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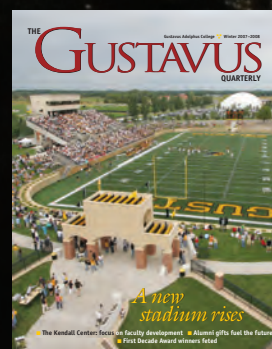
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An enthusiastic crowd gathered to witness the dedication of the new Gustavus stadium on Sept. 8 and the inaugural football game played there—a 35–24 win over Willamette University of Oregon.

Photo by Brian Fowler, Artisan Gallery

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Photo by Anders Björling '58*

# Building momentum

Stan Waldbauser '71



First, let me simply bring you greetings from the Gustavus campus community.

For me, fall is the best time here. The campus is in great shape. Temperatures are brisk but not yet bone-chilling. Foliage colors have turned across campus, in the arboretum and all along the Minnesota River valley. The academic program is in full swing and fresh with enthusiasm and expectations for a good year. The college calendar is full, with the Nobel Conference, Homecoming, Family Weekend, A Royal Affair, preparations for Christmas in Christ Chapel, and a host of student activities every day. It's a good time here at Gustavus.

Here's another reason that it's a good time at Gustavus: *Momentum*. I've been using the term a lot lately to identify two strong college attributes—energy and direction. The energy comes of course from one primary source: people. Ever since its founding in the 1860s, Gustavus has carried out its mission and earned its reputation through efforts and energy of people—people who cared about the College, cared about its values and its vision of the future and most importantly cared deeply about its students. It is no different today. The energy of the people associated with Gustavus and their ideas and their commitment to the future drive the College forward.

Beyond energy, momentum also calls for direction. An institution with energy but no direction will not flourish. Our planning work over the last couple of years is putting into place a set of general goals and strategies to achieve them. These are not highly detailed and are not set in concrete; the College needs to be open to new ideas and opportunities whenever they appear. They may also need to change due to negative outside forces. But we do have direction. We have a set of initiatives that can lead us into the future. And of course we have new presidential leadership on the horizon. She or he will certainly have additional energy and direction to apply to the College's future.

I've also been using the "momentum" term lately in reference to our fundraising efforts, because without additional resources, we can't move forward to a new and stronger future. Momentum is building here too. In the pages of this *Quarterly* you'll find a number of stories about people who have made notable philanthropic contributions lately: Bill Soderlund, Brad Nuss, Karin and Robert Moe, Walter Youngquist, friends of Linnaeus Arboretum, Jon and Anita Young, Gordon Mansergh . . . the list goes on. As importantly, you can read about the difference those gifts will make in the learning experience of our students.

Frankly, I hope these stories will stimulate interest on the part of others to do the same, to give back to Gustavus and to make a difference in the lives of students. Their gifts will provide the critical fuel for maintaining energy and direction for this great college. My thanks go to the body of alumni and friends who are leading the way and my encouragement to those who will choose to do so in the future.

James L. Peterson '64  
President

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## President Jim Peterson announces retirement

by Matt Thomas '00

James L. Peterson '64, the 14th president of Gustavus Adolphus College, has informed the College community of his decision to retire at the

conclusion of the 2008 academic year, capping a five-year term as president of the College. Peterson, 65, will serve through June 2008, and has offered to assist in an orderly transition beyond that date if needed.

"The opportunity to serve as president of my alma mater has been one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of my life, both personally and professionally," Peterson said. "I am so grateful for that opportunity and am continually greatly impressed with the many, varied, and committed constituents I have been blessed to work with at this great college."

Responding to the announcement, James Gale '83, chair of the Gustavus Board of Trustees, stated, "Dr. Peterson has been an outstanding leader of the College and has accomplished a great deal since assuming office in July 2003. Jim has led the institution into an exciting new strategic direction and has built a very strong administrative team. He has enhanced the academic reputation of Gustavus while achieving record financial benchmarks in operations, fundraising, and endowment. Jim Peterson will leave Gustavus Adolphus College in very good shape, and his continued leadership this next year will be critical as we move forward."

Peterson became the College's president after a long and successful tenure as president and CEO at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul. Under his leadership, the



James L. Peterson '64

museum opened a new \$100 million facility on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown St. Paul in 1999.

A 1964 Gustavus alumnus, Peterson began his career as a high school science teacher. From 1976 to 1984, he served as vice president in the areas of systematics and evolutionary biology, environmental research, and institutional advancement at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Gale indicated that he would ask the board immediately to initiate a nationwide presidential search. "We are

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### Presidential search committee organized

On Sept. 9, the Gustavus Board of Trustees created a presidential search committee and charged it with assisting the board in selecting a successor to President Peterson. The following members were named:

Trustees: **Thomas M. Annesley '75**, **David J. Carlson '60**, **Ardena Flippin '68**, **George G. Hicks '75**, **Terry Morehouse**, **Marilyn Olson**, **Wayne Peterson '77**, **Sally Turrittin**, and **Daniel K. Zismer '75**;

Faculty: **David Fienen**, professor of music and Johnson Professor in the Fine Arts, **Lisa Heldke '82**, professor of philosophy and Sponberg Chair in Ethics, and **Matthew Panciera**, assistant professor of classics;

Administration: **Tim Kennedy '82**, director of communication services and sports information, and **Hank Toutain**, vice president for student affairs;

Support Staff: **Sylvia Straub**, library administrative assistant; Students: **Greg Boone '08** and **Maari Hanson '08**.

The board elected Trustee David J. Carlson to chair the committee. A presidential search website has been created ([gustavus.edu/president/search/](http://gustavus.edu/president/search/)) to keep the greater Gustavus community updated on the search. Information on this site includes an overview and timeline of the search process and the ground rules and code of ethics that will be followed throughout the search process, as well as updates on search committee activity as they become available. ☐

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grateful that Jim is giving the College enough lead time to undertake a thorough search process and will assist in a smooth transition to new leadership," Gale said. "On behalf of the entire Gustavus commu-

nity, I want to extend our deepest appreciation and best wishes to Jim for his leadership, thoughtful guidance, and many significant contributions during his term as president." 

*Matt Thomas '00 joined the college relations staff in March 2007 as media relations manager.*

## 2007 GACAC Service Award shared by two alumni


**O**n Oct. 30, 2007, the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations (GACAC) recognized two individuals for their distinctive commitments and contributions to the service of others with the presentation of 2007 Service Awards during the College's chapel service

**Donn H. Escher '50** was honored posthumously for his readiness to be a witness to the love of God in all that he did, serving in various organizations, committees, and church groups for many years and in many capacities. He was mentor and friend to seminary students in progressive stages of their seminary preparation, often hosting them for dinner in his home and taking time to visit them at seminary and in their congregations. He is called by friends and colleagues "a second-mile person"—an example of one who has gone above and beyond in making connections and in the work he was asked to do.



**Ellen Higginbotham Ruiters '97**, founder and executive director of Africa Jam, a Christian youth empowerment organization serving high school youth in Cape Town, South Africa, was recognized for her humanitarian work. Beginning in 1999 as a volunteer leading a small after-school group at a high school in one of the poorest townships in Cape Town, Ruiters

expanded her program from 50 students to nearly 1,000 in one year's time. Today this organization serves more than 10,000 youth annually through after-school programs in 22 high schools in Cape Town, with multiple weeks of summer Bible camp.

The GACAC Service Award recognizes Gustavus alumni who, through a mature understanding of their faith, have distinguished themselves in their commitment and contributions to the service of others, in their sense of community and international perspective, and in their efforts toward a just and peaceful world. 

## 'Esbj' 1918–2007

by **Dennis Johnson '60**

**T**he Rev. **Robert Esbjornson '41**, professor emeritus of religion, died on Oct. 26, 2007, in St. Peter at the age of 89. "Esbj," as he was affectionately known by several generations of Gustavus students, was a longtime professor at the College and a beloved campus figure.

Bob Esbjornson began his lifelong love affair with Gustavus and Gustavus students while a student. After four years of theological training at Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, he was ordained into the ministry of the Augustana Synod on a call to develop a new congregation in Newington, Conn. During the five years of parish ministry, he took graduate courses at nearby Yale Divinity School and received the master of sacred theology degree in 1954.

In 1950, he returned to his alma mater as a member of the then Christianity Department. Over the years he rose to the rank of full professor and served as chair of the department. He served on countless college committees, was active in the community of St. Peter and at First Lutheran Church. He also served Judson Lutheran Church as interim pastor for a period of 12 years.

Esbjornson received the prestigious Edgar M. Carlson Award for Innovative Teaching from the College in 1979. A strong believer in the educational value of the community conversation, he deplored faculty lounges and separate facul-



Olin Mills

*The Rev. Robert Esbjornson '41*

ty dining places and was an advocate for professors joining student tables in the Canteen. He was a mentor to many students who kept in touch with him over the years. He also befriended new faculty at Gustavus, concerned to integrate them into the community and make them feel welcome.

A unique personality with a passion for learning and for helping students explore the big questions of life, he had a wide range of interests. His teaching focused on religion and its implications for social ethics. His dissertation, a political biography of former Minnesota Governor Luther Youngdahl '19, was later published as "A Christian in Politics." During the turbulent '60s, Esbjornson took students to Chicago for a month-long immersion in urban culture. That experience caused him to ask questions about community development for the St. Peter region. This led to the formation of the Riverbend Association, a citizens' action and planning group that he served as president from 1967 to 1974. He developed courses



on Ethics and Medicine and Ethics and Economics. After a sabbatical at St. John's University in 1973, Esbjornson began a deeper exploration of prayer and worship practices. His stories, experiences, and questions about prayer were captured on videotape and are still used in church adult education classes.

Retiring in 1983, he continued teaching a few courses each year. "Esbj" led retreats and was adept at bringing diverse people together for conversation about their work and the ethical and spiritual issues they face. He was a prolific

writer who believed in the value of "journaling." Even with advancing age and illness, he maintained his participation in "Night Writers," a group of community persons committed to writing.

Esbjornson married Ruth Bostrom '41, a college classmate, in 1945. Ruth was his intellectual and spiritual partner and an excellent writer and speaker. As a memorial to his wife, who died in 1990, he edited a collection of her writings into a book, *Morning and Evening*. In his book *Final Times*, Esbjornson documented Ruth's final illness. The

book reveals the depth of their relationship and the complexity of navigating an often depersonalized medical system, while lifting up the wonderful care of the people in the medical profession and the support of the Church and College community.

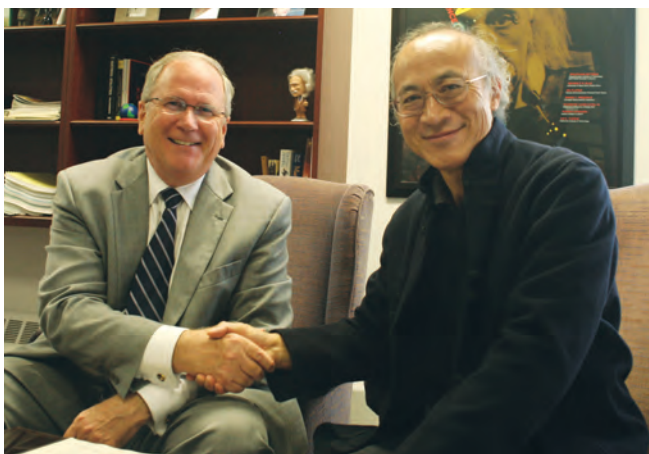
Most recently, Esbjornson collaborated with former interim president Dennis Johnson '60 to produce a book, *Esbj! The Heart and Mind of a Professor*. The pair signed copies of the book during Gustavus's homecoming festivities on Oct. 13.

Esbjornson was preceded in death by his parents, his wife,

and his daughter, Louise. He is survived by his son, Carl '68, and Carl's wife, Rilla, of Bozeman, Mont., and granddaughters Rachel and Rebekka, and by his brother, John '50, and his wife, Carol (Ostgaard '50), of Willmar, Minn., and their children, David '75, Mary, Karen '80, and Susan. ☐

*The Rev. Dennis Johnson '60, former pastor of First Lutheran Church and vice president and interim president of Gustavus, is a former student of Esbjornson's and a collaborator on his final book, Esbj! The Heart and Mind of a Professor.*

## Briefly . . .



Stacia Senne

**President Peterson and UIC vice president Edmund Kwok sign a reciprocal student exchange agreement.**

### Exchange agreement signed

Dr. Edmund Kwok, executive vice president of United International College (UIC) of China, was on campus in October to seal a reciprocal student exchange agreement between UIC and Gustavus.

United International College is a new liberal arts college located in Zhu Hai, Guang Dong,

China, and jointly administered by Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist University. The four-year agreement, effective as of September 2007 and subject to renewal, is the first such agreement signed by this new liberal arts college; Gustavus initiated a relationship with UIC even as it was forming,

when President Jim Peterson visited China with a Minnesota Private College Council delegation a few years back.

UIC opened in fall 2005 and currently has 1,200 students and 11 majors. The eventual target enrollment is 4,000–4,500 students with half of the enrollment spots filled by students from abroad. In July 2007, 25 Chinese students from UIC spent a month in Minnesota visiting Gustavus and five other private colleges to learn about college-level liberal arts education in the United States.

### Linnaeus trekking

In September, Scandinavian studies professor **Roland Thorstensson** and retired administrator and photographer **Anders Björling '58** took their multimedia program on Swedish natural scientist Carolus Linnaeus (see the Spring 2007

*Quarterly*) on the road. They were featured presenters at a celebration of the 300th anniversary of Linnaeus's birth held at San Diego State University, the first public event sponsored by the new Swedish Center of San Diego.

In late July 2008, Thorstensson will lead a Linnaeus trekking tour in and around Linnaeus's home base of Uppsala, Sweden, and then follow  
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**Thorstensson (left) and Björling (right) with Linnaeus impersonator Peter Larlham, theatre professor at San Diego State University.**





## Briefly . . .

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low trails the famous ethnobotanist took on his expedition in northern Sweden and Norway in 1732. Two Uppsala residents with Gustavus connections, **Daniel Lundberg '99** and **Julia Paraskova '99**, will be co-leaders of the trekking group. For more information about this tour, contact Thorstensson (rollo@gustavus.edu).

## College revenue bonds retain A3 rating

Moody's Investors Service recently affirmed the A3 long-term rating on Gustavus Adolphus

College's revenue bonds issued through the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority. The report detailed several financial strengths of the College that led to the favorable rating, including a stable market position due to steady enrollment and increasing admission applications, broader geographic recruitment, favorable cash flow generation and operating performance, and growth in financial resources. According to the Moody's website, an A rating means an institution's financial obligations are considered upper-medium grade and subject to low credit risk.

"This report is yet another

indicator that the College is on firm footings and headed in the right direction," President Jim Peterson notes. "Increased alumni giving, our growing endowment, and our positive enrollment trends are all reasons for that."

## Gustavus part of collaborative NSF grant

Gustavus Adolphus College is one of 16 higher education institutions in Minnesota that, along with the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Minnesota High Tech Association, have been awarded a collaborative five-year, \$2.45 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant


to broaden the participation of underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in baccalaureate education. The NSF will fund this strategic program through its Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Partnership (LSAMP) program. Funded initiatives include community-building conferences, bridge programs, peer-to-peer learning and mentoring, undergraduate research opportunities, industry internships, and course development workshops.

The grant program's first activities took place at Gustavus during the 43rd Nobel Conference on Oct. 2-3. Eligible

## Honorary degrees conferred during Nobel Conference

The faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College awarded two honorary degrees in October 2007 during the College's 43rd annual Nobel Conference.

