Welcome home

The College opens Southwest Hall
Hoarfrost dresses the trees on a crisp winter morning on Eckman Mall. Photo by Anders Björling '58.
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ON THE COVER
The College’s newest residence, Southwest Hall. See pictorial starting on p. 20. Photo by Steve Wolt/The Lawlor Group.
On a number of occasions recently, I have been reminded of the incalculable value of volunteers, unpaid colleagues in the work of creating and recreating a greater Gustavus. As an immediate example, the biennial Royal Affair gala was another smashing success this fall. Over a thousand guests enjoyed a great evening of Gustavus spirit and hospitality. They also enjoyed contributing in excess of $150,000, money that goes into the endowment for the Bernadotte Library, one of the core functions of our academic program. This is mostly the result of work by an incredible group of volunteers—Gustavus Library Associates.

I am also reminded frequently of the extraordinary commitments of our volunteer board of trustees. Beyond giving of their time for board meetings and committee meetings, they are also expected to give generously of their talents and their financial resources. Likewise, a newly energized alumni board and class agents are playing a more active role in the life of the College as they seek to enhance the active involvement of our alumni body. (Just imagine what could be accomplished by an entire alumni body of more than 20,000 Gusties, all fired up to help their alma mater thrive!)

Representatives of our Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations and especially its board of directors volunteer their time to help build closer and more productive connections between the College and member congregations. Volunteers are working actively in support of our excellent arboretum, which has a new long-range plan and the energy of many working on its behalf. (Former ELCA bishop Herb Chilstrom is one of our star volunteers. He’s a great gardener and reluctant gopher expert!)

Parents volunteer on behalf of their students engaged in sports, music, and other co-curricular activities. St. Peter residents volunteer on campus—and people from the College give of their time in the community as well. A variety of key advisory committees serve in many areas of our work. They’re mostly volunteers also.

Volunteers are important colleagues alongside of the regular College staff and faculty. They make up a valuable segment of our learning community. And so many of them model that characteristic we hold high in our mission statement—a fulfilling life of leadership and service. We’re very grateful for all that they do.

James L. Peterson ’64
President
Ready for the next century
Old Main renovation and refurbishment celebrated

In 1873, the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church voted to move St. Ansgar’s Academy from East Union, Minn., to any community willing to provide $10,000 and a campus site. Andrew Thorson, a farmer and member of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, 12 miles west of St. Peter, is credited with leading the effort to bring the school to St. Peter. Andrew Nelson, his brother-in-law, made the largest single gift. The citizens of St. Peter organized the non-Swedes and business leaders to provide $5,000 and ten acres of land. The Swedes of St. Peter promised $2,000, and the Scandian Grove congregation promised $3,000 (with one member selling one of his two horses in order to give the proceeds!). These founders gave of themselves to establish the College in St. Peter and erect as its home the building now known as Old Main. The first classes were held there in the fall of 1876.

Dedication Day, October 8, 2005, celebrated renovation and refurbishment of Old Main and offered a time of thanks to those whose contributions helped prepare this enduring home of learning for at least another century of service to Gustavus.
Evelyn Sponberg Young, 1912–2005

Faith, hope, and love

A tribute and remembrance by Kelvin Miller ’73

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
— I Corinthians 13:13

Less than a week before Evelyn’s death, I went to her home in the wooded neighborhood along Schaefer Road in Edina, for a visit with my dear friend.

She was ensconced with pillows and afghans in a comfortable chair in a room filled with natural light. Coffee and cookies were the first order of business and then we settled into our chat. We held hands. Those knotted joints on each of her fingers attested to a life of service to others. She said, “Kelvin, God is here, God is with us right now and always.” I had all I could do to nod in agreement. Her faith was strong and she was leading by example.

She seemed interested to know what my family and I had been up to. She always asked about Diane ’76 and our Gustie girls, Ann Marie ’04 and Angela ’07. Then, she listened intently as I told her that the Nobel Conference was about to begin and that this year we would study Einstein. I said to Evelyn, “Remember all the Nobel banquet and the King’s luncheon for 2,000 served in 19 minutes flat?” She laughed quietly and squeezed my hand.

When we were students, she was always “Ma” Young to us—sometimes “The White Tornado,” referencing her white swirl of hair and notorious roadway speed, but always “Ma.” Evelyn had great hope for Gustavus, its leaders, faculty, and, most importantly, the students she adored, and she said so every time we met. She put a positive spin on almost any situation. She particularly liked what Bob Peterson ’58, former vice president of development, would say about some of the College’s most challenging problems: “They hold great promise.” She had hope for almost everyone and everything. Before I left her that morning, she spoke haltingly, “You... are...” I said, “Evelyn, what do you want to say?” She said, “tremendous,” smiled and nodded. She had an uncanny way of always making you feel good. She would telephone dozens of individuals regularly to tell them how great they were. She would say, “You’re the greatest of the great.” And each one of us thought she saved that message just for us. Evelyn loved her family, her friends, and her college. And she expressed that love effervescently and by example, be it with a cup of coffee, a plate of cookies, or a loaf of her famous rye bread.

The evening before Evelyn died, I made my final visit to her home. Her daughters, Margie ’71 and Allie ’72, said to me, “Go into her room and say goodbye.” I’ll never forget the grasp of Evelyn’s hand that evening. It was filled with faith, as she lay there surrounded by love, while hope for this life was fading. I said goodbye and quietly sang for her a child’s bedtime prayer.

Evelyn Sponberg Young was born on July 25, 1912, on the family farm in New Richland, Minn., the fifth of eight children born to Hulda and Andrew Sponberg.

In 1929, she set off for Gustavus. Graduating cum laude in 1933 with a degree in English, she taught school until she met and married Verl “Gus” Young in 1941. In 1949, Gus and Evelyn accepted positions at Gustavus—Evelyn as director of the food service and Gus as head basketball coach. It was during this time that Evelyn cemented her reputation as the most well-known and outspoken Gustie basketball fan.

Gus retired from coaching in 1957. Evelyn, however, remained as food service director at Gustavus, commuting daily to St. Peter from her homes, first in Austin and later in Edina, until her retirement in 1981.

Evelyn was known for her nickel coffee at Gustavus and was famous for her cookies—baking 4,000, at age 91, for Gustavus Library Associates’ 2003 A Royal Affair—and her rye bread. Her cookbook, All This . . . and Rye Bread, Too, was published in 1980. Gustavus honored her in 1968 with the Greater Gustavus Award. In 1973, students hailed her as the college homecoming queen. She received the King of Sweden’s silver medal in 1976 for her part in the royal visit to Gustavus. And, in 1988, she was crowned Senior Aquatennial Queen in Minneapolis.

Evelyn died at her home on September 29, 2005.
Bernice Johnson Reagon to headline fifth vocation conference

Paul Woodruff, Peter Gomes also will present

The Meaning of It All: Narrative, Character, and the Common Good” is the theme of the fifth annual Vocation Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College. Organized and sponsored by the College’s Center for Vocational Reflection, the conference encompasses events scheduled throughout the week of Feb. 11–18, 2006, most of which are open to the public as well as the campus community.

Featured speakers for the conference include cultural artist, historian, and civil rights activist Bernice Johnson Reagon, distinguished professor of history at American University, former curator at the Smithsonian Institution, and founder of the a cappella gospel group Sweet Honey in the Rock. Also featured are author and preacher Peter Gomes, professor and chaplain at Harvard University, and philosopher, playwright, and carpenter/builder Paul Woodruff from the University of Texas.

The conference will focus on the power of “story” to shape who we are and how we live in and for the world, while also exploring the multiple forms of narrative and meaning-making across the liberal arts—language and text, visual and performance arts, worship and ritual, the sciences, and more.

The annual conference is one of many aspects of the College’s mission-driven vocation initiative. Established in 2001 as one of just a few programs like it in the nation, the Center for Vocational Reflection equips the entire Gustavus community to reflect more deeply and intentionally on life as a vocation, or “calling.” Through a wide range of original and co-sponsored programs and services (including academic courses, retreats, workshops, conferences, discussion groups, faculty and staff development, a resource center, experiential learning and leadership development opportunities, and individual and small-group conversation and discernment), the Center helps to educate the whole person for a full life of service and leadership in a global community.

The conference schedule includes events that are open to the public (see box below). For updates on times and locations, visit the Center for Vocational Reflection’s website at <www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/vocation>.

Vocation Conference schedule

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The Office of Admission will sponsor two open houses early in 2006 for prospective students and their families.

The office’s annual Winter Open House is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2006. On Monday, February 20, 2006, the office will host its Senior Day Open House on campus.

High school juniors and seniors and their families are invited to attend one or both of these special days at which they may tour the campus, take in scheduled seminars and other events, and talk to faculty and staff at a buffet luncheon. Students who have already expressed interest in the College should receive information about these events by mail; those who have not yet been in touch may call the Office of Admission at 1-800-GUSTAVUS to confirm their attendance. Alumni who are aware of promising students should call the office with their names or invite them to register for the open houses.
W ith Gustavus Adolphus College recently marking the 100-year anniversary of greek organizations on campus, it is appropriate to examine the role of greeks and the contributions these social organizations have made to help shape the character of the College. Throughout their history, greek organizations have encouraged involvement, social activity, and community service.

The first greek organization on campus, Iota Beta, began as a literary society in 1904. A women’s club known as TMT followed, and soon after, three men’s groups—the Olympian Council, the Chieftain Council, and the Philolexian Assembly (renamed Omega Kappa, Chi Iota Kappa, and Phi Alpha, respectively, in the 1920s) were founded as debating societies. Meanwhile, the “Reds” fraternity had been founded in 1906 as a secret society in response to administrative restrictions on athletics and other activities at the College and was eventually recognized as a greek organization in 1920.

The 1930s proved to be a revelatory time for greek organizations, as their focus shifted from campus discussion to social activity. As the 1940s began, World War II pulled most males off campus and fraternity life was nearly forgotten. Yet, when the war ended, fraternity life was revived, as a 1946 fraternity member, Conway Thompson ’47, recalled: “When a fellow comes back to Gustavus Adolphus College, he is coming back to the school, but it is to the fraternities that his union to the school is dearest.”

This sentiment is echoed on campus today in many of the greek organizations. After a number of hazing incidents and an official suspension of on-campus greek activities in the late 1980s, fraternities and sororities have enhanced their role on campus to include not only social activities but community service as well. A great number of campus events and volunteer opportunities can be attributed to greeks. For example, each fall the Delta Phi Omega sorority hosts a breast cancer breakfast to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. During the past year, the sorority raised more than $6,000 for breast cancer research. Gustavus students know they can look for breast cancer awareness information each year from this organization.

Another sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, one of two nationally affiliated greek organizations on campus, holds an annual silent and live auction to benefit the Robbie Page Memorial, which is the national philanthropy for the Sigmas. The money raised is donated to support play therapy for hospitalized children.

The Tau Mu Tau sorority organizes the Yellow Ribbon project each year to advocate for suicide awareness on campus. Yellow Ribbon events include various speakers and a candlelight vigil at which individuals affected by suicide can share stories and emphasize the importance of survival.

Fraternities also contribute to the events greeks provide on campus. Each year in the spring, the Epsilon Pi Alpha fraternity raises awareness of domestic violence issues through the Clothesline Project. The fraternity displays shirts designed by victims of domestic violence to symbolize the issue of violence against women. The fraternity also brings in various speakers on the issue of domestic violence and participates in a “teddy bear run” to donate toys to the CADA house, a battered women’s shelter in Mankato.

The most important community service projects occur during a period in the spring called “Greeks Giving Back.” Each year the Peer Assistants office sponsors a competition among greek organizations that involves organizing a social event, a community service event, and an education information session for the entire campus community. This competition brings in speakers to discuss topics ranging from drunk driving to eating disorders and helps collect items for the St. Peter Food Shelf and other programs.

There have been many changes to the greek system in recent years. In 1999, a new sorority, Chi Kappa Chi, was formed to focus on diversity and
Past, present, and future greek social organizations at Gustavus

**Sororities**

- Alpha Phi Rho—founded in 1915 as Alpha Phi; nicknamed the “Flies”; inactive after 1995
- Beta Chi—founded in 1929 as a literary society; inactive by 1950s; reorganized in 1966 and familiarly known as the “Betases”; inactive again after 1988
- * Chi Kappa Chi—founded in 1999; familiarly known as the “Chis”
- * Delta Phi Omega—founded in 1926, as Nu Delta Tau; re-named in 1929 and familiarly known as the “Deltas”
- Iota Beta—founded in 1904 as the “Independent Blessings,” the first chartered limited literary society on campus; re-named by 1922 and familiarly known as the “IBs”; inactive after 1968; reorganized in 1980 but inactive again after 1988
- Sigma Delta—founded in 1914 as the Sémone Society, a debating and literary society; renamed ca. 1918 and familiarly known as the “Sigmas”; inactive after 1992
- * Sigma Sigma Sigma—founded in 1998, when it was the only active nationally affiliated greek social organization on campus; familiarly known as the “Sigmas”
- * Tau Mu Tau—founded in 1904, chartered in 1905; cryptically named TMT after the initials on a skeleton kept in the club’s closet and soon thereafter nicknamed, among other things, “The Modest Ten” and, as it grew, “The Modest Tribe”; finally adopted Greek letters ca. 1930 and now familiarly known as the “TMs”
- * Theta Xi Gamma—founded in 1920 as the Theta Rho Literary Society; renamed in 1924 and familiarly known as the “Theetas”
- Zeta Chi Omega—founded in 1990; familiarly known as the “Zetas”; inactive after 1999
- * Zeta Chi Phi—-a nationally affiliated sorority with multicultural focus chartered in the fall of 2005
- Zeta Pi Phi—founded in 1985 and familiarly known as the “Pi Phis”; inactive after 1997

**Fraternities**

- Alpha Phi Alpha—founded in 1995 with the hope of being a nationally affiliated Black fraternity; short-lived after failing to be nationally chartered
- Chi Iota Kappa—founded in 1907 as the Chieftain Council, a forensics society; renamed in 1924 but still nicknamed the “Chiefetains”; inactive after 2001
- Epsilon Delta Sigma—founded in 1916 as the Euphronian Society; short-lived—many members joined Nu Upsilon Gamma when the latter group was finally recognized and chartered in 1920 and College officials decreed that a student could belong to only one limited-membership society.
- * Epsilon Pi Alpha—founded in 1928 and familiarly known as the “Eppies”
- Gamma Phi Omega—founded in 1948 and familiarly known as the “Gammas”; inactive in late 1980s but reorganized as a coed group in 1994; inactive again after 2000
- Kappa Alpha Psi—founded in 1975 as an internationally affiliated Black fraternity; short-lived—inactive after 1978
- Kappa Sigma Chi—founded in 1914 as the Clionian Debating Society and nicknamed the “Sons of Clio”; renamed Kappa Sigma in 1920 and familiarly known as the “Kappa Sigs” or the “Sigs”; inactive after 2002
- * Nu Upsilon Gamma—founded in 1910 as a secret society known as the “Greys,” to rival the “Reds,” another underground group (see below); recognized and chartered as a fraternity in 1920; periodically inactive during the 1990s and reorganized in 2001
- * Omega Kappa—founded in 1906 as the Olympian Council, a debating society; reorganized by 1922 with its Greek name and familiarly known as the “OKs”
- * Phi Alpha—founded in 1908 as the Philolexian Assembly, a parliamentary and debating group; renamed in 1927 and familiarly known as the “Alphs” or the “Phi Alphs”
- * Psi Kappa Chi—founded in 1983 and familiarly known as the “Kappas”
- Tau Kappa—founded in 1967 and familiarly known as the “Tks”; short-lived—inactive after 1970
- * Tau Psi Omega—founded in 1906 as a secret society called “Turbescon” and known informally as “T.C.O.S.” or the “Reds,” partly in response to the College’s ban on athletics and other activities; recognized and chartered as a fraternity in 1920

* Currently active groups
Hurricane Katrina’s devastating assault on New Orleans and neighboring areas of the Gulf Coast—and the failures it revealed in local, state, and federal governments’ disaster response, especially regarding poor, Black, and underprivileged residents—became a teachable moment at Gustavus when the faculty organized a Hurricane Katrina teach-in on Sept. 16.

