team, the Gusties finished sixth at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships with a team score of 179.40.

**Women's Indoor Track and Field** – The Gusties won four event titles and finished second at the MIAC indoor championships. Senior Kaelene Lundstrum (Bird Island, Minn.) won both the pentathlon and the high jump and was named the Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet, while Lisa

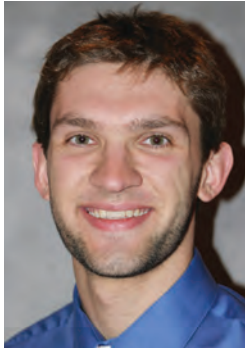
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## Four swimmers earn All-America honors as men's team finishes 15th At NCAA meet

The Gustavus men's swimming team wrapped up its season with a 15th-place finish at the NCAA championships, which were held at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center in Minneapolis in mid-March. The Gusties were represented at the national meet by senior Matt Stewart (Burnsville, Minn.), senior David Pearson (Woodbury, Minn.), junior Skylar Davis (Palatine, Ill.), and sophomore Whitaker Davis (Palatine, Ill.). All four swimmers earned All-America honors by finishing in the top eight in an individual event or relay at the national meet.



**Matt Stewart**

Stewart, who was making his fourth consecutive appearance at the NCAA championships, made his last appearance one to remember as he finished



**David Pearson**



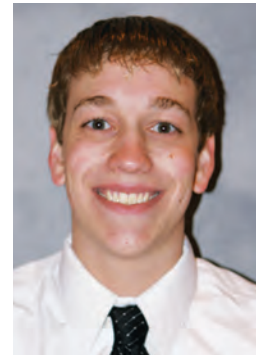
**Skylar Davis**

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sixth in the 200 freestyle in a school- and conference-record time of 1:38.49; seventh in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:27.85; and tenth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:49.59. Stewart completed his remarkable career with 13 All-America certificates—seven individually and six as a part of relay teams.

Skylar Davis, who was making his third consecutive appearance at the NCAA championships, earned All-America honors in the 1650 freestyle for the third consecutive year as he placed eighth with a time of 15:41.38.



**Whitaker Davis**

### Winter Sports Summary

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Brown (Sr., Lake Crystal, Minn.) won the shot put, and Diana Scott (Jr., Bristol, Conn.) won the weight throw. Lundstrum, Brown, and Scott led a group of seven Gusties who earned all-conference honors by placing in the top three in an individual event. The rest of that group included Janey Helland (So., Mapleton, Minn.), Kelly Nelson (Jr., Milaca, Minn.), Sam Broderius (So., Hector, Minn.), and Laura Lynch (Sr., Waunakee, Wis.).

**Men's Indoor Track and Field** – Tyler Geyen's (Sr., Watertown, Minn.) first-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles in a conference- and school-record time of 7.59 seconds was the highlight for the Gusties, who finished eighth at the MIAC indoor championships. Geyen was also an important part of the 4x200 meter relay team that placed second and the 4x400 meter relay team that placed third and led a group of five individuals who earned all-conference honors by placing in the top three in an individual event or a relay. That group included Cole Carlson (Jr., Mora, Minn.), Matt Leeb (So., Kasota, Minn.), Matt Dvorak (FY, Burnsville, Minn.), and Colby Citrowske (So., Canby, Minn.).

**Women's Hockey** – Coach Mike Carroll's squad wrapped up another outstanding season by winning its fifth consecutive league title with a record of 16–0–2. The Gusties went on to win their sixth consecutive MIAC playoff title

with a 3–0 win over St. Thomas, but then saw their season come to an abrupt end with a 2–1 loss to UW-River Falls in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The team, which posted a record of 22–2–4 overall, was ranked #1 in the USCHO.com Division III poll for nine consecutive weeks during the season. Forward Jessie Doig (Sr., New Prague, Minn.), forward Melissa Mackley (Jr., Burnsville, Minn.), defender Kirstin Peterson (So., St. Paul, Minn.), and Sara Yungner (So., Maple Grove, Minn.) were named to the all-conference team, while goaltender Danielle Justice (FY, Alexandria, Minn.) and forward Allie Schwab (FY, Stillwater, Minn.) were named to the all-rookie team and forward Christine Wicker (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.) was named to the all-sportsmanship team.

**Men's Hockey** – After a slow 3–3–0 start to the conference season, the Gusties posted a mark of 7–3–0 the rest of the way and finished second in regular-season play with a mark of 10–6–0. Coach Brett Petersen's squad caught fire in the post-season, defeating St. Thomas 3–1 and Hamline 5–2 to win the MIAC playoff title and earn a NCAA tournament berth. An even more impressive NCAA tournament run allowed the Gusties to advance to the national championship game in Lake Placid, N.Y., where they finished second to Neumann College, falling 4–1 in the finale. Forward David Martinson (Jr., St. Louis Park, Minn.), forward Ross Ring-Jarvi (FY, Anoka, Minn.), and goaltender Josh Swartout (So., St. Louis Park, Minn.) were named to the all-conference team, while Ring-Jarvi was also honored on the all-rookie team, and Brad Wieck (So., Shoreview, Minn.) was named to the all-sportsmanship team. G



## A recipe for success

by Dennis Johnson '60

**D**elmar and Jean Pittman developed a recipe for success: They started with a dream, added hard work and thrift. They started small, expanded with more hard work sustained by faith—and secured it all with wise planning. The formula worked for the 63 years that Delmar and Jean were married. The result was an accumulation of wealth that the unassuming couple used to benefit the students of Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of St. Thomas, Lutheran Social Service, and their Buffalo Lake, Minn., congregation.

Delmar Pittman had never farmed, but when he came out of the Navy in 1945, he knew what he wanted to do. He and Jean had married in 1943 and had no money. They went to work for a bachelor farmer. Jean noticed an unused brooder house and bought 300 baby chicks. Jean was baking bread and canning beef and pork and items from the garden. Thrift gave them a capacity to rent a farm on their own. An FHA loan enabled them to buy the machinery and household property. They added a cow, and then another, and another. Jean's father loaned them five breed sows, who gave birth to a total of 48 pigs. All this time, they lived without electricity or running water. Farming took all their money and left very little for the nicer things in life. With the help of a government-guaranteed loan, they bought a 160-acre farm.

Delmar and Jean were persons of faith and, as Jean put it, "We prayed as if everything depended on God, and we worked as if everything depended on us." The formula was working. Good crops enabled them to remodel the house, put in electricity and running water, expand their buildings, and purchase more land. A source of pride for Delmar was paying off the loan in advance, even

though his loan officer told him he should not do that.

With success came larger tax bills. They knew they needed to do some planning if they were to preserve their wealth. But, as Gustavus development officer Paul Tillquist '63 put it, "It was never about the Pittmans; it was about how they could use the money as wise stewards, securing their own future and helping other people."


Gustavus alumnus John Lipke '63 was the Pittman's banker



Delmar and Jean Pittman

and tax accountant, and Lipke referred the Pittmans to Gustavus and to Tillquist. That was the beginning of a 25-year friendship between Paul and the Pittmans. It was a relationship that was personally enriching to both parties and resulted in significant dollars that have come to Gustavus.

With wise planning, the Pittmans used nearly every planned gift instrument available, including a **Charitable Remainder Unitrust** using the gift of land for unrestricted endowment; a **Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust** with the gift of apartment buildings; a **Deferred Gift Annuity** using cash; a **Charitable Gift Annuity** for the Burgstahler Pittman scholarships at Gustavus with the gift of more land and a cash gift; and a \$100,000 **Outright Gift** to Old Main for the Chaplains' Seminar Room. Jean credits Gustavus with securing their comfortable retirement and giving them the satisfaction of fulfilling their dream.

In recognition of the Pittmans' philanthropy, Gustavus named a residence hall for them, which was in keeping with their focus on assisting students with scholarship dollars. Delmar died in 2006 knowing that the fruit of his and Jean's labors would benefit students for years to come. From the biblical teaching of the mustard seed, the Pittmans provide a testimonial that indeed from small beginnings—some chickens, three cows, and five sows, plus hard work and faith—come very great things. 

*Dennis Johnson '60 retired from Gustavus in 2003 after serving the College for 16 years as director of church relations, vice president for college relations and acting vice president of development, and interim president.*

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**Senior class kicks off legacy campaign**

**Holly Andersen** and **John Bennetts**, co-chairs of the Senior Class Legacy Campaign, are pictured at the campaign’s kickoff event on February 25, 2009, with **Ron White ’75**, president of the Gustavus Alumni Association Board.

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For ideas, visit the Gustavus website at [gustavus.edu](http://gustavus.edu), clicking on “Giving to Gustavus” and then “Planned (and Estate) Giving Resources.”

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## Gustavus Alumni Association

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### Bartering in Kerala

*Relic hunter Ian Grant '91 is meeting the world as he seeks artifacts and crafts—and a TV camera is following him. See story on p. 55.*





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## Generations

**L. Dale Lund '40** (right) celebrated his 90th birthday on February 22, in Fremont, NE (where he was president of Midland Lutheran College some years ago). Present at the celebration were a number of other Gusties, but this photo shows the birthday boy with his eldest grandchild, **Megan Bayrd '99**, and her husband, **Paul Horvath '99**—and his first great-grandchild, **Madeline Horvath ('29?)**.

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**June Dalen Bruneer**, Fresno, CA, is a group travel consultant with Travel Express ■ **Helen Johnson**

**Carter**, St. Peter, is retired from the Finance Office at Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Eileen Johnson Christensen**, Calgary, Alberta, is a retired human resources assistant ■ **Miriam Bloom Curtis**, Laguna Woods, CA, is active in a Vasa Swedish organization ■ **Clare Allen Erickson**, Washougal, WA, is retired as convener of ELCW-Washington South ■ **Connie Elofson Foseid**, Mercer Island, WA, is retired from Eddie Bauer ■ **Ruth Tolman Helland**, Eagan, is an avid knitter ■ **Janet Englin Janzen**, Mountain Lake, is retired from Land O'Lakes ■ **Marcia Anderson Johnson**, Lawrence, KS, is retired ■ **Rodney W. Johnson**, Redding, CA, is a retired sales manager ■ **Audrey Noleen Larson**, Coon





Rapids, is retired from Robbinsdale Schools ■ **Glen L. Larson**, Coon Rapids, is a retired high school golf coach ■ **Eugene C. Lindblad**, Blair, NE, is a retired chemistry professor ■ **Lloyd Lofgren**, Boise, ID, is retired from General Mills ■ **Ardis Johnson Lund**, New Ulm, is a retired Brown County employee ■ **Aldys Johnson Miller**, Minneapolis, is a retired Realtor ■ **Herb E. Miller**, Minneapolis, is retired from Honeywell ■ **Arllys Solmonson Ousman**, Spicer, is retired ■ **Jean Berg Overn**, Tucson, AZ, is retired from Minneapolis Technical Institute ■ **Earl V. Peterson**, Hastings, is retired and preaches at the RV park in Fulton, Texas ■ **Dorothy Rasmussen**, Chicago, IL, is a retired librarian ■ **Ellen Stahlberg Schroder**, Littleton, CO, is a retired professor of Swedish ■ **Carol Somermeyer Swanson**, Inver Grove Heights, is a retired teacher ■ **Swen C. Swanson**, Inver Grove Heights, is retired from Vittum NW Producers ■ **Dale Swenson**, Olympia, WA, is a retired State of Washington employee ■ **Delores Ostgaard Ziemer**, Minneapolis, is a retired teacher from Richfield High School.

**50 Class Agent:**  
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**Rodger Johnson**, Lawrence, KS, is retired ■ **Spencer O. Lundquist**, Wheaton, is in a nursing home ■ **Dallas Young**, Baxter, is a visitation pastor at First Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

**51 Class Agent:**  
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**Lowell Erickson**, Washougal, WA, is a retired pastor ■ **Don A. Osell**, Cohasset, authored a book, *Johnny McGovern: The Little Giant of Minnesota*.

**52 Class Agent:**  
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**John K. Mielke**, Stone Mountain, GA, is retired as president of Aeolus, Inc. ■ **Hermalyne Dahlman Touse**, Silver Spring, MD, is retired.

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**Jerry L. Kopschke**, East Dubuque, IL, and his wife, Barb, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008.



President of the Gustavus Alumni Association **Ron White '75** was greeted by President Barack Obama in Chicago last fall during Obama's presidential campaign.

## Presidents Embracing Change

by Ron White '75

President Barack Obama ran a very successful campaign designed around a platform of **change** and is aggressively pushing his **change** agenda across a myriad of tough issues deeply impacting the landscape of America.

Gustavus President Jack Ohle is also pushing for **change** anchoring key strategic initiatives involving Commission Gustavus 150, carrying his campaign across the country engaging alumni, parents, and friends in discussion about their aspirations and the needs of the College.

As Gustavus Alumni Association president, I have chosen to follow their leadership by embracing

**change** to enhance alumni relations on behalf of over 25,000 Gusties. Our Alumni Association started its own **journey of change** in the fall of 2007. Here is just a small sample of what has been accomplished so far:

- Consultant Dan White of eAdvancement was hired to more broadly assess the effectiveness of alumni engagement in the life of the College.
- A comprehensive audit report was produced by the consultant.
- Former Gustavus President James Peterson '64 created a Presidential Task Force on Alumni Relations in early 2008, which met over a period of four months to review findings of the audit report.
- A statistically valid and thorough survey was conducted with our alumni.
- The Alumni Relations Task Force recommendations were produced and presented to President Jack Ohle

Over time, we will share more of the outcomes and success stories based on this previous activity but what is mission-critical at this time is that we prioritize all of these efforts and begin to align them with the College, the Office of Institutional Advancement, the Alumni Association, and the role of the Alumni Board.

If the Alumni Board is to embrace all of the required elements of **change**, which (in part) is to drive more effective alumni engagement in the life of Gustavus, it must act, promote, and guide a strategic plan to a successful outcome. The Alumni Board's collective roles and responsibilities must be realized not just with alumni but also with prospective and current students, faculty, administration, and the countless communities we serve.

If our Alumni Board can demonstrate its leadership through increasing its engagement across the landscape of this institution, we believe our success will be realized in so many powerful ways. This drives us to the aspirations we have on behalf of this Association:

- That the College will view alumni as a core asset and vital stakeholder. Reciprocally, by virtue of having chosen Gustavus, alumni status requires active participation and support with wide-ranging resources to better serve our institution.
- That the Alumni Association will facilitate among former students lifelong relationships with Gustavus and each other so that alumni will actively engage in and advance the mission of the College with their time, talent, and treasure.
- That the Alumni Association will reach out to students, faculty, and administrators to perform alumni relations with alumni, not for alumni.
- That empowered alumni leaders will create an abundance of broad-based engagement opportunities to involve not just alumni but students, faculty, and administrators.
- That we will seek to leverage the extent of every possible resource to enhance and advance our overall Gustie spirit of communication.
- That current and prospective students will know the history and traditions of the College, hold a sense of citizenship in the greater Gustavus family, and be better prepared for lifelong engagement.
- That a network of alumni around the country will assist in the identification and recruitment of prospective students.
- That the Alumni Association will seek to be structured, hold offices, and organize in such a way to demonstrate the College's esteem for current and former students and to include a more sacred space for history, traditions, achievements, and those special lifelong memories.