Marking a long-standing tradition of recognizing Nobel Prize winners who visit the College, 1997 laureate in physics **Steven Chu**, director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and professor of physics and molecular biology at the University of California, Berkeley, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree during opening ceremonies of the conference. He is pictured (below, left) being hooded by lectors Brian O'Brien, associate professor of chemistry, and Steve Mellema '72, professor of physics, as President Jim Peterson '64 looks on. Chu joins a group of 87 laureates so honored by Gustavus since 1950.

Prior to the morning lecture session on the conference's second day, the faculty conferred an honorary doctor of humane letters degree jointly upon **Glen Johnson '50** and his wife, **LaVonne Johnson**, for their ongoing support of the College's growing commitment to environmental stewardship, including most recently a major gift to establish the Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation. Pictured (below, right) during the degree ceremony were, from left, Glen Johnson '50; licitor Jeff Jeremiason, assistant professor of chemistry and director of the Environmental Studies program (partially obscured); citator James Dontje, director of the Johnson Center; President Jim Peterson '64, Provost Mary E. Morton (partially obscured); LaVonne Johnson; and licitor Cindy Johnson-Groh, associate professor of biology and executive director of Linnaeus Arboretum. 



Photos by Stacia Senne





LSAMP students from each of the participating colleges and universities attended the conference and participated in events planned in conjunction with the conference.

Gustavus is one of five private colleges in the alliance, along with Augsburg, Carleton, Macalester, and St. Olaf. The University of Minnesota is providing project leadership for the alliance and overall fiscal oversight.

### Chemistry department receives major instrumentation gift

Bill Soderlund and Soderlund Village Drug of St. Peter recently made a major gift of \$205,000 to the Department of Chemistry at Gustavus Adolphus College, which will enable the College to purchase a liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometer to be used in instructional laboratories and faculty-student research projects. The instrument helps to identify and quantify trace levels of organic compounds. It is particularly well-suited for investigating pesticides and the byproducts of their breakdown (both chemical via microorganisms in soils and waters, and with light in rivers and lakes). It is also the method of choice in nearly all studies of pharmaceutical metabolism and the analysis of impurities in medications. In the environmental field, this instrument helps analyze organic compounds at concentrations below the 1 part-per-trillion level and can detect some materials at levels of about 100 parts-per-quadrillion.

Soderlund and Village Drug also served as corporate sponsors of the 2007 Nobel Conference.

### Primatologist is 2008 Rydell Professor


Frans B.M. de Waal, a zoologist and ethologist specializing in primate behavior and psychology who was a featured speaker at the 1995 Nobel Conference, will



Frans B.M. de Waal

return to the campus in April as the 2008 Drs. Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College.

De Waal is the C.H. Chandler Professor of Primate Behavior at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and director of Living Links Center, Yerkes National Primate Research Center, also in Atlanta. He will co-teach a neuroscience course with Jan Wotton, assistant professor of psychology, during the spring semester and present a public lecture while he is in residence during the first two weeks of April. He is also scheduled to present a lecture at the Minnesota Zoo.

The Rydell Professorship at Gustavus Adolphus College is a scholar-in-residence program designed to bring Nobel laureates, Nobel Conference presenters, and similarly distinguished scholars and scientists to the campus as catalysts for enhanced learning and teaching. It was established in 1993 by the late Dr. Robert Rydell '46 and his wife, Dr. Susan Rydell, of Minnetonka, Minn., "to give students the opportunity to learn from and interact with leading scholars." De Waal is the 11th scholar to serve as a Rydell Professor at Gustavus. 

# bookmarks



**Esbj in Print** – **Dennis Johnson '60**, former vice president for college relations and interim president of the College, and **Robert Esbjornson '41**, professor emeritus of religion, collaborated on a book of Esbjornson's reminiscences and writings that was published just prior to Esbj's death in October. Titled *Esbj! The Heart and Mind of a Professor*, the book was released during

homecoming festivities at Gustavus on Oct. 13, when both contributors were present on campus for a book signing.

The book is described as the memoirs of Esbjornson's long career as a religion professor at Gustavus (1950–1983) and also includes a collection of his writings. Johnson provided the narrative that puts Esbjornson's writings into context.

"My role was also that of an editor who took the wealth of material available to me and selected samples of the wide range of topics addressed by 'Esbj,'" Johnson notes. "It is my hope to open the reader to the heart and mind of a professor who had an extraordinary influence on students during his 33-year teaching career."

### Jazz Lab Band releases new CD –

The Gustavus Jazz Lab Band and director **Steve Wright** have released a new CD.

*Taking Off* showcases a variety of works by such jazz greats as Duke Ellington, Thad Jones, Wayne Shorter, Edward C. Redding, Sammy Nestico, Mike Tomaro, and Mark Taylor. It ranges in style from "Caravan" to "Magic Flea" to "Bradley's Bop House."

This CD is the result of the preparation for and the concert tour to the Denver, Colo., area in the spring of 2006. Seven of the tracks were recorded in two sessions at the College prior to the tour. Six tracks are live recordings from the jazz band's home concert after the tour. For most of the students, this combination of recording sessions and live recording, with overdubbing of some solos and percussion, was a new experience.

In reviewing *Taking Off*, Jerry Swanberg, president of the Twin Cities Jazz Society and host of Big Band Scene on KBEM 88.5 FM/Jazz 88, wrote, "This is a great CD . . . by a group I have rated as one of the best college jazz ensembles in the United States."



Copies of *Esbj! The Heart and Mind of a Professor*, *Taking Off*, and other recordings by Gustavus ensembles and books by Gustavus authors, as well as Gustie gear and a full range of gift items and trade books, are available from the Gustavus Book Mark, the College's own bookstore. To enquire about an item or to order, call the Book Mark staff at 800-847-9307, or visit online at [www.bookmark.gustavus.edu](http://www.bookmark.gustavus.edu).



# Hillstrom Museum of Art presents two exhibitions of national importance

by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art is currently showing two exhibitions, both of which have attracted national attention. On view through Jan. 13, 2008, are *Night Visions: The Secret Designs of Moths* (Digital Prints by Joseph Scheer), and *Destination Anywhere: A Juried Exhibit of 15 Award-Winning Young Artists with Disabilities*.

Joseph Scheer is a professor of print media and co-director/founder of the Institute for Electronic Arts at the School of Art and Design, Alfred University, New York. His beautiful and astonishing digital prints based on highly-magnified scans of moths have been featured in numerous exhibitions around the world, including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the National Museum of China in Beijing, the Field Museum in Chicago, and the Regional Museum of Kristianstad, Sweden.

Scheer, who had been interested in moths for some time and collected them from the window ledges of his office at Alfred University, began scanning insects in 1997 when a high-resolution scanner was donated to the Institute for Electronic Arts. After seeing the results of such a scan, Scheer soon realized that moths were particularly amazing in their beauty and diversity, and he began creating the



Joseph Scheer, *Utetheisa bella* (Bella Moth), 2006, high-resolution digital scan on watercolor paper, 34 1/2 x 47 inches

magnified images of them that typify his current work. For each print, Scheer makes as many as 10–20 different scans of a particular moth, each at infinitesimally different levels, which are then carefully matched together and melded, with the aid of computer programs, into a single image of almost shocking clarity and detail. He prints the images on heavy watercolor papers using an ink jet printer.

The artist has collected thousands of different species of moths for his prints. He considers his ongoing project, which has grown to include moth populations throughout the United States and also in Costa Rica, Mexico, Australia, and China, to be a merging of science and art. As he explains in the exhibition brochure,

what began as an art installation has become a serious biodiversity project. For his work Scheer has engaged the assistance of Smithsonian Institution curator Marc Epstein, an expert on the *Lepidoptera* order to which moths and their relatives the butterflies belong.

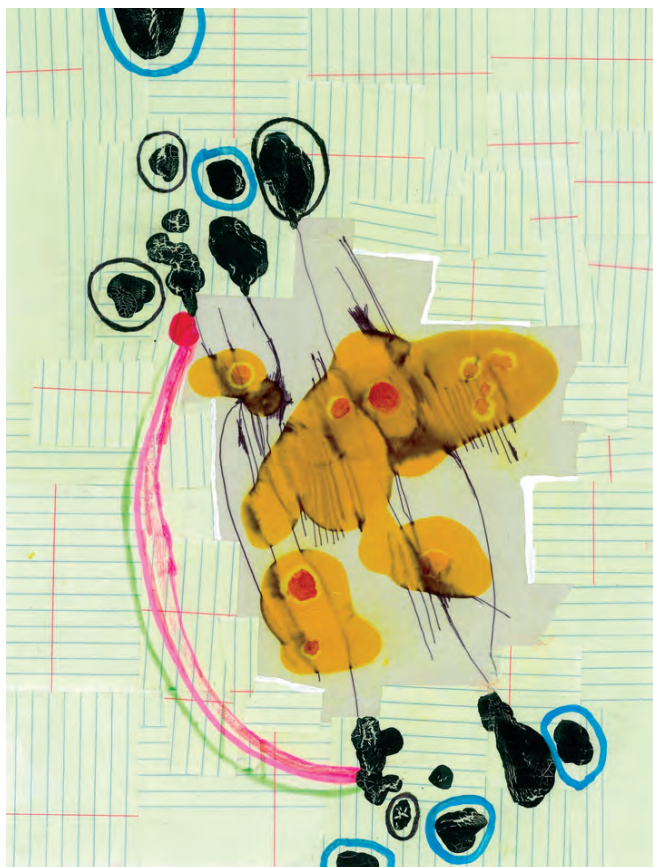
Scheer's moth images have been the subject of articles in numerous periodicals and newspapers, including *National Geographic*, *Reader's Digest*, and the *New York Times*. They have also been the subject of two books: the hand-printed, artist-signed, limited edition *Night Flyers*, and the award-winning monograph *Joseph Scheer, Night Visions: The Secret Designs of Moths*. Both of these are available for purchase at the

Museum and at the Book Mark during the exhibition.

Also available, free of charge, is a fully illustrated color exhibit brochure. This includes artist statements by Scheer about his work, along with an essay considering the moth in art and culture and two texts written by entomologists from the Department of Biology: Margaret Bloch Qazi's essay considers the particular characteristics of moths, including how they are distinguished from butterflies, while that of her husband, Sanjive Qazi, discusses the role in the lives of moths of pheromones and of olfaction (the senses of smell and taste).

Joseph Scheer is scheduled to be on campus in conjunction with his exhibition. His visit, which includes a public





**Emily Alexander, *Butterfly*, 2006, mixed media, 14 x 10 inches, awarded the \$20,000 grand prize**


lecture on Nov. 29 and meetings with art students and students in Margaret Bloch Qazi's First Term Seminar, "Bugs, Sex and Rock-n-Roll," is supported by the Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Endowment for the Arts, which also is helping support the exhibition.

*Destination Anywhere: A Juried Exhibit of 15 Award-Winning Young Artists with Disabilities* is a recurring program designed to recognize and showcase young artists with disabilities, ages 16–25, who are living in the United States. The exhibit organizer, VSA arts, distributed over 20,000 entry forms to schools and colleges across the country. From 206 submissions, 15 finalists were selected for exhibition and awards totaling \$60,000, provided by sponsor Volkswagen of America, Inc.

The exhibit was designed to support young artists at a criti-

cal time when many are deciding whether to pursue the arts as a career, while the awards validate and help finance such a life-defining choice. A panel of three national leaders in the arts—William A. Newman, artist and professor at the Corcoran College of Art and Design; Annie Gawlak, director of G Fine Art, a leading contemporary art gallery in Washington, D.C.; and Agnes Gund, who has played important roles in many arts arenas and who is president emerita of the Museum of Modern Art and a current member of the boards of the Barnes Foundation, the Menil Collection, and the Frick Collection—served as jurors for the exhibit.


The Hillstrom Museum of Art's venue of this exhibition,

which debuted at the Smithsonian Institution in 2006, is supported by the Diversity Center of Gustavus Adolphus College. Special programming by the Museum in collaboration with VSA arts of Minnesota provides assistance to area schools wishing to bring students to the exhibition, and is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature. 

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

## Museum's FOCUS IN/ON project online

**F**OCUS IN/ON is a program of the Hillstrom Museum of Art that involves collaboration of the Museum with a member of the Gustavus faculty from across the curriculum to produce an in-depth study of an artwork from the Hillstrom Collection. An oil painting titled *Mozartiana* (c. 1940) by Esther Williams (1907–1969) was the subject of a recent FOCUS IN/ON project co-written with David Fienen, who is the Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Professor of Fine Arts and chairperson of the Department of Music, in addition to being cantor and organist of Christ Chapel. The extended didactic essay, which is available in its entirety on the Museum's website (at [gustavus.edu/onclick/finearts/hillstrom](http://gustavus.edu/onclick/finearts/hillstrom)), explores the artist's career.

Williams was an acclaimed and accomplished artist who was also an avid amateur pianist, with a strong admiration for composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791). Her painting *Mozartiana*, singled out for praise in a 1941 *New York Times* review of Williams's solo exhibition at Kraushaar Galleries in New York that year, features a vase of anemones and Mozart sheet music set on a piano, and is the artist's commentary on the brevity of Mozart's life (the anemones being symbolic of the transitory quality of life, in particular a life cut short). The FOCUS IN/ON essay considers the different but somewhat related means that visual and musical artists have to convey meaning in their works, and also explores how Williams was attempting to create something distinctly *musical* through her painting. 



**Esther Williams (1907–1969), *Mozartiana*, c. 1940, oil on canvas, 20 x 16 inches, gift of the Rev. Richard L. Hillstrom**

# Calendar

## Diversions to warm the winter's days

### November

Continuing through Jan. 13, 2008

Art Exhibitions: **Night Visions: The Secret Designs of Moths and Destination Anywhere: A National Juried Exhibit for Young Artists with Disabilities**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

30, Dec. 1 & 2

**Christmas in Christ Chapel 2007:** "The Word Becomes Flesh," Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 1 & 2 only). To inquire about remaining tickets, contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520).

### December

- 6 **Festival of St. Lucia**, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, featuring fiddler Brian Wicklund '87, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Contact the Office of College Relations (507-933-7520) to inquire about remaining tickets.
- 9 Music: **BRASSWORKS!** Scott Moore, conductor, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 14 **Michael Johnson** in Concert, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket

required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

- 19 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Speaker of the House Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

### January

- 16 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring conductors of the College's touring music ensembles, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 21 **Discover Gustavus:** an introduction to the College for high school sophomores and juniors, including campus tours, information sessions, and conversations with current Gusties, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Pre-registration required; for more information, contact the Office of Admission (507-933-7676, or admission.gustavus.edu/admissions/visit/openhouses.asp).
- 23 (–Feb. 26) Art Exhibition: **Go Figure: Paintings by Arnoldus Grüter and Daniel Ballman**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to

the public without charge; museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Wed., Jan. 23, 7–9 p.m.

### February

21–24, 28–March 2

Theatre: **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by Henry MacCarthy, Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Feb. 21–23, Feb. 28–29, March 1) and 2 p.m. (Feb. 24 and March 2). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

- 20 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Dean of Students Hank Toutain, Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, 8–9:30 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

### March

- 7–8 Conference: **"Building Bridges"** student-led diversity conference, "Genocide Awareness: What You Can Do to Help," featuring keynote speaker Paul Rusesabagina, Alumni Hall, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 8 (–April 22) Art Exhibition: **Rodin: In His Own Words, Selections from the Iris and B.**



Auguste Rodin (1840–1917), *The Thinker*, modeled 1880, reduced in 1903, cast about 1930 (cast number unknown), bronze, 14 ¾ x 7 ⅞ x 11 ⅜ inches, Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collection.