The daylong program, supported by the Office of the President, the Office of the Chaplains, and the Center for Vocational Reflection, featured 17 faculty members representing disciplines ranging from geology and geography to history and political science, from religion and philosophy to biology and anthropology, and from communication studies to environmental studies, as well as a student whose family lives in the affected area in Mississippi.

Among the speakers: Mark Bjelland, geography, addressed “Natural Hazards and the Big Easy”; Andy Vaughn, religion, spoke on “The Role of the Church in Presenting Hope”; Jill Locke, political science, presented “Race, Poverty, and the Hurricane”; and John Lammert, biology, offered “Don’t Drink the Water.” Chris Gilbert, political science (pictured above) spoke on “The Politics of FEMA.”

Audio recordings of the teach-in presentations are available online (in Windows Media Audio format) at <www.gustavus.edu/events/teaching/hurricanekatrina/>. Each 15-minute talk is archived individually.

Senior physics major selected for NSF project

Joni Nordberg, a senior physics major at Gustavus, was one of five students from colleges and universities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico selected to participate in the 2005 Synchrotron Radiation Center—Research for Undergraduates in Education (SRC-REU) program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison this past summer. As part of the experience, each of the five spent several weeks working closely with a UW–Madison researcher whose work utilizes the SRC’s electron storage ring, Aladdin, one of only a handful of such facilities in the country. Nordberg, who is from Cambridge, Minn., studied interactions between atoms and photons.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), REU projects are designed to involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs at some of the nation’s top universities.

Education department review

The Department of Education at Gustavus Adolphus College is scheduled for an accreditation review in Spring 2006 by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation.

Both NCATE and Gustavus Adolphus College recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the Department of Education to:

Board of Examiners
NCATE
2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036-1023
or by e-mail to <callforcomments@ncate.org>

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Gustavus Adolphus College, and should specify the respondent’s relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Gustavus Adolphus College for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received no later than Feb 1, 2006, for institutions with visits in Spring 2006.
Faculty Development

Sabbatical leaves enrich classroom instruction

Eight professors bring the world back to Gustavus

by Barbara Fister

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ev	very seventh year, faculty at Gustavus may apply to take either a semester or a year off to do scholarly and creative work that requires sustained time and the opportunity to focus. Sabbaticals are a key component of the College’s Faculty Development Program. A logical question arises at a liberal arts college, where teaching is of primary importance: “That’s nice, but what does this do for students?” A quick look at recent sabbatical leaves provides some interesting answers.

Mike Ferragamo, a neuroscientist in the biology department, engaged in a variety of research projects on his sabbatical, including co-authoring an article with students that describes an analytical model to unravel the circuitry that shapes electrophysiological responses in the auditory system of anurans (frogs and toads). Through this experience, his students not only gained a first-hand experience with research and publication—they also got a head start in careers in science. During his leave, Ferragamo also helped develop the Summer Institute for Neuroscience, in which students from four colleges spent one week at each institution working alongside neuroscientists. This new collaboration will give Gustavus students a broader exposure to the field while giving faculty in a fast-changing area of science an opportunity to compare notes on how best to teach a moving target.

Ferragamo, incidentally, benefited from Roland Thorstensson’s sabbatical. Thorstensson, a professor of Scandinavian studies, spent some of his leave serving as a translator and cultural ambassador, introducing Ferragamo to people and institutions in Sweden who will mentor recipients of the College’s Jacobson Award. This award provides an opportunity for Gustavus premed students to spend a month abroad learning about Swedish approaches to health care. Thorstensson also traveled through Samiland in the northern reaches of Finland, Norway, and Sweden, retracing the historic travels of Carolus Linnaeus. On his return to St. Peter, he worked on several translations of Swedish and Norwegian literature. There are indications that Thorstensson didn’t take the definition of “leave” literally. He continued to work with students in the Scandinavian Studies program, serving as adviser for the Swedish house and working with the other members of the department to prepare the senior majors for the department’s annual colloquium.

Cross-Cultural Insights
Paula Swiggum of the nursing department had a busy sabbatical year. In addition to writing articles and giving presentations on her area of specialty, transcultural nursing, she began a study of how Somali mothers in Minnesota care for their children. She also traveled to Cuba with a group of Gustavus faculty for a seminar on Social Justice and Service Learning funded by the Bush Foundation. She uses insights gained into Cuban culture and the human ramifications of political policies in courses that address the cultural aspects of health care. While on leave, she also found time to experience the life of a nursing supervisor, working at Children’s Hospital in Minneapolis. Her role involved routing patients from the emergency department to appropriate units, taking reports on continued on next page
Sabbatical leaves
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patients, and dealing with crises that arose with patients and their families. “I teach pediatric clinics with our students in the spring semester in this hospital,” she says, “and this experience has been invaluable in giving me a broader view of the workings of the hospital and the intricacies of providing safe nursing care.”

Amy Seham of the theatre/dance department practiced what she teaches. She led a six-week series of workshops for Fringe Benefits, a social justice theater company in Los Angeles, and later traveled to Bangalore, India, where she presented more workshops. These experiences have provided raw material for her new book in progress, one that will provide pedagogical theory and practical exercises to resist stereotypes about race, gender, and power in improvisational theater and comedy. Her travels also provide material for her classroom. “The enormous amount I learned about Indian culture, theater, and society, particularly about the oppressed Dalit community, will inform and enrich my teaching about non-Western theater and about theater for social justice,” according to Seham.

Chris Gilbert of the political science department had another sort of cross-cultural experience. In addition to working with a former student Paul Djupe ’93 on a book that breaks new ground in understanding the influence of church congregations on the political choices their members make, Gilbert sought out new ways to teach students in his First Year Seminar about the Manhattan Project, a course he used to teach with physicist Dick Fuller, now retired. As a participant in a National Science Foundation seminar, Gilbert attended lectures, traveled with other college teachers to Los Alamos and the Trinity site where the first nuclear weapon was detonated, and exchanged ideas about how to teach this material. “All the other Manhattan Project instructors are natural science faculty,” he reports, “and it has been useful to hear their pedagogical ideas and to share a social scientist’s perspective with them.”

Returning to the Classroom
Colleen Jacks spent her sabbatical in the functional genomics laboratory of J. Stephen Gantt in the Department of Plant Biology at the University of Minnesota. There, investigators use the information obtained through the sequencing of genomes to understand how the coding in an organism’s genome results in specific cellular function. In addition to conducting original research, Jacks became a student again, learning unfamiliar laboratory techniques. But she never lost sight of her role as a teacher. With her colleague, Pam Kittelson, she is integrating the process and results of her research into a laboratory sequence for Gustavus undergraduates.

While on the far side of the globe, one Gustavus faculty member found a way to involve a student in cutting-edge research.

Tom LoFaro of the mathematics and computer science department traveled to Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand, to conduct research at the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, where mathematicians, computer scientists, and biologists work together on problems of ecology and evolution. The New Zealand research team wanted to understand a bifurcation in their model of genomics imprinting. One of LoFaro’s students, Tim Dorn, focused his honors thesis on the problem and discovered, after doing the math, that it was a Hopf bifurcation. LoFaro had at least one other memorable breakthrough during his sabbatical: “I caught the biggest brown trout of my life.”

One of Tom Huber’s sabbatical goals was to develop some new opportunities for on-campus faculty-student research in acoustics. A professor of physics, Huber traveled to an Acoustical Society of America conference in Texas to present results of a project measuring vibration in reed organ pipes. There he attended a presentation by researchers from the Mayo Clinic who were inves-
tigating new medical imaging techniques.

“After meeting them at the conference and touring their lab at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, we decided to collaborate to adapt their technique to allow for vibration testing of small objects in air,” Huber reports. “In our first tests during my sabbatical year, we used their technique and apparatus to show that it was possible to use ultrasound interference to produce vibration of the reeds in our organ pipes. This experiment was very successful for a number of reasons: It established a valuable research collaboration between Gustavus and Mayo, it was an important cross-check of some of my results with the organ pipes, and it demonstrated that it was possible to use this method to vibrate a small object like a reed without any physical contact.”

Huber has gone on to involve many students in refining this technique, using it to do vibration testing of several small objects, most recently the suspensions that are part of hard drives in computers. This past summer, Huber learned that the National Science Foundation had awarded the College a $150,000 grant to purchase equipment and allow six Gustavus students to work on the project over the next three summers. Huber traces this new direction in research to a serendipitous encounter in Texas with Mayo Clinic researchers during his leave. “This is an obvious example of the important role that faculty development, including the sabbatical, faculty travel funds, and support for on-campus research, has had in successfully developing a promising new direction for faculty-student research.”

Barbara Fister, an academic librarian at Gustavus since 1987, also serves as a coordinator of the Faculty Development Program.

Fall Poetry Classic

Five well-regarded Minnesota poets shared the Jussi Björling Recital Hall stage on Oct. 3 at the Poetry Fall Classic. The event brought together (from left) Bill Holm ’65, storyteller and pianist who was nominated for a Minnesota Book Award for his most recent poetry collection, Playing the Black Piano; Phil Bryant ’73, associate professor of English and author of Sermon on a Perfect Spring Day; John Rezmerski, professor emeritus and former writer-in-residence at Gustavus who has earned the Devins Award and the Rhysling Award for his work; Joyce Sutphen, associate professor of English whose recent volume, Naming the Stars, won the 2005 Minnesota Book Award in poetry; and Phebe Hanson, a St. Paul poet who helped found The Loft, a center for writers in the Twin Cities. The event was sponsored by the Department of English and the Gustavus Book Mark, who are hopeful that it will become an annual occurrence at the College.

Erratum

In reporting faculty promotions in the last issue of the Gustavus Quarterly, the name of one of those promoted to the rank of professor was inadvertently left off the list. Michele Rusinko, theatre and dance, who joined the faculty in 1988 after earning her M.F.A. from Arizona State University in 1984, was one of six faculty members promoted to full professor last spring. The Quarterly regrets the omission.
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### Concert Choir schedules concerts in region

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*From left, Jan Jensen, Bob Neuman ’80, and Will Freiert.*
Reunion brings BSO/PASO alumni to campus

Students and alumni involved with the Black Student Organization (BSO) / Pan-Afrikan Student Organization (PASO) enjoyed a reunion on campus on Oct. 14–15 in conjunction with the College’s sixth annual “Our Story” Conference. The student-led conference, which celebrates the rich heritage of the African diaspora by increasing the awareness of the struggles and triumphs of its people, focused this year on “Dispelling the Myths of Blacks in Our Society: Race Matters” and featured educator/writer/filmmaker/critic Elena Featherston as keynote speaker. The conference also included a networking luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 15, and workshops on issues in higher education unique to Black students and on the representation of Black people in the media.

More than 20 alumni returned to campus to take part in the conference and reunion. This was the first major reunion of Gustavus alumni involved in the BSO (more recently organized on campus as the PASO) since 1988.

Some of the alumni who returned for the reunion gathered for a group photo with invited Gustavus staff. From left are Jeff Marshall ’75; Andrea Adams Jones ’74; Bruce Gray ’61, former dean of students and currently a senior advancement associate; Ferman Woodberry ’82; Sue Gray; Thurman Woodberry ’82; Viviane Fayou ’02; Emanda Thomas ’02; Paul Rucker, former counselor at Quitman County High School in Mississippi and special reunion guest; Diana Hamilton ’03; Owen Sammelson ’58, vice president for administration; Tutu Adenle ’03; and Cheryl Hastings, administrative assistant in the Diversity Center, which hosted the “Our Story” Conference and the BSO/PASO reunion.

Wahlstrom Hall is no more.

The residence hall, first occupied in 1947, was taken down in early September 2005, following completion of the new Southwest Residence Hall (see pp. 20–22).
Hillstrom Museum featuring two installation exhibitions

Exploring “relationships between all things” and issues of space, place, and identity

by Donald Myers ’83

Beginning November 21, the Hillstrom Museum of Art is presenting the works of two installation artists. Story Tellers: An Installation by Connie Herring and Almost Home: The Return of Holocaust Survivors and Resisters to Postwar Vienna (by Nancy Ann Coyne) will remain on view through January 20, 2006.

Story Tellers is an installation exhibition involving nearly 40 ironing board sculptures, their covers, gold-plated irons, and a book of drawings. Recycled ironing boards are stained, painted, drawn upon, or burned with an iron. Some are joined to form triptychs. Found objects are added to the boards, along with distressed copper sheeting and gold or silver leaf. The shape of the boards relates to the Gothic church window, and the design elements on the boards allude to the human form. Herring explains, “My installations and sculptures are in constant search for the essence of life. They deal with the spirit and the relationships between all things. They search for quiet places.”

Herring has been a full-time artist since 1990 and has served as artist-in-residence at the Sioux City Art Center. She has been the recipient of several grants, including technical assistance and project grants from the Iowa Arts Council and touring arts and artist fellowship grants from the South Dakota Arts Council. Herring has exhibited her work at numerous museums and galleries across the Midwest, and was an editor and author for The Prairie Wool Companion, a journal dedicated to weaving and other fiber arts. She taught art at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., from 1980 to 1990, and holds an M.F.A. degree in sculpture from the University of South Dakota.

Almost Home: The Return of Holocaust Survivors and Resisters to Postwar Vienna is an exhibition by photographer and visual anthropologist Nancy Ann Coyne.
Coyne. It profiles eight Viennese Holocaust survivors and resisters’ experience of the Nazi regime—and return to Vienna after 1945—through portraits, narratives, and salvaged photographs, documents, and home movies. The exhibition, which is part photography and part excavation, explores returnees’ lives and their stories of homes, lost and found, examining issues of place, space, and identity in relationship to personal memory, family albums, and histories. The exhibition is a version of an exhibit that appeared at the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum in 2003.