Just as Presidents Obama and Ohle have their respective agendas, we have much to do to support our alumni and our quest to enhance and advance the mission of the College. While we speak of **change, enhancing relations, and advancement of our mission**, we must also seek to serve and produce more obvious results. We will, therefore, begin to measure our progress and build in accountabilities; survey, take personal testimony, and report on progress; leverage and harness technologies to share even more critical and relevant information; and, of course, drive a most compelling relational and engaging value going forward that will endure for future generations of Gusties!

I look forward to each and every challenge, but more so to the opportunity to serve our College, its students, faculty, administration, and Alumni Association! I welcome your comments, questions, and feedback.

*Go Gusties!*

Ron White '75 is president of the Gustavus Alumni Association and is chief sales officer for Growth Development Associates, Inc., Eden Prairie.



# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## After all those letters . . .

The "Round Robin" group from the **Class of 1950** gathered last November to communicate face to face. Since their graduation the group has participated in regular letter writing. Seated from left are **Donna Benson Barnett**, **Marge Swenson Gores**, and **Mary Harper Schultze**. Standing are **Carol Ostgaard Esbjornson**, **Marie Norberg Bergstrom**, **Joyce Pauley Gardner**, **Marlys Peterson**, and **Lois Dickhart Skillrud**.



## Another postcard from '56

Co-class agents of the **Class of 1956**, **JoAnn Johnson Lundborg** and **Carolyn Jens Brusseau**, met for their annual winter meeting/rendezvous in Hawaii to write their class letter. They were joined this year by classmate **Joann Gould Knapp** (standing). In the absence of the Gustie Pep Band, the "Alma Mater" and "Gustie Rouser" were played on ukuleles with a Hawaiian beat.

**54 Class Agents:**  
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**Richard L. Brubacher**, Minnetonka, is a retired management consultant ■ **Vic V. Carter**, Newark, DE, was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Credit Union League of Delaware ■ **John Chell**, Edina, is a retired pastor ■ **Sandy A. Dittbenner**, Fairmont, is a retired payroll administrator ■ **Gloria Keller Edman**,

West Des Moines, IA, is retired ■ **Nancy Pringle Ellingson**, Edina, is a retired pharmacy clerk ■ **Shirley Lund Flom**, Minneapolis, is retired from social work ■ **David A. Gillis**, Milwaukee, WI, is retired from Journal Communications ■ **Donna Norlund Holmgren**, Emily, is a retired therapeutic recreation assistant ■ **Jeanette Fetchenhier Jensen**, Bloomington, is a registrar for seminars at American Management Association ■ **Marilyn Nelson Leverenz**, Donna, TX, is retired from Naperville Nannies ■ **Marilyn**

**Peterson Reaser**, Rapid City, SD, is retired ■ **G. Howard Ruggles**, Forest Lake, is the retired owner/president of H&H Inc. ■ **George Skogg**, Kingsford, MI, is a retired chemist ■ **Bruce Touse**, Silver Spring, MD, is retired from General Motors ■ **John Wright**, St. Louis Park, is retired as owner of HiFi Sound Electronics.

**55 Class Agent:**  
Dick DeRemee

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**Cleo Miller Jacobson**, Lake Oswego,

OR, is a retired medical technologist ■ **Marilyn Lundell Majeska**, University Park, MD, is retired and enjoying spending time with family ■ **Clarice Tack Swisher**, St. Paul, is a retired teacher and writer.

**56 Class Agents:** Carolyn Jens Brusseau, JoAnn Johnson Lundborg  
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**Carlton O. Anderson**, Park Rapids, is retired from John F. Kennedy High School ■ **T. Duane Jensen**, Oak Harbor, WA, teaches classes at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church.

**57 Class Agents:** Nancy Reiter Grimes, Marlys Mattson Nelson  
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**Gale R. Falk**, Bemidji, was recognized for being a registered official for basketball, swimming, and football for over 50 years ■ **Lamonte Lauridsen**, Baldwin City, KS, is a retired professor ■ **Glenn R. Leaf**, Breezy Point, is serving as interim pastor at First Lutheran Church in International Falls and Bethany, Loman ■ **Lowell D. Madsen**, Arnolds Park, IA, is retired ■ **John Peterson**, Edina, is making and selling easels through Easels – by John.

**58 Class Agents:** Owen Sammelson, Carolyn Lund Sandvig  
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**John L. Johnson**, Gibbon, is owner of Northern Insulation ■ **Donna Jones Kiewatt**, Le Sueur, is a retired proofreader ■ **Darlene Thompson Kriewall**, Burnsville, is employed at Groen's ■ **Joanne Nelson McCarthy**, Santa Fe, NM, is retired ■ **Claudette Anderson McCollar**, St. Paul, is retired ■ **Robert Shogren**, Burnsville, is a retired engineer.

**59 Class Agent:** Carol Johnson Heyl  
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**Duane Aldrich**, Willmar, is employed at the Willmar Area Community Foundation ■ **Anita Lien Anderson**, Park Rapids, is retired from Finegayan Elementary School ■ **Jack W. Arthur**, Lake Nebagamon, WI, is a retired aquatic biologist ■ **Glory Hauschildt Blakeborough**, Prior Lake, is a retired IRN coordinator ■ **Leonard Brown**, Grand Rapids, is a retired teacher ■ **Jeanette Reinke Carlson**, Willmar, is retired and is president of the local Habitat

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for Humanity chapter ■ **Paul Engebretson**, Alexandria, is a retired pharmacist and is still active in golf, racquetball, fishing, and biking ■ **Carol Nelson Groseth**, Proctor, is retired from the Esko School District ■ **Lorraine Hanson**, Eagan, is a retired pharmacist ■ **Bruce Heyl**, Menasha, WI, is a psychiatrist ■ **Carol Hansen Johns**, Webster, SD, is retired ■ **Brad D. Johnson**, Minneapolis, is a retired physician ■ **David J. Johnson**, Dassel, is the owner of Johnson Funeral Home ■ **Herbert N. Johnson Jr.**, Livermore, CO, is a retired pastor ■ **Lois M. Johnson**, Grand Marais, is an active volunteer in the Grand Marais community and with Friends of the Forest in Sedona ■ **Orville D. Johnson**, Stillwater, is retired and is past president of the Rotary Club ■ **Peggy Hedenberg Johnson**, Silver Bay, is retired from Palisade Auto Parts ■ **Stephen R. Johnson**, Eagan, is a retired office and marketing manager ■ **Bob N. Koons**, Walker, is a retired Realtor ■ **Carol Anderson Larson**, Surprise, AZ, is a retired teacher ■ **Louise Anderson Lauridsen**, Baldwin City, KS, is a retired school secretary ■ **H. R. Lindholm**, Felch, MI, is retired with 25 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild ■ **Gerald O. Lund**, Richfield, is retired as facilities manager at Unisys Corp. ■ **Donna Seaberg Madden**, Diablo, CA, is a real estate agent with Alain Pinel Realtors ■ **Paul A. Magnuson**, Lake Elmo, is a senior judge in the U.S. District Court ■ **David V. Matson**, Pelican Rapids, is a retired instructor of electronics ■ **Lynda Johnson Minnick**, Chicago, IL, led a trip to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt and is active in her church and the ELCA ■ **Dean D. Nelson**, Alexandria, is a management consultant at Nelson Associates ■ **John L. Nelson**, Minneapolis, is a PCA with ExpressScripts Inc. ■ **Sheila Ice Olson**, Shoreview, is a retired guidance paraprofessional ■ **Allen L. Peterson**, White Bear Lake, is a retired lab technician ■ **John Peterson**, Darwin, is semi-retired, but still serves as a visitation pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran, a co-pastor at All Saints Lutheran, and a hospice chaplain ■ **Lynda Lou Hedbom Peterson**, Darwin, is semi-retired but continues as an organist at Knapp Lutheran Church, a supply organist for area churches, and a piano teacher ■ **Kenneth H. RockVam**, New Ulm, is a retired sales director ■ **Marie Munson Rutter**, Stony Plain, Alberta, is a retired teacher ■ **Marion Johnson Sansted**, Fargo, ND, is a retired secretary ■ **John N.**

# ReunionWeekend2009

## 50 Year Club & Classes of 1954 & 1959

### Friday, May 29

- 1-7 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
- 2 p.m. **Reunion Seminar I** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall  
*Commission Gustavus 150* – President Jack Ohle  
President Ohle will reflect on his first year at Gustavus and provide the most current information about the Commission process.
- 3 p.m. **Class of 1954 Memorial Service** – Christ Chapel
- 4 p.m. **Class of 1959 Memorial Service** – Christ Chapel
- 4 p.m. **Class of 1954 Social** – Johns Family Courtyard
- 4:30 p.m. **1959 Class Photos** – Christ Chapel
- 5 p.m. **Class of 1954 Dinner** – Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms
- 5 p.m. **Class of 1959 Reception** – The Dive
- 6 p.m. **Class of 1959 Banquet** – Alumni Hall
- 8 p.m. **Class of 1959 Social** – The Dive

### Saturday, May 30

- 7-9 a.m. **Breakfast** available ala carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room
- 7:45 a.m. **Class of 1959 Continental Breakfast** – Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms
- 8 a.m. **Class of 1954 Coffee Hour** – Faculty Lounge, Jackson Campus Center
- 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
- 9 a.m. **Reunion Seminar II** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall  
*A Portrait of a North Country Lake* – Bruce M. Carlson '59  
Minnesotans love their lakes but few have much understanding of what goes on beneath the surface of the water. Carlson has written a book designed to acquaint the interested, but not biologically trained, with how a lake functions. His talk will show how the physical characteristics of a lake are reflected in the activity of fish and other animals that live in it.
- 9 a.m. **Carillon Bell Concert** – Christ Chapel
- 10 a.m. **Refreshments and Conversation** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Book Mark** is open
- 10:30 a.m. **Reunion Seminar III** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall  
*Our Autobiography and Mine—The Influence of Gustavus's Teachers and Classrooms in Arts and Humanities on Our Own Most Recent 50 Years* – Charles Lower '59  
This "seminar" is emphatically participatory. Lower will open with his own remarkable story of gratitude to Gustavus. But yours is probably as remarkable, whether vocationally or avocationally. Stories will be shared even if it was decade-long nightmares of Dr. Lindemann's door-slaming. Evelyn Anderson? George Anderson? Doniver Lund?
- 10:30 a.m. **1954 Class Seminar** – Olin Hall, Room 103  
*Interfaith Dialogue – Getting to Know Our Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Neighbors Better* – Classmates John Chell, Forrest Chaffee, and John Sandquist
- 11:30 a.m. **Book Signing** with Bruce M. Carlson '59, Jim Gilbert '62, and Dan Johnson '64 – Book Mark
- Noon **Alumni Luncheon for 50 Year Club and Class of 1959** – Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms
- 1-5 p.m. **Hillstrom Museum of Art** is open
- 2 p.m. **Reunion Seminar IV** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall  
*Discover Our Natural World* – Jim Gilbert '62  
The greatest show on earth is just outside our back doors and windows everywhere we look. This annual and popular seminar will provide you with awareness to get the best seat in the house when watching the outdoors. (The first half will be held indoors, the second half is a walking tour.)
- 3 p.m. **1954 Class Gathering** – Faculty Lounge, Jackson Campus Center
- 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 Distinguished Alumni Citations to Evelyn Bonander '59, William Green '72, and Rayburn Norling '56.
- 8 p.m. **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concert** – Christ Chapel
- Self-guided Activities throughout the Day**  
Tour renovated Old Main, view the Hillstrom Museum of Art in the Jackson Campus Center, or take a walk on a self-guided Granlund sculpture tour (brochure available at Registration Desk).



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## Gusties meet at The Commander's Palace in Destin, Florida

Gusties wintering or visiting in Destin, FL, in late February got together at a local eatery. From left are Elaine Brostrom, Owen Sammelson '58, Vicky Brown Johnson '66, Kate Pearson Halvorson '67, Craig Halvorson '66, Ken Johnson, Milt Brostrom '49, and Jan Swanson Sammelson '62.

## Reunion Weekend 2009 Class of 1964

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- 2 p.m. **Reunion Seminar** – Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall  
*Commission Gustavus 150* – President Jack Ohle  
President Ohle will reflect on his first year at Gustavus and provide the most current information about the Commission process.
- 5 p.m. **Class of 1964 Memorial Service** – Christ Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. **1964 Class Photo**
- 6 p.m. **1964 Class Party** – Presidential Suite, New Football Stadium
- 8 p.m. **1964 Class Party (continued)** – Lind Interpretive Center, Linnaeus Arboretum

### Saturday, May 30

- 7-9 a.m. **Breakfast** available ala carte – Evelyn Young Dining Room
  - 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. **Registration** – Jackson Campus Center
  - 9 a.m. **Class of 1964 Brunch** – Alumni Hall
  - 10 a.m.–5 p.m. **Book Mark** is open
  - 11 a.m. **1964 Class Photo**
  - 11:30 a.m. **Book Signing** with Bruce M. Carlson '59, Jim Gilbert '62, and Dan Johnson '64 – Book Mark
  - 1 p.m. **Campus Tour**
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**Scherer**, Ham Lake, is retired ■ **Karen Hanson Shogren**, Burnsville, is a retired nurse ■ **D. L. Smith**, Edina, is retired from Minnesota Community Colleges ■ **Warren Sunday**, Richfield, is retired and does travelers' assistance at MSP Airport ■ **Pat Sweeney**, Otsego, and his wife, **Shirley Zaske Sweeney**, are retired ■ **Donald L. Tieg**, Ortonville, is retired and is a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association ■ **Barbara Endersbe Wallin**, Plymouth, is secretary at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth ■ **Paul R. Westgard**, Carefree, AZ, is a retired real estate agent.

## 60 Class Agent: Paul Tidemann

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**Stephen A. Carlson**, Webster, SD, is a retired professor ■ **Marilyn Hansen Ehline**, Saginaw, MI, is a retired housing director ■ **David F. Silseth**, Leesburg, FL, is retired as a Lutheran Community Service specialist ■ **Norma Johnson Talbert**, Odenton, MD, is a retired teacher.

## 61 Class Agent: Virgene Grack Sehlin

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**Karen Lacher Dowd**, Duluth, is a retired dog trainer ■ **Virginia Gerdes**, Waite Park, is busy visiting family and with church activities ■ **Kay Peterson Gutzmann**, Falcon Heights, is retired ■ **Judith M. Lenzen**, Sun City West, AZ, is a retired physical therapist ■ **Lorna Jafvert Reed**, Friendswood, TX, is a retired teacher.