**Gerald Cantor Foundation**, Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Sunday, March 9, 5–7 p.m.

- 9 Music: **The 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) after Jan. 14, 2008.
- 9 Lecture: **Hillstrom guest lecture on sculptor Auguste Rodin** by Ruth Butler, Wallenberg Auditorium, Nobel Hall of Science, 3:30 p.m.

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





# The faculty 'tool shed'

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## The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning

**A**t Gustavus, students perform *The Four Seasons*, titrate solutions, and analyze *King Lear*. They perform plays, write lab reports and critical essays, research history and think through ethical dilemmas, communicate in foreign and computer languages, and decipher video art and the human body. Students experience the world as their classroom, and in their classrooms, they come to understand that the global begins at home. And the goal of this education is simple: to help students attain their full human potential and to develop in them a passion for learning throughout their lives.

Their best models and mentors are Gustavus faculty, who themselves perform Vivaldi, consider the intricacies of words and structures, and create aesthetic theories of the human form. Gustavus faculty are engaged in the world as their classroom, and in their classrooms, they integrate the community, both large and small. And the goal for faculty is equally simple: to fulfill their potential as teachers, scholars, and artists and to continually learn in order to be more thoughtfully engaged in and responsible for their students' learning.

In order to foster faculty and student learning, Gustavus Adolphus College has announced the formation of the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, named in honor of the longtime psychology professor and 12th president of the College. "John Kendall was at his core a teacher, a real teacher who cared about the students," President James Peterson '64 remembers, "but, importantly, he cared about teachers too. He cared about how the faculty was to grow and continue learning." For Peterson, John Kendall was a valued professor and faculty adviser during his student years at Gustavus. "And many years later," Peterson continues, "he was the individual most responsible for convincing me to consider this presidency. So, I'm very honored to be a part of creating this Kendall Center—this legacy of engaged learning at Gustavus."

According to Joanne Kendall, his widow, "John was interested in dynamic learning and he learned best through experience." The time they lived on a farm while at Gustavus, she re-

by Laura Behling

## The legacy of a respected leader

The Kendall Center for Engaged Learning is named in honor of **John S. Kendall '49**, longtime psychology professor at



Gustavus and the College's 12th president. "Gustavus has been a most important part of my life," he once reflected. "In each of my roles, I saw how Gustavus supported and en-

couraged the development and growth of its students. Each of us who is a graduate of the college owes Gustavus a significant debt."

Kendall taught at the College for 30 years, from 1958 to 1965 and from 1968 to 1991, and also served several terms as chair of the Department of Psychology (1959–1960, 1962–1965, and 1968–1975). In 1973 he received Gustavus's highest teaching honor, the Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award citation stated, "John Kendall has an infectious interest in ideas; he likes stories; he likes his students; he has a zest for life. . . ." Students flocked to his classes.

He was named the College's 12th president in 1981 and served until 1991. During his presidency, Gustavus became a Phi Beta Kappa institution and received a prestigious grant from the F.W. Olin Foundation that funded the building of a new science hall and additional science initiatives and also greatly increased the College's reputation for high quality science education.

members, "was a learning opportunity for us," and also for some of John's students who would meet for class in the barn. In their Minnesota cabin, Joanne recalls John saying that his "head worked better when he was using his hands," and as a result "he had a tool shed that was the envy of our neighbors and local handymen."

The Kendall Center is, then, a kind of faculty "tool shed," a resource center that provides opportunities and programs for faculty to fully engage in their professional work and in their teaching. Its presence on campus signals a commitment to support faculty in achieving their potential as scholars and teachers, which, in turn, is a commitment to help Gustavus students develop their capacity and passion for lifelong learning, and to prepare them for fulfilling lives of leadership and service in society. The Center "enables Gustavus to be more intentional about faculty development in areas of scholarship and creativity and pedagogy," Provost Mary Morton explains. "Although this is an area in which we have many strengths, the Center allows a structure of peer support and leadership."

Such support for faculty members' development as teachers and scholars is a central expression of the College's commitment to a liberal arts education of recognized excellence provided by faculty who embody the highest standards of scholarship and teaching. Gustavus is a "learning community," Peterson says. "We believe that strongly, and we know that in addition to student learning, that means faculty learning, too. Faculty need support for their own engaged learning, within their professional disciplines, within the realm of teaching techniques and technology, and within the company of their Gustavus colleagues. That's what the Kendall Center does."

*'I firmly believe that staying abreast in one's field promotes intellectual excitement, and that this translates into more effective teaching.' \**

**T**he Kendall Center's mission is focused to assist faculty in two specific areas: disciplinary expertise and pedagogical proficiency. These two areas are, of course, interrelated and mutually interdependent. Teachers who are active scholars, engaged in and aware of the ongoing expansion of knowledge within their academic fields, bring

enthusiasm for their disciplines into the classroom. Scholars who actively teach and reflect upon their teaching will bring into their research and scholarly and creative endeavors the curiosity and insights that arise within the classroom. By meeting the needs of both these areas of a faculty member's profession, the Kendall Center nurtures excellence among teacher-scholars. "I feel a greater sense of purpose in what we are doing collaboratively for our students," one faculty member comments. "There are tangible outcomes to be had from all of these programs, but a forum for conversation and intellectual development with peers is primary."

Faculty specialize in a particular academic discipline and develop a deep understanding of a subdiscipline through graduate study. But academic fields continually develop and change, new ideas emerge, new texts surface, connections among theories are forged. To stay engaged, faculty research and create, converse with other scholars in their field to share discoveries, and then join in the chorus of thought through the presentation and publication of their ideas. Faculty recognize the value of the assistance provided by the Center. One indicates how it "helps to advance my collaborative research with students, enhances my connections with colleagues, and allows me to present my scholarly findings at professional meetings." Another notes how such support is vital in "creating and presenting new works in performing arts."

The Kendall Center assists this exchange of ideas by funding faculty who travel to present their research and creative work, disbursing internal grants to support faculty's intellectual projects, including grants to support faculty-student collaborative research, providing on-campus conversational space for faculty to share their scholarly work with their colleagues, and alerting faculty to opportunities in their fields that will allow them to continue to learn and experience the "intellectual excitement" of their disciplinary fields.

*\* All quotes from faculty members come from a recent survey conducted as part of the continuing assessment of faculty development programming.*



*I'm better educated about students and about teaching through these programs, and I have become convinced that learning to be a good teacher is a lifelong pursuit.'*

and an engaged learner in the world. Such opportunities "have kept me engaged and vitalized as a teacher," a member of the faculty says. "I am continually challenged to think about what I include (and exclude) in my course content and what methods I use as a teacher. So both content and pedagogy are challenged and revitalized."

Gustavus faculty are committed to developing teaching methods and strategies that consider how students' varying learning styles influence their educational success. One faculty member explains that "I have a better sense of how to evaluate my students because I now know how to develop and articulate specific criteria for assignments." Working across disciplinary boundaries, faculty learn from each other that there may be common elements in teaching Roman history and marketing, and likewise, that empires and corporations are far different entities that require specific pedagogies. Faculty also learn, through reflection, curious inquiry, and the courage to teach differently, that different teaching styles affect students differently, and that the mark of good teaching, like the mark of a good scholar, requires active responsibility and commitment to their own and to their students' learning. "One of the best outcomes" of the faculty development programs run by the Kendall Center, Academic Dean Mariangela Maguire offers, "is that it is changing the culture of teaching at Gustavus. It has opened up the conversation about teaching and we are now a far more reflective community of teachers who are willing to admit mistakes, try new strategies, learn from others, and share experiences."

Active scholarly work is not simply for the faculty's own erudition. They are committed to maintaining professional expertise to bring new ideas back to their classes. They share with their students the best of scholarly thought, and model for students what it means to be an active and present student of sociology or geology or music,

## The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning has seven major components:

### 1. Support for Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creativity

Ongoing research, scholarship, and creativity are vital elements of each faculty member's professional activity and contribute significantly to the learning of students and the intellectual culture of the College. The Center offers financial support for these activities through travel grants to professional conferences and Research, Scholarship, and Creativity grants.

### 2. Support for Teaching and Learning

Teaching is central to the mission of the College, student learning, and the scholarly vitality of the faculty. The Center supports critical reflection upon pedagogical issues and methods through summer workshops and several academic-year discussion series.

### 3. Support for Innovation in the Curriculum

The curriculum is shaped by what faculty teach and how they teach it; the Center

supports curriculum development through financial support for redesigning existing courses, majors, and programs and creating new areas of study.

### 4. Collaborative Student/Faculty Research

Students learn best from faculty mentors who create a hands-on learning experience. The Center provides funding support for such collaborative work, and also provides support for students to travel to professional conferences to present their accomplished academic work.

### 5. New Faculty Mentoring and Orientation

Establishing a mentoring relationship is an important first step in shaping a new faculty member's experiences. The Center fosters this faculty development opportunity through its Mentoring Partners Program, designed to provide an institutional and personal commitment to new tenure-track or continuing-appointment faculty mem-

bers as they transition to participation in the culture of the College. Orientation throughout the academic year allows new faculty to focus on pedagogical issues, learn about opportunities at the College, and develop camaraderie among peers.

### 6. College Community Professional Support

Faculty, staff, and students of the College form a community of learners who share an interest in academic inquiry. The Center sponsors a variety of programs and resources that increase dialogue and foster the growth of the intellectual community—faculty, staff, and students.

### 7. Support for Ongoing Assessment

Resources must be used wisely; thus the Center works to continually evaluate the impact of faculty development programming on faculty and student learning.



## Moes' gift builds momentum for Kendall Center



Gustavus parents **Karin and Robert Moe** believe in the power of focused philanthropy. They direct much of their giving toward liberal arts education, where they feel that individuals and society will reap the greatest benefit from their efforts.

Recently, the Moes made a \$1 million commitment to the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning. This leadership gift brings the College closer to its goal of fully endowing the center. When fully funded, the endowment will generate funds to support two main areas: faculty development and student-faculty research.

"We are grateful to the Moes for their continued support of Gustavus," says Gustavus Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mary E. Morton. "Student-faculty research and faculty development are two key components of the College's developing strategic plan and this endowment gift has energized our community to move forward in that aspect of the planning more quickly than we had anticipated. The generosity of the Moes will enable us to double the number of annual student and faculty

awards provided through the Kendall Center. This will have a significant impact on our ability to strengthen and foster the work of generations of students and faculty."

The Moes have made major gifts to several leading colleges and universities. In 1996, a gift to Gustavus launched the Moe Lectures series, which brings internationally-known speakers to the College each year in service to students and also the wider regional community.

The robust, engaged, interactive, and interdisciplinary "Kendall" approach to learning


resonated with the Moes, whose daughter, Kris '84, attended Gustavus during John Kendall's tenure as Gustavus president. They know Gustavus to be a place where student-faculty work flourishes and relationships are warm and inspiring.

Robert and Karin Moe feel that faculty who give so much to students need the opportunity to grow and develop themselves. "One of the great things about Gustavus is that it fosters strong faculty and student relationships," Karin notes. "Those great individuals who make a difference in the lives of young people need the resources and time to develop their own work. We support the Kendall Center because it is our opportunity to ensure this tradition remains strong."

The Center sponsors teaching and learning workshops, creates forums for faculty to talk together about teaching challenges and successes, supports faculty interested in developing new or enhancing existing areas of teaching expertise, and engages in conversation with experts in various fields who can offer Gustavus faculty new ideas and ways of teaching students. The Center also works with new faculty throughout the year in two important ways. First, it provides an institutional orientation to all new faculty, focusing on broad perspectives of a liberal arts education to more focused topics during the year, such as enhancing active learning and creating assignments to stimulate critical thinking. Second, the Kendall Center plans and administers a mentoring program that connects first-year tenure-track faculty with experienced Gustavus faculty as a way to assist new faculty members in their transition to participation in the culture of the College.

And in turn, Gustavus faculty become experts for each other. One department chair observes, "I am much better equipped to mentor young colleagues who often come from major universities where pedagogy is entirely lecture and assessment is testing. I have shared strategies and techniques with my young colleagues and I know this is helping them create project-based learning opportunities in their classrooms." Provost Morton concurs, articulating that "professional development is part of our responsibility as faculty; for us to challenge and support each other as peers is to acknowledge our commitment to be engaged learners throughout our vocation as teacher-scholars."

Responsive to the professional needs and interests of each faculty member, the Kendall Center fosters the pursuit of teaching and scholarly excellence throughout all stages of each faculty member's career, a realization of the continuous nature of learning to which John and Joanne Kendall also came. "We started thinking about life as being a research laboratory," Joanne Kendall says, and the various people they met as being "mentors and models of good teaching and good learning."

Gustavus faculty are themselves mentors and models of good teaching and good learning, and the opportunities available in the Kendall Center "tool shed" help to challenge, support, and encourage them in their work. "The interchange of pedagogical ideas has been phenomenal," a faculty member comments. "I have learned a ton from my colleagues . . . I know collectively we care about our teaching and do interesting things both inside and out of the classroom, and that we are very devoted to help our students succeed." This is a sentiment Provost Morton echoes: "Anytime Gustavus faculty members have an opportunity to reflect on their own creative scholarship and teaching, one's engagement in our learning and mentoring community is strengthened. And our students are the ultimate beneficiaries of faculty development." 

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# Measuring What Matters

by Gwendolyn Freed

College rankings and ratings have been in the news lately, and Gustavus constituencies are following the headlines. The debate going on in the public forum is rich and important. To make matters more interesting, at a time of great institutional robustness and milestone achievements, Gustavus nevertheless recently found itself drawn briefly into ongoing controversy surrounding one popular rankings outlet.

The College was surprised to find itself listed in an “unranked” category in the 2008 edition of *U.S. News & World Report’s* Best Colleges guide. This new classification results not from a change in the high quality of a Gustavus education, but from the way it answered a series of questions in the magazine’s survey. These questions concerned the use of test scores in its admission process. Test score submission recently became optional at Gustavus although, among this year’s incoming class, 81 percent of applicants presented them for consideration.

Choosing a college is one of the most important life decisions many people will ever make. With the consumer in mind, most rankings and ratings outlets seek to capture and contextualize a range of data points of great relevance to young people and their families who are looking for the right school—the best fit at the right price. By those very types of measures, Gustavus remains an excellent choice for students of high promise and aspiration.

“The qualities that make Gustavus distinctive include our talented, well-prepared students; the commitment and high expectations of the faculty and staff; our innovative programs; and the supportive, welcoming environment of the campus,” Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mary E. Morton notes. “The hallmark of the Gustavus community is

the challenge and support faculty and staff offer our students, and we are proud of their success as students and as graduates.”

## Gustavus on the Move

The College enjoyed a 24 percent increase in applications for the current academic year and welcomed 670 first-year students and 40 transfer students to campus this fall. This year’s incoming class brought impressive achievements, as is typical at Gustavus. Similar to previous classes, 85 percent had completed Advanced Placement courses, average GPA was 3.6, and more than a third hailed from the top 10 percent of their high-school classes. This year, the College also better balanced its male-to-female ratio.

Twelve percent of first-year students come from underrepresented groups, mirroring Minnesota’s overall racial and ethnic demographics. Working to contain costs in a high-inflation industry, Gustavus capped its tuition increase at 6.7 percent this year, below that of many peer schools.



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Institutionally, the College is stable and future-focused. In the past year, the Glen and LaVonne Johnson Center for Environmental Innovation was established and its director welcomed to campus. To support excellence throughout the academic program, faculty teaching loads have been reduced. Fundraising is energetic for the new John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, which supports faculty development and faculty-student collaboration.

The College has transitioned to new programs and a new financial model to support growth of study-abroad programs. A new partnership was established with United International College in Zhu Hai, China, and connections have been strengthened with higher education in Sweden. Gustavus is developing an innovative leadership development program with both curricular and co-curricular dimensions. In September, Gustavus dedicated a new, state-of-the-art football stadium, and plans are proceeding for a new academic building and development of a mall flowing westward from Christ Chapel to Linnaeus Arboretum.

The Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees has set the foundation for strategic planning, an effort now led by Provost Morton, who began her tenure this summer. Key future directions strongly align with the College's mission to prepare students for fulfilling lives of leadership and service to society.

Gustavus will continue to enhance its academic program—building on academic strengths for a number of purposes such as the emerging leadership initiative conceived by student affairs, undergraduate research programs, the Kendall Center, and plans for new and renovated academic facilities.

Gustavus is fostering integrated program areas—interdisciplinary centers organized around ideas for which it wants to create more energy and focus. Some of these will be current programs that need and deserve more support, and others will be new ventures. The focus is on “Education at the Intersections”—the intersections of academic interests and disciplines, of organizational boundaries and relationships.

The College is developing and enhancing positive and productive relationships with the Church and its congregations, and thinking more about the life of faith on campus and how that plays out in an increasingly diverse campus community.

Gustavus has made it a priority to continue globalizing its campus—with long-term goals of more students from abroad, more Gustavus students studying overseas, more faculty here from other countries and cultures, and new emphases in the curriculum as well. This, together with continuing commitments to creating and supporting all forms of diversity across the campus, will also support cultural competency.

Environmental stewardship is crucial at Gustavus,

across the campus, and beyond. Energy conservation efforts will take an especially prominent position this year. The College is looking seriously at how to better manage its environmental footprint and the influence that this will have on future campus development.

“Gustavus may have been designated by one magazine as ‘unranked,’” says President Jim Peterson, “but make no mistake: this college is on the move.”


## Rankings in Perspective

As Gustavus continues to focus on its own intentional and mission-centered academic and strategic priorities, the field of ratings and rankings continues to be large and varied—from *U.S. News* to *Washington Monthly*, *Barron's*, *Princeton Review*, *Fiske*, *Vanguard*, *College Prowler*, and other media. Discussion continues in higher education as to whether and how such media can best help consumers make decisions about college.

Recently, Williams, Vassar, Pomona, Carleton, and Amherst colleges joined a dozen other prestigious schools to announce that they will no longer respond to special requests for data that come from rankings media, other than to provide a standardized form and links to their websites. The schools plan to refrain from use of rankings data in public relations and marketing materials.

The Annapolis Group, a consortium of the presidents of 125 national liberal arts colleges including Gustavus, has announced that many of its members will no longer complete and return *U.S. News's* “reputation survey”—a questionnaire that accounts for a quarter of the points used in the magazine's overall ranking formula.

In May, the nonprofit Education Conservancy organized an open letter signed by 64 institutions, criticizing college rankings for what it called “false precision” and for fueling unhealthy “gamesmanship” in higher education. The letter urged schools to resist participation in the rankings and ratings surveys and rankings-based marketing.

Meanwhile, Gustavus is looking ahead to continued positive and supportive partnership with students and families seeking useful and important data to inform college decision-making. It recently joined more than 500 institutions in a new consumer information initiative called the University and College Accountability Network (U-CAN). In a common format, U-CAN will give prospective students and their families concise, Web-based information on individual programs. 

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*Gwendolyn Freed joined the Gustavus staff in December 2006 as vice president for college relations.*



# Sports notes

## 2007 Athletes of the Year announced

by Tim Kennedy '82

**A**ndrea Peterson '07, an ice hockey player from Vadnais Heights, Minn., and **Tony Konicek '07**, a baseball player from Rochester, Minn., are recipients the seventh annual Gustavus Athlete of the Year awards. They were honored at the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet held on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Alumni Hall.

Peterson completed a record-breaking four-year career by being named the Division III Player of the Year by the American Hockey Coaches Association. The White Bear Lake High School graduate also became the first player in any sport in MIAC history to earn MIAC Player of the Year honors for four consecutive years. The four-time First Team All-America honoree finished her career as the all-time leading scorer in MIAC history and the third-leading scorer in the history of Division III women's ice hockey with 78 goals and 107 assists for 185 points. Peterson helped the Gusties claim three MIAC titles, earn four NCAA tournament appearances, and post a record of 94–18–2 overall and 67–4–1 in MIAC play during her career.

Konicek, the starting third baseman for the Gusties, was a 2007 First Team All-America selection, the 2007 Baseball Writers of America Midwest Region Position Player of the Year, and the 2007 MIAC Player of the Year. He led the MIAC with 38 hits and 38 RBI and finished second in batting aver-




Andrea Peterson '07



Tony Konicek '07

age at .535. The two-time All-America selection and two-time MIAC Player of the Year finished as the Gustavus career leader in batting average (.440), hits (228), triples (12), RBI (178), and runs scored (135, tie) and is second all-time in home runs (31), doubles (53), and at-bats (518). He was the captain of this year's squad, which posted a record of 21–15 overall and finished fourth in the MIAC with a mark of 14–6.

Peterson and Konicek were selected from a group of 18 candidates (9 men and 9 women). To be a candidate for the Gustavus

Athlete of the Year, an athlete had to have been selected one of nine Athletes of the Month during the school year or put on the ballot by his or her head coach as a result of being selected their team's Most Valuable Player. The winners are selected by a vote of the Gustavus head coaches. 

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

### The nine finalists for the 2006–07 Gustavus Female Athlete of the Year

were Lisa Brown of Lake Crystal, Minn. (sophomore, outdoor track and field); Janna Castellano of Blaine, Minn. (senior, indoor and outdoor track and field); Carrie Gundersen of Minnetonka, Minn. (first-year, swimming); Hailey Harren of Cold Spring, Minn. (senior, cross country); Lauren Hom of Stevens Point, Wis. (senior, tennis); Emily Klein of Red Wing, Minn. (sophomore, softball and volleyball); Bri Monahan of Hutchinson, Minn. (senior, basketball); Andrea Peterson of Vadnais Heights, Minn. (senior, ice hockey); and Jess Vadnais of Hudson, Wis. (junior, basketball).

### The nine finalists for the 2006–07 Gustavus Male Athlete of the Year

were Skylar Davis of Palatine, Ill. (first-year, swimming); Tyler Garry of Sioux Falls, So. Dak. (senior, soccer); Scott Hagemeyer of Willmar, Minn. (senior, swimming); Andy Klaers of Loretto, Minn. (senior, track and field); Tony Konicek of Rochester, Minn. (senior, baseball); Tanner Miest of New London, Minn. (senior, track and field); Adam Miron of Princeton, Minn. (senior, football); Matt Stewart of Burnsville, Minn. (junior, swimming); and Erik Tone of Willmar, Minn. (senior, golf).

## Eight inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

**E**ight standout former student-athletes at Gustavus Adolphus College make up the 2007 inductee class for the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame. The honorees were recognized at the Hall of Fame banquet held on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Alumni Hall.



**John Erickson '81**, hockey, soccer – A two-sport standout during each of his four years at Gustavus, Erickson starred on the soccer field in the fall and on the ice rink in the winter from 1977 to 1981. Erickson left his biggest mark in hockey, receiving all-conference and All-America honors in both his junior and senior seasons (1980 and 1981). He graduated as the 10th-leading scorer in the program's history with 65 goals and 50 assists for 115 points. In his senior season, Erickson led the

Gusties in scoring with 21 goals and 12 assists for 33 points even though he missed the last eight games of the year with an injury. During his career, Erickson helped the Gusties post a record of 64–44 overall and the team made four national tournament appearances. In soccer, Erickson tallied 14 goals and recorded six assists for 34 points in 51 career matches. As a senior, he led the team in scoring with five goals and three assists for 13 points and earned all-conference honors. Erickson, who lives in Woodbury, Minn., is currently director of employee and labor relations with Fairview Health Systems.



**Mindy Mayerchak Oosten '88**, softball, soccer – The Brooklyn Park, Minn., native was one of the top goalkeepers in the MIAC for the soccer team and the premier left fielder in the conference for the softball team. A three-year starter in soccer, she anchored the defense with her smart play. She set the school record for wins in a season with 10 during her junior year as she helped the Gusties finish second in the conference

(with a record of 8–3–1) and earn the program's first national ranking. She was named to the all-conference team in her senior season with a sterling goals-against average of 1.03. In the spring, Oosten turned her attention to softball, where she compiled a career batting average of .302 and set the school record for career assists by an outfielder with 16 (a record that still stands almost 20 years later). She received all-conference honors in 1986 and 1988. A gifted student, Oosten was also a three-time academic all-conference honoree (1986, 1987, and 1988) as well as a First Team CoSIDA Academic All-America selection in 1988. She is now an associate vice president of pricing for Nationwide Mutual Insurance in Des Moines, Iowa, where she has worked for the past nine years.



**Tim DeJarlais '91**, golf – A major contributor on three of the most successful teams in the storied history of the Gustavus men's golf program, DeJarlais helped the Gusties to consecutive runner-up finishes at the NCAA championships in 1990 and 1991, while the 1989 team placed sixth. DeJarlais is one of just six Gustavus golfers to earn All-America honors three times in his career, and he just missed winning the NCAA

individual championship in 1991 when he tied for first place and then lost a playoff to finish second. At the conference level, DeJarlais played on three MIAC championship teams (1988, 1989, and 1990), earning all-conference honors three times and winning the MIAC individual title in 1989. He claimed medalist honors at six tournaments while at Gustavus and completed his career with a 76.1 stroke average, which is the fourth-best in the history of the program. In 1991 he moved to Sweden, where he is currently Sweden's PGA director of instruction working out of Herrljunga and Åsundsholms Golf Clubs.

**Craig Miller '91**, cross country, track – The most decorated runner in the history of the Gustavus men's cross-country program, Miller won the MIAC individual title in 1990 and then became the first Gustavus runner to earn All-America honors with a seventh-place finish at the NCAA championships later that fall. He was a three-time all-conference and two-time All-Region performer for the Gusties in addition to earning All-America honors in 1990. In his senior season, Miller and his teammates finished second at the MIAC championships and second at the NCAA Central Regional meet, qualifying as a team for the NCAA championships for the first time in the program's history. In addition to his success in cross-country, Miller also was a ten-time all-conference performer in indoor and outdoor track and field and, in his senior year, won the MIAC indoor title in the 5,000 meters and the MIAC outdoor titles in both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters. His conference titles earned him recognition as the Most Valuable Athlete at the MIAC outdoor meet. As talented in the classroom as he was in track and cross-country, Miller was a three-time academic all-conference selection and a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-America honoree. After receiving his J.D. in 1996, Miller accepted a position with Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett in the Twin Cities. He is now a partner specializing in franchise litigation.



**Mike Schumacher '91**, football – Schumacher burst onto the scene in 1987 when he led the MIAC in rushing as a freshman with 873 yards and helped the Gusties to a perfect 10–0 record and the conference championship. Schumacher went on to lead Gustavus in rushing in each of his four seasons and finished his career as the second-leading rusher in the program's history with 3,236 yards. A slashing runner with breakaway speed, Schumacher recorded 27 runs of 35 yards or more in his career. He ranks in the top ten in virtually every Gustavus career and season rushing category, and his average of 8.3 yards per carry in 1987 still ranks as the best single-season average in the history of MIAC football. Schumacher earned all-conference and All-West Region honors in 1988. In 1995 he accepted a position as an English teacher at Wayzata High School, where he also has been an assistant football and basketball coach as well as the head girls' golf coach.



**Dave Hultgren '92**, baseball – A gifted, all-around player, Hultgren could play every position on the baseball field, but settled in as a





shortstop, pitcher, and catcher for the Gusties in the early '90s. A four-year starter, he was a three-time all-conference performer (1990, 1991, and 1992) who won the MIAC batting title in his senior year with a .534 average. He led the team in hitting in 1991 (.398) and 1992 (.493) and was selected by his teammates as captain and Most Valuable Player both years. Hultgren's career

batting average of .390 ranks fourth all-time at Gustavus and his single season average of .493 in 1992 ranks second-best in program history. As a pitcher, Hultgren compiled a career mark of 5-0 as a starter and recorded three saves as a reliever. In his senior season, Hultgren threw five perfect innings against Macalester and registered a combined no-hitter with teammate Joel Daniels. Hultgren started all 94 games of his collegiate career. Hultgren moved to Kansas City in 1997 and worked in the tile business as a regional sales representative until 2001, when he joined Topmaster, a countertop manufacturer, as a field manager.




**Ann Sommersness Simms '92**, swimming – The first female swimmer at Gustavus to participate in the NCAA championships three consecutive years, Simms was one of the premier backstrokers in small college swimming from 1988 to 1991. She earned notice as a freshman in 1989 when she finished third in the 100-yard backstroke at the MIAC championships and went on to post a 16th-place finish at the NCAA championships, earning honorable mention All-America honors. She

would later become the first Gustavus swimmer to automatically qualify for the NCAA championships when she met the "A" standard in the 100 backstroke in 1991. She finished 18th in the 200 backstroke and 19th in the 100 backstroke, setting school records in each event at the 1991 NCAA championships. At the conference level, Simms was a seven-time all-conference performer, with a first-place finish in the 100 backstroke in 1990. She set four school records in her three years with the Gustavus swimming program, including the 100 freestyle (:56.45), the 100 backstroke (1:02.38), the 200 backstroke (2:15.20), and the 200 individual medley (2:16.37). Her school record in the 100 backstroke stood for 10 years before being broken in 2001. After graduating with a major in elementary education, Simms was a kindergarten teacher in

the Prior Lake/Savage School District until 1997. Since then, she has been a stay-at-home mom.

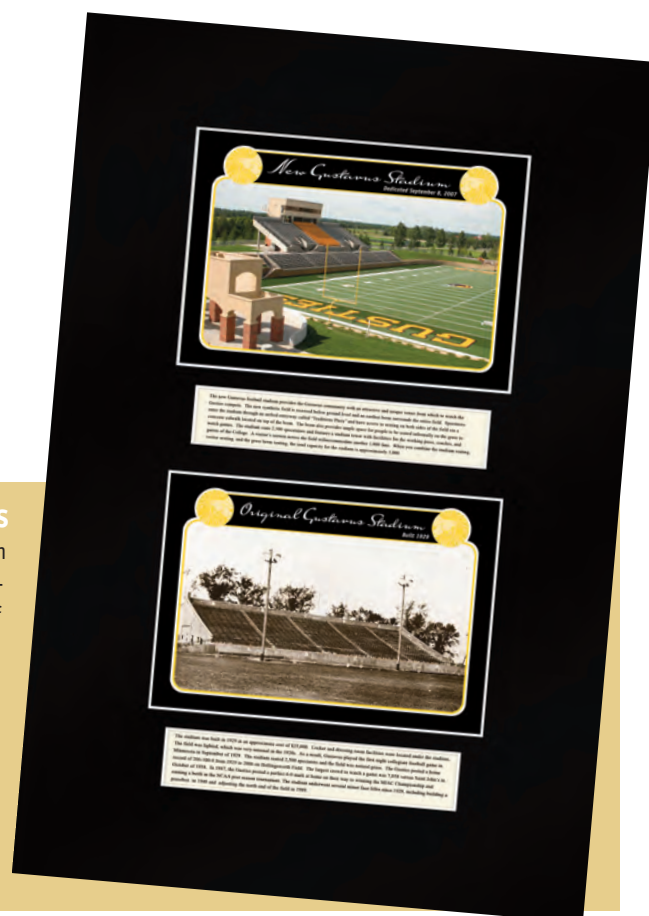


**Ryan Skanse '92**, tennis – One of the elite players in NCAA Division III tennis from 1988 to 1992, Skanse won a national doubles title with partner Dave Jussila in 1991 and then finished second in singles at the NCAA championships in 1992. The three-time All-American also recorded a third-place finish in singles in 1991 and a fifth-place finish in doubles with partner Gordon Reid in 1992. Skanse helped the Gusties post a seventh-place finish at the NCAA team championship in 1991 and an 11th-place finish in 1992. At the conference level, Skanse won #1 singles and #1 doubles titles in both 1991 and 1992 and was a key contributor on MIAC championship teams in 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992. He finished his career with an all-time record of 80-38 in singles and 81-25 in doubles. After graduating in 1992 with a major in business, Skanse returned to the Twin Cities and started working at the family business, the Douglas Corporation in Eden Prairie, Minn. He is currently a plant manager. Ryan follows his brother Rich (who was inducted in 2005) into the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame.