Nancy Ann Coyne’s work has been exhibited in museums and galleries across the United States and abroad. She has been a recipient of numerous research grants, artist fellowships, and residencies, including fellowships from the Fulbright Commission, the Republic of Georgia Ministry of Culture, the Austrian Chancellory for the Arts, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, and research and project grants from the Austrian Cultural Forum, New York, the McKnight Foundation Arts and Humanities Endowment of the University of Minnesota, and FORECAST Public Art Affairs. In 1997, Coyne was the Koerner Fellow for Holocaust Studies at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Oxford University, and she recently has served as a visiting scholar/artist at the University of California, Berkeley, and Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She holds degrees in visual studies and in cultural anthropology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Almost Home exhibition is presented with the generous assistance of the College’s Diversity Center. In conjunction with this exhibit, a program of songs by Austrian-born composer Hanns Eisler (1898–1962) will be presented on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in Jussi Björling Recital Hall. Eisler was the father of Georg Eisler, who is profiled in the Almost Home exhibition. Hanns Eisler studied with Arnold Schönberg (1874–1951) and was a collaborator with Bertolt Brecht (1898–1956). He left Europe because of the rise of the Nazis and settled in California, where he later became a target of the Hollywood “witch hunt.” He appeared before theHUAC in September of 1947, and was forced to leave the United States in 1948.

Singer David Harris and pianist Craig Randal Johnson will present a program of Eisler’s songs, some in their original German, others in translations by Eric Bentley, a scholar, playwright, and critic who is a leading authority on Weimar Germany and who knew Eisler. Harris and Johnson are both experts on the composer’s music and have collaborated numerous times to present it to the public. Their program, titled “Burning and Never Going Cold: The Music of Hanns Eisler,” is free and open to the public, and will include introductory comments by artist Nancy Ann Coyne. The presentation of Eisler’s music by Harris and Johnson is a joint project of the Hillstrom Museum of Art, the Department of Music, and the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

Donald Myers ’83 is director of the Hillstrom Museum of Art and an instructor in art history at the College.
### Bright spots for dark nights

*Music, theater, and art enliven the season*

#### November 21–Jan. 20

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#### December 2, 3, & 4

**Christmas in Christ Chapel 2005: “Ageless Visions of a Timeless Moment,” Christ Chapel 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 2 and 3 only) and 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Office of Marketing and Public Relations (507/933-7520) to inquire about remaining tickets.**

**Festival of Saint Lucia, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, featuring vocalist Jearlyn Steele, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. As the Quarterly goes to press, the luncheon is sold out.**

**Evelyn Young Memorial Service, Christ Chapel, 2 p.m.**

**Artist Series: Michael Johnson in Concert, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).**

**Music: “Brassworks,” Scott Moore, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.**

*Urbino, Francesco Xanto Avelli da Rovigo, Plate with The Battle of Roncevaux, 1533, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., will be on view during the Hillstrom Museum of Art’s presentation of “Marvels of Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics from the Corcoran Gallery of Art Collection,” February 6 through March 19.*

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**Please Note:**

Times and dates of the events listed on this page are subject to change. Please call to confirm events of interest.
February
6–Mar. 19
Art Exhibition: Marvels of Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics from the Corcoran Gallery of Art Collection, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, and 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Monday, Feb. 6, 7–9 p.m.
12 Lecture: Catherine Hess, associate curator, Department of Sculpture and Works of Art, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, “Italian Renaissance Maiolica and the Corcoran Gallery of Art Collection,” Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
17–19, 23–26 Theatre: Bat Boy, the Musical, by Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming with music and lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe, directed by Amy Seham with musical direction by Christina Smith and choreography by Michele Rusinko, Anderson Theatre, 2 p.m. (2/19 & 26) and 8 p.m. (2/17, 18, 23, 24, & 25). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
March
3 Artist Series: Teresa Walters, Piano, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
12 Gustavus Music Showcase: The Gustavus Choir, the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, and the Gustavus Wind Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, 2 p.m. Ticket required; contact Orchestra Hall Box Office (612/371-5656).

Additional schedules, information and updates

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

The Arts
To receive a more complete fine arts schedule or more information on fine arts events noted in the calendar, contact Al Behrends ’77, director of fine arts programs, by phone (507/933-7363) or e-mail (al@gustavus.edu). Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507/933-7590).
A first look at Southwest Hall

The College unveils the newest addition to its residential campus,
just in time for the largest first-year class ever
Living and learning

by Charlie Strey

From Gustavus’ beginning—when Eric Norelius, as president, lived with students in Old Main—to the present, students have lived together at this residential college. Students living together all four years helps create the unique community that is Gustavus and also provides growth and learning opportunities outside the classrooms. To this day, members of the Gustavus family value and appreciate the residential nature of the College.

As times and student housing expectations have changed and the number of students in attendance has grown, the College has diversified housing accommodations. The 1998 tornado forced the issue when it rendered Johnson Hall, the College View four-plex, and numerous small houses uninhabitable. As a result, the College, with support from its board of trustees, embarked upon a student housing development plan that, thus far, includes:

The purchase of the old Jefferson Avenue Apartments (renamed Arbor View) and construction of a 24-apartment addition to the College View 12-Plex (completed in 1998).

The purchase of a temporary, 60-student housing unit, Prairie View in 1998. In 2002, Prairie View became the upper-class building for those students desiring to live a substance-free lifestyle.

The construction of Carlson International Center, which houses the intercultural and international Crossroads living-learning center, Swedish House, and the Office of International Education (completed in 2000).

The construction of a 200-bed suite and apartment-style residence hall, Southwest Hall (completed in summer 2005; see accompanying pictorial).

The demolition of Wahlstrom Hall (completed in September of 2005).

Localizing first-year students into three buildings, Norelius, Pittman, and Sohre, thus permitting specialized, class-appropriate programming offerings in all buildings (finalized in fall 2005).

Social Justice and Wellness join Crossroads and Substance-Free as living/learning environments on the campus (inaugurated in fall 2005).

Preliminary discussions concerning another new residence hall to follow athletic and academic construction.

The future continues to be bright for residential students at Gustavus. With differentiated types of housing, students are able to begin their collegiate careers in a typical residence hall room and move to more independent types of living as they advance through Gustavus. With the focus on programming, the residence halls are much more than places for students to rest during their time at Gustavus. They ideally help complement student growth and learning.

Charlie Strey joined the College in 1997 as director of residential life and assistant dean of students.
In 1936, concerned about the unstable world situation that would soon lead to World War II, artist and printmaker Kerr Eby (1889–1946) published his book _War_ (Yale University Press, New Haven), which illustrated 28 prints and drawings he’d made from his experience in World War I and included an essay outlining his abhorrence of war and his opinion of its futility and barbarity. The lithograph _Where Do We Go?_ was one of the images in the book, which was dedicated “to those who gave their lives for an idea, the men who never came back.”

Eby’s essay, according to its opening lines, was written “in all humility of spirit, in the desperate hope that somehow it may be of use in the forlorn and seemingly hopeless fight against war.” Eby, who was assigned to the 40th Engineers, Artillery Brigade, Camouflage Division when the United States entered World War I in 1917 and saw much battle action, especially in northeastern France, noted that the images in the book were made from his own “indelible impressions of war,” and were “not imaginary.” He stated further that the “world today [in 1936] is a more savage place than the world of 1914,” and despaired that war was heating up yet again. He ended his essay with a special appeal to women, mothers particularly, exhorting them to act and speak up for the protection of the men who would have to fight the impending battles.

Eby’s purpose in writing the essay and in publishing his works was not fulfilled, of course, and World War II was not prevent...
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for three weeks in a foxhole in the jungles of Bougainville, a condition from which he never recovered and which contributed to his early death in 1946.

Eby had been born in Tokyo to Canadian missionary parents who brought their family back home a few years later. He left Canada for New York City in 1907 and studied art at the Pratt Institute and later at the Art Students League. Eby spent several summers at the artist colony in Cos Cob, Conn. His specialty was draftsman, including not only drawings but also lithographs and etchings, and he was recognized as a master printmaker.

Eby’s maternal uncle was the art dealer Frederick Keppel, so the artist was raised in an environment conducive to working in art. Keppel was a leading dealer in New York at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries, and he had played a key role in introducing prints as a fine art form to America. The Keppel Gallery, not surprisingly, assisted Eby in his career. In addition to this encouragement and support that Eby received for his printmaking, his early work experience was also important for his development as an artist. In his youth in Canada, he worked as a “printer’s devil” (a young apprentice in a printing establishment who would work with type and ink and was called a “devil” because of generally being covered with black ink) for a newspaper, and he later held a position at the American Lithographic Company, so he was particularly knowledgeable about the printing process.

The lithograph Where Do We Go? was reproduced prior to its inclusion in Eby’s book, appearing in The New York Times Magazine (on September 9, 1928) with an alternative title, Heavy Artillery, Mud and Dawn. The print depicts an anonymous line of soldiers trudging along parallel to the picture plane, in a frieze-like configuration. They wear the typical gear of the doughboy, including the characteristic helmet, and they carry their rifles. There is a mindless quality to this mass of men, recalling Eby’s reference in his essay to “men like maggots in a cheese—and seemingly moving as aimlessly.” Just one soldier, near the center, peers out of the picture frame to engage with the viewer. As noted, Eby’s images were all based on his own experience, and perhaps the engagement of this soldier with the viewer underscores that fact. The artist used the particular qualities of lithography to strong effect in this print, not only by highlighting the central soldier’s cigarette, but also by giving an oppressive darkness to the image as a whole, which blurs the individuality of the soldiers and which lends a weariness to all the men and even to the print’s background.

Eby’s work demonstrates his horror over World War I at a time when the sabers of World War II were already rattling. In U.S. diplomatic history the interwar period is a telling time. World War I, also known as the Great War and the War to End All Wars, spawned diplomatic efforts to prevent future war as well as citizen peace movements. The failure of most of the former reveals the true nature of Realpolitik and makes one question whether and how it is truly possible to make war an obsolete instrument, or even a more humane one.

Efforts to regulate warfare have a long history but achieved several important milestones with the development of the Geneva Conventions, beginning in 1864, and The Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907. Many prominent citizens and politicians in the United States were members of peace societies during the decade prior to World War I, and one manifestation of this trend toward limiting war was a set of arbitration treaties that the U.S. government negotiated with other nations, the treaty signers promising to submit disputes of certain types to the newly created arbitration court at The Hague.

Despite efforts and hopes prior to 1914 to make the world more peaceful, World War I was a nasty and brutal example of total warfare: warfare that mobilized, enveloped, and destroyed entire societies. Yet, in the midst of rebuilding, there again developed idealistic hopes that rational man could render war obsolete. The first embodiment of this idealism was the ill-fated League of Nations.

Although it was a chief architect and proponent of the League, the United States did not participate in it. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge spearheaded the opposition in the U.S. Senate. Isolationists feared that the League would drag the nation into foreign conflicts, and nationalists rejected the notion that the United
States should subject its sovereignty to any form of international control.

While rejecting this opportunity to work with other nations in the interest of peace, the United States revived its old habit of signing arbitration treaties, which were qualified by conditions that made them pointless. Despite all of the arbitration treaties and in spite of the obligation assumed by members of the League to peacefully resolve their disputes, the possibility of “legal” war still existed in situations when the League Council failed to take action. Thus, the most stalwart proponents of peace sought to take things one step further and to outlaw war itself, making all war illegal.

This effort birthed one of the most well-known treaties of the interwar period, the Kellogg-Briand Pact (also known as Pact of Paris) of 1928, which renounced war as an instrument of national policy and stated that “the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts . . . shall never be sought except by pacific means.” The pact revealed how strong peace had become as a global ideology, in interactions among governments and also among the cultural elite and in burgeoning academic programs in international affairs.

The U.S. Senate approved the pact with only one dissenting vote; however, the United States made known its “interpretations” of the treaty, as did some other nations. For example, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee noted that the treaty did not prevent an act of war in self-defense nor did it prevent enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine, since that would also be an act of self-defense. Senator Carter Glass of Virginia noted how these “reservations” basically nullified the treaty.

Kellogg-Briand was not able to halt the march toward World War II. Just as World War I demonstrated the futility of the peace machinery that preceded it, the peace efforts of the interwar period were tragically disintegrated by World War II. Ultimately, treaties were brushed aside when they no longer served the interests of states.

Acts of aggression by Germany, Japan, and Italy instigated the Second World War, and the Kellogg-Briand Pact would be cited as one of the key documents with which to condemn the aggressors. At the close of the war, the United States was the chief architect of a new order to maintain peace, with the United Nations as a chief cornerstone. The United Nations Security Council was set up to prevent another war between the major powers by giving all of them permanent seats on the Council and veto power. Developments in international law such as the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Genocide Convention were supposed to make war more humane and prevent mass atrocities.

Unfortunately, it is still the case that laws to abolish war or to ameliorate its effects usually fail to prevent war and its destruction. Someone needs to enforce the law, and the only state capable and willing to do so, the United States, often refuses to play in the system of its own making. This is not to say that the laws of war are useless, or that the repeated iterations and refinements of international laws of war over time have not been a sign of progress. Even a powerful nation like the United States has its actions scrutinized in the Iraq War and is pressured to embed media to portray the battlefield to the public. And though there has been much controversy around treatment of U.S. prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, the very existence of controversy speaks volumes toward the power of the law.

Perhaps war will always be as ugly as Eby portrayed it. Eby wrote in his introduction to War that he had been accused of being a pacifist. He didn’t really think he was one, but said he believed that “. . . lawful, not to say sanctified, wholesale slaughter is simply slobbering imbecility.” Eby saw the folly of war and wondered, with some idealism, why everyone couldn’t just get along and solve their differences peacefully.

Eby cried out to the women of the world as the citizens who, as mothers and future brides of the men who die in war, have the “guts” to stop war and speak against it. Indeed many influential citizen peace movements have been founded by women, including the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), whose members met in The Hague in 1915 while their husbands clashed in opposing armies in the war.

Ultimately, Eby concluded that war is not a permanent fixture of our world, stating that if “everyone who has any feeling in the matter at all said what he felt in no uncertain terms—and kept saying it—the sheer power of public opinion would go far to make war impossible.”

Mimi Gerstbauer, assistant professor of political science, and Donald Myers ’83, director of the Hillstrom Museum of Art, collaborated in the writing of this essay. The full text may be found on the Gustavus website, at <www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/>. 
Six individuals who made significant contributions to the athletics program and tradition at Gustavus Adolphus College were inducted into the College’s Athletics Hall of Fame during a banquet on campus on Saturday, September 24. The 2005 inductees include Holly Brodmarkle Cervin ’87 (track and field), Marc Illies ’85 (football and baseball), Marc Iverson ’89 (football), Gretchen Koehler (coach), Rich Skanse ’84 (tennis), and Dick Walters ’75 (ice hockey and golf).

Holly Brodmarkle Cervin capped her collegiate athletic career with a sixth-place finish in the high jump at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May of 1987 to become the first All-American in the history of the women’s track and field program. She cleared a height of 5 feet, 8 inches at MIAC Championships that spring, setting a school record that has stood for the past 18 years. A four-year standout for the Gusties, Brodmarkle Cervin was one of the central figures in the high jump in the MIAC during her career, as she earned all-conference honors twice at the MIAC indoor championships and three times at the outdoor championships, claiming one indoor high jump title (1986) and one outdoor title (1987).