## 62 Class Agents: Sandra Luedtke Buendorf, Jan Eiffert Hoomani, Ben Leadholm

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**Lowell Anderson**, Crawfordsville, IN, is retired but still serves pulpit supply ■ **Judy Samuelson Hane**, Duluth, is a retired anesthesia assistant ■ **Dick C. Hane**, Duluth, is visitation pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd ■ **David L. Johnson**, Lancaster, PA, served for six months in 2008 as regional director in the Middle East for American Friends Service Committee ■ **Carla Swanson Nelson**, Fargo, ND, is a retired Realtor ■ **David R. Renneke**, Rock Island, IL, is a retired physics professor ■ **Barbara Johnson Schmidt**, Tucson, AZ, is retired as a volunteer naturalist ■ **Joseph H. Vickberg**, Grand Rapids, is retired.



## 63 Class Agents: Bill Lahti, Paul Tillquist

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**Liz Stohl Baugh**, Hopkins, is minister of worship at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Hopkins ■ **Mary Bradford Ivey**, Sarasota, FL, travelled through Europe this past summer ■ **Jerry T. Lindblad**, San Clemente, CA, retired as president of Lindblad and Associates ■ **Lois Schultz Muehlstedt**, Tucson, AZ, is a retired computer instructor ■ **Duane E. Rudquist**, Lindstrom, is retired.

## 64 Class Agents: Linda Leonardson Hallman, Joanna Carlson Swanson

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**Delores Bade Alt**, Ruckersville, VA, is a home health supervisor for Care Advantage Plus ■ **Eleanor Johnson Anderson**, Crawfordville, IN, is a retired legal assistant ■ **Hanley A. Anderson**, Eden Prairie, is owner of Central Air Filter ■ **Rod and Jean Axdahl Bahnson**, Rapid

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City, SD, travel the country in their motor home ■ **Carol Woods Blaeser**, Eagan, is an RN and PHN with Integrated Home Care ■ **Karyl Krantz Blair**, Payson, AZ, is a retired nurse ■ **Kay Kroeger Bourgerie**, Brooklyn Park, retired from teaching ■ **Camille Janzen Bunch**, Torrance, CA, is a retired teacher ■ **Denny D. Dietz**, Westlake Village, CA, is retired from Medtronic ■ **Elizabeth Johnson Ekholm**, Mendota Heights, is retired as director of community and church relations for Lyngblomsten ■ **Sharon Spande Geurkink**, O'Fallon, MO, retired from a Tisket A Tasket ■ **Merideth Hougren Hale**, Rio Verde, AZ, is retired ■ **Lee A. Halgren**, Evergreen, CO is retired after serving as interim president of Adams State College ■ **Donna Olsenius Hammer**, Oak Grove, is a retired choir director ■ **Michael C. Hendrickson**, Monterey, CA, is president and CEO of Monterey Bay Geriatric Resource Center ■ **Sue Toffey Hildebrand**, Rice Lake, WI, is a retired marketing director ■ **Alan C. Hoppes**, Cedar City, UT, is a retired IT manager ■ **Charlotte Olson Jerney**, Verona, WI, travels across the U.S. for her work as a nursing consultant ■ **Sharon Hansen Johnson**, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is a retired teacher ■ **Gary A. Kenning**, Hackensack, is a retired insurance agent ■ **Kent E. Krez**, McGregor, is a retired dentist ■ **William A. Kylander**, Huntington Beach, CA, is



### Helgeson wins Krough Invitational

The 2008 Bob Krough Invitational Golf Tournament was played at Pokegama Country Club in Grand Rapids, MN. This tournament field was honored with the appearance of **Kimbra Kosak '09**, a member of the Gustavus women's golf team and employee of the golf course during the summer months. Perennial champion **Jim Donicht** presented the Pritchard Cup to this year's champion, **Byron Helgeson**. Pictured from left are **Bob Krough '60** (sporting his golfing injury), **Arlan Burmeister '60**, **Jim Donicht '60**, **Jerry Thrall '60**, **Kimbra Kosak '09**, **Doug Perkins '61**, **Byron Helgeson '60**, **Doug Pritchard '59**, **Chuck Smith '59**, and **Jim Krough '61**.



### Advertising on the Riviera Maya

**Al Eckloff '63**, **Dick Dalton '61**, and **Peter Nyhus '60** spent some time in Mexico last January on the Riviera Maya. Their T-shirts caused many a "what's a GAC?" question. (Their first answer was a French dessert!)

a senior project manager at Boeing Satellite Systems ■ **Clifford F. Lake Jr.**, Wayzata, is executive vice president at Brown and Brown Insurance ■ **Carole Erickson Larsen**, Holiday Island, AR, is retired from Wells Fargo ■ **Paul W. Larson**, San Juan Capistrano, CA, is retired ■ **Karen J. Larvick**, Jefferson City, MO, is director of special music at First Presbyterian Church ■ **Carol Eide**

**Lerfald**, Maple Grove, is retired from the Hopkins School District and provides full-time day care for her grandchildren ■ **Jane Chelgren McFadden**, Groveport, OH, is an organist, hand bell director, and composer at David's United Church of Christ ■ **Jane Johnson Odell**, Mankato, is a retired teacher ■ **Rose Ann Skoog Parks**, Plymouth, is a retired social worker ■ **Dale M.**

**Peterson**, Esko, retired as director of mental health for the State of Minnesota ■ **Jim Peterson**, Minneapolis, retired in 2008 as president of Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Geri Bakken Ramsfield**, Winslow, AR, is a retired social worker ■ **John Remington**, St. Paul, is a professor at the University of Minnesota ■ **Sue Hansen Rohloff**, Cohasset, is retired as director of nursing at

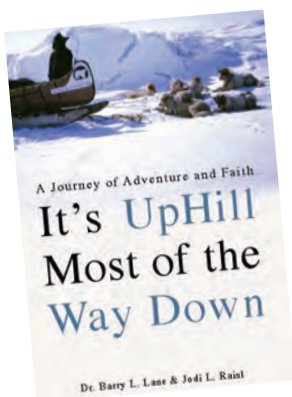


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## This class cooks!

Members of the **Class of 1964** attended the noted Los-Dos cooking school in Merida, Mexico, while visiting classmate Mary McClrath. Pictured with Chef David Sterling, who has been featured on Martha Stewart's program for Yucatecan cooking, are **Ina Street Sickels**, **Mary Fahden McClrath**, **Dee Dee Heino Lorentzen**, **Kathy Fjelsted Matson**, **Diane Ness Andersen**, and **Sharon Johnson Corl**.



## Lane publishes first book

From the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico in a canoe, through the middle of Canada and the United States, and walk less than ten miles . . . More miles will be traveled up-south than down-south . . . A 5,200-mile expedition for some red-blooded American boy . . . Anemic need not apply! Then-18-year-old **Barry L. Lane '73** responded to that ad in the summer of 1969 and less than a year later he was on a plane bound for the Arctic Circle and the adventure of a lifetime. *It's Uphill Most of the Way Down*, a book that remained in Lane's head for nearly 40 years, is about the challenges he faced while traveling by canoe through

some of the most dangerous and desolate areas of North America. Written by Lane and his daughter Jodi, the book chronicles the joys and trials Lane endured along his journey. This gripping adventure is filled with true-life accounts that challenged his faith, summoned his courage, and developed his character. While living in the most primitive of conditions, and often questioning his safety or where his next meal would come from, Lane found a nearness to the Lord that shaped his life and faith forever. The lessons Barry learned as he took a faith step in following his heart and testing his body as well as his spirit, are messages of encouragement we all need to hear as we face our own life journey. Take the adventure of a lifetime and experience the inspiration, comfort, and hope that comes from drawing on faith when fighting what seems like an uphill battle in *It's Uphill Most of the Way Down*.

Lane is a humorous and highly successful conference speaker on leadership and human relations topics. He currently serves as vice president of learning services at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, part of the Minnesota State College and University System. Lane has written a variety of articles for educational, professional, and secular publications.

Itasca Community College ■ **Ronald J. Severson**, Minneapolis, is a controller at J&L Steel Erectors ■ **Ina Street Sickels**, White Bear Lake, is a retired teacher ■ **Joanna Carlson Swanson**, Edina, is retired from Normandale Lutheran Church ■ **Dick Swenson**, Minneapolis, is a retired social worker ■ **Rudd Thabes**, Bagley, is an osteopathic physician at Clearwater Clinic ■ **Lynne McKenzie Thompson**, Grove City, is retired and volunteers with the AARP Tax-Aide Program ■ **Lynne Kirchoff Torkelson**, St. Peter, is retired from Scholarship America ■ **Mike Torkelson**, St. Peter, is retired from the Minnesota School Boards Association ■ **Tom Turner**, Vista, CA, is a licensed marriage and family therapist ■ **Sharon Christensen Vold**, Dickinson, ND, is a piano teacher and ventriloquist ■ **Shirley Schmidt Vold**, Minnetonka, is a retired teacher ■ **Judy Friesen Winters**, Camarillo, CA, is retired president of Quality Data Supply ■ **Diane Rasmussen Wolfgang**, Eagan, is president of Wolfgang and Associates ■ **Elaine A. Yaeger**, Stillwater, is a staff nurse at St. John's Hospital.

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**Elaine Buck Stenman**

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## Jerilyn Rodeberg Hirsch,

Minneapolis, traveled to Vietnam to dedicate an elementary school for children in poverty ■ **Bill Johnson**, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is vice president at Merrill Lynch and Company ■ **Loey Carlson Master**, Eden Prairie, is retired ■ **Marianne Arndt Mullen**, Tucson, AZ, is employed at AlphaNet ■ **Susan Pepin Peterson**, Minneapolis, is pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church ■ **Dick Rohloff**, Cohasset, is a retired financial consultant ■ **Bea Webster Roscoe**, Aitkin, retired from teaching in Brainerd ■ **Iris Benson Smyth**, Arlington, MA, is a retired nurse practitioner ■ **Arlyn L. Tolzmann**, Wheat Ridge, CO, received the "Impact Award" from Family Tree, Inc.

## 66 Class Agents:

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**Henrikson Ramseth**

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**Bill Laumann**, St. Peter, is a retired teacher and bookmobile driver ■ **Dennis Meierdierks**, Flagstaff, AZ, received his master's degree in English technical writing from Northern Arizona State University, Flagstaff, in 2002.

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ant for Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents ■ **Debra Hendrickson Bradbury**, Eden, UT, is retired ■ **Liz Patrick Buettner**, Ely, is a retired pastor ■ **Bill Cragun**, Loxahatchee, FL, teaches at Palm Beach Lakes Community High School ■ **Sue Dalin-Hayle**, Savage, is retired ■ **Michael O. Davis**, Solon, OH, is a retired CPA ■ **Steve S. Eckman**, Maple Plain, is an attorney and president at Eckman, Strandness, and Egan, PA ■ **Sue Walman Engelbert**, West Vancouver, British Columbia, is a retired health instructor ■ **Paul O. Enstad**, Arlington Heights, IL, is a self-employed consulting engineer ■ **Janis Rude Fischbach**, Shorewood, is retired ■ **Bill Fletcher**, West Des Moines, IA, is a project manager at Wells Fargo ■ **Chris Pearson Floss**, New Brighton, is a substitute teacher in Mounds View Public Schools ■ **Cheryl Lee Forrest**, Burnsville, is a language arts teacher in the West St. Paul School District ■ **Anne Larson Fritsche**, Rochester, is a piano teacher ■ **Cheryl Maley Gelbmann**, Brainerd, is owner and director of IMPART ■ **Diane Sather Gramstad**, St. Michael, teaches fourth grade in the Elk River School District ■ **Rosemary Lange Guttormsson**, Duluth, is an artist and co-owner of Just for the Season Gallery ■ **Steve P. Guttormsson**, Duluth, is a retired physician ■ **Scott R. Haag**, Milwaukee, WI, is president and CEO of Moore Oil Co, Inc. ■ **Jennifer Melin Heffern**, Surprise, AZ, is a Realtor for Keller Williams Professional Partners ■ **Sue Buller Hlavac**, Eden Prairie, is payroll and benefits manager at Winmark Corporation ■ **Beth Thorsen Hollingsworth**, Goshen, IN, is principal of Concord Oxbow Elementary School ■ **Gene Hollingsworth**, Goshen, IN, is pastor at First English Lutheran Church ■ **Linda Bailey Keefe**, Atlanta, GA, is vice president at NAI Brannen Goddard ■ **Ken Kotzer**, Bloomington, is a pastor at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church ■ **Linda Smedman Kuphal**, Fishkill, NY, is a teaching assistant at Mahopec Middle School and a sales associate at Spectrum Art ■ **Julena M. Lind**, Santa Monica, CA, is associate dean of graduate school at the University of Southern California ■ **Linda Neuleib Lindberg**, Kennedy, is a media specialist at Kittson Central Schools ■ **Bill L. Lindberg**, Kennedy, is a grain and sugar beet farmer with Lindberg Farms, Inc. ■ **Greg E. Lupfer**, Fernandina Beach, FL, is a computer consultant for Project 2000 Technology ■ **Paula**

**Wassergord Murphy**, Birchrunville, PA, retired from Sprint Corporation ■ **Bruce Neubauer**, White Bear Lake, is a dentist with HealthPartners Inc. ■ **Louise Anderson Nichols**, San Diego, CA, is a child passenger safety technician/instructor at Rady Children's Hospital ■ **Dar Gustavson Nielsen**, Deer River, is retired ■ **Mike Nielsen**, Deer River, is a retired dentist ■ **Barbara Lindblom Patrick**, St. Louis Park, is a neurologist at Hennepin County Medical Center ■ **Dick A. Peterson**, International Falls, is director of pharmacy at Falls Memorial Hospital ■ **Sheryl Reque Peterson**, International Falls, is a writer and retired teacher ■ **Sheila Schwartz Pfaender**, Chapel Hill, NC, is a research associate at the University of North Carolina ■ **Tom Philpot**, Lummi Island, WA, is co-owner of Flow Products Incorporated ■ **Linda Moormann Remucal**, Hutchinson, is retired ■ **Brenda Kelly Robertson**, St. Paul, is a retired English teacher ■ **Wanda Schwartz Schnabel**, Longmont, CO, is a retired teacher and academic adviser ■ **Ann Schwalm Schwanke**, Sun Prairie, WI, volunteers with hospice and makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief ■ **Dave Shaw**, Boise, ID, is a volunteer tutor at Boise Learning Lab ■ **David J. Showalter**, St. Paul, is director of planning and urban development at EDAW/AECOM Corp ■ **John Slater**, Nisswa, is a retired funeral director ■ **Bruce P. Struve**, Rochester, owns Struve Paint Store ■ **Cheri Gardin Struve**, Rochester, does advertising, promoting, and sales for Struve Paint Store ■ **Dar Rouhoff Swanson**, Edina, is an RN at Twin Cities Spine Center ■ **Donna Johnson Swanson**, Plymouth, is retired ■ **Bob E. Swanson**, Plymouth, is president of Swanson and Youngdale, Inc. ■ **Sandi Hayes Teiken**, Crystal Lake, IL, is the lay ministry director at Bethany Lutheran Church ■ **Mary J. Trimbo**, Vincennes, IN, is a professor of speech at Vincennes University ■ **Linda Hereid Wallin**, Minneapolis, is a self-employed real estate broker ■ **Keith A. Witter**, Rochester, is president of FFP Investment Advisors, Inc. ■ **Ted Zimmerman**, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong, delivered "Transfiguration Talks" at Gustavus Adolphus College chapel services in February.