With the addition of this 30th group of inductees in 2007, the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame now comprises 207 former student-athletes and 12 coaches, as well as 3 program benefactors. 

## Stadium keepsakes

Gustavus Adolphus College, in cooperation with the Artisan Gallery in Mankato, Minn., is offering collage prints and framed editions of the "stadium trading cards" that were distributed to those attending the dedication of the new football stadium in September. A 12 x 18 inch collage of the old and new stadium images and framed versions of the collage and of the matted postcards are available. The unframed collage is priced at \$30, and two framed options of the collage range from \$64.29 to \$84.69. Two styles of frames and mats, for which the buyer supplies the original postcards, run from \$71.29 to \$91.69. Sales tax and shipping will be added. For more information or to order, visit the Artisan Gallery's website ([www.theartisan-gallery.net](http://www.theartisan-gallery.net)) or call 507-345-7196.



## Alum's scholarship aims at 'Aha!' moment

by Ann Johnson

It was while sitting in Mike Shafto's Gustavus statistics class in the early 1980s that **Gordon Mansergh '84** had his "Aha!" moment. Not many people can claim that it was statistics that helped them figure out their future, but for Gordon it was a turning point when he realized his fascination with research and the analyzing of hypotheses. This fascination would eventually lead him to a distinguished career in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gordon grew up in Arden Hills, Minn., and attended Mounds View High School. He entered Gustavus Adolphus College in the fall of 1980, majoring in psychology. Through his courses at Gustavus, Gordon's eyes were opened to all aspects of psychology, not just to the clinical side. He realized that research and evaluations of hypotheses were becoming more appealing to him. After Gustavus, he went on to receive master's degrees in psychology and health education from Michigan State University and Boston University and a doctorate in preventive medicine/health behavior research from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. His career has included studies in Asia, Africa, and the United States, where he has been an educator and a researcher in the fields of HIV risk reduction and substance-abuse prevention for nearly 20 years. He also co-chairs the Meth Work Group in the National Center for HIV/STD, Hepatitis, and TB Prevention, and is a member of the CDC-SAMHSA cross-agency collaboration committee to reduce methamphetamine use and HIV/STD infection.

Gordon has recently established an endowed scholarship at Gustavus for students who are participating in a for-credit internship at a federal government agency addressing a public health issue. "My career has been a series of opportunities and journeys that have taken me down unexpected paths, and I've enjoyed every step of the way," he says. Gordon hopes that this scholarship will help give students the opportunities to explore career possibilities and "see




Gordon Mansergh '84

what it's all about."

Gordon and his partner, Christopher Napolillo, do not have any children of their own; they feel this is a way for them to invest in future generations of graduates. The idea of leaving a legacy intrigued Gordon, who grew up in a family in which his parents and grandparents understood the importance of philanthropy and helping others when you have been fortunate in your own life.

"It is because of the positive experiences I had at Gustavus and the quality

of teaching, that I had the opportunities that I did," says Gordon. It is his hope that this scholarship will assist a fellow Gustie to have that "Aha!" moment, whether it is in a statistics class or conducting research while participating in an internship. 

*Ann Johnson, who interviewed Dr. Gordon Mansergh '84 for this article, has been donor relations associate in institutional advancement since November 2001.*

### ONLINE information, resources, ideas

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

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





## Alumnus funds two new scholarship endowments

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**Walter L. Youngquist '42**

**W**alter L. Youngquist '42 might be forgiven for "resting on his laurels" as a loyal Gustie and generous contributor to the College. After all, he established two significant endowment funds for the College's geology program in 2001. What's more, he added another endowment—for music students, in honor of his wife, Elizabeth (Pearson '42)—five years later. But then, it's not in Youngquist's nature to rest on anything.

The Eugene, Ore., resident and consulting geologist just made two new gifts to the College, totaling \$500,000. One gift, in the amount of \$200,000, will be added to the Robert Eric Youngquist Memorial Scholarship Endowment, which was established earlier this year in memory of Walter's son, to assist students who have overcome physical or mental challenges to be successful at Gustavus. His second gift, in

the amount of \$300,000, honors his father by establishing the Walter R. Youngquist Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The elder Youngquist graduated from Gustavus in 1916 and, after serving in World War I, entered the savings and loan business in Minneapolis, where he eventually expanded the First Federal Savings and Loan Association to a \$160 million organization. He didn't forget his alma mater, as he helped found and raised funds for the Greater Gustavus Endowment Corporation (now the Greater Gustavus Fund), served on the College's board of trustees, and provided the first \$5,000 to establish an arboretum on campus. He also sent his two children—Walter L. and Jeanne Youngquist Strand '52—to Gustavus.

Walter L. Youngquist is now responsible for five different endowed funds at Gustavus. Besides the two endowment funds associated with his most recent gift, he also established the Chester O. Johnson and Walter L. Youngquist Geology Student Research/Field Study Endowment Fund and the Chester O. Johnson Geology Scholarship Endowment Fund, as well as the Elizabeth Pearson Youngquist Music Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is administered through the College's Jussi Björling Music Scholarship program. 

## Gifts mount for Coneflower Prairie project

**G**ustavus has already received gifts and pledges totaling more than \$80,000 for the Coneflower Prairie project announced in the Fall 2007 *Quarterly*. The goal is to fully utilize a \$200,000 matching grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation to help restore a 70-acre prairie in an undeveloped area of Linnaeus Arboretum.

"Working with donors who feel passionately about Linnaeus Arboretum and the Coneflower Prairie project has been rewarding," states Teresa Harland, associate vice president for advancement, "and we are hopeful that the momentum will continue." The Schmidt Foundation grant matches gifts and multi-year pledges at a 1:1 ratio until May 31, 2008.


The Coneflower Prairie will positively impact the educational opportunities for Gustavus faculty and students as well as provide ecological diversity and conservation on campus. In addition, developing a prairie within the city limits of St. Peter will expand upon the ways the arboretum can best serve both Gustavus Adolphus College and the greater St. Peter community. While the restoration of 70 acres is modest relative to the original scope of prairies in the region, a significantly larger prairie in the arboretum will allow visitors to begin to feel the openness and the expanse of the prairies that once encompassed 18 million acres in Minnesota.

The restoration plan is in its final stages of design and includes

contouring the land to create habitats for different species.

Depending on the final species list, these habitats may require a dry hilltop or a wet swale. The timeline for restoration is approximately five years from initial site preparation to mature prairie, after which time it will be systematically maintained with rotational burns and mowing.

You can participate in the Coneflower Prairie project by making your gift today. Gift categories and a "species adoption" list may be found online at [gustavus.edu/coneflower/](http://gustavus.edu/coneflower/). To "personalize" your gift, you may select a favorite species or one that intrigues you from the list associated with the gift level you choose. (Note that species are adopted on a first-come, first-served basis; the sooner your gift is received, the sooner your choice of adopted species can be confirmed.)

Please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-726-6192 for more information or to make your gift. 



## Double your Gustavus Fund gift


by Kari Clark '91

**Brad Nuss '97** wanted to do something special to commemorate his Gustavus ten-year reunion. When the Greater Gustavus Fund issued a matching gift challenge for increased gifts during the 2007–08 academic year, Brad and his wife, Rebecca, made a multi-year gift pledge of \$100,000, taking advantage of the opportunity to have their gift doubled.

Brad graduated from Gustavus with a degree in management. He considers his unrestricted gift to the Gustavus Fund “the right thing to do.” The gift reflects his appreciation of the broad range of study and experiences during his time on the Hill, including his Curriculum II study, January Term travel, and faculty advisers Richard Fuller and Bruce Johnson. Today Brad is the chief financial officer for the Nuss Truck Group based in Rochester, Minn. He and Rebecca are the parents of one-year-old daughter Bronwyn.

“We greatly appreciate this significant gift from Brad and Rebecca,” says President James Peterson. “It is an inspiration for fellow alumni to participate in this matching gift challenge for the Gustavus Fund and help students prepare for lifelong leadership and service to society.”

The Nuss’s unrestricted gift to the Gustavus Fund is one of several recent commitments in response to the Greater Gustavus Fund’s matching gift challenge. Increased unrestricted leadership gifts of \$1,000+ for the Gustavus Fund qualify for the match, which was issued to significantly increase unrestricted giving from the Gustavus alumni base.

If you would like to participate in this challenge grant to the Gustavus Fund and have your generous gift doubled, please don’t hesitate to call the Gustavus Fund office at 800-487-3963. 

*Kari Clark '91 joined the advancement staff in 2007 as a director of planned giving.*




**Brad Nuss '97**

## Sound and lights: Alumni gift aids Nobel Conference production

The 43rd Nobel Conference, “Heating Up: The Energy Debate,” was a success on many fronts. More than 6,000 participants converged on Gustavus’s campus for the two-day conference, at which a Nobel laureate and other world-renowned speakers compelled attendees to think differently about the way they use energy and to consider the implications of global warming.

The Nobel Conference is a world-class event due in part to many elements that occur behind the scenes, and this year was no exception. Alumni **Jon and Anita Young '77 '77** approached the College to offer the services of their company, Heroic Productions, to help produce the conference. Conversations with Media Services began about a year and a half ago regarding how Heroic Productions might collaborate with the College. “Working with someone with such drive and passion for Gustavus, coupled with a team of experienced staff, was truly an amazing experience,” says Matt Dobosenski, media services coordinator at Gustavus.

Heroic Productions, a Minneapolis-based audio, lighting, and video company that produces indoor and outdoor concerts, meetings, and special events nationally, created an atmosphere in which audience members could experience the Nobel Conference like never before. Presentations by Nobel speakers came alive due to the improvements in sound, projection, and lighting in the Lund Arena. “Creating a sense of intimacy that is so well integrated and seamless that the audience forgets they are sitting in a hockey arena is the goal of media services, and with Jon and his team’s help, we accomplished this,” Dobosenski notes.

Jon Young admits that his gift was due in part to enlightened self interest. “I have a business that can support the media needs of an event like the Nobel Conference and it gives Anita and me great satisfaction to help our alma mater. Our desire to see events like Nobel and Christmas in Christ Chapel raised up as signature events of the College fueled our gift.” 

## Class of '67 celebrates 40 years out

The **Class of 1967** celebrated the 40th anniversary of its commencement during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 14. Class members returning to the campus for reunion activities gathered in the Dive for a photograph. Pictured, front row from left, are **Steve Hokanson, Sandy Chandler Williamson, Dianne Larson Leider, Carla Anderson Batalden, Pam Kouba Kausel, Patty Roscoe Swanson, Linda Johnson, Lana Landin Engbloom, Frani Peterson Anderson, and Paula Delay Zakariasen**; second row: **Warren Beck, Margo Helgersen, Julie Holm Manning, Doug Jones, Mary Lynn Nelson Steele, Nancy Engen Rowley, Eileen Emch Kivi, and Karen Swenson Dittler**; third row: **Marcia Sylte Belisle, Kay Hollingsworth Walsh, Debbie Dalton**



**Bowers, Cheryl Klemenhausen Collins, Benay Borene Jaeger, and Harry Dittler**; fourth row: **Bob Haddorff, Ginger Froyen Haddorff, Jim Holm, Mim Sponberg Kagol, Linda Kenning Olson, Barb Nelson Larson, and Gary Wollschlager**; fifth row: **Gary Larson, Dave Spilseth, Dan Seaberg, Doug Swenson, and Jim Davis.**



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# ALUMNI



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## Gustavus Alumni Association

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

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### One last visit to the old stadium

*Over 60 years ago, Chester Johnson, Gustavus emeritus professor of geology, proposed to Marian Swanson '41 at the old football stadium. Prior to the demolition of the stadium this summer, Chet and*

*Marian made one last visit to the bleachers to remember their engagement.*







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## New grads lengthen legacies

Among the brand new 2007 grads whose diplomas qualified them to add to long family histories of association with Gustavus, two in particular stand out.

**Michael Lynch** (above, left) earned his degree exactly 100 years after his great-grandfather, **Gustav Adolph Torkelson**, graduated from the Gustavus School of Commerce in 1907. Torkelson started a family tradition carried on by many of his descendants. Two of his children—Michael's great aunt and uncle, **Lorraine Torkelson '45** and **Roger Torkelson '51**—attended, and Michael's mother and her sister, **Ruth Torkelson Lynch '75** and **Susan Torkelson '77**, became the third generation. Michael and his sister, **Laura Lynch '09**, are the fourth generation in the past century.

Meanwhile, **Anikka Wattnem's** graduation capped (at least temporarily) a 99-year family history at Gustavus. Her great-grandfather, Pastor **Walfred Erickson**, arrived at the College in the fall of 1908, graduating in 1912 and going on to serve in the Augustana Synod for more than 40 years. His daughter—Anikka's grandmother—**Maurine Erickson Lindgren**, graduated in 1940, and Anikka's mother, **Karen Lindgren Wattnem**, earned her diploma in 1975. The pressure is now on Anikka and her sister, **Emily Wattnem '01**, for the next generation to continue their family's proud tradition!



## Tom Wersell Class Agents of the Year

The Class Agents of the Year Award now carries the name of **Tom Wersell '38**. Tom served as class agent for the Class of 1938 from 1956 until his death in January 2003. The 2007 Tom Wersell Class Agent of the Year Award was presented to **Katherine Oleson** and **Karen Warkentein** from the Class of 2002.

In 2006, Oleson and Warkentein set a non-reunion year goal of beating the Class of 2001's giving during their reunion year and they came very close. For their reunion this year, they set a goal of \$15,000 and, with a month to go before their reunion, they had already surpassed \$16,000 with more than \$3,000 in pledges yet to come in. Their previous record of gifts given was just over \$6,000 and they've doubled the highest five-year reunion class gift of \$6,000, set by the Class of 1993.

Oleson and Warkentein were organized—both were responsible for communication for their reunion and coordinated six class letters, all on schedule with guest writers for all of them. A reunion blog was also set up and was used to communicate regularly with their committee. They were committed—both responded promptly to questions or comments from college staff and committee members. They were pro-active—they recruited 22 classmates to serve on their committee.

# 35

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**Aina Abrahamson**, Thousand Oaks, CA, is active with the ELCA Global Missions.

# 43

**Class Agents:**

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S. Bernhard Erling

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**Alvin Mueller**, New Ulm, was inducted into the Minnesota State Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.



# 44

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**Jeanne Phillips Oslund**, St. Cloud, enjoys reading, Bible study, talking to friends, watching television, and spending time with family.

# 46

**Class Agent:**

Arlene Sorenson Higgins

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**Ione Knudson Dopp**, Lake Havasu City, AZ, is a partnership chairman of the Lake Havasu City Bridge Group.





## 50 **Class Agent:**

Gloria Martell Benson

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**Archie Harris**, Normal, IL, was the first inductee into the Bloomington-Normal (IL) Swimming Hall of Fame for his impact over the past 50 years as a youth coach, Illinois State men's coach, and national YMCA meet official.

## 62 **Class Agents:**

Sandra Luedtke Buendorf,  
Jan Eiffert Hoomani, Ben  
Leadholm

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**Anne Peterson Sorensen**, St. James, traveled this year to Holden Village.