Brodmarkle Cervin graduated in 1987 with majors in mathematics and education. Her teaching career would take her to San Diego and then back to her native Brainerd before she took her current position as junior and senior high math teacher and head girls’ track and field coach in Pillager, Minn., in 1999.

A four-year starter in two sports, Marc Illies was a two-time all-conference shortstop on the baseball team and an all-conference cornerback on the football team from 1981 to 1985. On the baseball diamond, Illies solidified the middle infield with a .900 fielding percentage. At the plate, he hit .474 in the...
MIAC in 1985. He led the MIAC in stolen bases in 1984 with 18 thefts in 18 attempts and graduated as the all-time leading base-stealer for the Gusties with 46 stolen bases. On the football field, Illies was a very versatile player, contributing on the offense, defense, and special teams. He graduated as the second-leading kick returner of all time with 50 returns for 913 yards. He also ranks fourth in career interceptions with 10.

After graduating with a major in accounting in 1985, Illies began a 10-year career in public accounting. In 1995, he moved into the private accounting sector when he accepted a position with Tru-Stone Technologies and Northern Wire Products in St. Cloud. He is currently president and chief executive officer of Tru-Stone Technologies. Marc and his wife, Sara (Johnson ’85), have the distinction of being the first husband-and-wife team in the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame, as Sara was inducted in 2000.

Marc Iverson, a native of St. Peter, Minn., was a two-time all-conference offensive lineman on the football team. He moved into the starting lineup the first game of his collegiate career and proceeded to start 41 consecutive games for the Golden Gusties. He was the anchor of the offensive line on the 1987 team, which is considered one of the most explosive offensive units in the storied history of Gustavus football. The 1987 squad, which won the MIAC title with a perfect 9–0 record, led the MIAC and ranked fifth in Division III with 4,157 yards of total offense for an average of 415.7 yards per game. During Iverson’s four-year career, the Gusties averaged 296.2 yards per game offense and 178.2 rushing yards per game, while scoring 126 touchdowns. He was selected by his teammates as the Most Valuable Player for the 1988 season.

Graduating in 1989 with a major in history, Iverson went on to attend William Mitchell College of Law, where he graduated cum laude in 1994. Iverson is currently a vice president and assistant general counsel for Wachovia Corporation in Charlotte, N.C.


Since retiring from teaching in the Department of Health and Exercise Science in 2004, Koehler has spent most of her time designing and creating art. She is an accomplished potter and weaver, and she also builds primitive furniture out of recycled wood.

A three-time All-American in both singles and doubles for the Gustavus tennis team, Rich Skanse won the 1982 NCAA Division III doubles title with partner Shaun Miller ’82 and helped the Gusties win the NCAA Division III team title that same year. Skanse completed his standout career with a record of 95–46 in singles and 84–34 in doubles. He was a four-time MIAC champi on in singles, claiming titles at the #3 position in 1981, 1982, and 1984 and at the #1 position in 1983. During his career, the Gusties posted NCAA finishes of third in 1981, first in 1982, fifth in 1983, and second in 1984. In the spring of 1983, Skanse was named the winner of the NCAA Division III Arthur Ashe Award, given annually to the one player in the country that best exemplifies the combination of scholarship, playing ability, sportsmanship, and humanitarian concerns. Skanse was the first of what has turned out to be a long line of Gustavus tennis players to receive this prestigious honor.

After graduating in 1984 with a major in business, Skanse went to work for the Douglas Corporation, his family’s business, in Eden Prairie, Minn., where he is currently director of quality assurance. Rich’s love for tennis has been passed on to his three children, as all are involved in playing competitively. Lauren, a sophomore at Gustavus, is a member of the women’s tennis team.

A standout in both hockey and golf in the early ’70s, Dick Walters posted a sparkling record of 48–13 as a goaltender for the hockey team, while finishing first at the 1974 MIAC golf tournament and leading the Gusties to the league title. On the ice, Walters was a three-year starter and posted a record of 33–3 in MIAC regular season games. The Gusties won the MIAC title in 1973 with a 14–0–0 record, finished second in 1974 with a 12–2–0 mark, and then claimed another title in 1975 with a 15–1–0 mark. Walters, a two-time all-conference selection (1973 and 1975), ranks second all-time at Gustavus with 48 wins in the nets. In his senior season, Walters posted a record of 15–2–0 and earned NAIA First Team All-America honors. On the links, Walters was a two-time all-conference performer, adding a second-place finish in 1975 to his first-place finish in 1974. In 1975, the Gusties won their second consecutive MIAC title and went on to claim the program’s first-ever NAIA district title as well as their first-ever appearance in the NAIA national tournament.

Walters graduated in 1975 with majors in history and social studies. Since 1993 he has been the head golf professional at Wayzata Country Club. He has continued to play competitive golf and recently finished second at the Minnesota PGA Senior Championship.

Individuals eligible for induction into the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame are athletes, coaches, and benefactors. The selection of the inductees is made by the Gustavus Hall of Fame Board, an 11-member group consisting of current athletic administrators, former coaches, and alumni. Two more alumni athletes—Mary Mansour ’85 (softball) and Jay Rooker ’85 (soccer)—were also selected for the hall in 2005 but were unable to be present on campus for the induction ceremonies and will be inducted with the Class of 2006.
Zion Lutheran Church, located in Prairie Village, Kan., was established in 1952 and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2002. In the years between, Zion has celebrated many milestones, including expanding the sanctuary and adding an educational building. Its members have been active participants in social ministry, constructing houses for Habitat for Humanity, serving free lunches to refugee families, and gathering Christmas trees for their local homeless center.

However, due to declining membership and resources, Zion Lutheran Church held its last service in May 2005. The church and land were sold and are now the home of a Jewish synagogue. Zion members were encouraged to submit proposals on how to allocate the church's resources, and one—a Gustavus parent—submitted a proposal requesting that some of the church's cash be given to church-related colleges to support campus ministries.

So it was that Gustavus has received, with heartfelt gratitude, a gift to support campus ministries and the Center for Vocational Reflection. Becky Potter '02 (pictured above) returned to campus this fall to present a $10,000 check to Gustavus on behalf of her church in support of the Center for Vocational Reflection, which was instrumental in Becky's life.

Quite frankly, Zion Lutheran’s gift couldn’t have come at a better time. Gustavus was recently awarded a major grant from the Lilly Endowment to provide half of the operating budget for the Center. A condition of the grant is that Gustavus raise the additional funds needed to fully support the Center. So it was that Gustavus has received, with heartfelt gratitude, a gift to support campus ministries and the Center for Vocational Reflection. Becky Potter '02 (pictured above) returned to campus this fall to present a $10,000 check to Gustavus on behalf of her church in support of the Center for Vocational Reflection, which was instrumental in Becky's life.

A temporary window of opportunity for larger gifts

Congress recently passed the Katrina Emergency Relief Act of 2005, removing a restriction to making larger gifts to Gustavus and other qualifying charities. Prior to the law, tax deductions for such gifts were generally limited to 50 percent of the donor’s adjusted gross income. The act temporarily lifts that restriction for cash gifts made between August 28, 2005, and December 31, 2005. This means persons who give gifts of cash, or those age 59 or older who could withdraw funds from an IRA or other retirement plan, may be able to give a much larger gift, if they do so before the end of the year.

This is an important time to talk with your financial adviser or tax consultant to determine how this window of opportunity affects you. Gift Planning staff are happy to talk with you as well. You could find this is a very good time to give larger and smarter gifts than you thought possible.

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

Three associates have recently joined the professional staff of the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Lindsey Christensen '03 (right) joined the Office of the Gustavus Fund in July 2005 as the assistant director. Lindsey graduated with degrees in communication studies and sociology and anthropology. As assistant director, she will be in charge of direct-mail marketing, online communications, and the student phoning program, as well as new initiatives for student involvement with the Gustavus Fund. Prior to returning to Gustavus, Lindsey spent time overseas working for a trading firm in London, England. Most recently, she was a sales and marketing coordinator for an independent sales rep in Minneapolis.

Kathryn Erlandsen (left) joined the Office of the Gustavus Fund in August 2005 as associate director. She will be focusing her efforts on the reunion years to increase class participation in both reunion attendance and giving to the Gustavus Fund. A 1994 graduate of Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.), she has been working in the hospitality industry most recently with Carlson Hotels Worldwide in Minnetonka, Minn. Kathryn holds degrees in business administration, Spanish, and sociology and worked for the Concordia College alumni office as a student.

Thomas Young '88 (center) joined the gift planning staff in September 2005. He has focused on fundraising since his graduation from Gustavus, working for two international firms with projects, including Lions Club International’s “Sight First” campaign among donors and leaders in Asia. He also worked in Sweden, establishing a development office for a university and applying U.S. approaches to fundraising, staff training, philanthropy, and alumni fund management. He has been a partner in a two-person fundraising firm working with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and most recently with the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis.

2005 Honor Roll now online

The 2004–05 Honor Roll of Donors is now online. If you haven’t taken the opportunity to “find yourself online” yet, visit the College’s website at <www.gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll>. The new Honor Roll recognizes those who made gifts to Gustavus between June 1, 2004, and May 31, 2005. This year’s listing also includes keys to indicate membership in the President’s Leadership Circle, Ren Anderson Society, Cec Eckhoff Society, Gustavus Heritage Partnership, and Founders Society.

To find your name or check out your class results, just point and click from your home or office computer. Those who do not have access to a computer may call toll-free 866/487-3863 to receive a copy in the mail (supplies are limited). To be included in the 2005–06 Honor Roll of Donors, go to <https://secure.gac.edu/giving/giving.cfm> to make a gift online, or call 800/726-6192 with your gift pledge by May 31, 2006.
Reunion planning

Reunion class committee efforts are well underway. Preparations are being made now to ensure you will want to come back to campus to celebrate your reunion in 2006!

On September 10, 2005, more than 80 reunion class committee volunteers gathered for a fun and spirited day to begin planning ways to roll out the red carpet for your return to campus on May 26–27 (50 Year Club and Class of 1956) and October 7, 2006 (Classes of 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, and 1961). The goal of a reunion committee is to contact 100 percent of the class, invite their attendance at the reunion, and invite classmates to evaluate their support of the College and to make a stronger commitment—all as a tribute to Gustavus Adolphus College and their reunion class.

During the reunion year, class communication activities change in scope and nature. The reunion committee will personally contact each classmate in an effort to encourage reunion participation. This is a special effort—above and beyond the regular class agent appeals—to generate increased interest in Gustavus during the reunion year.

Committees are working to plan an event that will appeal to their classmates. The focus for reunion activities will be to hold the events on or near campus on the Saturday of Homecoming and Family Weekend—Oct. 7, 2006. The Class of 1956, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of its graduation, will enjoy all events on campus during Commencement/Reunion weekend May 26–27.

Those interested in serving on their Reunion Class Committees should contact Kathryn Erlandsen by phone, toll-free 866/487-3863, or via e-mail at <kerlands@gustavus.edu>.


Sculpting the northern lights

The University of Minnesota, Crookston, has installed a contemporary sculpture by Patrick Wilson '97 in its new Northern Lights student lounge. Solar Storm, Wilson’s 25-foot-long sculpture commissioned by UMC through a 2003 competition, is suspended from the ceiling of the student lounge with steel cables on an aluminum framework housing computers and low-voltage, high-output lights. The lights illuminate sandblasted Plexiglas in an undulating 14-minute cycle, evoking the image of the aurora borealis. Wilson, who recently earned a master’s degree in sculpture from the San Francisco Art Institute, has also designed a 9-11 memorial to Bloomington, Minn., native Thomas Burnett that is installed in the Nordstrom Court in the Mall of America.
Paths cross after 55 years

Dave Larson ’50 and Marold Strand ’52 were section mates in Uhler Hall for two years but had not seen each other since Dave’s graduation in 1950. When the Strands visited the Larsons in April 2005 at the Larsons’ home in Eugene, Ore., the two men recognized each other immediately—without even needing nametags! Pictured from left are Marold Strand ’52, Jeanne Youngquist Strand ’52, Wanda Wolla Larson ’57, and Dave Larson ’50.

WWII veteran Hodgson featured in newspaper

Richard Hodgson ’46, Westtown, PA, was featured in a newspaper article written by Benjamin Lowe and published in the August 9 issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer. As a Marine during WWII, Hodgson witnessed four post-World War II atomic bomb tests and was probably exposed to radiation causing him to develop myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a disorder in which the bone marrow does not produce enough blood cells, requiring him to receive eight-hour weekly blood transfusions at a nearby hospital. Hodgson witnessed two tests in 1946 near the Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific and two other tests in the Nevada desert in 1952.

Hodgson retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Marines in 1968 and was employed in marketing for a printer in Chicago and at the Franklin Mint prior to starting his own catalog-printing and consulting business in 1975. He lives with his wife of 53 years, Lois.
Beginning Homeless Shelter of Dodge County, Lutheran Athletic Association, and First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Joann Gould Knapp, Detroit Lakes, is a studio artist.

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Nancy Reiter Grimes, Clem and Marlys Mattson Nelson
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R. John Singh, Minneapolis, retired from psychotherapy, is currently working in security part-time at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and is writing a book titled Airport Happenings – Human Perspective, to be published in 2006.

Class Agent:

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Dale Gustafson, Manchester, CT, is a member of MARCH, Inc. of Manchester and the Somali Development Center of Connecticut.

Class Agent:

Jan Eiffert Hoomani
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Jerry Springston, Cedar Rapids, IA, has retired from his pastoral duties at First Baptist Church but has been designated a minister-at-large with American Baptist Churches.

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Jane Chelgren Mcfadden, Groveport, OH, is handbell director and organist at two churches, teaches organ and piano, and writes music.

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Barbara Weissenberg Achter, New Harbor, ME, retired as vice president of academic affairs at Ferris State University.

Dave Dovenberg, Plymouth, is chairman of the board at Universal Hospital Service.

Linda Gulder Huett, New York, NY, is president/CEO of Weight Watchers International.

David C. Johnson, Phoenix, AZ, retired as owner of Frameworks/Dentalworks Lab Group.

Wendee Forsberg Johnson, Phoenix, AZ, is a clinical associate professor at Arizona State University.

John Menge, Long Lake, is owner of JEM Technical Marketing.

Nancy Emerson Newson, Denver, CO, enjoys running, playing tennis, and being a grandma.

Tom Noer, Kenosha, WI, has written a book called Soapy: A Biography of G. Mennen Williams, which has been selected as the Outstanding Book of 2005 by the Michigan State Historical Society. Tom is the Valor Distinguished Professor of Humanities at Carthage College.

Ray Oleson, Reston, VA, is chairman of the board and founder of SI International.

Betty Shytle, Lakeland, FL, teaches pre-kindergarten at Kathleen Elementary.

Class Agents of the Year and Alumni Board leadership

At the annual Volunteer Leadership Day meeting of the alumni board, class agents, and class reunion committees on September 10, Dick DeRemee ’55 (front left) and Susan Johnson Chwalek ’85 (right) were named class agents of the year for their exceptional reunion planning and programs. Presenting the awards were alumni board leadership including (back row) Jan Ledin Michaletz ’74, vice president; Brad Hanson ’76, past president; and Jason Sawyer ’93, president and chair of the 2005 Alumni Fund.