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**Diane Bliss Boruff**, Burnsville, is a retired Spanish teacher ■ **John L.**



**Golf league reconnects grads**  
*Susan Schoening Gustafson '66 and Sandy Chandler Williamson '67 met at golf league in SaddleBrooke, AZ. Gustafson was the mentor for new member Williamson. "We knew each other at Gustavus," Gustafson says, "and never imagined that we would meet on the golf course in SaddleBrooke, becoming friends all over again."*

## Homecoming & Reunions 2009

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1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004

October 9 & 10, 2009  
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*Information will be included in class letters and on the alumni website at [gustavus.edu/alumni](http://gustavus.edu/alumni).*

**Martinson**, Galena, IL, is an artist and proprietor of the West Street Sculpture Park ■ **Howard J. Nelsen**, Eau Claire, WI, is retired as an account manager with Logicare Corp. ■ **James W. Sawyer**, Maple Grove, is a retired financial specialist.

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**Susan Alexis**, Albuquerque, NM, is a paralegal at Swaim, Schrabdt, Miller PC ■ **Warren F. Borchert**, Mountain Home, ID, retired from teaching and coaching and still works as a guide for Mystic Saddle Ranch ■ **Bill Kautt**, St. Peter, is associate director of management services for Minnesota School Boards Association ■ **Elizabeth Holmquist Lang**,

is retired ■ **Rebecca G. Millar**, Libertyville, IL, is employed at Lake Forest Hospital ■ **Linda Gunnerson Opsahl**, Maple Grove, is retired from teaching ■ **Nancy Sandeen Tarbox**, Edina, is employed at the American Heart Association ■ **Roger K. Volk**, Eagan, is retired as an accounting supervisor for the State of Minnesota, Supreme Court.

## 72 Class Agent:

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**Alexis Smith Edmond**, St. Louis, MO, is a retired teacher ■ **Dennis Lind**, Eden Prairie, is president at Midwest Bank Group, Inc. ■ **Richard Lindh**, Minneapolis, works internal control at the U.S. Postal Service ■ **Katherine Ellis Linstrom**, Lafayette,



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## Kreiss building Midwest's first 'green' inn

**Fritz Kreiss '75**, Delavan, WI, is transforming a secluded five-acre property into *The Green Leaf Inn*, a 19-suite bed and breakfast that would be the Midwest's first purposely built "green" inn with a focus on sustainability. The bed and breakfast, which should be open in early 2010, will maintain the highest standards for sustainable building, renewable energy, and use of land and resources while providing guests with a luxurious experience. "We're redefining the perception of what green living will be," Kreiss says. "We want to show people they can live without having to change their lifestyle—but do it in a way that's sustainable."

Kreiss and his partner, Catherine McQueen, moved into their four-bedroom home in 1998 only to learn a few years later the highway near their home was expanding to four lanes. Because of increased traffic, the couple needed another plan—and flipping the property into something mostly commercial rather than strictly residential seemed to fit the bill. After months of soul searching, researching, and discussing ideas, they figured a bed and breakfast would provide McQueen the creative outlet she missed and incorporating green technology would allow Kreiss to flex his energy-consulting muscles.

Their property will include a solar photovoltaic system to generate electricity, a cistern to capture rainwater for reuse, and towels and sheets made from bamboo. Although they're pushing the "green thing," McQueen and Kreiss ultimately are aiming to create a "romantic getaway" for couples. Check their website, [www.greeningtheinn.com](http://www.greeningtheinn.com).

CO, is a retired literacy teacher ■ **Bruce J. Monke**, Overland Park, KS, is a research manager at Bayer Environmental Science ■ **Candace Rebelein Powell**, Shalimar, FL, is employed at David Simpson Law Firm ■ **Gary M. Sater**, Middleton, WI, is a partner and psychologist at Mental Health Solutions SC ■ **Elizabeth A. Weber**, Indianapolis, IN, published a book, *Port Hole Views of the World* ■ **Kathie Moline Widen**, Woodbury, is retired from teaching ■ **Steven D. Zard**, New Prague, is an attorney at Wormson, Goggins, Zard, Niesen, Morris.

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Middleton, WI, is V.P./medical affairs for WPS Insurance ■ **Mark R. Swenson**, Andover, is an accounting manager CPA at Canadian Pacific Railroad.

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garten ■ **Marsha Leininger Burgraff**, Hill City, SD, is director of special education for the Custer School District ■ **Gregg A. Carlsen**, Stillwater, authored a book titled *A Splintered History of Wood: Belt Sander Races, Blind Woodworkers, and Baseball Bats* ■ **Catherine Fedell Cox**, Cary, IL, is a marketing consultant ■ **Rick Doering**, Delano, is area sales manager for Allied Waste Services ■ **Molly Spire Doreza**, Fontana, WI, is a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer ■ **Penny Helgeson Fearing**, Andover, is an ANP in pain management at Allina Health Systems ■ **Susan Johnson Fox**, Seattle, WA, is executive director of Jubilee Women's Center ■ **Carol Koenig Guler**, Mandan, ND, is an RN, BC at MedCenter One Mental Health Center ■ **Marilyn Hendricks Hedstrand**, Shoreview, is lab coordinator for the nursing department at

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Bethel University ■ **Diane Sirotiak Heisel**, Buffalo, teaches in the Buffalo School District ■ **Wanda Boehmke Huettl**, Marshall, is a sixth-grade teacher in Marshall ■ **Bob Ivanca**, Chisholm, is owner, contractor, and builder at Ivanca Construction ■ **Janet Johnson Johnson**, Rochester, is a patient education specialist at Mayo Clinic ■ **Bob Johnson**, Rochester, is a neonatal specialist at Mayo Medical Center ■ **Mary Jo Corniea Killen**, Palm Desert, CA, is an RN in critical care at the Eisenhower Medical Center ■ **Susan Swanson Kimitch**, Eden Prairie, is a professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ **Steven R. Kottke**, Dodgeville, WI, is senior pastor at Grace Lutheran Church ■ **Richard P. Larson**, Fairbury, NE, is a pastor at Faith Lutheran Church - AFLC ■ **Suzanne Larson-Tamburo**, Brentwood, TN, is retired ■ **Ruth Busse Lindh**, Minneapolis, does payroll and timekeeping for the U.S. Postal Service ■ **Debbie Carroll Lookabaugh**, Houston, TX, is a loan processor at D.R. Horton ■ **Ruth Lunde**, Chanhassen, is a senior project manager at Western National Insurance Group ■ **Dona Cornforth Mitchell**, Farmington, NM, is an intensive care nurse at San Juan Regional Medical Center ■ **Becky Lind Monke**, Overland Park, KS, is a teacher in the Olathe Unified School District ■ **Carl A. Monson**, Crystal, is a driver for Transit Team Inc. ■ **Bonnie G. Ostlund**, Golden Valley, is a trade specialist, sales, at General Mills ■ **Linda Warren Parker**, Hoquiam, WA, is a microcomputer applications teacher at Grays Harbor College ■ **Barry L. Pederson**, Roseville, is a database analyst at Wells Fargo Foundation ■ **Teri Bergh Pederson**, Roseville, is a court operations supervisor at Ramsey County District Court ■ **Paul D. Petersen**, Oak Hill, VA, is a senior analyst at Analytic Services ■ **Robert A. Peterson**, Broken Arrow, OK, is president and CEO of Melton Truck Lines, Inc. ■ **Delores Iverson Petrie**, Plymouth, is an RN at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■ **Jo Ann Jensen Philpot**, Lummi Island, WA, is co-owner of Flow Products Inc. ■ **Jeff Pinkham**, Marietta, GA, is vice president/regulatory affairs for Scotts Miracle Gro ■ **Laurie Peterson Resch**, Arden Hills, is the director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment at the Anoka Hennepin School District ■ **R. David Resch**, Arden Hills, is a dentist ■ **Marcy Hayenga Revere**, Edina, is a sales representative at Bird and Cronin ■ **Dean W. Sandin**, St. Cloud,



is sales representative at PPG Industries Inc. ■ **David D. Schaefer**, DeLeon Springs, FL, is vice president of purchasing for Metra Electronics ■ **Jan Gustafson Seitzer**, St. Peter, is a retired teacher ■ **Mark R. Shinn**, Highwood, IL, is a professor of school psychology at National-Louis University ■ **Susan Pederson Slater**, Nisswa, is retired as an adjunct professor at Hamline University, St. Mary's University, and Concordia University-St. Paul ■ **Robin Stender**, Shorewood, is employed at the VA Medical Center ■ **Anne Gotzman Swenson**, Andover, is a retired pre-school teacher ■ **Paul M. Torkelson**, St. James, is a state representative ■ **Larae Erickson Ziegelman**, Alexandria, is a practical nurse instructor at Alexandria Technical College.

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**Richard A. Kiekhaefer**, Lester Prairie, is on the board of directors at First Community Bank Lester Prairie ■ **Otto P. Naujokas**, Paynesville, is a self-employed insurance agent ■ **Nona L. Niemeier**, Eagle Lake, is an EMS instructor at South Central College ■ **Brian H. Rotvold**, Kalamazoo, MI, is retired from United Airlines ■ **Charles A. Van Buskirk**, Ventura, CA, is a retired insurance executive.

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■ **Barb Davis Augustinack**, Apple Valley, is employed at Carlsonwagonlit ■ **Lory Dubbels**, Minneapolis, is an investment associate at RBC Capital Markets ■ **Steven L. Gartland**, Golden Valley, is a regional director for Alpha USA ■ **Stephanie Kendall**, Minneapolis, is employed at Kenexa ■ **Elaine M. Lilly**, Mankato, is a scientific/medical editor for Writer's First Aid ■ **Tom Schonthaler**, Bowie, MD, is employed at Raffa, PC ■ **Amy L. Stark**, Santa Ana, CA, is a Ph.D. clinical psychologist specializing in court-ordered therapy in family reunification and child custody cases ■ **John D. Trawick**, La Mesa, CA, is principal scientist at Genomatica ■ **Lynne Koester Wathen**, Olathe, KS, is associate director of project management at Quintiles.



### Their own reunion

These four Gusties from the Class of 1978 couldn't make their class's 30th anniversary reunion last October, so they settled for a mini-reunion and brunch at Hell's Kitchen in Minneapolis on another weekend that month. Pictured from left are **Tania Haber Wertz**, St. Louis Park, MN; **Julie Elmen Gruys**, Davis, CA; **Scott Hanson**, Sheboygan, WI; and **Patty Bohan Nolan**, Brooklyn Park, MN.

## 77 Class Agents:

Al Behrends,  
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**Wendy Berghorst**, Excelsior, is a pediatric medical home manager at Park Nicollet Health Services ■ **Dave Brueshoff**, Apple Valley, is professor of family studies at Concordia University ■ **Susan Paisley Brzezinski**, Excelsior, is an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Minnetonka Middle School West and was named recipient of a 2008 Minnetonka Teacher Award for Child-Centered Excellence ■ **Bonnie Nemoede Denzer**, Utica, is academic affairs/assessment coordinator at Mayo Medical School ■ **Kathryn Sullivan Distel**, Phoenix, AZ, is employed at United Health Care ■ **Deanna Jaeger Larson**, Fairbury, NE, is a dietary aide at Heritage Care Center ■ **Rick Lisell**, Plano, TX, retired from General Electric Commercial Finance ■ **Ned A. Pehrson**, Eden Prairie, is employed at General Electric ■ **Steve Schelhammer**, Carrollton, TX, is CEO at Phytel, Inc. ■ **Doug E. Stensby**, St. Peter, is retired from General Electric Company.

## 78 Class Agent:

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**Bonnie Stein Anderson**, Elkhorn, WI, teaches third grade in the Lake

Geneva School District ■ **Julie Elmen**, Davis, CA, is an academic specialist for the University of California ■ **Janet A. Heikes**, Hoffman Estates, IL, is supervisor at Metropolitan Family Services.

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Records Service, Inc. ■ **Lisa Nahabedian Dildilian**, Royal Oak, MI, is a payroll supervisor at Staffco Services, Inc. ■ **Tim Hoyt Duncan**, Northport, NY, is pastor at First Presbyterian Church ■ **Kim Degeberg Durkee**, St. Paul, is senior human resources manager at Medtronic Inc. ■ **Paul A. Durkee**, St. Paul, is senior consultant with Delta Environmental Consultants ■ **Leanne J. Ekstadt**, Minneapolis, is a pricing business analyst at Ceridian ■ **Brian K. Engel**, Eden Prairie, is executive vice president at Aon Benfield ■ **Kathy Failing**, White Bear Lake, is a graphic artist and Web designer for Poudre Design Studio, LLC ■ **Barbara Froemming**, Rochester, is a nurse manager at

Mayo Foundation ■ **Shawn M. Gibbs**, Kingston, WA, is an independent business consultant ■ **Lynn Johnson Glantz**, Irvine, CA, is a bid/pricing systems analyst at Toshiba

American Business Solutions ■ **Boofie Longley Graham**, Pacific Palisades, CA, is a principal at Business Talent Agency ■ **Gregory Granlund**, Eau Claire, WI, is an architect with Lien and Peterson Architects, Inc. ■ **Marilyn Schultz Hallstrom**, South Haven, is owner/partner at Ron Michaels Consulting ■ **Rita Romanowski Hallstrom**, Woodbury, is an RN in the operating room at Woodwinds Health Campus





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## Gusties in the orchestra

In May 2008 the Ryan High School Orchestra from Denton, TX, traveled to compete at Disney World. The orchestra is conducted by **Tami Peterson '86**, and **Carl Malmberg '77**, father of an orchestra member, accompanied the ensemble.



## Anderson named to HealthEast position

**Elizabeth Walker Anderson '78**, White Bear Township, was named HealthEast system director for cross cultural services effective February 23. Anderson will primarily focus on helping HealthEast be an advocate for change in an area with constantly emerging challenges and will oversee a wide range of responsibilities related to organizational diversity and culturally responsive care, including managing the Cross Cultural Care department. She will also collaborate with the organization's human resources department to strengthen its abilities to deliver

compassionate care in a way that mirrors its community's needs.

HealthEast Care System is a community-focused, non-profit health care organization that provides innovative technology, compassionate care, and a full spectrum of family health services. HealthEast includes Bethesda Hospital, St. John's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Woodwinds Health Campus as well as outpatient services, clinics, home care, pharmacies, and medical transportation services.