## 69 **Class Agents:**

Dave and Jane Norman  
Leitzman

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**Kathleen Giese Skoller**, Evanston, IL, teaches elementary art in the Community Consolidated Schools.

## 71 **Class Agent:**

Bruce Johnson

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**Joyce Karnitz Bailey**, Belle Plaine, retired as a language arts teacher at New Prague Middle School ■

**Clayton Larson**, Arden Hills, works for RSP Architects in the studio within the firm that designs and constructs Target stores throughout the United States.

## 75 **Class Agent:**

Paul Heckt

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**John Wirth**, Pacific Palisades, CA, is working on a new series with Fox Television, *The Sarah Connor Chronicles*, based on the "Terminator" films and scheduled to premiere in early 2008.

## 76 **Class Agent:**

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**Candy Anderson**, Shoreview, is director of professional services at Hennepin Home Health Care.

## 78 **Class Agent:**

Mike Stanch

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**David Strand**, Kenwood, CA, is chief emerging businesses officer at the Cleveland Clinic ■

**Eric Zille**, St. Paul, is senior intellectual property liaison specialist for 3M.

## 79 **Class Agent:**

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**Dale Wiebusch**, Phoenix, AZ, is a legislative associate for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.

## 80 **Class Agents:**

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**Lori LeCount**, Sooke, British Columbia, is innkeeper at Ocean Wilderness Inn ■ **Tom Mielke**, Menasha, WI, was elected senior vice president of law, government affairs, and chief compliance officer for Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

## 81 **Class Agents:**

Steve Heim, Leslie Nielsen

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**Harlan Andersen**, Litchfield, is a senior buyer/sourcing for Ingersoll Rand Attachments.

## 82 **Class Agents:**

J.C. Anderson,  
Richard Olson,  
Ann McGowan Wasson

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**Laurie Eckblad Anderson**, Minneapolis, is editor, diagnostic and special needs assessment, for Pearson Assessments ■ **Connie Fortin**, Plymouth, is owner of Fortin Consulting, an environmental consulting firm.

## 83 **Class Agents:**

Brad Somero, Karin  
Stone

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**Lisa Gault**, Chaska, senior vice president at Nicollet County Bank, has completed the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, a 23-month banking school for community banking professionals who are preparing to move into senior management and leadership positions ■ **Kris Haugen**, Minneapolis, is a senior program manager for the employee health program for Park Nicollet Health Services.

## 85 **Class Agent:**

Susan Johnson Chwalek

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**Marc Illies**, Brandon, is CFO for Alexandria Extrusion Company ■ **Mike Quist**, Minnetonka, is a software consultant for Gelco Information Network ■ **Scott Swanson**, Edina, is vice president of sales for Granite Pointe Partners.



### A family journey

Three generations of Bergmans made the pilgrimage to Sweden in Autumn 2006. Standing dockside are **Lloyd Bergman '50**, his son **Mark Bergman '79**, and Mark's son **Chris Bergman '05**.

# Reunions2008

## Classes of 1958 & 1963 and 50 Year Club

May 30 & 31, 2008

## Classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003

October 3 & 4, 2008: Homecoming & Family Weekend

Information will be included in class letters and on the alumni website, and will be sent to reunion classes. If you wish to serve on your class reunion committee, contact the Alumni Office at 800-487-8437 or [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu).

## 87 **Class Agents:**

Lee Fahrrenz, Steve  
Harstad, Paul Koch, Heidi  
Jo Wilking Pearse

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**Jeff Heggedahl**, Minneapolis, is CEO of Scantron in Irvine, CA ■ **James Lassegard**, Tokyo, Japan, received a Ph.D. from Nagoya University and is a lecturer at Toyo University ■ **Liz Austin Niblock**, Stuart, FL, sells Silpada Designs Jewelry.

## 88 **Class Agents:**

Gail Chase Ericson,  
Luther Hagen,  
Dave Pieper, JoAnn  
Wackerfuss Quackenbush

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**Susan Strawn Pastuck**, Mound, has retired from teaching and is a clinical case manager for Hazelden Adolescent Treatment Center ■ **Kara Heley Quist**, Minnetonka, is a pediatric physical therapist for Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.



# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## Retreating on campus

Fourteen members of the Class of '51 (and one from the Class of '50) enjoyed time spent at the Gustavus Retreat Center on the campus last August. Pictured at the home of Paul and Dorothy Lutz in St. Peter are, front from left, **Edna Spaeth Granlund '50**, **Marlys Akerson Chase '51**, **Lois Hesselroth Hovland '51**, **Bonnie Seaberg Bergman '51**, **June Siem Wick '51**, and **Myrna Thorsell Wolf '51**; back, **Marilyn Street Turner '51**, **Louise Borg Bergmann '51**, **Armajeane Albers Jannach '51**, **Marianne Ostrom Kjolhaug '51**, **Gerry Erickson Thompson '51**, and **Dorothy Johnson Lutz '51**. Not pictured are **LaVonne Teske Duerr '51**, **Lois Quam Erickson '51**, and **Marilyn Barnes Robertz '51**.



## Gusties at Augsburg College

Gustavus alumni employed at Augsburg College in Minneapolis gathered for a photo. Front row: **Amanda Peterson Kolpin '93** (president's office), **Tom Kelsey '98** (registrar's office), **Signe Peterson '04** (marketing and communications), **Liz Bassani '99** (financial aid), and **Brian Emerick '02** (residence hall director). Back row: **Don Gustafson '55** (history), **Eileen Kaese-Uzarek '78** (physical education), **Barb Nelson Hutson '81** (advancement services), and **Carly Eichhorst '02** (financial aid). Not pictured are **Elizabeth Truong '05** (Center for Global Education), **William Green '72** (history), and **Greg Holker '00** (soccer coach).

## 89 Class Agents:

**Scott Anderson**,  
**Mike Dueber**,  
**Francine Pawelk Mocchi**  
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**Nancy Murdakes Brown**,  
Minnetonka, is a real estate associ-  
ate with Suntide Commercial Realty  
■ **David W. Larson**, Eden Prairie, is

vice president of information serv-  
ices for Digital Cyclone ■ **Anjeanette**  
**Perkins**, Indianapolis, IN, is study-  
ing for a master's degree in theologi-  
cal studies at Christian Theological  
Seminary.

## 90 Class Agents:

**Liesl Batz**, **Scott Nelson**  
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**Mary Sutherland Ryerse**, Woodbury,  
is director of curriculum and instruc-  
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County School District.

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**Matthew Schaefer**, Brooklyn, NY, is  
sous chef at Le Bernardin in  
Manhattan.

## 92 Class Agent:

**Annie Marshall**  
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**Jennifer Quisberg Augeson**,  
Greenfield, is a financial planning  
and analysis manager for Boston  
Scientific ■ **Heather Thorson**  
**Kittelsen**, Minneapolis, is a partner  
in her husband's company, Bite  
Tech, Inc.

## 93 Class Agents:

**Craig Anderson**,  
**Kristen Lamont**  
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**Jeff Erickson**, New  
Hope, has been  
promoted to as-  
sistant principal  
at Minnetonka  
High School. A  
teacher at  
Minnetonka since  
1993, he was World Language  
Department chair since 1998 and  
completed his administrative licen-  
sure this summer.



## 94 Class Agents:

**Rena Munsterman**  
**Lokpez**, **Anita Stockwell**  
**Ripken**, **Gretchen**  
**Anderson Zinsli**  
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**Christine Eilertson Bronson** is  
deputy director of the Department of  
Human Services for the state of  
Minnesota ■ **Brad Chamberlain**,  
Decorah, IA, is associate professor of  
chemistry at Luther College ■ **Chad**  
**Hunt**, New Prague, is senior regional  
vice president for Triple Net  
Properties, LLC ■ **Rebecca Ninke**,  
Cottage Grove, WI, is pastor at  
Brooklyn Lutheran Church ■ **Xavi**  
**Torres**, Las Vegas, NV, is leadership  
development associate for The  
Venetian Resort and Casino.

## 95 Class Agents:

**Sara Tollefson Currell**,  
**Amy Seidel**  
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**Beth Wiberg Barbosa**, St. Paul, is  
an attorney at Barbosa Law Office,  
LLC ■ **Aimee Gapinski** teaches sci-  
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School.



## 97 **Class Agents:** Melissa LeVesque-Piela, Josh Peterson, Stef Tucker

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**Marcie Federle Fiorini**, Boston, MA, teaches high school history in the Boston Public Schools ■ **Brenda Thomas Schnettler**, St. Louis, MO, received a master's degree in teaching from Lindenwood University ■ **Teresa Staats**, Madison, NJ, teaches health/physical education for the Rutherford Board of Education.

## 98 **Class Agents:** Gigi Wait Dobosenski, Erin Tripp Halverson, Brad Peterson

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**Stacey Olson Huebner**, Colorado Springs, CO, received a master's degree in education from Colorado College ■ **Anna**

**Hemberger Reid**, Southborough, MA, teaches English at St. Mark's School ■

**Shawn Reid**, Southborough, MA, is associate director of admission and boys' hockey coach at St. Mark's School.



## 99 **Class Agents:** Philip Eidsvold, Jesse Torgerson

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**Kirsten Amundson Fahlin**, Bangkok, Thailand, is an early childhood teacher at Early Learning Centre ■ **Katie Grant Hansen**, Burnsville, is working for her husband at Vital Exteriors and recently started her own business ■ **Angie Schuette Meagher**, Eden Prairie, received a master's degree in elementary reading and literacy from Walden University ■ **Luke Weld**, Gakona, AK, received his Ph.D. in English and American literature from Harvard University in June.

## 00 **Class Agents:** Corey Bartlett, Bonnie Dahlke, Meghan Krause

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**Daniel Hohenstein**, Huntersville, NC, is a forecast analyst for BSN Medical ■ **Jeff Johnson**, Holland, MI, assistant professor of chemistry at Hope College, has received a Dreyfus Faculty Start-Up Award, one of only eight given this year, to support collaborative research with undergraduate students in organic chemistry; he joined the faculty of Hope College this year after most recently serving as an NIH



### Mussers celebrate 50 years with whole family

Kent and Carol Lindberg Musser '56 '56 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family and all their grandchildren in Estes Park, CO, last August. Pictured are Kent Musser '56, Lynn Musser Schneider '84, Carol Lindberg Musser '56, Julie Musser Johnson '88, Dan Musser '82, and Dan Johnson '88.

Postdoctoral Fellow at Colorado State University ■ **Nils Landsberg**, Stillwater, OK, is director of athletic bands at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor ■ **Jen Lelinski**, De Kalb, IL, is complex coordinator for Northern Illinois University ■ **Sarah Mullins**, Washington, DC, is a teacher in the Washington Public Schools ■ **Sapna Shahani**, Mumbai, India, is head of human resources for Prime Focus, a film visual effects company ■ **Dani Thron**, Baltimore, MD, is a financial educator for SECU Credit Union.

## 01 **Class Agent:** Hal DeLaRosby

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**Chris Deschneau**, Chaska, is national account program specialist for G&K Services ■ **Amy Dolin-Castillo**, Santa Rosa, CA, is international marketing manager/stents for Medtronic ■ **Lynne Herolt**, Chicago, IL, is a catering manager at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue, WA ■ **Greg Joslin**, Gallivare, Sweden, is a geologist for Boliden Exploration ■ **Adam Kauffmann** is a captain in the U.S. Army serving in South Korea ■ **Elise Kahl Knobloch**, Sioux Falls, SD, is an associate attorney for Thompson Law, P.C. ■ **Ann Young Lehmkuhler**, Lander, WY, teaches first grade in the Fremont County School District ■



### Cruising the Danube

In August 2007, Carolyn Jens Brusseau '56 and JoAnn Johnson Lundborg '56 enjoyed a Danube River cruise in eastern Europe from Budapest to Bucharest, an excursion to the bird sanctuary on the waterways of the Danube Delta (above), and the Romanian Orthodox wedding of one of Carolyn's sons in Constanta. Fifty-two years ago, in the summer of 1955, they toured western Europe together after spending two weeks in Sweden with the BEST (Bernadotte European Study Tour) program sponsored through Gustavus.



# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



The 2007 Gustie Bandyts: front row from left, **Reegan Rehm '05**, **Ian Petersen**, **John Keseley '07**, **Erik Kraska '07**, **Scott Arundel '08**, **Keith Detlefsen '07**, and coach **Steve Arundel '73**; back row, **Mike Hosfield '07**, **John Arundel '07**, and **Adam Meyer '06**.

## Bandy: A national team coach and a "Three-Peat" USIBL championship

When the Quarterly covered the exploits of **Erik Kraska '07** and **Scott Arundel '08** as rookies on the Team USA bandy squad (Summer 2007 issue), we neglected to add that the squad's coach is also a Gustie! **Chris Halden '78** (pictured below in action vs. the Mongolian national team) was player-coach of the national team that won a gold medal in the World Bandy Championships B-Pool in Kemerovo, Russia, in February 2007. Competing in the tourney as well as coaching, Halden set the all-time record for international matches with 239 and became the first bandy player ever to play in 12 world championships. He and fellow Gustie hockey alum **Chris Middlebrook '79** will be head coaches of the 2008 USA team that will play in the 2008 World Bandy Championships in Moscow, Russia, next February.

Meanwhile, closer to home, the Gustie Bandyts continued their winning streak this summer as they captured their third consecutive United States Indoor Bandy League (USIBL) Championship, on August 29, 2007, in the Twin Cities. The Gustie "Three-Peat" is only the third in USIBL history. The Gusties feature a roster of players who all have a direct connection to Gustavus. **Reegan Rehm '05**, captain of the 2005 Gustie hockey team, is pictured above along with former teammates **Keith Detlefsen '07** and **Adam Meyer '06**, who are now playing professional hockey in Florida. Four 2007 Gustavus grads and teammates (**Erik Kraska**, **John Arundel**, **Jon Keseley**, and **Mike Hosfield**) are set to travel abroad to play tier-1 elite bandy in Sweden for the 2007–08 season. Gustie Bandyt teammate **Ian Petersen**, a former Colorado College hockey player, is the son of **Gary "Dizzy" Petersen '72**, who played hockey for legendary Gustavus coach **Don Roberts '56**. Rounding out the team is current Gustie senior **Scott Arundel**, who studied abroad last year and played tier-1 bandy in Uppsala, Sweden.



**Chris Halden '78**

Bandy, a possible exhibition sport for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, is played on skates with a stick and small orange ball. Skating finesse, stick-handling, speed, and team play are emphasized in the sport. In the winter, the outdoor rink is the size of a soccer field. In the summer, the game is played on an indoor hockey rink and is commonly referred to as rink bandy. Bandy is an extremely popular sport in many European countries (especially Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Russia, where more than 20,000 fans at a game is not unusual), and it is quickly gaining popularity in many other countries, including Canada and the United States.

The Bandyts are managed by Gustie grad and hockey alum **Steve Arundel '73**, who inspired the Bandyts in the championship game by suiting up and actually taking a couple of shifts late in the game. The Bandyts are hoping to stay together at least one more year in an attempt to set the record of four consecutive USIBL championships.

**Lana Elsenpeter Matzek**, River Falls, WI, is an underwriter for Traveler's Insurance ■ **Tricia Niebuhr**, St. Paul, graduated from Hamline University School of Law and is a law clerk for the Minnesota Court of Appeals ■ **Ed Rudberg**, Eden Prairie, is a Ph.D. student in natural resource science and management at University of Minnesota ■ **Katie Becker Sherck**, Rogers, is sourcing team lead for UHG Recruitment Services ■ **Becky Smith**, Ithaca, NY, received a master's degree in biosecurity and risk analysis from Kansas State University ■ **Joe Thompson**, Chicago, IL, is an attorney for Jenner & Block LLP ■ **Lillian Zumbege**, Minneapolis, teaches in the St. Louis Park School District.