Newly selected Alumni Board members

Seven alumni who were selected to serve a three-year term on the Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered on campus for Volunteer Leadership Day. Pictured front row from left are Janna King ’76, Peter Nyhus ’60, and Cathy Edlund Bussler ’00. Back row are Richard Olson ’82, Scott Gilyard ’83, David Johnson ’84, and Betsy Starz ’02 (to complete a vacant two-year term). Not pictured is Paul Koch ’87.
Retired as a pre-school teacher at Concerns.

Concerns, emotional issues, networking with others, and much more.

From the first moment of her Parkinson’s diagnosis, Christensen took charge and educated herself on every aspect of her condition. Now, as a “patient-expert,” she guides newly diagnosed persons step by step through their first year with Parkinson’s. She provides crucial information about the nature of the disease, treatment options, diet, exercise, charts and tables, social concerns, emotional issues, networking with others, and much more.

Living Your Chosen Eulogy is the title of a new book by Kian Dwyer ’87 (published by Beaver’s Pond Press). Through anecdotes, commentary, and exercises, the author shows readers how to tap into their own set of beliefs, values, talents, and skills. This new awareness will determine the meaning of their lives as they learn to live with purpose and intention. Living Your Chosen Eulogy redefines kindness, illustrating how every person is an indispensable, critical link in the chain of values that betters the world. The book is also personal: Despite numerous surgeries and a diagnosis of a bone disorder called avascular necrosis, Dwyer describes how she felt herself catapulted into choosing to live her life with meaning, gratitude, and love.

The Rev. Forrest Chaffee ’54 has published a book on the seven miracles of the Gospel of John, titled More Alive Than Ever. The book is an inspirational study guide that offers an in-depth exploration of the miracle stories in John’s Gospel. Each chapter studies the scripture text of a miracle to identify a quality or trait of life associated with it, then offers illustrative examples how one’s daily life can be positively influenced. The book serves as an excellent resource for small-group Bible studies or adult Christian education.
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Brian Engel, Eden Prairie, has joined Cooper Gay & Cashman as executive vice president and professional liability practice leader. Sandra Schleif, St. Peter, is an investigator for the State of Minnesota.

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Stephen Ballard, Fort Collins, CO, is a general dentist. Cindy Carlson Gustafson, Tahoe City, CA, is a California Fish and Game Commissioner. Joyce Thomsen Stransky, Durango, CO, is owner/chiropractor at Back Country Chiropractic. Rick Toppin, Plymouth, has been named president of Corporate Express Canada.

Jon Cooper, St. Charles, IL, is inside sales representative for Scholastic Inc. Laurie Meuser Goodwater, Hutchinson, is a social worker at Burns Manor. Karen Schermer Hendrickson, Albert Lea, teaches third grade at Hawthorne Elementary. Jay Henry, Mound, is senior vice president of Guy Carpenter. Cindy Jacobson, Eden Prairie, is a partner at Boulay, Heutmaker, Zibell & Company. Craig Kozak, Fort Collins, CO, is a flight instructor for Poudre Aviation. Dale Martin, Naperville, IL, is president of Orchard Executive Growth. Roger Mellum, Naperville, IL, is area vice president for Edward Don & Company. Glen Norton, Plymouth, is working at Jensen & Sundral. Mark Poppe, Phoenix, AZ, is senior traffic engineer for Stanley Consultants. Kris Samelian Potter, Minneapolis, is director of children and family ministry at Mayflower Community Congregational Church. Mike Potter, Minneapolis, is division president at U.S. Foodservice. Karen Critzer Propp, Azle, TX, is a medical/surgery nurse at Harris Methodist Hospital. Jessica Richards-Palmquist, Fort Collins, CO, is a member of PEO.

Betsy Schaller, Eagan, is a pension systems services manager at Minnesota Life. Julie Morton Somrock, Duluth, is CFO at Woodland Family Dental Clinic. Jenny Berg Spellman, Westminster, CO, is senior technology project manager for Global Healthcare Exchange. Linda Bjelland Stanton, Waconia, is director of sales/marketing for Tollefson Development. Ken Streiff, Minneapolis, is a deployment manager at Nemaha Disaster Response. Craig Utterberg, Buffalo, is a supervisor for the Decorators Service Company. Barb Gerke Weber, St. Peter, is director of operations at Scholarship America.

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Paul Richard, Allenspark, CO, is a project manager for IBM setting up help desk applications for new accounts and recently combined two of his hobbies into a new website. The new site provides a mechanism for general aviation pilots to arrange home and hangar exchanges. Jeff Somrock, Duluth, is owner and dentist at Woodland Family Dental Clinic.

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Brenda Wilcox Abraham, St. Paul, is a family and sports medicine physician at HealthPartners. Rick Hjelm, St. Paul, is a partner at Multicenter Physical Therapy. Terri Jo Heckman Reusch is commander of the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Okinawa, Japan. Laura Kuehn Richard, Allenspark, CO, is registrar and marketing director for Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center.

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Becky Steiner Henry, Mound, is president of Infinite Potential Coaching.

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Peter Blackstad, Lakeville, is president of Blackstad Enterprises, Inc. Greg Carlson, Eagan, is a research analyst/equities for U.S. Bancorp Asset Management. Lisa Dahill, Bexley, OH, is assistant professor of worship and Christian spirituality at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Jo Nord is a medical student at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, OR, and is currently a Fogarty Fellow at Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Her clinical research involves HIV/AIDS and is sup-


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

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Hawkinson Foundation honors two Gusties

Two Gusties have been recognized by the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation of Minneapolis for their service promoting peace and justice. Luther Granquist ’60, St. Paul, a longtime legal advocate for people with disabilities, received a 2005 Honorary Award of the Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice. Also honored by the Foundation was Gustavus junior Erin Bettendorf, one of 11 students receiving Hawkinson Foundation scholarships in 2005.

Granquist was honored for his dedication to upholding the rights and human dignity of people with disabilities. His work on behalf of people with disabilities began with Welsch v. Likins, filed in 1972, a landmark lawsuit that sought to improve and modify the institutional system for persons with mental retardation. Since then, as an attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center in Minneapolis, he has focused on ensuring that patients who are in community facilities receive appropriate care, treatment, education, and habilitation services.

Bettendorf co-founded a group called the Peace and Justice League in her high school in Minneapolis to raise awareness among students about issues involving the large immigrant population in the Twin Cities. At Gustavus, she is mapping in political science and peace studies, she co-founded SHIFT (Students Helping Integrate Fair Trade) to educate students about fair trade issues in developing countries and to promote use of fair trade products such as coffee at the College. She has traveled to Nicaragua to study fair trade and has also participated in campus activities aimed at preventing domestic violence.

The honorary awards and scholarships are aimed at furthering the commitment to peace and justice of the late Rev. Vincent L. Hawkinson, who served as pastor of Grace University Lutheran Church in Minneapolis for 30 years.
Kevin Finley, Inver Grove Heights, is a partner at The First Impression Group ■ Hiromi Hashimoto Furusawa, Osaka, Japan, received a master of education degree in English language teaching from University of Manchester ■ Daniel Howland, Azai, Oman, is principal at the American International School of Muscat in Oman ■ Mark Smith, Lino Lakes, is a product manager for Gander Mountain.

Where it all began . . .
The 1970 MIAC championship men’s tennis team enjoyed a 35-year reunion at Kozlak’s in Shoreview, MN, in July and arranged a group photo using their 1970 yearbook photo as a guide. Here are the “before and after” shots, the yearbook photo and the more recent pose. In the 2005 photo are, front row from left: Doug Beck ’72, Dick Krueger ’70 (who had graduated early and thus missed the 1970 shot), Dave Kubers ’72, and Brian Carlson ’70; back row: Dale Britzias ’72, Steve Edlund ’73, Craig Senn ’73, and Coach John Remington ’64. Not able to attend the reunion were Jim Lobdell ’71 (second from left in the front row of the yearbook shot), David Dom ’72 (third from left in the front), and Bruce Meese ’73 (third from left in the back).

The 1970 tennis team (above) was the beginning of the tennis dynasty at Gustavus—the first of 35 consecutive MIAC championship teams! Front row from left are Doug Beck, Jim Lobdell, David Dom, Dave Kubers, and Brian Carlson. Back row are Dale Britzias, Steve Edlund, Bruce Meese, Craig Senn, and Coach John Remington.

Dana Wendoff Amdahl, Albany, teaches English and coaches speech and drama in the Albany ISD ■ Natalie Briggs Carlson, Austin, TX, is a performance consultant for Seton Health Care Network ■ Joseph Dalluge, Waverly, is a research chemist at Cargill ■ John Daugherty, Buffalo, is equity trader for Craig-Hallum Capital Group ■ Julie Niessen Daugherty, Buffalo, is project manager for Roger W. Staehle, Ph.D. ■ Dan Eckhoff, Sioux City, IA, is funeral director/C00/partner at Christy-Smith Funeral Home ■ Terri Rotert Goebel, St. Peter, is property manager at Fisher Management Company ■ Gordy Gutowsky, Wayzata, is a self-employed financial advisor ■ Lisa Bang Hoffman, Lincoln, NE, received the Distinguished Artist Award from the Nebraska Arts Council ■ Jaren Johnson, Savage, is president/attorney for BenePartum Law Group, PA, a small law firm catering to the needs of real estate developers and small business owners ■ Gwen Kuhrs Krueger, New Richland, teaches kindergarten at Hartley Elementary ■ Anna Bittner Quam, Silverdale, WA, is a first-grade teacher at Clear Creek Elementary ■ Andy Schultz, Lakeville, is a meteorologist at Northwest Airlines Inc. ■ LeAnne Schoen Schumacher, Plymouth, is an educational speech clinician in the Wayzata ISD ■ Brian Silus, Wayzata, is a tax compliance manager at Stellent, Inc. ■ Jennifer Tammi, Brooklyn, NY, is a graduate student at Columbia University ■ Renee Vande Hoef, Downingtown, PA, is national program manager for GM ■ R. Todd Woolf, Lino Lakes, is a finance manager at Target Corp.

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The Maine event
Gusties gathered in mid-July in Friendship, Maine, at “Serendipity,” the coastal home of David Swenson ’57, for a luncheon with President Jim Peterson ’64. Pictured in front, from left, are David Swenson ’57; Sam Holt, son of John Holt; Anita Dahlquist; Joan Rahm Roy ’62; and Gienda Cartford Wallace ’66. In back are Andrew Vaughn, associate professor of religion at Gustavus; John Holt ’70; Sam Dahlquist ’61; Jim Peterson ’64; Robert Roy; and Bob Wallace ’65.

With the top Yankee in Florida
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■ Kurt Walston, San Diego, CA, received a master of science degree in nursing/clinical nurse specialist from University of San Diego.

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Carrie Nordlund, Providence, RI, received a Ph.D. in political science from Brown University. Rick Sherva, Minneapolis, is a doctoral student in genetic epidemiology at University of Minnesota. Chris Stromberg, Frederick, MD, is a professor at Hood College.

Jonathan Torgerson, Woodbury, is store manager at Coach. Jennifer Slaughter, Aspen, CO, is marketing and publicity manager for Aspen Filmfest. Laura Sonnee, Woodbury, is store manager at Coach. Joel Stoltenow, Lincoln, NE, is teaching grades 7–9 English and religion at Lincoln Lutheran and is boys varsity basketball head coach and middle school football coach. He received a teaching certificate from Concordia University in St. Paul.

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Einstein in Minneapolis


Ambassador to Bangladesh

Judith Wood Chammas ‘71 has been named U.S. ambassador to Bangladesh and assumed duties as chargé d’affaires at the Embassy of the United States in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in July. Chammas joined the Department of State in 1984 after working at the Minnesota International Center and then at the Institute of International Education in Washington, DC, primarily with participants in the U.S. government’s International Visitor Program. Since joining the Foreign Service as a management officer, she has served overseas in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Sri Lanka, and Tunisia. She has also worked in the executive offices of the African and Near East/South Asian Bureaus and in the Bureau of Human Resources as an assignments officer and as the deputy executive director.
Reason to crow
That’s Michael Helgeson ’74 beaming on the cover of the August 2005 Twin Cities Business Monthly. Mike, CEO of Gold’n Plump Poultry, which is headquartered in St. Cloud, MN, earned his place by being named 2005 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Minnesota and the Dakotas in the Consumer Products category, one of eight categories recognized annually by the awards.

By the time he was 12, Mike was working part-time for the family business founded by his grandfather in 1923 as St. Cloud Hatcheries. After graduating from Gustavus with a business degree, he joined the company full-time. He replaced his father as CEO in 1993, 10 years after the company was incorporated as Gold’n Plump.

Since Mike took the reins at Gold'n Plump, company revenue has doubled. While partly due to acquisition of a Wisconsin poultry company in 1993, that growth has also been driven by innovation. The company’s product was established as a premium brand, and because it sells at a higher price than most of its competitors, the company must “out-innovate” the competition.

When a fire destroyed a key part of Gold’n Plump’s processing facility in Cold Spring, MN, in 1998, Helgeson rebuilt the plant with a major addition that allowed a conversion to “fixed-weight scannable” packaging for its products. Gold’n Plump became the first poultry company to offer chicken products to its customers in barcode-scannable packages that all weighed the same amount. Fixed-weight packaging provides so many advantages for retailers that Gold’n Plump’s competitors have since been forced to adopt it. “But they’ve only recently started doing it at the insistence of their large customers, not as part of an overall strategy,” Mike says. “We still have a big head start.”

Under Mike’s leadership, Gold’n Plump was also the first major poultry supplier to offer a full line of certified organic chicken, the first to successfully use automated chicken-catchin equipment in its barns, and one of the first to provide freshness-date codes and nutritional information on its packaging. Helgeson and the other seven Minnesota/Dakotas category winners become candidates for national Entrepreneur of the Year awards, which are announced at a conference held in November in Palm Springs, CA.

Gustie hockey parents
Three all-alumni couples celebrated Edina High School’s Minnesota Conference Championship hockey season with their sons at the Edina Hornets Hockey year-end team banquet in March 2005. Pictured from left are Greg and Lisa Swenson; Jorgenson ’80 ’80 and son Tommy; JC and Lori Rutter Anderson ’82 ’81 and son Spencer; and Eric and Jackie Olson Eastman ’80 ’80 and son Dillon.

Minneapolis, is a research fellow for University of Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes □ Katie Sexe, Plymouth, is a revenue auditor for Children’s Hospitals and Clinics □ Shawna Solsvig, Chicago, IL, is a graduate student in dance/movement therapy and counseling at Columbia College Chicago and is studying for a certification in a Leban movement analysis program.