Anderson has spent the past 25 years helping individuals from a variety of backgrounds. Her first cross cultural assignment was directing refugee camp operations for Indochinese refugees in Thailand applying for resettlement in the United States; she helped approximately 4,000 individuals each month to make this life-changing transition. She then served as a political asylum officer for the Justice Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service. At Regions Hospital, Anderson directed the international services department, where she secured numerous grants from local foundations for cross cultural health care education and programming and built strong community partnerships with patients and providers. While at the Minnesota State Department of Human Services, she concentrated her planning and strategic talents on ensuring the best possible use of scarce resources for refugee and immigrant services.

Anderson holds a certificate in multiculturalism and diversity from George Washington University in Washington, DC, a mini-MBA in health care administration from the University of St. Thomas, and a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.

■ **Anne Schilling Hann**, Eden Prairie, is an administrative assistant at Wooddale Church ■ **Bill Hicks**, Eden Prairie, is a partner and attorney at Messerli and Kramer ■ **Kim Unke Johnson**, Maple Grove, is a reference librarian for Anoka County Library, Crooked Lake Branch ■ **Mike S. Johnson**, Maple Grove, is VP of human resources for MACC CommonWealth Services ■ **Cynthia Kelly Jolly**, Longview, WA, is retired and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Project Read ■ **Steve Kroupa**, Holly Springs, NC, is a clinical director at the University of North Carolina Fayetteville TEACCH Center ■ **Cynthia Olson Larsen**, Anoka, is an accounts payable clerk at Schmitt Music Company ■ **Heidi Palmquist Larson**, St. Paul, is a special education teaching assistant in the Roseville School District ■ **Ted Lillie**, Lake Elmo, is publisher of Lillie Suburban News ■ **Bev Sorbe Miles**, Bloomington, is a master cruise counselor at Hobbit Travel ■ **Greg Norgaard**, Naperville, IL, is in water technology at Siemens ■ **Janine Jensen Norgaard**, Naperville, IL, is Christian education director at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church ■ **Diane Horvat Nyquist**, Plymouth, is manager of international space management at Best Buy ■ **Larry D. Olson**, Horseshoe Bay, TX, is retired ■ **John F. Penrod**, Barrington, IL, is director at American Hospital Association Solutions, Inc. ■ **Jill Brunkhorst Ranft**, Inver Grove Heights, is a contracts specialist at Best Buy ■ **John M. Riggle**, Sioux Center, IA, is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church ■ **Todd A. Schmidt**, Jonesboro, GA, is an orthopaedic surgeon at Southern Orthopaedic Specialists ■ **Joy Peterson Sietsema**, Lindstrom, is a media specialist in the Forest Lake School District ■ **Alan J. Sletten**, Fergus Falls, is a veterinarian at Lake Region Veterinary Center ■ **Steven T. Sullivan**, Hoffman Estates, IL, is director of RSM McGladry, Inc. ■ **Kris Erckenbrack Tracy**, Lake Elmo, is human resources vice president at Medtronic Inc. ■ **Mary Hicks Trawick**, La Mesa, CA, is lead clinical nurse at Sharp Memorial Hospital ■ **Dale R. Wiebusch**, Phoenix, AZ, is a legislative associate with the Arizona League of Cities and Towns ■ **Charlie E. Wirth**, Shorewood, is owner of Valutec, Inc. ■ **Sue Gardner Zager**, Anchorage, AK, is a self-employed systems analyst.

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**Pamela Swanson Benson**, Duluth, is an occupational therapist at St. Mary's Duluth Clinic ■ **Becky Meyers Magnuson**, Scandia, was nominated as president-elect of the Minnesota Kindergarten Association ■ **Ben Martell**, Le Sueur, is assistant director of IT at Korn/Ferry International ■ **Denise K. Nichols**, Lafayette, IN, is a retired teacher ■ **Betty Farm Olson**, Horseshoe Bay, TX, is retired ■ **Helen C. Onufrak**, Arlington, VA, is senior analyst to the chief counsel at Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks ■ **Jim Peasley**, Richfield, is a licensed marriage and family therapist at the Center for Christian Psychological Services ■ **Karen Vangness Schultz**, Honolulu, HI, is VP of patient care at The Queen's Medical Center.

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**Jeri Bedient Buchholz**, Silver Spring, MD, is employed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ■ **Lynne Beckenbaugh Lillie**, Lake Elmo, is an M.D. with Health East ■ **Jerry Nettleton**, Oakdale, is a cub master in Boy Scouts.

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## 83 Class Agents:

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**Jim D. Cornell**, Long Lake, was named executive director of Operation Bootstrap Africa ■ **Rebecca Campbell Hines**, Dade City, FL, earned her master's degree in educational leadership from St. Leo University ■ **Ann Sponberg Peterson**, Decorah, IA, is director of development at Luther College and



serves as a trustee on the ELCA Foundation ■ **Giorgio Rietti**, Rye Brook, NY, has been importing gluten-free product from Italy through a company called Quattrobimbi ■ **Doug D. Talus**, Plymouth, is a dentist ■ **John J. Townsend**, Ham Lake, is executive/sales and diversity for Innovative Office Solutions

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### Lintelman publishes book

**Joy Lintelman '80**, Moorhead, MN, a history professor at Concordia College with specialties in immigration history and women's history, has published a book titled *I Go to America*, a book about Swedish-American emigrant women and the life of Mina Anderson.

Near the end of her life, Mina Anderson penned a lively memoir that helped Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg create *Kristina*, the central female character of his beloved emigrant novels, a woman who constantly yearns for her homeland. But Mina's story was quite different.

Showcasing her previously untranslated memoir, *I Go to America* traces Mina's trip across the

Atlantic to Wisconsin and then the Twin Cities, where she worked as a domestic servant, and her move to rural Mille Lacs County where she and her husband worked a farm, raised seven children, and contributed to rural Swedish community life.

Mina herself writes about how grateful she was for the opportunity to be in America, where the pay was better, class differences were unconfining, and children—girls included—had the chance for a good education. In her own words, "I have never regretted that I left Sweden. I have had it better here"

Lintelman greatly expands upon Mina's memoir, detailing the social, cultural, and economic realities experienced by countless Swedish women of her station. *Lintelman offers readers both an intimate portrait of Mina Anderson and a window into the lives of the nearly 250,000 young, single Swedish women who immigrated to America from 1881 to 1920 and whose courage, hard work, and pragmatism embody the American dream.*



### Bend in the River Big Band performances announced

The Bend in the River Big Band was formed in 1987 and is made up of many Gustavus alumni. It has been a mainstay in the Twin Cities big band scene ever since and continues to be one of the busiest bands in the Twin Cities. The band's name refers to the bend in the Minnesota River, which runs through both St. Peter and the Twin Cities area, where most of the band now lives. You can catch the band in the next few months at any of the venues listed below, or visit their website at [www.brbb.org](http://www.brbb.org).

June 3, 7-8:30 p.m.	Centennial Lakes Park, Edina
June 14, 5-6 p.m.	"Jazz on the Prairie," Staring Lake Park, Eden Prairie
June 24, 7-8:30 p.m.	Wayzata Depot
June 30, 7:30-9:10 p.m.	Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis
July 28, 7-8:30 p.m.	Como Park Pavilion, St. Paul
July 30, 7-8:30 p.m.	Excelsior Commons
Aug. 6, 7-8:30 p.m.	Faribault Park
Aug. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.	Shoreview Bandshell

Gusties in the ensemble are: **Ben Anderson '98** (drums), **Phil Belin '82** (trumpet), **John Egnell '78** (trumpet), **Pete Karstad '85** (bass), **Chuck Linderkamp '86** (sax), **Alex Lindstrom '99** (trombone), **David Miller '80** (piano), **Mark Mowinkel '80** (trombone), **Keith Nelson '86** (trombone), **Bruce Olson '76** (sax), **Paul Rippe '82** (sax), **Chris Sasik '86** (trumpet), **Steve Truran '87** (trumpet), and **Becky Schmidt Weiland '88** (trumpet).

Stillwater, is a regional manager for Cardiogenesis Corporation ■ **Jill Mauston Petersen**, Albert Lea, teaches in the Albert Lea School District ■ **Jean Brinkman Reynolds**, Marquette, MI, is a public health nurse at Marquette County Health Department ■ **Jo Barthel**

**Rimmeroid**, Plymouth, is program director for Wayzata/Plymouth Meals on Wheels ■ **Nadine Thode Rippelmeyer**, Fayetteville, AR, is a self-employed artist ■ **Nadine Kolander Roberts**, Bloomington, is a product manager at Medica ■ **Susan M. Sandberg**, St. Paul, is an



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## Alumnus Donates Collection to Swedish National Archives

In the fall of 2007, **Paul M. Cole '79** (pictured here in Istanbul, Turkey) accepted a request from Ambassador Jonas Hafström, Sweden's ambassador to the United States, to donate his personal collection of historical documents and archive material to Sweden's National Archive

(Riksarkivet). At the same time, Cole made arrangements to donate a separate collection of books to the Folke Bemadotte Memorial Library.

The collection, which filled five large packing cases, consists of archive materials collected between 1985 and 1993 during Cole's academic and research career, when he specialized in the economics of defense and political-military affairs. While the bulk of the material is documentation obtained from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Cole's research on Sweden extends to archives held by the UK's Public Record Office, the East German secret police (Stasi), the Soviet General Staff, and KGB repositories in Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine, and Moscow. The collection also contains hundreds of documents obtained through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, some of which took ten years to process.

Gustavus history professor Byron Nordstrom, who had stored and inventoried the collection, advised Cole to donate the document collection to the Riksarkivet. "This way," says Nordstrom, "more researchers will have access to the archive material. The books, however, complement the Bemadotte Library's range in Nordic history, international relations, and of course Sweden during the Cold War."

Asked to highlight discoveries among the archive material of which he is particularly proud, Cole points to three:

- The directive, signed by President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall, that re-established diplomatic relations with Finland after World War II.
- The Swedish memorandum that described how Swedish officials deliberately concealed their nuclear weapon research activity from inspectors.
- The memorandum of understanding between the U.S. and Swedish governments that established U.S.-Swedish military cooperation on the same basis as U.S. cooperation with NATO members during the height of the Cold War.

"Turning the page, after hundreds of hours of turning page after page, and finding one of these gems made it worthwhile," Cole says.

The document collection formed the basis of a number of publications, including Sweden without the Bomb: The Conduct of a Nuclear-Capable Nation without Nuclear Weapons (*Rand Corporation, 1994*), Atomic Bombast: Nuclear Weapons Forbearance in Sweden (*Stimson Center, 1996*), and U.S. Security Assistance to Non-NATO Countries: The Swedish Case and Post-Communist Eastern Europe (*Rand Corporation, 1992*).

The first student to graduate with a B.A. in international relations from Gustavus, Cole earned the M.S.F.S. degree from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh Graduate School of Foreign Service (1981), where he was a student of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. He received his Ph.D. (1990) from the Johns Hopkins Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. His professional career includes research positions at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Rand Corporation and teaching at the University of Southern California. Since 1993 Cole has focused on private sector business, with emphasis since 1996 on the telecommunication sector. Founder and managing director of Africa Quantum Broadband LLC (in 2002), Cole has worked and lived full time in Africa since 1998.

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### Gusties participate in January career exploration in Honduras

As part of his January Interim career exploration experience, **Stephen Grimsby '10** (center) accompanied dentists **Glenn Perkins '80** (left), Edina, and **Gary Williams '80** (right), Minnetonka, to El Paraiso, Honduras, with a team of 12 people from the United Methodist Church of Minnetonka. The group opened a free dental clinic, served over 160 patients in five days with three general dentists and one endodontist, and performed treatments such as extractions, restorative care, sealants, and composite fillings. Grimsby noted the reward gained from crossing language barriers by providing care to young and old patients with severely decaying teeth was outstanding and provided each member of the team an opportunity to reexamine their professional and personal goals. "We also enjoyed talking about Gustavus classes, professors, and traditions that we share in common despite the generation difference."



### A classic chance encounter . . . or is it?

**Colleen Seifert '80**, professor of psychology at the University of Michigan, was profiled in a feature article that earned a cover teaser in the February 2009 issue of O, The Oprah Magazine. The article, titled "How to Get Lucky," dealt with one of Seifert's research interests—"predictive encoding," the idea that preparing your mind for chance encounters and other particular behaviors increases (by as much as 50 percent!) the chance that you'll create your own "luck." But Colleen was both the expert and the subject this time, as the article also recounted the so-called "random" event that changed her own life forever.

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## No longer 'by the book'

Some new duties are part of the job of leading Minnesota's largest public library system. **Lois Langer Thompson '83**, who was named director of the Hennepin County Library system in February 2009, must be both a seer and a budget magician, helping to visualize what the 21st-century library will be and living with mergers and the directive to cut about \$7 million from the budget of the 41-library system. The job ahead was outlined in a profile of her written by Mary Jane Smetanka and appearing in the Metro section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Thompson has worked for libraries for more than 20 years, all of them in Hennepin County except for a brief stint in a New Ulm library. Her experience spans children's and adult literature and specialized areas such as business at Minneapolis Central Library and at suburban libraries from Eden Prairie and Bloomington to Plymouth and Maple Grove. What those libraries and the bigger system should look like in budget-shrinking times is Thompson's current challenge.

"There are things we need to eliminate, things we need to realign, and things we need to expand," Thompson says. The library's general mission—promoting early literacy and lifelong learning and serving a broad population—remains but she believes everything else needs to be reexamined. Layoffs among the system's 900-plus employees are possible, but if that happens her priority is to retain people who directly serve patrons.

"Advocating for the library is a role I enjoy because I believe in it so much," she says. "We have to put the customer first. . . . I'm hoping not to reduce hours because access is so important."



## Professorial visit

Last February Professor Emerita and former Gustavus volleyball coach **Gretchen Koehler** (right) visited **Susan Frandsen Knox '84** in Tustin, CA. Knox is president and owner of DKN Marketing Group.

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### Alums perform in Chicago with Minnesota Symphonic Winds

Twin Cities based Minnesota Symphonic Winds performed at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago on December 20, 2008. The clinic is the world's largest gathering of instrumental educators, performers, and music enthusiasts. Gustavus alumni who performed are, from left, **Leslie Carlson Pietila '03**, **Heather Hoglund Elliott '93**, **Candice Cosens Sikel '04**, **Brady Krusemark '05**, **Jonathan Grimsby '06**, and **Paul Rippe '82**.

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### Mihás wins writers' award

**Paul Mihás '85**, Durham, NC, is the winner of the 2008 Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize from the North Carolina Writers' Network for his story "This Is Not a Barren Place." The Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize is one of the North Carolina Writers' Network's most popular and successful competitions.

Mihás, the son of Greek immigrants who spent his childhood in Kemmerer, WY, received his master's in English literature from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1989 and teaches creative writing at Duke University Continuing Studies. He is currently working on a collection of short stories based on his travels in China, Argentina, and Greece.

Final judge Ashley Warlick said of the Mihás story: "The opening moments, where Nick Papadimitriou's wife cuts his body from the rafters of their garage, are hauntingly realized within the attenuated timeline of tragedy, and the story's movement along these fragile currents of community grief in a strange open country is heartbreaking. This writer shows his ease with language, spoken and told, in a wealth of voices, on every page. Marvelous."