**02 Class Agents:**  
Katherine Medbery  
Oleson, Karen Warkentien  
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**Kevin Bergeson** was ordained at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park in July. Gustavus religion professor Darrell Jodock preached the sermon, and Bishop Craig Johnson '69, bishop of the ELCA's Minneapolis Area Synod, officiated ■ **Maggie Berndt**, Chicago, IL, is communications and program coordinator for Illinois Humanities Council ■ **Jen Brandenburg**, St. Louis Park, received a doctor of pharmacy degree from University of Minnesota and is a pharmacist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■ **Jeff Brown**, Delano, is environmental health specialist for the city of Edina ■ **Melanie Grell Connolly**, Omaha, NE, received an MBA in strategic human resource management from University of Wisconsin ■ **Danielle Faribault**, Minneapolis, is development associate for the Weisman Art Museum ■ **Elizabeth Grinsteiner Grzechowiak**, Minneapolis, is executive director of the Phamous Group, which includes Azia Restaurant, Caterpillar Lounge, and other businesses of restaurateur Thom Pham, and was featured in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune's* ongoing feature "How I Got My Job" in June ■ **Marissa Kolander Letscher**, Norcross, GA, received a master of divinity degree from Fuller Seminary and is director of children's ministry at Christ Lutheran Church ■ **Mara Michaletz**, Anchorage, AK, is assistant district attorney for State of Alaska, Third District ■ **Cory Starkweather**, Minneapolis, is owner of One Call Property Care, a company that provides complete home maintenance for a flat monthly rate ■ **Chris Wagener**, Boise, ID, is youth and family ministry director for King of Glory Lutheran Church.





### 03 **Class Agents:** Jade Bakke, Jenny Lingle Beer, Mikkel Gusenius, Leslie Wilcox

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**Ria Lindor Hedeén**, Wanamingo, is a project manager for MedNet

Solutions, Inc. ■ **Ryan Hoag**, Lakeville, has signed as a free agent wide receiver for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League ■ **Dana Langer Kohlbeck**, De

Pere, WI, is public relations specialist for Coalesce Marketing & Design, Inc. ■ **Sarafina Rannetsberger**, Denver, CO, is court

judicial assistant to the Honorable Christina M. Habas for the Denver District Court ■ **Anne Wenstrom** is teaching physical education at an international school in Singapore.

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### 04 **Class Agents:** Amanda Frie, Guthrie Michael, Marnie Nelson, Josh Williams

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**Jodi Clark**, Eagan, is an HR generalist for Homeshield ■ **Katie**

**Deschneau**, Maplewood, is a production supervisor for Cardiovascular Systems Inc. ■ **Crystal Gildea**, Chaska, teaches modern problems at Wayzata High School ■ **Sarah**

**Lippert LaRowe**, Chicago, IL, received a master's degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is staff coordinator for University of Chicago Laboratory Schools-Lab After School program ■

**Jesse Meyen** teaches seventh-grade math in the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

### 05 **Class Agents:** Kevin Hansen, Liz Zappetillo Lewis, Becky Neitzke, Jessica Nelson, Anne Shipley, Anne Michaletz Viljaste

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**Ali Cordie**, Stevens Point, WI, is studying natural resources at University of Wisconsin ■ **Kiri**

**deLaubenfels**, Iowa City, IA, is a law student at University of Iowa ■

**Carl Ferkinhoff**, Ithaca, NY, is working toward a Ph.D. in astronomy at Cornell University ■ **Abby Gambrel**, Alexandria, VA, received a master's degree in forensic science at Virginia Commonwealth University and is a chemist for the Department of Defense ■

**Carrie Hibbard** is a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru working on an environmental education program ■ **Jared Lee**, State College, PA, received a master's degree in meteor-

ology from Penn State University and is continuing toward a Ph.D. in the related subfields of atmospheric transport and dispersion and numerical weather prediction; he is president of Penn State Christian Grads ■ **Catherine Rodman**, Washington, DC, is program coordinator for Samaritan Ministries ■ **Michelle Steadman**, St. Anthony, received a master's degree in human resources/industrial relations from University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management and is working at Target in total compensation ■ **Gemma Soderholm Storvick**, Mankato, is studying for a master's degree in geriatric nurse practitioner at University of Minnesota School of Nursing and is a registered nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital ■



#### Oh, the candles...

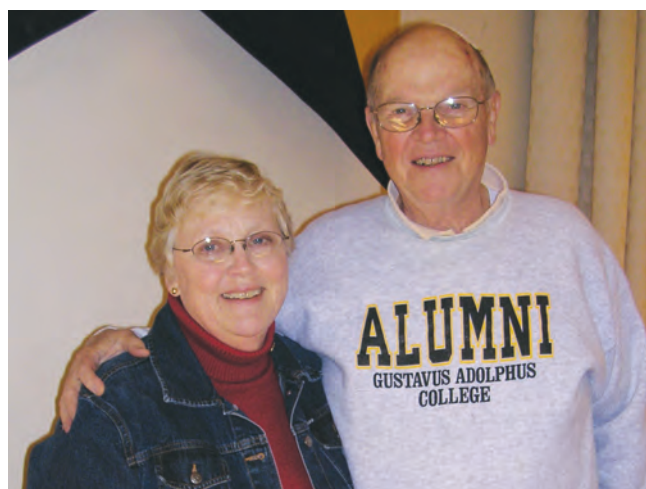
Classmates from the **Class of 1959** gathered to collectively celebrate their 70th birthdays. Front row from left: **Lois Madsen Allen**, **Tusa Johnson Bergstrom**, **Sharon Wolff Baker**, and **Carol Miller Hammarberg**. Second row: **Liz Johnson Dahl**, **Jeanne Turnquist Lindstrom**, **Elaine Torrey Holmen**, **Carol Johnson Heyl**, **Ione Hultander Olson**, **Betty Croonquist**, and **Linda Lund Anderson**. Third row: **Dorothy Rylander Johnson**, **Donna Bjerkstrand Gray**, **Norma Beyer Koos**, **Sally Nordstrom Sarff**, **Marilyn Gustafson Asp**, **Carol Hansen Johns**, **Marcia Hedberg Wallin**, **Jodie Olson Gunderson**, and **Jeanette Reinke Carlson**. Back row: **Kay Carlson Gritton**, **Ann Hendrickson**, **Sunny Anderson**, **Sandy Anderson**, **Karen Walden Taylor**, **Connie Collamore Johnson**, **Colleen Kerns Wolter**, **Joyce Johnson Elvestrom**, and **Marilyn Espeseth Erickson**.

**Kris Storvick**, Mankato, is a law clerk for 3M Office of Intellectual Property Counsel ■ **Will Sutor**, Fergus Falls, is a law student at Hamline University School of Law.

### 06 **Class Agents:** Anders Eckman, Matt Forbes, Jessica Olson, Katie Parks, Mollie Peterson, Matt Swenson

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**Jayme Brandanger**, Bloomington, is marketing coordinator in public relations and community relations for Cambria ■ **Darin Faber**, Oita, Japan,



#### Class of the Year

**Marlys Mattson Nelson '57** and her husband, **Clem Nelson '57** (pictured), accepted the award when the **Class of 1957** was named the Class of the Year. The class was honored for their achievements in creating a reunion committee of 32 classmates within a short period of time. In nine months, the committee contacted 80 percent of their class and had almost 40 percent of their class attend their reunion.

The dedication to each component of the reunion model—**Marlys Mattson Nelson** and **Nancy Reiter Grimes** with communications, **Roger Anderson** and **Judy Lund Erdman** with class giving, and **Dennis and Vada Peterson Carlson** with the events—brought this class together for a wonderful celebration of the 50 years since graduation.

is teaching English for the JET program ■ **Monica Ramirez**, Eden Prairie, is HRSolutions employee rep-

resentative for Carlson Companies ■ **Elliot Zismer**, Bloomington, is attending the University of Denver.





## Caught with Gustie gear in Turkey

Sisters **Reet Lind Henze '62** and **Miriam Lind Lagus '61** are pictured in Istanbul, Turkey, along with their Gustavus tote bag and a Linnaeus 300th-birthday t-shirt.



## President of direct-marketing leader

**Andrew Cossette '90**, Plymouth, has been named president of CMS Direct, a network database service bureau based in New Brighton that offers such services as direct-mail list processing, customer database hosting, and list rental. Cossette (left) is pictured with **Ken Johnson '63**, founder and CEO of CMS. Announcing Cossette's promotion, Johnson said, "Andy's role as president is a natural progression from his key positions as CIO and group executive vice president of operations. His technology expertise, skillful leadership, and business acumen have been instrumental in realizing the CMS Direct mission to deliver innovative marketplace information and services to our clients. These same attributes will enable Andy to lead our company to the next level."

Cossette joined CMS Direct in 2002 and has been responsible for leading all development, technical infrastructure, and operational functions within CMS, Prefer Network, and CMS Direct. Prior to joining the company, he had been an associate partner at Accenture, leading a technical product-based service bureau in the telecommunications industry.



## ELCA Leadership Award goes to Dennis Johnson

**Craig Johnson '69** (right), bishop of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod, presented the Bishop David and Nancy Olson Leadership Award to **Dennis Johnson '60** at the June assembly of the Minneapolis Area Synod held at Gustavus. Craig and Dennis worked together at Gustavus and then Dennis worked for Craig as a bishop's associate for the past four years, leading a strategic mission initiative and fundraising campaign for the synod. While Craig was re-elected for a second six-year term as bishop, Dennis claims he is retiring . . . again.

## 07

### Class Agents:

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**Katy Ajer**, Edinburgh, Scotland, is working in a homeless shelter in Scotland through the ELCA Global Mission Young Adult Program ■

**Betsy A. Anderson**, Oita, Japan, is teaching English for the JET program ■

**Christina J. Anderson** is an alternate language teacher with the JET program in Japan ■ **Danielle L. Anderson**, Morris, is an RN at Rice Memorial Hospital ■ **Eric R. Anderson**, Southlake, TX, is a graduate student in accounting at University of Texas ■

**Karin K. Anderson**, Woodbury, is a graduate student in counseling psychology at Bethel University ■ **Karl J. Anderson**, Northfield, is an inside sales representative for Thomson West ■

**Maren C. Anderson**, San Francisco, CA, is a volunteer for the Women's Funding Network through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Paul D. Anderson**, Northfield, works for Thomson West Publishing ■

**Erik Andress**, Minneapolis, is an account executive for Worldwide Express ■

**Mark Angell**, Arden Hills, is an accounting intern at Ryan, Hodgins and Associates ■ **Ahmed Bachelani**, Topeka, KS, is a law student at Washburn University Law School ■

**Chris Bacon**, Agdal, Rabat, Morocco, is a Peace Corps volunteer ■ **Jill Bailey**, Sherburn, teaches junior high language arts and coaches at Martin County West Junior High ■

**Melanie Baker**, St. Paul, is working at the Veterans Administration ■

**Sarah Baldes**, Two Harbors, is in the management program at Cellular One ■

**Spencer Barron**, Winsted, is a staff accountant at Carver Moquist and O'Connor ■

**Taylor Beahrs**, Oak Park, IL, is a graduate student at Loyola University ■

**Scott Bean**, Monterey, CA, spent the summer doing translation and interpretation work in St. Petersburg, Russia, and now is a graduate student in translation and interpretation at Monterey Institute for International Studies ■

**Pam Bechtle**, Montevideo, is a graduate student in clinical psychology at Argosy University ■

**Lindsay Bennewitz**, Edina, is a paraprofessional for the Edina School District and is studying education at University of St. Thomas ■

**Matt Bergman**, North Oaks, is a graduate student in electrical engineering at University of Minnesota ■

**Abby Bernstein**, St. Paul, is a student in the physician assistant program at Augsburg College ■

**Val Berquam**, Kenyon, is a landscaper at Energy Scapes ■

**Erin Bettendorf**, Milwaukee, WI, is a Lutheran Volunteer Corps volunteer at Cross Lutheran Bread of Healing Clinic ■

**Amy Blomquist**, Buxton, Derbyshire, England, is working with Global Missions in Buxton, England ■

**Teresa Bolstad**, St. Peter, is a graduate student in creative writing at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■

**Marissa Bonde**, Nerstrand, teaches sixth grade in the Randolph Public Schools ■

**Nate Bower** is a graduate student in physical therapy at





### Therians in Italy

The Therien family and friends gathered for a family celebration in Florence, Italy. Pictured front row from left are **Lindsey Enderson Placek '00**, **Jill Price Therien '92**, **Jan Erickson Therien '67**, **Alex Therien '00**, and **Allyson Therien '00**. In back are **Shane Placek '00**, **Erik Therien '92**, **Bob Therien '66**, and **Ryan Clausnitzer '00**.

Washington University in St. Louis ■ **Matthew Broin**, Minnetonka, is employed by Edina Landscape ■ **Alyssa Brooks**, Chesterfield, MO, is a student at Logan College of Chiropractic ■ **Jacqueline Brost** is a student in the GIS program at DePaul University ■ **Tim Bruss**, Lake Elmo, is a management trainee at Enterprise Rent-A-Car ■ **Megan Buckingham**, Chelan, WA, is working at Holden Village ■ **Sarah Bull**, Mount Pleasant, MI, is in the physicians assistant graduate program at Central Michigan University ■ **Mitch Burg**, St. Peter, is a pharmacy technician at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato ■ **Andrea Carlile**, Brookings, SD, is doing graduate work in communication studies at South Dakota State University ■ **Greg Carlson**, Kasson, is a credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Rochester ■ **Jason S. Carlson**, Eden Prairie, is a financial adviser at the Minneapolis Financial Group ■ **Sean Carstensen**, Tacoma, WA, works in campus security at Pacific Lutheran University and is studying economics ■ **Janna Castellano**, Blaine, is a performance consultant at The Mental Edge ■ **Barry Cattadoris**, Brooklyn Park, is a student at Hamline University School of Law ■ **Adam Caulfield** is a graduate student in microbiology at Northwestern University ■ **Kyle Chester**, Burnsville, is a graduate student in geographic information science at University of Minnesota ■ **Meg Chida**, Rochester, is an RN with the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps ■ **Michelle Clark**, Eden Prairie, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial

Network ■ **Nate Clobes**, Farwell, is a dive master with the Boy Scouts of America ■ **Megan Crowley**, White Bear Lake, teaches kindergarten at Epiphany Catholic School ■ **Krista Cruse**, Lansing, MI, is a graduate student in nuclear chemistry at Michigan State ■ **Todd Dahlquist** is teaching English with the JET program in Japan ■ **Stina Dannberg**, Menominee, MI, is in the financial management rotation program at Actuant ■ **Guy Davis**, Andover, is a graduate student in statistics at University of Iowa ■ **Adam Decknatel**, Apple Valley, works for Enestvedt & Christensen, CPA ■ **Mary Dooher** is a graduate student in clinical exercise physiology at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse ■ **Kelly Doty** is a graduate student in optometry at Indiana University ■ **Megan Duevel**, Hanover, NH, is studying public health at Dartmouth ■ **Lindsay Eastman**, Maple Grove, is a graduate student in intellectual property at William Mitchell College of Law ■ **Kate Ellingsen**, Minneapolis, is a writer for *Shattered Glam* magazine ■ **Jo Ellison** is a graduate student in clinical psychology at University of North Dakota ■ **Tommy Elton** is a student at Illinois College of Optometry ■ **Krista Kirchoff Engebretson**, West St. Paul, is a group sales manager at Macy's North ■ **Kristin Erb**, Eden Prairie, is an executive in training at Macy's ■ **Tasha Erickson**, Eagan, is an underwriter at Travelers ■ **Johan Eriksson**, Mjölby, Sweden, is a customer service specialist for Sabic Innovative Plastics ■ **Jonathan Faloon**, Plymouth, is an account operations specialist at General Mills ■



### Gusties across the ranks

Gusties in the U.S. Marine Corps were introduced to each other at the Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, last June. Private First Class **Mark Iverson '06** (right) is a member of The Commandant's Own, the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and performed at the June 1 evening parade hosted by Lieutenant General **Jack Bergman '69**, commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North (left). Mark's father, **Bruce '69** (center), was in attendance and passed his business card to Bergman through another Marine; they eventually connected with each other after the performance. The two Marines were introduced and learned they had both played football at Gustavus.