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Faith and politics in art

Artist Sue Davies ’82 has a work displayed in “A Leap of Faith: At the Intersection of Faith & Politics,” an exhibition running from Nov. 4 through Dec. 29, 2005, at The Susan Hensel Gallery in Minneapolis. The exhibition came about when 22 artists from all faith traditions were asked, how do faith and politics interact and affect the other, and how should they interact? The diverse show of painting, sculpture, books, and mixed media and video is their answer. Davies’s contribution, titled Forgotten Feminine, utilizes oil, paper, leaves, egg shells, and dogwood on canvas with candles. “While the topics are often polemic, the outcomes are still—first and foremost—aesthetic objects,” says Davies, an art instructor in the Elk River ISD. The show is, in her words, “art in service of an idea, skill set to work to tell a story.”

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in geography from University of Wisconsin–Madison ■ Sigrid Gustafson Pettersson, Brussels, Belgium, works for the Bank of New York Brussels ■ Abby Roessler, Apple Valley, received a master’s degree in health education from University of Wisconsin–La Crosse and is head athletic trainer at College of St. Catherine ■ Sarah Nerland Sparks, Shakopee, is a physical education/health teacher at Rosemount High School ■ Kyle Tollefson, Appleton, WI, is a social studies teacher at Appleton North High School ■ Christopher Vaubel, Mapleton, is a dental student at University of Minnesota ■ Maria VonArx, Milwaukee, WI, is a graduate student in student personnel administration at Concordia University–Wisconsin ■ Megan Wahlund, Minneapolis, is a graduate student in veterinary technology at Flying Cloud Veterinary Clinic ■ Matthew Wallace, Pine Island, is a software developer for Bolger Vision Beyond Print ■ Leslie Wilcox, St. Paul, works at the Republican Party of Minnesota headquarters.

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Graham appointed U.S. magistrate judge
Jeanne Graham ’80, has been appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota, and took the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis September 28. A nine-member panel of attorneys and business professionals advising the court announced their selection to Chief U.S. District Court Judge James Rosenbaum. Graham had served as a judge in Hennepin County District Court and as assistant United States attorney. She will maintain judicial chambers in St. Paul.

Dee promoted to full professor at Minnesota
Scott Dee ’81 has been promoted to professor at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and has also won the Mark of Excellence award for outstanding scientific discovery. Dee is president-elect of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians, and at the association’s 2005 annual meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, he delivered the Howard Dunne Memorial Lecture, the meeting’s keynote address. Dee was chosen speaker because he models life-long learning.
A space shuttle discovery

Bryce Hallowell and Jim Wade are both 1986 graduates who lived together off-campus as seniors. Their careers took wildly different paths but came together at the recent launch of the Space Shuttle “Discovery.” Bryce (left) heads up the public relations department for ATK, an Edina, MN-based defense contractor that makes the solid rocket boosters for the space shuttle, and Wade (right) is the safety manager for the International Space Station, headquartered at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. The photo was taken in front of the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Inside the building, the orbiter is “mated” to the solid rocket motors prior to launch.

Pharmacy
Owen Anfinson, Pullman, WA, is a graduate student at Washington State University.

Kim Assaad, Lansing, MI, is a graduate student in psychology at Michigan State University.

Kirsten Aune, Norwood, is working on an RN degree at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

Emily Ayers-Johnson, Roseville, is an RN at United Hospital.

Dave Baldes, Two Harbors, is a medical student at University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Tara Barnes, Hopkins, is staff coordinator for St. David’s Child Development and Family Services.

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Chris Bergman, Minnetonka, is a sales associate at Bercom International.

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Linnea Bjorkman, Colorado Springs, CO, is a volunteer with Urban Servant Corps.

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Mankato in community health.

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Caren Carlstedt, Sun Prairie, WI, is team gymnastics coach at Madtown Twisters Gymnastics.

Jill Carpenter, Nagasaki-ken, Japan, teaches English to junior and senior high students in the JET program.

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Angie Crowley, Bloomington, is working at Assurant Insurance Company.

Courtney DeClercq, Maple Grove, is a nanny.

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Laurie Decknate, Apple Valley, is an interior design student at Art Institutes International Minnesota.

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Kari Den Otter, Washington, DC, is a program consultant for the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Nick Dillenburg, Storrs, CT, is a theatre student at University of Connecticut.

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Tyler Dorholt, is a graduate student in poetry at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Dave Dressler, Finland, teaches at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

Nick Droogsma, Elk River, is a financial advisor at AXA Advisors.

Ellen Dufresne, Owatonna, is a graduate student at University of Minnesota Dental School.

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Kate Erickson, attained certification for teaching English to non-native speakers from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT, and now is working for Socratic Technologies in Chicago.

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Still kicking

Earns city management credentials
Clay Pearson ’90, assistant city manager for the city of Novi, MI, was recognized in July by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) with the association’s Credentialed Manager designation. To be credentialed by ICMA, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned an advanced degree—preferably in public administration or a related field—and have demonstrated a commitment to ICMA’s standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Pearson, who earned an M.P.A. from Kansas University in 1992, has 14 years of local government executive experience. For the past five years he has been assistant city manager of Novi, with primary responsibility for the city’s economic development, capital improvement program, road construction, planning and development, engineering, and information technology. Prior to his appointment in Novi, he served for nine years in Elgin, IL.

Pearson is one of only 840 local government management professionals to have achieved the Credentialed Manager designation to date through ICMA’s Voluntary Credentialing Program.

dent at Des Moines University
medical School ■ Kristina Kluge, St. Louis, MO, is attending Washington University Medical School ■ Becca Swanson Kodesh, Janesville, WI, teaches first-grade at Chanhassen Elementary School ■ Jenny Kramer, Minneapolis, is a project manager/executive assistant at Christopher Cardozo Fine Art ■ Cassie Krueger, White Bear Lake, is youth director at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church ■ Dan Kueffer,

Shoreview, is employed at United Hospital ■ Becky Kuehl, Athens, GA, is a graduate student in speech communications-rhetoric at University of Georgia ■ Trisha Kunkel, Bloomington, is a savings bond representative for the Federal Reserve Bank ■ Rachel Kuykendall, Richfield, is employed at Metro Dentalcare ■ Rachel Kvanli, New Brighton, is a registered nurse at United Hospital ■ Kirk Larsen, Minneapolis, is employed by Progressive Auto Insurance Co. ■ Hilary Larson, Forysth, IL, is a registered nurse at United Hospital ■ Kirk Larsen, Minneapolis, is employed by Progressive Auto Insurance Co. ■ Andrea Lau, Wells, is a first-grade teacher at Red Oak Elementary in Shakopee ■ Heidi Lawson, Roseville, is a secretary at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ ■ Jared Lee is a graduate student in meteorology at Pennsylvania State University ■ Clara Legato, Tot refers to recreational activities director at Blue Fin Bay Resort ■ Karl Leff, Bloomington, is employed at Stay Well Health ■ Joe Lencioni, St. Peter, is technical web coordinator in the web services department at Gustavus ■ Travis Lennox is an assistant engineer at Two Fish Studios in Mankato ■ Lys Baranowski Lenz, Cedar Rapids, IA, is a self-employed writer ■ Amanda Lodermier, Lindenwood, IL, is a volunteer with Teach for America ■ Meghan Lynch, Edina, teaches first grade at Clear Spring Elementary in Minnetonka ■ Katherine MacQueen, Denver, CO, is an ICU nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital ■ Andrew Madison, Minneapolis, is in dental school ■ Bret-Jon Magnusson, Knoxville, TN, is a T.A. and chemistry graduate student at University of Tennessee ■ Julie Miller, Minneapolis, is working at Babycare Childcare ■ Matthew Mohaupt, Minneapolis, is owner of Set Right Tile and Stone ■ Jody Morsching, New Prague, is a GIS intern at Carver County ■ Morgan Mueller, Boulder, CO, is a massage therapy student at Duluth Business University ■ Ellen Muggli, Wilmington, DE, works as Guardian Angel Childcare for Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ Joseph Mundell, Minneapolis, is working at Hartford Insurance ■ David Myers, Eden Prairie, is an analyst at Dahlen, Berg & Company ■ Becky Neitzke, Minneapolis, is attending dental school at University of Minnesota ■ Dan Newman, Minneapolis, is assistant manager at Walgreens ■ Lindsay Newman, Eagan, is a China adoption coordinator for Children’s Home Society and Family Services ■ Kelsey Okey, St. Louis Park, teaches first grade at Peter Hobart Elementary ■ Sara Ostman, Minneapolis, is an estimator/inside sales for Ryan Company, Inc. ■ Scott Panning, Gibbon, is an internal auditor at Bemis Corp. ■ Alyssa Paulson, Plymouth, is a licensing specialist for Ameriprise Financial Services ■ Jenny Pearson, Excelsior, is in a management training program at Target Corporation ■ Molly Philippe, Chanhassen, is a community nurse at Mount Olivet Rolling Acres in Victoria ■ Carl Pickering, Minnetonka, is an accountant for Concierge Enterprises ■ Laura Pieper, Red Wing, is a band instrument repair student at Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical ■ Michaela Poepping, St. Paul, is an intern at Innovia ■ Emily Pollmann, Mound, is a teller for Wells Fargo Bank ■ Claire Polski is teaching in Hikari, Japan, as part of the JET program ■ Claire Poppe, Madison, WI, is a pharmaceutical science student at University of Wisconsin–Madison ■ Nichole Petersen Porath, Eagan, is a cost schedule analyst for Lockheed Martin and is assistant cross country coach at Academy of Holy Angels ■ Jessica Prody, Minneapolis, is a communications studies student at University of Minnesota ■ John Purdham, Ann Arbor, MI, is a graduate student studying physics at University of Michigan ■ Rob Quick, Grand Forks, ND, is a law student at University of North Dakota Law School ■ Amber Rathmann, Eden Prairie, teaches kindergarten at Minnewashta Elementary School in Minnetonka ■ Matt Rich, St. Paul, is a graduate student at William Mitchell College of Law ■ Catherine Rodman, Washington, DC, is a volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ Katie Roggow, St. Peter, is a chemistry student at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ Lynette Schwagerl, Beardsley, is student teaching in St. Peter ■ Pete Schwingler, New York, NY, is a law student at Columbia University ■ Anne Shively, Chanhassen, is an account coordinator for News America Marketing ■ Heather Sieben,
Duluth, is a student at University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth  ■ Isaac Sieling, Watertown, is a consultant at Stockamp and Associates  ■ Mikaela Silkey, Omaha, NE, is a law student at Creighton University  ■ Lacy Skoog, Eden Prairie, is an accountant for Belvedere & Hysjulien, P.A.  ■ Adam Skordahl, Grand Forks, ND, is a law student at University of North Dakota School of Law  ■ Dan Smith, Minneapolis, works at US Bank in Eden Prairie  ■ Austin Sponsel, Minneapolis, is a researcher at the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation  ■ Michelle Steadman, St. Anthony, is a graduate student at Carlson School of Management and a human resources intern for Select Comfort  ■ Chantal Stecker, Malate, Manila, Philippines, is a volunteer in peace building in the Philippines with Young Adults in Global Mission  ■ Karl Steffenhagen, Stevens Point, WI, is a child and family development student at University of Wisconsin  ■ Anna Stenson, Iowa City, IA, is an English literature graduate student at University of Iowa  ■ Maisie Stish, Minneapolis, is a physical therapy student at University of Minnesota  ■ Stephen S. Stock, Leesburg, FL, is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army  ■ Maren Stoddard is teaching English in Japan with the JET Program  ■ Sarah Greninger Stoub is a graduate student in pharmacology at University of Illinois at Chicago  ■ Brandy Stuve, South Haven, is a business analyst at Target  ■ Laura Stypulkowski, Rochester, is a physical therapy student at Mayo School of Health Related Sciences  ■ Becky Swenson is teaching English in Costa Rica with World Teach program  ■ Ann Syverson, Wanamingo, is seventh- and eighth-grade language arts and social studies teacher at Zumbrota-Mazeppa Middle School  ■ Gavin Tempero, Wayzata, works at McDonald’s corporate headquarters  ■ Suzanne Temple, Mendota Heights, is a graduate student in English education at University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development  ■ Emily Thielman, Corvallis, OR, is a graduate student in statistics at Oregon State University  ■ April Thomas, Minnetonka, is a veteran’s service representative for Department of Veteran Affairs  ■ Alyssa Tjosas, Edina, is a rehabilitation aide at Fairview Southdale Hospital  ■ Elizabeth Truong works at the Actors Theater of Louisville  ■ Brian Trussell, Cottage Grove, is in a master’s program in instruction at St. Mary’s University and is a research associate at Parker Hughes Institute  ■ Elanna Tryon, Denver, CO, is a counseling psychology student at University of Colorado  ■ Emily Ulve, Bloomington, is a mental health worker for Family Networks in New Hope  ■ Wes Veldman, Maple Grove, is a financial planning specialist for Target Corporation  ■ Jenny Vigen, Madison, WI, is a graduate student in a professional French master’s program at University of Wisconsin-Madison  ■ Greg Viland, Eden Prairie, is a personal trainer for Fitness First  ■ Tom Westlund, Minneapolis, is coordinator of phone/i-net at Escelon Telecom  ■ Erin Wilhelm, St. Paul, is an M.Div. student at Luther Seminary  ■ Megan Willie, Minneapolis, is a media analyst for Campbell Mithun  ■ Amber Wilson, Seoul, South Korea, teaches English at YBM  ■ Josh Winter, Minnetonka, works at Showcase Hockey  ■ Beth Wojahn, Wheaton, IL, is director of senior high youth ministries at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Naperville  ■ Yukari Yamaguchi, Nara, Japan, is a graduate student at Kansai Gaidai University  ■ Jessica Schloesser Yost, St. Peter, teaches kindergarten at John Ireland Catholic School  ■ Kelly Young, Rochester, is a graduate student in physics at University of Michigan  ■ Ann Arbor  ■ Linden Zakula, Washington, DC, is an intern on the China Commission  ■ Shawn Zellman, Chanhassen, is working at Best Buy  ■ Josh Zimmerman is teaching English in the JET program in Japan.

Class of ’98 women meet in Wisconsin
Seven women from the Class of 1998 enjoyed a mini-reunion in early August in East Troy, Wis., celebrating among other things Carrie Nordlund’s recently completed Ph.D. in political science from Brown University. Erika (and Peter ’99) Vickerman’s baby-to-be, and Jenifer Breutzmann’s engagement. Pictured front row from left are: Molly Bohn Lee, Sarah Meyer Korreck, and Becky Moen Pirius; in the back row are: Erika Jeffrey Vickerman, Stephanie Johns Theide, Carrie Nordlund, and Jenifer Breutzmann.

Courtside reunion
Jill Weir ’92 (left) played volleyball at Gustavus for now-retired volleyball coach Gretchen Koehler (right). They reunited in Portland, OR, to watch the Gustavus volleyball team play in the Pacific University Tournament September 2–3.

Weddings
Marilyn Lundberg ’56 and John Solstad, 9/7/05, Medina, MN.  ■ Mike Kelby ’82 and Jill Scheider, 9/9/05, Eden Prairie, MN.  ■ Julie Dressel ’86 and Jeff Goettl, Scandia, MN.