Social Services of Illinois ■ **Jenny Bisek Otterness**, New Ulm, is a medical technologist at St. Peter Clinic ■ **Pete D. Otterness**, New Ulm, is an environmental health specialist for Blue Earth County ■ **Kevin P. Overgaard**, Lino Lakes, is science teacher, boy's golf coach, and assistant football coach at Blaine High School ■ **Justin H. Pals**, Littleton, CO, is president of PowerKure USA, Inc. ■ **Heather Krause Quiram**, Mankato, is a licensed school coun-

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## Gusties at Second Harvest

Gustavus friends attended the Vintner Ball benefitting Second Harvest Heartland, Minnesota's largest hunger-relief organization. Pictured from left are **Anne Miller '90**, **Dan Michel '90**, **Liesl Batz '90**, **Tera Johnson White '90**, **Jay White '88**, **Sherra Buckley Eckloff '90**, and **Jeff Heggedahl '88**. Also in attendance, but not pictured, was **Julie Jung Gullickson '88**.

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### Drake named principal of the year

**Jeff Drake '90**, Richville, MN, a principal in the Battle Lake School District for the past six years, has been named the 2009 Minnesota Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. His district's students say the reward is a reflection of how Drake has managed to create an atmosphere in the school that promotes learning and encourages students to perform to their full potential. Drake is known for his personal touches, such as

sending students a card on their birthday or a note of congratulations for well-done extra-curricular activities.

Prior to becoming principal at Battle Lake, Drake was principal for Milaca schools for two years and spent six years as a counselor in Hastings. He was employed in social work and counseling in prisons before entering education.



### Gusties travel to the desert to support the Vikings

Gustavus alumni (from left) **Nate Shores '96**, **Josh Gullekson '96**, **Mike Ferrell '96**, and **Tim Klaus '97** met in Arizona for the Vikings/Cardinals football game this past fall. Gullekson lives in Arizona and is a junior high physical education teacher and basketball coach. Shores, Ferrell, and Klaus are all living in the Twin Cities area. It was a long day for Josh as the Vikings won 35-14.

president and branch manager of Hometown Bank ■ **Sara Schonrock Southworth**, St. Peter, is an accountant with Larson Allen LLP ■ **Molly Christensen Swenson**, Atwater, is a mental health counselor and licensed associate marriage and family therapist at Woodland Centers and Lighthouse Counseling Ltd. ■ **Hun Zan Tao**, St. Paul, is technology manager at Wells Fargo Bank ■ **Mike Thiede**, Maple Grove, is a scientist for the Cargill Foundation ■ **Ryan J. Vick**, Elk River, is a software project manager at Wells Fargo ■ **Mike Wanous**, Waconia, is district manager of the Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District ■ **Beth Collins Wedge**, Gilbert, teaches fifth grade in the Eveleth/Gilbert School District ■ **Amy Uhlenbrauck Wilkinson**, Green Bay, WI, is an attorney at Denissen, Kranzush, Mahoney, and Ewald, SC ■ **Brita Eriksen Williams**, Deerwood, teaches special education in the Aitkin School District ■ **Rob A. Williams**,

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Dan Marshall



**Johnson recognized with two U of M teaching awards**  
**Tim R. Johnson '93**, Shakopee, an associate professor of political science in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, has received two teaching awards in as many years. In April 2008 Johnson received a Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award in recognition of the influence great teaching has had on generations of U graduates and on today's students. In 2007 he also received the Arthur "Red" Motley Exemplary Teaching Award, honoring faculty in the College of Liberal Arts "who inspire and care, who

make themselves approachable, who show an interest in individual students' well-being and in programs for the benefit of students generally, who give of themselves generously in advising, counseling, and directing projects, and who create an active classroom atmosphere."

Johnson was featured in the January-February 2009 Minnesota magazine in an article by Danny LaChance. In the piece LaChance notes that "If there's a Tim Russertization of politics at play here, there's also clearly a "Tim Johnsonization" of teaching that regularly turns many reluctant first-year College of Liberal Arts students into political science majors." (Russert was the late NBC political reporter known for his whiteboard analyses of the 2000 presidential election.)

Johnson described his classroom style to LaChance as "more give-and-take than talk-and-talk" and said he's learned that engaging students often means embracing his own humanity. He's not afraid to poke fun at himself, share stories of his family, or show silly but educational video clips.

## Barnett directs The UpTake

**Jason Barnett '93**, St. Paul, is executive director of *The UpTake*, a Minnesota-based citizen journalist organization providing online news coverage on since 2007. As a non-profit professional and citizen journalism organization, *The UpTake* provides innovative methods of low-cost information gathering and reporting, such as live broadcasting video from cell phone camera feeds. The organization's awareness increased substantially during the 2008 U.S. Senate election in



Minnesota when *The UpTake* provided full coverage of the recount process, winning accolades and citations from news blogs and Minnesota, national, and international news outlets. To learn more, visit [theupdate.org](http://theupdate.org) online.

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### Relic hunter

When **Ian Grant '91** last checked in, he had been traveling the world in search of rare artifacts and furniture to sell in Björling and Grant, the furniture and accessory company in St. Louis Park, Minn., that he and his wife own and operate. Now his globe-trotting has resulted in a television series.

A pilot for *The Deal Hunter*, shot mostly in New York's Chinatown, was developed last year for the Travel Channel, and the series, renamed *The Relic Hunter* with Ian Grant, has been tentatively scheduled to debut in June 2009 on that network. In each episode, a camera follows Ian around the world as he explores remote places and isolated cultures while seeking to buy unusual things the people in those places make and use in everything from daily life to exotic ceremonies and festivals. As the on-camera host, he provides a travelogue, reveals historical and cultural tidbits, and haggles with artisans to bring back some of those relics.

Ian has filmed episodes in such sites as Kathmandu and rural Nepal; Kerala, India; Romania; and Togo and Benin in West Africa. He is pictured here with series director John Kitchener (back left) and camera operator Ian Levasseur (back right), standing with three Nepali shamans in the Himalayas just before a healing ceremony.

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# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## From soccer to skiing

Gustie friends who played soccer together at Gustavus traveled to Ed Geiss's place near Aspen, CO, for some skiing. Pictured from left are **Dax Bennett '97**, **Chris Holze '98**, and **Ed Geiss '98**.



## Apelqvist offers adult Swedish language and culture camp

**Eva Apelqvist**, a Swedish exchange student at Gustavus in 1995–96, operates *På svenska*, an adult Swedish language and culture immersion camp at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary in Sarona, WI, June 14–19, 2009. In addition to language learning on beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, *På svenska* teaches an exciting mix of Swedish culture, current and not so current affairs, politics, history, religion, Swedish games, songs, and rhymes. *På svenska* offers a unique opportunity to celebrate your love for all things Swedish, while stretching your mind and appetites, offering a full Swedish menu with

items like Jansson's Temptation, pytt-i-panna, Swedish pea soup, and pancakes. Attendees will participate in a genuine Swedish midsummer

For more information about *På svenska*, call Apelqvist at 715-635-7384 or visit [www.evaapelqvist.com](http://www.evaapelqvist.com).

at Sherwin Williams ■ **Lindsey Hedlund Woodrow**, Minneapolis, is a law clerk with the State of Minnesota ■ **Lindsay E. Wurst**, Wauke, IA, is photo director at Meredith Corporation ■ **Ellie Young**, Burnsville, is a physician assistant at France Avenue Family Physicians ■ **John D. Zeuli**, Rochester, is a resident in infectious diseases pharmacy practice at Mayo Clinic.

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**Jenni Tischer Boeke**, Richfield, is the art service coordinator at Jostens ■ **Tiffany L. Clark**, New York, NY, is a freelance photographer/photojournalist ■ **Amanda J. Cody**, Arlington, VA, is a third-year law student at The George Washington University Law School ■ **Chad T. Guentzel**, North Mankato, owns an Anytime Fitness location ■ **Christian Gunberg**, Round Hill, VA, is a student at the Florida Coastal School of Law ■ **John D. Jaquette**, Mankato, works for Coughlan Companies ■ **Nicholas Knutzen**, Brooklyn, NY, is a self-employed independent/freelance filmmaker ■ **Jenny Kramer**, Arden Hills, is a senior account executive at Weber Shandwick Worldwide ■ **Nate Lund**, Cary, NC, graduated from the Army Medical Office Basic Leadership Course ■ **Tom Nelson**, Cottage Grove, is a junior scientist at University of Minnesota ■ **Nichole Petersen Porath**, Eagan, received her MBA from Carlson School of Business ■ **Rob Quick**, Bismarck, ND, is a public defender for the State of North Dakota ■ **Michael P. Rippenkroeger**, Round Rock, TX, is employed at Lower Colorado River Authority ■ **Erin Jilek Schultz**, Mankato, is an insurance specialist at Metro Dental Care ■ **Kelly D. Semenkewitz**, Richfield, is a student at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

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teaching English at the Chung-Dahm Institute for Learning in Seoul, South Korea ■ **Allie Diercks**, Bloomington, is employed at the Minnesota Society of CPAs ■ **Peter J. Grafstrom**, St. Paul, is session-only staff at the Minnesota House of Representatives ■ **Kristin Setterstrom Hanson**, Burnsville, is an administrative assistant/scheduling manager for Minnesota Vision Therapy Center ■ **Samantha L. Haseltine**, Forest Lake, is a behaviorist at Provide Care ■ **Ashley M. Hieronimus**, Coon Rapids, is a medical student at the University of Minnesota Medical School ■ **Jenny Hovendick**, St. Peter, is assistant women's basketball coach at Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Lisa A. Kvamme**, Brooklyn Park, is an eighth-grade math teacher in the Osseo School District ■ **Scott J. Kyser**, St. Paul, is a graduate student in environmental engineering at the University of Minnesota ■ **Laura O'Neil Larsen**, Aurelia, IA, is a pharmacy student at Drake ■ **Yoshi B. Ludwig**, Stillwater, is a candidate for a master of arts in public policy at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota ■ **Maren E. Magsam**, Roseville, is a second-grade teacher at Love Works Academy ■ **Jay Phillips**, Bemidji, is a customer service representative at Transport America ■ **Tena Pulver**, Mahtomedi, is a first-grade teacher at Twin Cities International Elementary ■ **Angi Rosenow**, Bloomington, is employed at ABC Toy Zone ■ **Marcus A. Schmit**, Mankato, is executive assistant for Congressman Tim Walz ■ **Thereasa L. Schollett**, Maple Grove, is a trooper trainee for the State of Minnesota ■ **Beth Stauffer**, Plymouth, is a bilingual health guide for Blue Cross Blue Shield ■ **Sandra Stehman**, Silver Spring, MD, is a music teacher/choir director in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

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engineer at Meryl Brink ■ **Meg Dorer**, St. Paul, is employed at the Washburn Center for Children ■ **Dani Gergen**, Hastings, is an autopsy assistant at the Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office ■ **Trystan M. Hansen**, Rochester, is a fitness coordinator at Charter House ■ **Vanessa L. Henke**, Gaylord, is a radiologic technologist at the Center for Diagnostic Imaging ■ **Whitney P. Hohman**, Roseville, is serving with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Ashley R. Houston**, Wheaton, IL, is an economic advising assistant at Capella University ■ **Caity Hughes**, Cambridge, MA, is in international studies services at Leslie University ■ **Jenna C. Iaizzo**, White Bear Lake, is a clinical studies support coordinator at Medtronic ■ **Chris Jensen**, Prior Lake, is a student at Minneapolis Community and Technical College ■ **Kyle G. Johnson**, St. Louis Park, is a case manager at Lutheran Social Services ■ **Mike Johnson**, Columbia Heights, is a staff accountant at Larson Allen ■ **Jessica A. Jordan**, South Haven, teaches second grade in Gibbon ■ **Nick Jost** is in Madagascar with the Peace Corps ■ **Hayden W. Kane**, Colorado Springs, CO, is a security officer at Broadmoor Hotel ■ **Scott B. Kempenich**, Perham, is a financial adviser at Perham Memorial Hospital ■ **Phil King**, Germantown, MD, is a manager at Sherwin Williams ■ **Matt Koller**, Minnetonka, is an underwriter at Wells Fargo ■ **Amy K. Kunkel** is interning with the Walt Disney Company ■ **Chris Lund**, Duluth, graduated from the Army Medical Officer Basic Leadership Course ■ **Kari L. Maffitt**, Madison, WI, is a line therapist at Wisconsin Early Autism Project ■ **Steven D. Magee**, Bloomington, is employed at G & K Services ■ **Julie C. Mahre**, Lino Lakes, is a nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■ **Mike Marcotte**, Circle Pines, is working in marketing at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities ■ **Rose M. McDonough**, Burnsville, is employed at the Muscular Dystrophy Association ■ **Tim McDougall**, Northfield, is a software engineer at Open Systems International ■ **Krista M. Nelson**, Redwood Falls, is a sales associate at Eco-tique ■ **Kyle M. Nelson**, St. Paul, is employed at Ikea ■ **Katie Patterson**, Monroe, WI, is serving with Americorps in Sacramento, CA ■ **Jonathan A. Peasley**, Richfield, is a disability claims specialist at Sedgwick CMS ■ **Britta J. Peterson**, Edina, is an independent choreographer working with Edina High School and Chaska High School ■ **Nissa**



### Scherer wins youth ministry award

Christian rap musician **David Scherer '99**, Minneapolis, received the 2009 Tom Hunstad Award for Excellence in Youth Ministry at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in New Orleans, LA, in February. The award, named for a youth minister and first chairperson of the Network who died of cancer, is the highest award given by the ELCA in the field of youth and family ministry, an honor and a thanksgiving bestowed by the Network board on an active member of the Network, which is the professional organization for those serving ELCA churches in children, youth, and family ministries. The recipient must have a significant influence on youth ministry in the ELCA, have impacted the lives and ministry of a large number of people, be someone who encourages others in youth ministry, and be a friend or supporter of the Network and its members. The Rev. Kelly Chatman, member of the Gustavus Board of Trustees and pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Minneapolis, MN, received the award in 2003.

Scherer and his wife, Carolyn (second from right), are pictured with some other Gustavians who were in attendance at the award ceremony: from left, **Erin Wilken '02**, assistant director of alumni relations at Gustavus; **Grady St. Dennis '92**, director of church relations at the College; and **Todd Buegler '87**, executive director of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network and a pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, MN.



### Wins selective national scholarship

**Brooke Fails '03** recently earned one of only three national minority scholarships given by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) in 2009. The scholarship recognizes student leadership, involvement, and commitment to the field of school psychology. Fails

is currently a practicum student in the school psychology graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She is pictured here with the director of the River Falls program, **Scott Woitaszewski '92**, after receiving the scholarship in Boston, MA.

**Hannemann Peterson**, Maple Grove, is a technical writer at Upsher-Smith ■ **Laura D. Rahm**, Milaca, is an executive assistant for Interactyx Limited ■ **Taren K. Reker**, Adrian, is a graduate student at Iowa State University ■ **Siri B. Rydholm**, North Mankato, is studying occupational therapy at College of St. Catherine ■ **Stacy J. Sheldon**, Orono, is an analyst at Northwest Airlines ■ **Chris Stark**, Brookline, MA, is a research

technician at Massachusetts General Hospital ■ **Britta J. Sundeen**, Brooklyn Center, is a historical interpreter at Mill City Museum ■ **Gretchen M. Taylor**, Mankato, is volunteer coordinator at the St. Peter Volunteer Center ■ **John R. Tonolli**, Bismarck, ND, is a veteran service representative for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs ■ **Amanda Tso**, Minnetonka, is a territory sales manager for Phillip Morris





## Gusties return to India

**Ambryn Melius '03** (right) and **Bethany Mueller '03** both participated in Gustavus's Social Justice, Peace, and Development (SJPD) semester in India in 2001. Both were significantly impacted by their experiences in the program and knew they wanted to return to India. Seven years later they packed their bags and returned to Vishtar, host of the SJPD program, to intern and volunteer for two months; they then traveled around India for two more months. They are pictured at the Taj Mahal.

## Twin Cities Breakfasts

Join other Gusties for a morning cup of coffee and breakfast while getting an update on Gustavus—a great way to meet and network with Gusties in the Twin Cities. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at:

Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place  
1500 Park Place Boulevard (Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100)  
8 a.m. breakfast, 8:30 a.m. program  
\$10 per person

Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083

### Scheduled speakers:

- May 20 **Katherine Tunheim**, assistant professor of economics and management
- June 17 **Tom Emmert**, professor of history and author
- July 15 **Byron Nordstrom**, professor emeritus of history and Scandinavian studies
- Aug. 19 **Doug Minter** and **Kirk Carlson**, student financial assistance
- Sept. 16 **Mark Bjelland**, associate professor of geology, chair of 2009 Nobel Conference
- Oct. 21 **President Jack R. Ohle**
- Nov. 18 **Brian Johnson**, chaplain

■ **Andrew Twiton**, Mount Horeb, WI, works in program support for Thunder Road Adolescent Treatment Center ■ **Amy J. Waldner**,

Bethesda, MD, is participating in a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health ■ **Emily C. Wang**, Mankato, teaches at Jefferson

Elementary ■ **Angie Wichmann** teaches first grade at Mayatan Bilingual School in Copan Ruinas, Honduras ■ **Valerie J. Wilbur**, Bloomington, is a legal assistant at Thomas B. Schway Law Office ■ **Jonah L. Winter**, Park Rapids, is employed at Morrie's Automotive Group.

## Weddings

- Kristin M. Peterson '75** and Tracy Close, 9/13/08, Duluth, MN.
- Jyl J. Josephson '82** and **Jim L. Nelson '82**, 4/12/08, Jersey City, NJ.
- James A. Carter '89** and Suzanne Reine, 8/3/08, Boston, MA.
- Jared J. Johnson '91** and Danielle Johnson, Wayzata, MN.
- Kris J. Hendrickson '93** and Leo Christenson, 5/26/07, Minneapolis, MN.
- Janeen R. Laatsch '93** and Dan Ruby, 11/29/08, Spirit Lake, IA.
- Andrew K. Berg '94** and Chelsea Berg, Chanhassen, MN.
- Marc D. Dissell '94** and Jennifer Briest, Watson, MN.
- Erik C. Kulke '94** and Dorothy Kulke, 7/25/08, Milwaukee, WI.
- Brian J. Stanley '94** and Julie Kearns, 11/19/06, Minneapolis, MN.

## Butorac wins 2009 Chennai Open

**Eric Butorac '03** opened his 2009 ATP season with the doubles championship at the Indian Chennai Open. Butorac and Rajeev Ram, former University of Illinois All-American, beat Jean-Claude Scherrer and Stanislas Wawrinka (2008 Olympic doubles champion with Roger Federer) 6–3, 6–4 in the finals of the Chennai Open in Chennai, India. Butorac and Ram lost two break match points at 5–3 in the second set, but sealed the championship serving at 5–4 on their fourth match point.

With the championship Butorac/Ram earned \$23,000 and 250 ATP ranking points. Butorac, formerly ranked #65, moved up to #53, and Ram, formerly ranked #72, moved to #62. The championship is a major accomplishment in Butorac's career. Other players in the Chennai Open included ATP world-ranked Mahesh Bhupathi (#6), Mark Knowles (#7), Leander Paes (#10), and Lukas Dlouhy (#12).

- Nathan K. Shores '96** and Anissa Grande, 6/2/07, Burnsville, MN.
- Marissa Dziejwior '97** and Brett Ritzer, Hudson, WI.
- Anna M. Plocher '97** and Julian Lissiman, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Brian W. Sorum '99** and Robertson, Rochester, MN.
- Kristofer E. Kooiman '00** and Hayley Kooiman, 10/10/08, Longmont, CO.
- Brooke V. Lundquist '00** and Adam Beebe, Alexandria, VA.
- Mark R. Schaeetzke '01** and Amy Palmquist, 9/27/08, Janesville, MN.
- Jonathan F. Skovholt '01** and Kelly Lawhead, 4/19/08, Washington, DC.
- Ellen Anderson '02** and Carlin Wiegner, 5/24/08, Menlo Park, CA.
- Donald S. Berkholz '04** and Noel Berkholz, Corvallis, OR.
- Jodi Clark '04** and Kent Cook, 9/19/08, Cottage Grove, MN.
- Kyrstin Gustafson '04** and **Keith T. Schwartz '04**, 5/17/08, Plymouth, MN.
- Katie Hoeschen '04** and Carmen Pata, 1/17/09, Max, MN.



**Jennifer Klohs '04** and Chris Reynolds, Maple Grove, MN.  
**Kristin Lunemann '04** and Michael Comstock, 3/7/08, Wahpeton, ND.  
**Sara Medved '04** and Matt Smude, 6/14/08, New Hope, MN.  
**Jennifer Naughtin '04** and Nick Richardson, 10/11/08, Golden Valley, MN.  
**Heidi Okenfuss '04** and Nick Mastro '02, Plymouth, MN.  
**Barry R. Park '04** and Bethanie Park, Apple Valley, MN.  
**Jana Parobek '04** and Andrew Grim, 6/13/08, Mesa, AZ.  
**Rachel Schwingler '04** and Hans P. Sviggum '03, 6/14/08, Rochester, MN.  
**Paige Severinson '04** and Wyatt Smith, 7/12/08, Eden Prairie, MN.  
**Sarah Thesing '04** and Shane Dorschner, 6/28/09, Pillager, MN.  
**John D. Zeuli '04** and Jenni Zeuli, 8/2/08, Rochester, MN.  
**Kelsey Hanson '05** and **Andy Granowski '05**, 10/18/08, Eden Prairie, MN.  
**Janet Jansen '05** and **Jacob Moen '03**, 8/16/08, Champlin, MN.  
**Lennis L. Kennedy '05** and Kristi Buckingham, 10/25/08, Marshall, MN.  
**Erin Klein '05** and Jeff Steinbach, 7/19/08, Carrboro, NC.  
**Claire Poppe '05** and Alex Clemens, 10/18/08, Madison, WI.  
**Michelle Steadman '05** and **Adam A. Cordes '04**, 1/20/09, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Danielle Wright '06** and Benji Schirm, Medford, MA.  
**Amy Blomquist '07** and Peter Kim, Richfield, MN.  
**Alicia Blomquist '08** and **Benjamin C. Hilding '09**, 1/3/09, St. Peter, MN.  
**Katie Bruns '08** and Thomas Linden, 10/18/08, Hinckley, MN.  
**Jared D. Sieling '08** and Erin Salonek, 12/28/08, Watertown, MN.

## Births

Matteo, to **Mark R. Shinn '74** and Michelle Shinn, 5/18/08.  
 Catherine, by adoption, to **John Owens '84** and Pam Owens, birth date, 4/08, adoption, 9/30/08.  
 Tesdore, to **Daina Ogrins Sivanich '84** and Dimitri Sivanich, 11/26/08.  
 Artin, to **Julie Carlson Amirayan '89** and Kevork Amirayan, 10/4/08.  
 Alexander, by adoption, to **Kristin Larson Fink '89** and Charles Fink, born 5/30/08, adopted 6/16/08.



## Gusties have always gathered, and the tradition continues with Gusties Gather 2009!

*The fourth annual Gusties Gather!—where Gusties anywhere in the world gather on the same day—is Sept. 20. Gatherings are focused on fun, food, and Gustie friendship. Attend or host a gathering. Find out more information online at [gustavus.edu/alumni](http://gustavus.edu/alumni) or contact Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 or [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu).*

Heather, to **Katy Baukol Rathke '89** and Dale Rathke, 8/14/08.  
 Betty, to **Stephen F. Buterin '90** and Jennifer E. Ampulski, 7/11/08.  
 Taylor, to **Amy Jackson Davis '90** and Jerome Davis, 9/5/07.  
 Lily, to **Amy Boyum Carlson '91** and **Eric J. Carlson '91**, 7/18/08.  
 Mabel, to **Janae Brekke Porthan '91** and **Anthony J. Porthan '90** 9/9/08.  
 Keegan, to **Christy Ross '91** and **Jeff F. Wibel '92**, 11/12/08.  
 Elise, to **LeAnne Schoen Schumacher '91** and **Michael P. Schumacher '91**, 9/26/06.  
 Henry, to **Kristin Beise Johnson '92** and Erik Johnson, 12/28/07.  
 Charlotte, to **Shannon Brown Menard '92** and Jason Menard, 1/30/09.  
 Tyrone (age 13), Tyhesia (12), and Ana (5), by adoption to **Marta Hemmingson VanBeek '93** and Grant VanBeek, adopted 2008.  
 Sophia, to **Eric Wood '93** and Emily Wood, 12/24/08.  
 Signe, to **Jennifer Anderson Warwick '94** and **Scott M. Warwick '94**, 5/4/07.  
 Elliot, to **Trish Madden Baik '94** and Thomas Baik, 8/20/08.  
 Gavin, to **Andrew K. Berg '94** and Chelsea Berg, 9/28/07.  
 Ethan, to **Judy Rickaby '94** and Alex Burkholder, 7/29/08.  
 Ellis, to **Sarah Johnson-Markve '94** and **Benjamin L. Johnson-Markve '94**, 9/22/08.  
 Maren, to **Kevin P. Overgaard '94** and Stacy J. Overgaard, 4/13/08.  
 Jonah, to **Cody B. Schimelpfenig '94** and Erica Schimelpfenig, 1/26/08.

## Following the pixel trail

*When **Brett Lupfer '00** was a senior at Gustavus, he wrote a proposal for a loan with his father for a Mac laptop with Photoshop 5 and a \$1,200 one-megapixel camera and started to explore photography, based on introductory courses he was taking in Photoshop and photography. He graduated a studio art major, with a focus on analog and digital photography, and initially worked in large format graphics, which led to prepress and graphic design for various small companies in Minneapolis, Colorado, and Vermont.*



*In December 2006, while living in downtown Burlington, VT, Lupfer took a job as production designer with Vermont Teddy Bear in nearby Shelburne, VT. He was named design production manager in March of 2008 and became heavily involved in the photo shoots for Teddy Bear and its sister companies, Pajamagram and Calyx Flowers. He eventually proposed that Vermont Teddy Bear build an in-house photo studio at the factory and buy a professional camera and lighting equipment and then took on the job of company photographer for all brands, in addition to managing the Design Production department.*

*Now his photography is all over all the brands' websites, catalogs, and e-mails. "My teachers and course work at Gustavus led me down the path I'm on," he maintains.*

Maxwell, to **Erika Midtbo Skanse '94** and **Ryan D. Skanse '92**, 6/22/07.  
 Meridel, to **Brian J. Stanley '94** and Julie Kearns, 9/14/08.  
 Elizabeth, to **Tony B. Yetzer '94** and Leslie Luther, 10/8/08.  
 Karena, to **Michael D. Zemek '94** and Sangeetha Rayapati, 7/29/07.  
 Beckham, to **Shasta Lininger Johnson '95** and Chad Johnson, 10/27/08.

Abby, to **Lisa Ohlsen Pallo '95** and Joseph M. Pallo, 6/5/08.  
 Elora, to **Karin Miller Wagner '95** and William J. Wagner, 10/7/08.  
 Emily, to **Sean Maguire '96** and Amy Maguire, 2/16/09.  
 Jack, to **Dawn Seburg Yadron '96** and Anthony Yadron, 1/29/09.  
 Addison, to **Kate Melchert Langer '97** and Aaron Langer, 9/24/07.



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## Leonard leads 'Minnesota Boys' at FBR Open

**Mike Leonard '06**, Burnsville, MN, is the leader of "The Minnesota Boys," a group of friends from Gustavus and Arizona State who've attended the FBR Open at the TPC Scottsdale, cheering on professional golfers at the infamous 16th hole since 2000. He's also the owner of "The List," and was featured in Rich Lerner's Journal on GolfChannel.com last February. "The List" contains interesting and personal bits of information about players in the field and is used to greet players as they approach the 16th tee box where The Minnesota Boys are positioned in the bleachers.

In Lerner's write-up, he quotes Leonard: "I thought it would be cool to do some research on all of the players to cheer for them as they came through the tunnel and teed off. We use anything from pet names to favorite hobbies. It's fun to start a chant about a guy's high school or small college and see the reaction they give us when they walk through the tunnel."

Leonard told Lerner, "Besides chanting for the ASU guys like Phil Mickelson and Billy Mayfair and Minnesota guys like Tom Lehman and Tim Herron, we've made it a tradition to wear maroon and gold on Friday for ASU and Vikings jerseys on Saturday because [the FBR Open] is always Super Bowl weekend, even though the Vikings haven't made a Super Bowl in our lifetime!"

The Minnesota Boys pictured from left are **James Iverson '07**, **Jason Carlson '07**, **Garrett Moselle**, **Ty Haschig '06**, **Bobby Bonine '07**, **Mike Leonard '06**, and **Scott Ludwig '06**.



## Gusties at Gibraltar

**Julie Landkamer '08** (left) and **Steve Helm '07** spent time catching up with **Matt Hiltner '07** and **Dawn Lewis '08** in Europe last December and are pictured on top of the Rock of Gibraltar. Lewis was living near Estepona, Spain, finishing her student teaching, and Hiltner was spending a year in a Germany as part of Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals.

## President Ohle to host Oberammergau Passion Play trip in 2010

Gustavus President Jack and Kris Ohle and Pastor Eric Gustavson '66 will lead a 10-day Alpine European tour to Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany, June 21-30, 2010. The itinerary includes visits to Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Island of Mainau, Lucerne, and the Oberammergau Passion Play. For a full itinerary and tour brochure, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 or by e-mail at [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu).