Kaari Olson ’88 and Scott Frondal, 6/18/05, Apple Valley, MN.  ■ Peg Moline ’90 and Brad Johnson, 7/29/05, Eau Claire, WI.  ■ Jennifer Burtness ’92 and Todd Hauschildt ’87, 3/12/05, Burnsville, MN.  ■ Bethany S. Johnson ’93 and Brian Nissen, 8/6/05, Apple Valley, MN.
The ability to provide effective and meaningful research opportunities for students often depends upon the availability of quality instruments and technology. During the past year Ari Silkey ’99, now a product manager for Leica Company in their Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Division in Los Angeles, and geography professor Bob Douglas had discussed the possibility of providing the Department of Geography and the Environmental Studies program at Gustavus with top-of-the-line GPS receivers, which students could use in class and for research.

On July 19, 2005, Silkey visited the campus to present two of these receivers to the College and led a demonstration and outdoor field-training session in their use. He is pictured (third from left) with Pete Johnson ’98, a junior majoring in biology, environmental studies, and geography; Tara LaCoe, a senior majoring in environmental studies and biology; Brianna Voa, a junior majoring in biology and chemistry; and Jeff Jeremiason, assistant professor of chemistry and director of the Environmental Studies program.

The three women students left on the following day accompanied by Professor Jeremiason to use the GPS receivers in their studies of wetland ecology in the BWCA and mercury levels in Lake Michigan.

Gretchen I. Anderson ’94 and Marty Zinoli, 8/20/05, Albert Lea, MN.
Sarah Boehlke ’94 and Jon Gilbertson, 7/16/05, Chaska, MN.
Christine Elerton ’94 and Ryan Bronson, 7/24/04, Eagan, MN.
Michael Hopman ’94 and Bethany Mummet, 7/23/04, Audubon, PA.
Patricia Madden ’94 and Thomas Baik, 8/20/05, Galesburg, IL.
Adam Nachand ’96 and Allison Cecil, 6/20/05, Shakopee, MN.
Jed Folkens ’97 and Nicki Koenig, 10/3/05, Shakopee, MN.
Alicia Johnson ’97 and Mel Manley, 9/3/05, Brooklyn Park, MN.
Krista Benson ’98 and Travis Cook ’99, 7/16/05, Blaine, MN.
Mike Brown ’98 and Alyson Cauchy, 7/9/05, St. Paul, MN.
Pete Johnson ’98 and Shannon Aubrey, 10/1/05, Valparaiso, IN.
Julie Schwickenberg ’98 and David Nybakke, 7/23/03, Minneapolis, MN.
Jennifer Chalgren ’99 and Nathaniel Pedersen, Duluth, MN.
Tara Ferguson ’99 and Tom Lopez, 8/20/05, St. Cloud, MN.
Ivo Guenov ’99 and Tressa Gipe, 9/17/05, Washington, DC.
Megan Halverson ’99 and Leif Peterson, 6/18/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Andrea Kwanme ’99 and Greg Anderson, 6/25/05, Eau Claire, WI.
Elizabeth Muske ’99 and Rick Sherva ’98, 9/10/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Joel Stoltenow ’99 and Lindsay Freed, 6/24/05, Lincoln, NE.
Nicole Wood ’99 and Chad Erickson, 8/27/05, Bloomington, MN.
Tara Anlauf ’00 and Nick Hupton ’99, 7/23/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Katherine Hansen ’00 and Matt Papke, 7/16/05, Blaine, MN.
Amber Heilman ’00 and Jason Cordes, 7/9/05, Brooklyn Park, MN.
Kory Kath ’00 and Melissa Helm, 9/10/05, Owatonna, MN.
Tara Makowskyj ’00 and Michael Olsa, 6/3/05, Aurora, IL.
Angie Metz ’00 and Jason Bohannon, 8/27/05, Waseca, MN.
Ashley Morrison ’00 and Tom Carollo, 8/13/05, Denver, CO.
Katherine Ryyere ’00 and David Aafedt, 8/27/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Katie Sexe ’00 and Kevin Talbot, 8/20/05, Plymouth, MN.
Candice Skaff ’00 and Raymond Smith, 10/1/05, St. Paul, MN.
Shazi Tate ’00 and Thomas E. Ryan, 7/30/05, Vancouver, WA.
Kevin Vollmers ’00 and Danielle A. Ost, 5/7/05, Washington, DC.
Brady Brau ’01 and Katherine Madrinch, 9/10/05, Lucan, MN.
Jamie Brekke ’01 and Eric Sheldon, 8/13/05, Minnetrista, MN.
Melissa Bryan ’01 and Brian Judd, 6/24/05, Eden Prairie, MN.
David Hanson ’01 and Malinda VonWald, 5/7/05, Pine Plains, MN.
Lisa Hervey ’01 and Pieter E. Miller, 1/11/05, Wheaton, IL.
Karl Kolden ’01 and Rosemary Beson, 5/7/05, Belle Plaine, MN.
Allison Maas ’01 and Kyle MacArthur, 10/1/05, Blue Earth, MN.
Katherine Nordstrom ’01 and Dusty Thune, 8/13/05, St. Paul, MN.
Tessa Peterson ’01 and Jonathan Truitt ’00, 6/6/11, Metairie, LA.
Corrie Segerstrom ’01 and Andrew Dufresne ’01, 6/25/05, Durham, NC.
Richard Skorik ’01 and Heather Moore, 7/22/02, Niagara Falls, NY.
Susan Sulvstedt ’01 and Larry Engelhardt ’00, 5/21/05, Ames, IA.
Kara Wachlarowicz ’01 and Matthew Wallace ’03 and, 8/13/05, Pine Island, MN.
Garret Zayic ’01 and Oana Corondan, 9/25/04, Anchorage, AK.
Kerri Bouska ’02 and Dan Johannsen, 6/18/05, Des Moines, IA.
Wendy Bryant ’02 and Charlie Gniak, 9/3/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Erika Carl’s ’02 and Brendan Johnston ’05, 7/16/05, Lauderdale, MN.
Sara Heroff ’02 and Brian Buffie ’04, 7/30/05, St. Paul Park, MN.
Sarah Howland ’02 and Tony Spanier, 7/16/05, Montrose, MN.
Hunter Jenzen ’02 and Kristy Bailey, 9/10/05, Waseca, MN.
Joel Johnson ’02 and Elizabeth Schauf, 8/27/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Jessica Lund ’02 and Steven Leto ’00, 10/22/05, Elk River, MN.
Laura Paddock ’02 and Andrew Childs, 7/30/05, Brookline, MA.
Susan Schumacher ’02 and Kurt Steinke, 7/9/05, Maple Plain, MN.
Melissa Vierling ’02 and Coley Grootyan, 8/6/05, Maple Grove, MN.
Kathryn Weiss ‘02 and Matt Erickson ’02, 8/20/05, Minneapolis, MN.
Sarah Wolter ’02 and Blake Kane ’02, 7/15/05, Northfield, MN.
Catherine Bakke ’03 and Benjamin Rowland, 7/9/05,Chatfield, MN.
Kristie Campana ’03 and Jeff Ford ’02, 8/6/05, Madison, WI.
Brian Collins ’03 and Deborah Kuhn, 8/27/05, Chapel Hill, NC.
Emily Dahlquist ’03 and Wade Laughton ’02, 8/6/05, St. Paul, MN.
Sigrid Gustafson ’03 and Olle Pettersson, 7/9/05, Brussels, Belgium.
Sarah Handahl ’03 and Lucas Ahberg ’04, 8/13/05, Golden Valley, MN.
Anne Potts ’03 and Tanner Grimmius ’04, 8/12/05, Lakeville, MN.
Meghan Severson ’03 and Joe Johnson ’03, 7/1/05, Bloomington, MN.
Joseph Malkovich ’03 and Sarah Prichard, 7/30/05, Cloquet, MN.
Emileana McClish ’03 and Chris Graupmann, 7/2/05, Northfield, MN.
Katherine Nolan ’03 and Andrew S. Nelson ’04, 7/2/05, Eden Prairie, MN.
Amy Peterson ’03 and Mark Albrecht, 8/20/05, White Bear Lake, MN.
Kassie Stecker ’03 and Chad Paulus ’03, 9/17/05, Eagan, MN.
Gathering in Sweden
Former and current Gusties made the trip from various parts of the world to gather in Osaby, Sweden, last August 20. Front row from left are Peter Hughes '06 and Karin Hedstrom '07. Back row are Robin Stennes '04, Rich Bartell '01, Erik Karlsson '02, Tom Lagerbäck '01, Martin Ludvigsson '02, Stasha Ler '02, Ryo Yomanami '01, and Daniel Bodenfors '05.

Linnea, to Tammy Hansen Bieri '88 and Eric Bieri, 6/4/05.
Jackson, to Sean Bradley '88 and Christine Bradley, 5/24/05.
Twins, Urban and Leo, to Trish Zimmerman Beckman '89 and Chris Beckman '88, 7/27/05.
Bjorn, to Anne K. Miller '90 and Tim Aune, 10/7/05.
Grace, to Mike Dueber '89 and Jodelle Dueber, 9/10/05.
Lance, to Scott Reed '89 and Erin Reed, 8/5/05.
Grace, to Mary Sutherland Ryser '89 and Mac Ryser '87, born and died 7/19/05.
Kate, to Lisa Tollman Perbix '94 and Jay Perbix '90, 10/31/04.
Cole, to Jane Zabel Talus '91 and Steve Talus '86, 6/22/05.
Lucy, to R. Todd Woolf '91 and Amy Woolf, 2/2/05.
Hannah, to Rene' Roth Zar '91 and David Zar, 3/30/05.
Owen, to Deb Darrah '92 and John Darrah, 7/10/05.
Phinehas, to Eric D. Johnson '89 and Megan L. Johnson, 12/13/04.
Anaise, by adoption, to Nicole Johnson Kaufman '92 and David Kaufman, born 5/22/04, adopted 12/21/04.
Liam, to Boni Olsen Berndt '93 and Yuli Berndt '92, 8/26/05.
Meg, to Heather Hodglin Elliott '93 and Douglass Elliott, 2/28/05.
Jake, to Kai Johnson '93 and Tricia Johnson, 6/16/05.
Alexander, to Jill Krautkremner Keddy '93 and Mathew Keddy, 8/17/05.
Charles, to Jeff Miller '93 and Mary Miller, 2/29/05.
Gavin, to Carrie Schaefer '93 and Jason Barnett '93, 3/30/05.
Twins, Evan and William, to Tara Pals Cadenhead '97 and Charles Cadenhead, 6/27/05.
Finn, to Siri Hanson Campbell '97 and Neal Campbell '98, 5/11/05.
Sofia, to Julie Brouwer Dvergest '97 and Steven Dvergsten, 6/26/05.
Megan, to Jed Folkens '97 and Nicki Koenig, 2/27/05.
Emma, to Keith Haugen '97 and Jennifer Haugen, 4/20/05.
Alicia, to Sarah Peterson Hill '97 and Alex Hill '97, 4/26/05.
Carly, to Rich Johnson '97 and Holly Johnson, 6/28/05.
Carter, to Kristin Ganyo Larson '97 and Michael Larson, 7/26/05.
Miles, to Kristopher Newman '97 and Kelly Newman, 6/19/05.
James, to Amber Shockey Nurmi '97 and James Nurmi '97, 6/25/05.
Evan, to Kristi Petersen Paulsen '97 and Kirk Paulsen, 5/17/05.
Emerson, to Barbara Freimuth Siefken '97 and Shannon Siefken '97, 8/4/05.
Waren, to Kim Smith Wernsing '97 and Shane Wernsing '95, 7/16/05.
Cullen, to Kristi Short Gahart '98 and Kevin Gahart '96, 9/18/05.
Hannah, to Karen Wight Hoogheem '98 and Joel Wight Hoogheem, 7/27/05.
Norah, to Sonja Roiger Timmerman '98 and Jim Timmerman '98, 7/31/05.
Bryn, to Scott Ziegler '98 and Doreen Ziegler, 5/12/05.
Eliza, to Kiril Avramov '99 and Edit Harangozo, 4/29/04.
Annabelle, to Alicia Hubbard Barnick '99 and Christopher Barnick '99, 5/31/05.

Births
Grace, to Matthew Barnes '76 and Ann Curoe, 3/12/05.
Claire, by adoption, to Sherilyn Jonson Johnson '81 and Grant Johnson, born 5/6/04, adopted 5/9/04.
Zadie, to Steve Heitzeg '82 and Gwendolyn Pappas, 7/31/05.
Naomi, by adoption, to Lynn Barberg Lindahl '83 and Larry Lindahl '84, born 9/26/02, adopted 8/1/05.
Charles, to Jay Knaak '86 and Stephanie Knaak, 6/4/05.
Hector, to Katy Beckdahl '87 and Merv Campbell, 8/28/05.
Oscar, to Amy Lindblom Vargo '87 and Paul Vargo, 8/23/04.

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Some living company
Emily Orling '01 visited Ryan Erickson '01 this past summer in Vernal, UT, where Ryan has been conducting research for his master's thesis in geology at Dinosaur National Monument.

In Memoriam
Marilla Mattson Dickson '22, St. Paul, on June 30, 2005, at the age of 101. She attended the Academy and is survived by four daughters and 22 grandchildren including Rebecca Albrecht '85 and Jon Albrecht '89.

Daniel Friberg '30, Minneapolis, MN, on October 22, 2005. He was a retired missionary for the former LCA and is survived by his wife, Ruth, and six children.

Evelyn Sponberg Young '33, Edina, MN, on September 29, 2005. She was director of food services at Gustavus from 1949–1981 and worked until her death in many capacities as a volunteer for the College, including Gustavus Library Associates, class agent, Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum, Greater Gustavus Board, Alumni Board, and chair of the Alumni Fund. She received the Greater Gustavus Award from the Alumni Association in 1968. She is survived by daughters Margie Sampsell '71 and Allie Young '72 and sister Ruth Cook '44. Please see page 6 for a tribute.

Luther F. Gunberg '39, Sun City, AZ, on July 20, 2005. He was retired from ING ReliaStar and had been a class agent and area agent for the Gustavus Alumni Association for many years. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, and four children including Steven '68 and Joan Lambert '72.

Marc Lornell '40, South Strafford, VT, on July 24, 2005. He was a retired photographer and is survived by his wife, Ruby (Fihn '40), two children, and a brother, Wallace '43.

George A.H. Olson '41, Boca Raton, FL, on May 25, 2005. He had served on the Gustavus Board of Trustees from 1969–1975. He is survived by four children.

Melba Udden Pillman '41, New Hope, MN, on July 1, 2005. A minister's wife, she was a retired school nurse and church organist. She is survived by three sons, including Noel '75 and John '76, and a brother, Laurel '46.

Donald M. Wilson '42, Cresco, PA, on September 28, 2005. He was a retired pastor and is survived by his wife, Meta, and four children, including Ingrid Molde '66.

Ross W. Brahee '47, Cologne, MN, on July 4, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, five children including Carol '72, and sister Rosalie Anderson '43.

Liz Johnson Spidahl '47, Fergus Falls, MN, on October 6, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Walter '43, and five children.