Kendal, to **Jessica Floren Johnson '99** and **Darin Johnson**, 12/13/08.  
 Peyton, to **Jessica L. Schliep '99** and **Joseph Loftus**, 8/6/08.  
 Colin, to **Joy Johnson McGrath '99** and **Mark McGrath**, 4/7/08.  
 Jude, to **Carrie Machart Miller '99** and **Rob Miller '99**, 5/26/08.  
 Seth, to **Joanna Josephson Roberg '99** and **Robert Roberg**, 7/8/08.  
 Chloe, to **Scott F. Smyser '99** and **Kara Smyser**, 8/16/08.  
 Bella, to **Daisy Schmidt Christopherson '00** and **Michael Christopherson '99**, 1/21/09.  
 Grant, to **Jamie Pautz Janni '00** and **Scott Janni**, 5/9/07.  
 Easton, to **Erica Stone Scott '00** and **Eric Scott**, 7/24/08.  
 Maxwell, to **Jennifer Thomsen Watson '00** and **Patrick B. Watson '99**, 2/15/09.  
 Joseph, to **Megan Shorma Arnold '01** and **Scott P. Arnold '00**, 4/2/08.  
 Samuel, to **Andy Barnick '01** and **Amber Barnick**, 8/27/08.  
 Elias, to **Amy Buran Finnern '01** and **Brady Finnern '02**, 11/7/08.  
 Megan, to **Amy Iverson Horn '01** and **Michael G. Horn '00**, 8/5/08.  
 Olivia, to **Melissa Bryan Judd '01** and **Brian Judd**, 10/17/08.  
 William, to **Tom C. Lagerback '01**.  
 Elsa, to **Melinda Siedschlag Moore '01** and **Jorma Moore**, 10/26/08.  
 Mari, to **Kris Watson Mullins '01** and **John Mullins**, 9/27/08.  
 Signe, to **Amanda Thompson Steier '01** and **Lucas Steier**, 1/3/09.  
 Tenleigh, to **Katie Lovas Vick '01** and **Ryan J. Vick '99**, 11/28/08.  
 Ruth, to **Beth McBroom Dinger '02** and **Justin Dinger '02**, 12/10/08.  
 Milo, to **Kara Fox Galvin '02** and **Dan Galvin '02**, 9/2/08.  
 Chess, to **Karle Trethewey Lewer '02** and **Dan Lewer '02**, 12/20/08.  
 Kaia, to **Sara Sorenson Quale '02** and **Dustin Quale**, 9/19/08.  
 Caroline, to **Kate Haschig Wright '02** and **Daniel Wright**, 1/20/09.  
 Lincoln, to **Sarah Handahl Ahlberg '03** and **Lucas Ahlberg '04**, 6/19/08.  
 Tessa, to **Kara Nelson Birzniaks '03** and **Grant Birzniaks**, 10/4/08.  
 Thorin, to **Betsy Anderson '04** and **Charlie Anderson**, 12/22/08.  
 Draven, to **Lisa J. Wannigman '04**.  
 William, to **Laura Johnson Stelter '05** and **Matthew Stelter**, 8/19/08.  
 Audrey, to **Patrick Wright '05** and **Sara Kilby Wright '03**, 3/5/09.  
 Cecelia, to **Ryan Casper '06** and **Natalie Casper**, 7/28/08.  
 Dillon, to **Kelsey I. Feldmann '06**.

Saga, to **Kari Larter Lennartson '97** and **Ryan T. Lennartson '96**.  
 Abigail, to **Alicia Johnson Manley '97** and **Mel Manley**, 1/21/09.  
 Malachi, to **Heidi Friedrich Martin '97** and **Matthew R. Martin '97**, 6/10/06.  
 Henry, to **Sarah Marohn Miller '97** and **Nathan A. Miller '97**, 8/27/08.  
 Andrew, to **Sarah Motzko Seldon '97** and **Jeremy W. Seldon '96**, 11/3/08.  
 Alexander, to **Jill Watson '97** and **Jon Swanson '97**, 6/21/08.  
 William, to **Stephanie Johs Thiede '98** and **Mike Thiede '99**, 12/17/08.  
 Robert, to **Megan Mullins Babcock '99** and **Robert J. Babcock '99**, 5/15/08.  
 Luke, to **Jennifer Viljaste Buddensiek '99** and **Neal C. Buddensiek '99**, 11/24/07.  
 Sam, by adoption, to **Julie Moberg Gilbert '99** and **Chris Gilbert**, born 2/13/09, adopted 2/16/09.  
 Rachel, to **Naomi Bowman Graves '99** and **Jason Graves**, 10/22/07.  
 Sawyer, to **Amanda Newlin Johnson '99** and **Brent G. Johnson '00**, 11/12/08.



## In Memoriam

**Hazel Myhre Reed '31**, Redwood Falls, MN, on February 9, 2009. She was a retired teacher for Redwood Falls High School and is survived by one daughter.

**Irma Nelson Borgen '32**, Colorado Springs, CO, on March 13, 2009. She was a retired English, Latin, and piano teacher and is survived by one son and one daughter.

**Alice Peterson Johnson '32**, Alexandria, MN, on September 25, 2008.

**Leonard Bosacker '34**, Albert Lea, MN, on September 26, 2008.

**Don Anderson '41**, Minneapolis, MN, on February 6, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by daughter Jan Carter '67 and son Paul '78.

**Metta Nason Wallace '42**, Annapolis, MD, on January 20, 2009.

**Warren Paschka '42**, Chaska, MN, on January 5, 2009. He was retired as safety and security director for American Crystal Sugar, Moorhead, MN, and is survived by one son and two daughters.

**Reuben Swanson '42**, Fairfield, OH, on March 23, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and instructor at the university and seminary levels, and is survived by his wife, Viola, two sons including Timothy '68, and one sister.

**Eric Sandstrom '43**, Colorado Springs, CO, on January 22, 2009. He was a retired postal carrier and employee at the Rocky Mountain Greyhound Park. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

**Lorenz "Bud" Severson '43**, Seattle, WA, on January 27, 2009. He was a retired lumber retailer from Greer Lumber Co., and is survived by his wife, Dona, and two sisters.

**Russell Hofstad '44**, Cambridge, MN, on May 12, 2008. He was a retired dentist and is survived by his wife, Dorothy, four daughters, and two brothers.

**Arthur Lindberg '48**, Mankato, MN, on March 26, 2009. He was professor emeritus at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is survived by his wife, Alice, four daughters, and one brother.

**Harold Sutter '48**, Carol Stream, IL, on June 11, 2008.

**Dale Lindall '49**, Parkers Prairie, MN, on February 14, 2009. He was a retired U.S. Air Force surgeon and served at Edwards Air Force

Base in California, in Albuquerque, NM, and Oakridge, TN, and ended his career at the Pentagon. He is survived by two sisters.

**Dale Anderson '50**, Scottsdale, AZ, on February 6, 2009. He was a retired restaurant owner and is survived by one son and one brother.

**Betty Nuessmeier Gibson '50**, Mankato, MN, on January 5, 2009. She was a retired nurse at Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital and is survived by three sons, three daughters, and one brother.

**Roland Scharmer '50**, Litchfield, MN, on March 19, 2009. He was a retired educator for the Litchfield Public Schools and is survived by his wife, Lorraine (Sjolinder '50), three sons—Mark '77, Neal '78, and Paul '82—and a daughter, Karen Hendrickson '81.

**Robert Swanson '50**, Vergas, MN, on December 28, 2008. He was a retired employee of Soo Line Railroad and is survived by three sons, one brother, and one sister.

**Willene Dulluhn Axelson '51**, Wanamingo, MN, on June 20, 2008. She was a retired nurse and is survived by her husband, Ken, three sons, and three daughters.

**Edsel Barberg '51**, Green Bay, WI, on December 28, 2008. He was a retired accountant and is survived by his wife, Shirley, four daughters, and two brothers.

**Marion Hier Frederickson '52**, Redwood Falls, MN, on February 7, 2009. She was a retired elementary music teacher and is survived by her husband, Kenneth, two sisters, and two brothers.

**Carol Eiselein Lee '52**, Richfield, MN, on April 29, 2008. She was a retired school teacher and is survived by one son and one daughter.

**Roger Lundgren '52**, Savage, MN, on March 9, 2009.

**Gerald Potratz '52**, Crooks, SD, on April 6, 2008. He was a farmer and sales representative of Moorman Feed Co., and is survived by his wife, Shirley, four sons, two step-daughters, and three sisters.

**Lois Sundin '52**, Grand Marais, MN, on August 15, 2008. She operated the East Bay Hotel and is survived by her husband, Paul.

**Charles Nelson '53**, Knoxville, TN, on February 9, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Gloria, one son, one daughter, and five sisters including Corrine Lundberg '55 and Beverly Schumacher '59.



### Reconnecting in Kansas

*Violeta Hernandez Espinoza '07 and John McMahon '07 were in a First Term Seminar class titled "Good Food" in 2003 and re-connected at their Cargill Christmas party in Wichita, KS.*



### A mentor at the Capitol

*During the 2009 January Interim, Luke Garrison '09 (right) interned with Matt Swenson '06, communications specialist and writer for the Minnesota House of Representatives DFL Caucus. They are pictured during a floor session in the House Garrison helped with news conferences, wrote news releases and columns, hosted television programs, and worked directly with the Capitol press corps.*

**Duane Johnson '54**, Fargo, ND, on March 1, 2009. He was a retired owner of several bookstores and is survived by two sons, one daughter, and a sister, Ardis Haglin '55.

**Maren Stanger Stocke '54**, Rochester, MN, on December 3, 2007. She is survived by her husband, James, one son, and two daughters.

**Gary Gabel '57**, Ivanhoe, MN, on December 16, 2008. He was re-

tired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Mary, one daughter, two sons, and one sister.

**Ronald Holmquist '57**, St. Cloud, MN, on February 11, 2009.

**Robert Ortloff '58**, Stoddard, WI, on January 9, 2009. He was retired chief financial officer of Secluded Land Co. and is survived by his wife, Audrey, and two daughters.



# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## A synaptic moment

**Eric Miller '08** (center), currently a graduate student in neuroscience at the University of Minnesota, attended the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, DC, and ran into classmate **Amy Waldner '08** (right), a research assistant at the National Institute of Health. On the left is Miller's fellow University of Minnesota neuroscience graduate student, **Liam Callahan**.

**Ann Carlson Wendt '59**, Fairborn, OH, on October 10, 2008.

**Paul Johns '61**, Mankato, MN, on March 27, 2009. He was a former employee of NW Bell Telephone Co., Playhouse Toy Co., and GTO Electronics and is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Kamman '61), three daughters, and one sister.

**William Olseen '61**, Rochester, MN, on August 27, 2008.

**David Alfredson '62**, Glenview, IL, on January 18, 2009.

**John Northcott '62**, Comstock Park, MI, on November 27, 2008.

**Jo Ann Bergey Rahm '63**, Santa Rosa, CA, on December 24, 2006. She was retired manager for Wilkes-Bashford Women's.

**Bill Holm '65**, Minneota, MN, on February 25, 2009. He was an author, poet, and retired English professor at Southwest State University, and received a Gustavus Distinguished Alumni Citation in literature in 1991.

**Doug Swenson '67**, Forest Lake, MN, on February 1, 2009. He was district judge in the Minnesota 10th Judicial District and a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, one son, two brothers, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his son, Greg '91, who was killed in an automobile accident while a student at Gustavus.

**Bonnie Bruggeman '73**, International Falls, MN, on October 31, 2008.

**Mark Stabenow '73**, Mahtomedi, MN, on January 21, 2009. He was employed in sales for Innovative Office Solutions and is survived by his wife, Carol (Haugen '71), two sons, and one sister.

**Todd Johnson '81**, Saint Paul, MN, on July 21, 2008.

**Robert Surbrook '83**, Columbia Heights, MN, on February 27, 2009. He was district sales manager for Snyder's of Hanover and a 20-year veteran of the Columbia Heights Fire Department. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Robinson '83), one daughter, and one son.

**Rick Spitzack '84**, Owatonna, MN, on February 3, 2009. He was property director of Lifestyle Inc., and is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, one daughter, three sisters including Stephanie Hennings '86 and Vicki Anderson '87, and his parents.

**William Mork '88**, Chaska, MN, on February 18, 2008. He was a sales manager for Cambria USA and is survived by his wife, Lisa, one son, one daughter, his parents, three sisters, and a brother, Frank '87.

**Tony Salisbury '06**, Maple Grove, MN, in January 2009. He is survived by his fiancée, Kim Stull, his parents, Brian and Marcy, and a sister.

**Patricia Hays Lund**, trustee emerita, Edina, on January 24, 2009. She was vice president of Lund's Inc. and a dedicated supporter of Gustavus. She was awarded the

Greater Gustavus Award in 1995 in recognition of her board and volunteer service and financial support. She is survived by a son, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister. (See the On the Hill section for a more detailed obituary.)

**Marcella Galles**, Le Sueur, MN, on October 21, 2008. She was a former employee in the Gustavus Dining Service.

**Martha Jaeger**, St. Peter, MN, on January 6, 2009. She was a former cook in the Dining Service at Gustavus.

**Virginia Stamps**, Saint Peter, MN, on February 10, 2009. She worked as a chemistry lab technician at Gustavus for 22 years prior to retiring in 2004. She is survived by her husband, Jerome, and three daughters, Kristine '91, Patrice '92, and Cathy Berger '95.

## Correction

**Elder Jackson '45**, St. Peter, MN, on November 29, 2008. He was a retired ELCA missionary in Tanzania and Kenya from 1949-1985, served as a class agent for many years, and is survived by his wife, Renee, sons Dean '71, Joel '71, and Kim '74, four daughters including Beth Crawford '73, Deborah Andros (staff), and Martha Mascarenhas (staff), and two sisters.

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## [An Alumnus Perspective]

"Gustavus provided the perfect place for my academic growth, but more special were the positive experiences that enhanced my commitment to service and determination to make a difference."



### Tal King '70

Julius R. Krevans Distinguished Professor in Internal Medicine and Chair, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

## [A Parent Perspective]

"My son's experience at Gustavus was truly outstanding in every respect. . . . I believe in giving back to places that have made a difference for my family. It is that simple."



### Becky Bergman

Vice President of Science and Technology, Medtronic Inc., Minneapolis, and Mother of Matt Bergman '07

## [A Student Perspective]

"Scholarships have enabled me to attend Gustavus and given me the opportunity to receive the benefits that the college has to offer."



### Becky Gustafson '09

Senior Accounting Major

## [A Friend Perspective]

"I contribute to Gustavus because I know firsthand that it is an excellent learning community where intellect and friendships grow."



### Al Annexstad

Chairman-CEO, Federated Insurance Companies, Owatonna

## [Fund Chair's Perspective]

"We view our gifts to Gustavus like trees—the benefits of our gifts will grow and be realized for many years to come."



### Mac and Mary Sutherland Ryerse '87 '90, Grant, Adam, and Luke

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*Range of Motion, the 2009 Spring Dance Concert at Gustavus Adolphus College, included the premiere performance of a solo piece, Planting Forget-Me-Nots, by senior biology and dance major Christine Dornbusch, created by Professor of Theatre and Dance Michele Rusinko. Photograph by Wayne Schmidt.*