Merle J. Vernone '50, San Antonio, TX, on June 29, 2005. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force and is survived by his wife, Anna, and four children.
## Second-generation Gusties, 2005

Alumni whose offspring arrived at Gustavus this fall are listed alphabetically, with their sons or daughters named below.

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An enlightened new nurse

When Molly Biehn ’04, staff nurse at Park Nicollet Health Services-Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN, was selected to be part of the first group of resident nurses in Minnesota participating in a new federally funded mentorship program, she did not anticipate that she’d make the cover of a professional publication. But there she is with her mentor on the cover of the July/August 2005 issue of NurseWeek, which features an article on the N-Lighten mentoring program developed by the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis for its own facility and four health care partners in Minnesota.

The N-Lighten program, which is funded by a three-year, $265,000 federal grant under the Nurse Reinvestment Act of 2002 to the U of M School of Nursing, aims to address the nursing shortage in Minnesota by improving retention rates and the quality of care nurses deliver. The transition from classroom to workplace can be a great culture shock for new nurses, and a recent survey reveals high turnover rates among young nurses. Through mentorship and curriculum, N-Lighten provides education, guidance, and support to newly hired nurses who have recently graduated from nursing school or have changed specialties.

Biehn was among 65 new graduates selected to participate in a three-year pilot for the mentoring program, which was launched in October 2004. She says her relationship with her mentor, fellow Park Nicollet-Methodist staff nurse Betty Schmidt, RN, MS, CRN, ANH-BC, who has more than 30 years of experience, has been valuable. “Gaining perspective on the nursing field from a skilled experienced nurse has been so important to me,” she told the writer researching the NurseWeek article. “She has been such a good role model, not only professionally, but in life.”

Mentors are expected to meet or communicate with their residents at least once a month, although Schmidt says she and Biehn communicate much more frequently. Many mentor/resident pairs communicate by phone and meet for lunch or other types of social outings away from the hospital to discuss questions, concerns about particular cases, fears, and professional goals.

The mentorship has not only helped confirm Biehn’s convictions about nursing but also serves as an inspiration. “I can see myself someday being a mentor for other new graduates.”

Renee Johnson Mohagen ’52, Elbow Lake, MN, on July 5, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Harold.

Bobby Krig ’53, Excelsior, MN, on September 15, 2005. He was a retired Realtor and served Gustavus during his lifetime as men’s golf coach, class agent from 1981–2005, and the key volunteer for the annual summer men’s golf tournament that benefited the College’s varsity golf program. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Eckman ’52), one son, David ’82, and two daughters.

Jean Benson Erickson ’54, Faribault, MN, on August 31, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Roger ’53, four children, and one brother, Ed ’51.

Charles Hanna ’55, Sunnyvale, CA, on September 17, 2005.

Neal A. Perlich ’57, Minnetonka, MN, on August 9, 2005. He was owner of Neal Perlich Realty and is survived by his wife, Sally, and three children.

Dean B. Anderson ’62, St. Cloud, MN, on October 23, 2005. He was owner and operator of the St. Cloud Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express and is survived by his wife, Gail, his mother, two step-children, two sisters, and three brothers including Doug ’62.

David L. Carlstrom ’63, Sauk Centre, CA. He was employed by Computer Network Innovations and is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and one daughter.

Jim Foster ’64, White Bear Lake, MN, on July 18, 2005. He was retired as head of the aviation department/director of aviation at Meridian Oil in Texas. He is survived by his wife, Shannon (Shawbold ’65), and one daughter.

Tony Anderson ’67, Prior Lake, MN, on September 26, 2005. He is survived by two children.

Emerson C. Engberg ’67, Corona, CA, on September 7, 2005. He was a self-employed writer and designer and is survived by one brother, Elliott ’62.

Donna House Dreessen ’68, Port Orchard, WA, on July 14, 2005. She was a self-employed accounts receivables and computer consultant and is survived by her husband, Marvin, and two children.

Richard Allan ’70, Excelsior, MN, on August 8, 2005. He was owner of Richard Construction and survived by his mother and four sisters.

Reg Chambers ’72, Mound, MN, on August 16, 2005. He was employed in the travel industry and is survived by a daughter, his parents, including Dick ’50, and a sister.

Minda Bakken ’74, Minneapolis, MN, on October 29, 2005, in an automobile accident. She was employed as director of human resources at Graves 601 Hotel and is survived by her parents, a sister, and two brothers, including Mark ’74 and John ’83.

Raella Wyman Gustafson ’76, Lander, WY, on August 5, 2005. She was a public health nurse county manager and is survived by her husband, Tom, and three children.

Mike Greeder ’78, Toledo, OH, on August 1, 2005. He was a former hockey player for the Philadelphia Flyers and coached hockey at Southview and St. Francis de Sales High Schools. He is survived by his parents, two sons, two brothers, and two sisters.

Courtney Walker ’02, Madison, SD, on August 14, 2005. She was employed in the office of development at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, and a sister.

Lindsey Loehr Diemer ’04, Albert Lea, MN, on August 5, 2005. She was employed at the Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer’s office. She is survived by her husband, Mike, her parents, one brother, and one sister.

Robert Sparboe, Litchfield, MN, on October 8, 2005. He was a member of the Gustavus Board of Trustees since 2002. He was founder and president of Sparboe Companies, which owns Sparboe Farms, Sparboe Foods Corporation, Center National Bank, Center Insurance Agency, and AGRI-TECH. He is survived by his wife, Deanna, and four children, including Garth ’79, Beth Schnell ’82, and Mark ’87.
A peaceable vision

by Ross Anderson ’01

Although the tiny African countries of Burundi and Rwanda represent a small geographic slice of this planet, their horrific stories of genocide and ethnic conflict have filled a significant place in history and our minds. In these conflicts, young people are often used as tools for the perpetuation of violence without truly understanding why they are fighting or being taught to hate. It is this type of conflict, which has been played out in many parts of the world, that a group of recent Gustavus graduates have come together to address.

Burundi native Jean-Paul Bigirindavyi ’00, who experienced first-hand the 1994 Rwanda genocide, has dedicated his life to the pursuit of peace in his homeland and other areas of conflict. He has created Youth Intervention for Peace International (YIPI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing positive cooperation and peaceful dialogue among young people of traditionally rivaling groups. YIPI’s programs, which include workshops, community service projects, and peace clubs, have been functioning successfully in Burundi since 2003 and are now expanding to include neighboring Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Already YIPI has proved to be a viable model for community conflict management programs, including addressing urban gang violence here in the United States. As Minneapolis and St. Paul have become increasingly multicultural, the YIPI model can contribute to nurturing local relationships with a focus on at-risk youth populations.

Supporting Jean-Paul and inspired by his vision and tireless optimism for change and peace are a group of young Gustavus alumni that makes up YIPI’s founding board of directors. Ross Anderson ’01, Kristin Dykstra ’00, Peter Rasmussen ’01, Carin Skoog ’00, and Ben Thompson ’01 have helped the St. Paul-based grassroots organization achieve nonprofit status in Minnesota expanding the organization’s fundraising capabilities.

When asked why they have chosen to participate in this project, all five agreed that it was Jean-Paul’s incredible vision and drive that first inspired them to act. However, as they become more engrossed in the process, these alumni are putting their education to the test. Each board member brings different skills to the table, including accounting, strategic planning, non-profit management, and communication experience, all of which have their roots in a Gustavus education.

Ross Anderson is in the process of applying to dental school and serves as president of the board. His leadership and focus keep YIPI on track, and Ross looks forward to helping YIPI expand its programs to serve in other divided areas.

Kristin Dykstra, although now resigned from the founding board, was instrumental in guiding the process of establishing bylaws and nonprofit status. Kristin’s previous experience with a number of boards was invaluable and she is now working on a master’s degree in education at Hamline University.

Peter Rasmussen, vice president of the board, is a team manager for Countrywide/Full Spectrum Lending. Peter’s expertise in process management has been a strong asset to YIPI’s start-up board, and he feels honored to have had a part in some of the amazing results that have already been accomplished.

Carin Skoog brings her experience in initiating and building a community energy program in Duluth, as well as a background in grant-writing and grassroots organizing. Carin hopes to help YIPI function as effectively as possible with limited resources, and feels fortunate to be a part of something so passionately driven.

Ben Thompson, treasurer of the organization, is an accountant with Deephaven Capital Management. Ben appreciates the unique opportunity to positively impact people while using his education in finance and accounting. He agrees that Jean-Paul’s vision is a powerful motivator.

For more information about YIPI, visit the organization’s website at <www.yipinternational.org>. If you would like to become involved in YIPI’s peace efforts, contact Jean-Paul Bigirindavyi at <jeanpaul_big@yahoo.com>.

Editor’s note: As the Quarterly was going to press, the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations announced that Bigirindavyi has been named recipient of its 2005 Service Award. Watch for an article on the award presentation in the next issue.
Debra Lightly Mascaro ’95 has been fascinated by serious scientific research since the summer following her first year at Gustavus Adolphus College, when she worked as an undergraduate research assistant in the Department of Physics measuring the optical energy gaps of silicon-tellurium glasses. In the 10 years since her graduation, she has distinguished herself at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory of Organic Optics and Electronics and more recently at the North Dakota State University Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

A Goldwater Scholar in her junior and senior years at Gustavus, Mascaro enrolled in a Ph.D. program in electronic, photonic, and magnetic materials at MIT after graduating from Gustavus. A National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellow for three years, she focused her research in the area of “organic electronics,” which refers to the use of carbon-based materials rather than silicon and other inorganic materials to make electronic devices such as transistors and light-emitting devices. She was awarded a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from MIT in 2004.

In January 2004, Mascaro joined NDSU’s Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Fargo as a research scientist. There her primary project was the miniaturization of chemical vapor sensors for the detection of chemical warfare agents and explosives. In September 2004 she was awarded her first NSF grant ($300,000 over two years) for a collaborative project combining expertise in materials science, fluid dynamics, and electrical engineering to grow and utilize large organic crystals in active nanostructured optoelectronics. Achieving the targeted goals of this program would allow integration of organic crystals with existing optoelectronic devices for the first time, enabling development of entirely new technologies.

In January 2005 Mascaro joined the faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah, where she is establishing a research program in the areas of organic electronics and nanofabrication.
If most people think about aging only as they pass their prime, Joe Gaugler ’95 has focused on it within the first 10 years of his college graduation. Joe’s interest—at this point—is professional, and the volume of his papers, presentations, and other professional activities in the fields of gerontology, Alzheimer’s disease, and family caregiving attests to the fact that he is showing no signs of slowing down.

After graduating from Gustavus summa cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors, Gaugler used an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and a Penn State Graduate Fellowship to enroll at the Pennsylvania State University, where he earned an M.S. in human development and family studies in 1996. He completed his Ph.D. at Penn State three years later on a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship and then spent a year at the Center on Aging at the University of Minnesota on a National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellowship.

In July 2000 Gaugler joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington. He taught in the Department of Behavioral Science and also was affiliated with the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and the university’s Ph.D. program in gerontology. It was here that he honed his academic interests in family caregiving for adults with chronic disabilities, social integration of older adults in residential long-term care settings, and community-based and psychosocial services for disabled adults and their caregiving families. In 2003 he was recognized with a Springer Early Career Achievement Award in Research on Adult Development and Aging by the American Psychological Association for his work. He was invited back to his alma mater to make a presentation on “Caregivers and Policy Issues” at the 2004 Nobel Conference on aging.

In September 2005 Gaugler returned to Minnesota, accepting a faculty position in the Center for Gerontological Nursing at the University of Minnesota’s School of Nursing.

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John D. Anderson, Cold Spring, MN, ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, St. Cloud; Andrew Benson, St. Paul, MN, group director, Use Experience Architect, Zentropy Partners; John Goodpaster, Ammendale, MD, forensic chemist, Bureaus of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Tom Jackson, Minneapolis, MN, president/CEO, Bridgewater Mortgage; Yoshi Makino, Sarajevo, Bosnia, political adviser to the High Representative, Office of the High Representative; Brett Mitchell, Houston, TX, assistant professor, Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, Baylor College of Medicine; Scott Moe, St. Peter, MN, men’s golf coach, Gustavus Adolphus College; Eric Weber, Ames, IA, assistant professor of mathematics, Iowa State University.
You’ve seen his name listed when the credits rolled for such television series as *Remington Steele, Nash Bridges,* and *The District.* And now it appears on a Distinguished Alumni Citation awarded by his alma mater.

**John Wirth ’75** was present at a banquet held on October 8 during Homecoming/Class Reunion Weekend to celebrate his class’s 30th-year reunion and to accept a Distinguished Alumni Citation for his achievements in the field of entertainment. Now a writer and executive producer at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, he has built an impressive list of credits as story editor, scriptwriter, producer, and “showrunner” since moving to Los Angeles as a freelance writer in 1978.

The first few years were lean, but Wirth dedicated himself to screenwriting and also found time to help write *Gail Matthius – One Woman Show* for his wife, comedienne Gail Matthius ’75, and work on an original stage play, *Before I Do,* which is based upon his own experiences the night before he married Gail.

In March of 1984, after writing a spec script for the *Remington Steele* production staff, Wirth was invited to develop a script for the series. That story, “Breath of Steele,” became the second show filmed for the series’ new season, and John soon joined the staff as story editor. Wirth acknowledges that the series had a reputation in the industry as a “good credit”: “If you’re a new writer and you have a *Remington Steele* credit, it will do well for you going on to your next show.”

A succession of deals with Warner Bros., GTG, Sony, and Twentieth Century Fox followed, and in 1993 he signed on as supervising producer of the quirky *Adventures of Briscoe County Jr.* A year later he was hired as supervising producer of the well-received but short-lived David E. Kelly Productions series *Picket Fences.* In 1996 he became executive producer for CBS’s popular *Nash Bridges* series starring Don Johnson. When that series ended, he was signed as executive producer of another CBS series, which has quickly become a must-read for people in the field.

Wirth has developed several pilots for CBS and NBC in recent years, including *The Bounty Hunters* in 2004 and *Love Monkey* in 2005. This past summer he closed a deal to create, develop, and executive produce series projects for Touchstone Television and served for a time as showrunner-executive producer for CBS’s new *Ghost Whisperer* series. He is now in New York working on the *Love Monkey* service project.

Along the way, Wirth has honed some highly desirable skills. “Two totally different skills are involved in become a writer-producer,” he says. “one, writing; two, managing people and resources. Most of the people who run television shows don’t have the training.”
Have you looked at the Giving to Gustavus website lately? Just enter <www.gustavus.edu/giving>. The list of resources has grown and now includes:

- Secure online giving and other electronic giving options
- Giving stock and other appreciated assets
- Matching gift possibilities, including a database of matching gift companies
- The Honor Roll of Donors – <www.gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll>
- Giving for scholarships, both annual and endowed
- Giving through a bequest (with official language for use in a will or estate plan)
- Financial and estate planning ideas, and gifts that pay you (with a “gift calculator” to help your planning)
- E-brochures for more information (to study on your own or to take to your financial adviser)
- Staff to contact for personal help
The Department of Music's 2006 Gustavus Music Showcase will be performed on March 12, 2006, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

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