### Class of the Century

This award is fitting for the College's only centennial class, the **Class of 1962**. Accepting the award for the class were their class agents, **Sandy Luedtke Buendorf**, **Ben Leadholm**, and **Jan Eiffert Hoomani** (pictured). The class started its reunion planning a full year in advance with leadership and reunion committee meetings. The committee paid great attention to detail when creating the class's memorial service, and generated a trend-setting class gift. The Class of 1962 also celebrated two scholarship recipients, and both recipients were able to attend the reunion to meet classmates.

**Jan Eiffert Hoomani** took the lead in providing detailed information in communications, found guest writers for class letters, and included notes from their scholarship recipients to connect the students with classmates. **Sandy Luedtke Buendorf** took the lead on the giving side, cheering on the committee to make contacts with approximately 75 percent of the class, generating 60 percent class participation in class giving. **Ben Leadholm**, chairing the event planning, created a program that turned out to be delightful for the 40 percent of class members in attendance. With help from the committee, he was able to lay out plans that touched many members of the class with a chance to reminisce about their college days.



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## Sixty-Fours celebrate in Colorado Springs . . .

Ten members of the **Class of 1964** celebrated their birthdays with a reunion in Colorado Springs, CO. Hosting the event was Lynn Ostebo Peterson of Colorado Springs. Pictured front row are **Lynn Ostebo Peterson**, **Joanna Lundgren Kuehn**, **Mary Lou Zimmerman Magnuson**, **Nicky Kerpen Bredeson**, and **Beaty Fritz Graves**. Back row are **Kathy Moe Dietz**, **Joanell Sletta Dyrstad**, **Joanna Carlson Swanson**, **Kirsten Levander Dawson**, and **Donna Olsenius Hammer**.



## . . . and Costa Rica

Friends from the **Class of 1964** gathered in August in Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica, to celebrate their birthdays. Front row are **Carole Onstrom Gerk**, **Linda Newman Meyer**, **Mary Fahden McIlrath**, **Kathy Felstad Matson**, and **Sharon Rajala Reese**. Back row are **Sharon Johnson Corl**, **Diane Andersen Ness**, **Dee Dee Heino Lorentzen**, **Nicky Kerpen Bredeson**, **Sue Fenske Anderson**, **Ina Street Sickels**, and **Maxine Holm** (wife of Jim Holm '63).

**Nicole Farlee**, Eagan, is an audit associate at Boulay, Heutmaker, Zibell & Co. ■ **Alison Fast**, Mountain Lake, is a singer, dancer, and team lead with Cedar Fairs, Inc. ■ **Annie Flicek**, Mendota Heights, is a staff accountant at CBIZ ■ **Tim Fontana**, White Bear Lake, works at JMN Consulting and is studying computer science at University of St. Thomas ■ **Micah Fransen**, Jackson, is a campus recruiter for Southwestern Company ■ **Emily Fremont**, Albany, NY, is attending Albany Medical College ■ **Mandy French**, Owatonna, is a benefit sales associate at AFLAC Insurance ■ **Jaime Gaard**, Edina, is an event marketer for KSTC Channel 45 ■ **Tyler Garry**, Sioux Falls, SD, is an equity advance coordinator at Sirvz Relocation ■ **Nicole Gergen**, Hastings, is a student at University of Minnesota Medical School ■ **Shawn Girtler**, Boulder, CO, is a graduate student at University of Colorado at Boulder and is primary counselor at Imagine! Colorado ■ **Monica Glander**, Chanhassen, is a float nurse at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park ■ **Emily Gray**, Postville, IA, is a front desk attendant for Hotel Winneshiek in Decorah ■ **Emily Grimshaw**, New Brighton, is an RN at the Veteran Affairs Hospital ■ **Brock Gustafson**, Hallock, is a stock broker trainee at Commerce One Financial ■ **Sarah Hackenmueller** is a graduate student in molecular and cellular biosciences at Oregon Health and Science University ■ **Scott Hagemeyer**, Lincoln, NE, is a graduate student at University of Nebraska-Lincoln ■ **Emily Hansen**, Lakefield, is an Americorps volunteer ■ **Ben Hays**, Maple Grove, is a technical analyst at Ameriprise ■ **Jean Heise**, Sanford, NC, is working at Central Carolina Hospital ■ **Ashley Henningsgaard**, Minnetonka, is an interactive project manager for Olson & Co. ■ **Violeta Hernandez Espinoza**, Park City, KS, is a customer service specialist and commodity merchant at Cargill ■ **Patty Hibbard**, White Bear Lake, is a curator at Altered Esthetics ■ **Ashley Hieronimus** is a graduate student in medical science at Loyola University ■ **Matthew Hiltner**, Brooklyn Park, is a business analyst at Target Corp. ■ **Krista Hiner**, Northfield, is a student at William Mitchell College of Law ■ **Karen Hoeg**, New Hope, is an assistant teacher at the Zachary Lane Adventure Club ■ **Bridget Hoesley**, Owatonna, is a medical lab assistant at the Mayo Clinic ■ **Meghan Hogdal** is a graduate student in chemistry at Northwestern University





### Appointed VP for enrollment at Illinois College

**Barbara Lundberg '70** has been appointed vice president for enrollment management at Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL. Lundberg, who most recently served as dean of enrollment at the Ethel Walker School, an independent school for girls in grades 6–12 in Simsbury, CT, has principal responsibility for student recruitment, student financial aid, and marketing initiatives at Illinois and sits on the cabinet of Illinois College president and former Gustavus president Axel Steuer.

■ **Andrew Howard**, Austin, TX, is a graduate student in classics at University of Texas, Austin ■ **Sarah Hudson**, Chicago, IL, is a graduate student at the Adler School of Professional Psychology ■ **Lisa Hughes** is a student at American University Washington College of Law ■ **Kitty Hurley**, Minnetonka, is a graduate student in geographic information sciences at St. Mary's University ■ **Sonya Hysing**, Dalbo, is a graduate student at University of Minnesota Pharmacy School ■ **Jen Hyytinen**, Rice, is a public accountant at Ryan, Hodgins & Associates ■ **Ryan Ike** is a student in music composition at San Jose State University ■ **Stephanie Janacek**, St. Paul, is a student at William Mitchell College of Law ■ **Steven Jensen** is a professional hockey player with Niovento Europe ■ **Jennifer Jewison**, Janesville, is a photographer and graphic designer at Aim to Please Photography ■ **Katherine Johns**, Cedar Falls, IA, is a graduate student in saxophone performance at University of Northern Iowa ■ **Katy Johnson**, Coon Rapids, is a legislative assistant for the Minnesota State Senate ■ **Katie Johnson**, Morris, is a sales and marketing representative at E3 Homes ■ **Phil Johnson**, Sherburn, teaches math at Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School ■ **Stacey L. Johnson**, Plymouth, is a business analyst at Target ■ **Carrie Joines** is an RN at the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix ■ **Mike Kamrath**, New Haven, CT, is a graduate student in physical chemistry at Yale University ■ **Kristin Kaplan**, Minneapolis, is a student at University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy ■ **Lindsay Kaufmann**, Roseville, is an RN at Methodist Hospital ■ **Rebecca Ketcher**, Gilbert, AZ, is a student in the physician assistant program at Arizona School of Health Sciences ■ **Justin King**, Dellwood, is a clinical psychology student at Minnesota

School of Professional Psychology ■ **Susan King**, Maple Grove, is a graduate student in educational psychology at University of Minnesota ■ **Kara Knutson**, Vadnais Heights, is a management trainee for Enterprise ■ **Todd Kohorst**, Finland, teaches at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center ■ **Tony Konicek**, Minneapolis, is a job recruiter for Recruiters of Minnesota ■ **Tyler Kramer**, Hayfield, is an actuarial assistant at Securian Financial Group ■ **Bob Kubicek** is an assistant language teacher in Japan ■ **Scott Kyser** is an Americorps volunteer in environmental education in Idaho ■ **Marie Larson**, Buffalo, is an executive team lead at Target ■ **Kelli Lassig**, Chicago, IL, is a law student at DePaul University ■ **Brian Laumeyer**, Chicago, IL, is global assistant product manager in accessories, strings, and grips for Wilson Sporting Goods Company ■ **Matthew Ledder**, Edina, is a software test engineer at Kroll Ontrack ■ **Eric Lewanski**, Hastings, is an underwriter at St Paul Travelers and in intelligence with the Army National Guard ■ **Jessi Lewis**, Phoenix, AZ, is a medical telemetry floor nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix ■ **Brittany Libbey** is a caregiver in the orphanage Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos in Honduras ■ **Katherine Loftus**, Prior Lake, is a personal banker at Wells Fargo ■ **Chris Lowry**, North Mankato, is a management trainee at Enterprise ■ **Lindsay Lundberg** is an RN in the surgical ICU at University of Minnesota Medical Center ■ **Melissa Lundberg** is an environmental scientist for HDR Engineering in Sioux Falls, SD ■ **Michael Lynch**, Duluth, is studying integrated biosciences at University of Minnesota, Duluth, and is also a graduate teaching assistant in the biology department ■ **Maren Magsam** is working with ELCA Global Missions in England ■ **Dan Marti** is a graduate student in economics at



Susan Merrill, UCSF

### Talmadge King named chair of UCSF Department of Medicine

**Talmadge E. King Jr. '70** has been named chair of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine's Department of Medicine. King, the Constance B. Wofsy Distinguished Professor at UCSF and an internationally respected expert in lung disorders, had been serving as interim chair of the Department of Medicine since 2006.

As chair of medicine, King will be the department's academic leader and administrative head, guiding the research, education, and patient care activities of more than 500 full-time faculty, 805 volunteer clinical faculty, 194 residents, 210 fellows, and 1,500 staff. The Department of Medicine, which comprises 41 divisions, provides comprehensive medical services at five institutions of great distinction and diversity: UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Medical Center at Mount Zion, San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH), the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and the UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research.

The department, the second-largest in the country in terms of faculty members, has a long tradition of excellence in education, research, and clinical care. In research, it is one of the top-ranked internal medicine departments in the United States in funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), with more than \$150 million in NIH grants.

"It is a privilege to take the helm of one of the best departments in the country," King says. "As chair, I have the chance to help support many important programs and to help steward new, cutting-edge programs in myriad areas. My focus will be to work with faculty and staff to develop resources and to foster a work environment in which patient care, teaching, and research can thrive."

Since being recruited to UCSF from the University of Colorado in 1996, King has served as vice chair of the Department of Medicine and chief of medical services at the UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital. At SFGH, King improved the quality of clinical care and research and advocated for the public hospital, particularly its mission of community service.

"My vision is for the UCSF Department of Medicine to be the best in the country," King notes. "To realize this vision, we must provide the support and structure that will empower every individual member of the department to succeed, while contributing to the collective mission of the department, the School of Medicine, and the medical centers."

King earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He served a residency at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals, Atlanta, GA, and a pulmonary fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver. King held a professorship in medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and was a senior faculty member at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center. His research focus has been on understanding the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of inflammatory and immunologic lung injury. Earlier this year, he received the Trudeau Medal, the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society's highest honor, for his lifelong major contributions to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung disease through leadership in research, education, and clinical care.

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## Gusties at Mayo

Several of the 100+ Gusties employed by the Mayo Clinic gathered for a photo recently. Pictured front row from left: **Laura Danielson Luna '87** (nursing education specialist), **Jamie Stensrud Urch '82** (hematology staff nurse), and **Connie Piehl Johnston '82** (nursing education specialist). Second row: **Kathy Krieger Johnson '83** (occupational therapy) and **Diane Mattick Nelson '83** (physical therapy). Back row: **Matthew Puffer '75** (family medicine), **Steven McNeill '83** (administration planning services), **Susan Prussing Stirn '74** (nurse administrator), **Charles Nelson '83** (regional sales manager, Mayo Clinic Health Solutions), and **Tom Bergquist '83** (neuropsychologist)



## Family reunion is Gustie reunion as well

Last August, when **Steve Mellema '72** and his family visited relatives in Kansas, they realized that their visit qualified as a Gustie reunion as well. Steve is pictured with his wife, **Shirley** (Linnaeus Arboretum staff), son and new Gustie **Dan '11**, and their three Gustie nieces, **Terri Chee '99**, **Jing-Ni Soh '04**, and **Jing-Han Soh '08**, at Terri's home in Olathe, KS. Also in the picture are Terri's children, **Andrew Chee Howard** and **Su-Yin Chee Howard** (who may be in the classes of '24 and '29, respectively).



## Golfing Gusties

**Sarah Wolter '02**, visiting instructor in communication studies at Gustavus, recently played in the **Brandon and Cam Goetz Memorial Golf Outing** in Red Wing, MN, and ran into some fellow Gusties, former and current. In the photo are from left **Keri Asp '07**, **Jon Schwartz '08**, **Jane Merritt Rutledge '74**, **Jay Bang '08**, and Wolter.

graduate student in environmental engineering at Michigan Technological University ■ **Salma Mohamed**, Ralston, NE, is a graduate student in speech-language pathology at University of Nebraska, Omaha ■ **Laura Molde**, Montevideo, is a financial service representative at U.S. Federal Credit Union ■ **Jesse Munson**, Park Rapids, is a manager at Windowworld Liquidators ■ **Drew Nelson**, Lakeville, is general manager for College Pro Painters ■ **Ingrid Neve**, St. Paul, works at Aspen Medical Center ■ **KC Niles**, Minnetonka, is a broker at LPL Financial ■ **Andy Nimmo**, Plymouth, is a financial associate for Thrivent Financial ■ **Josh Nissen**, Hutchinson, is a landscaper with Landscape Concepts ■ **Funto Okanla**, St. Paul, is employed at Ernst and Young ■ **Sara Olmanson** is a student at University of Minnesota Medical School ■ **Ben Olson**, Iowa City, IA, is in a Ph.D. program in physics at University of Iowa ■ **Eric D. Olson**, Hyattsville, MD, is a graduate student in constitutional law and legal ethics at Georgetown Law Center ■ **Erik C. Olson**, White Bear Lake, is employed by Ecolab ■ **Gerard Ouedraogo**, St. Louis Park, is a sales manager at Macy's North ■ **Peter Overholser** is a graduate student in mathematics at University of California, San Diego ■ **Kathleen Ozbun**, North Mankato, is an accountant with Abdo, Eick & Meyers ■ **Christy Pakola** is a student at University of Minnesota School of Dentistry ■ **Becky Palermo**, Duluth, is a student at University of Minnesota, Duluth School of Pharmacy ■ **Christine Pederson**, Maple Grove, is an Americorps volunteer with Habitat for Humanity ■

Kansas State University ■ **Samantha Matthes**, Duluth, is a student in the physical therapy program at College of St. Catherine ■ **Tim Mattson**, Rogers, is a merchandising trainee at Scoular Company ■ **Ryan McClure**, Maple Plain, is a portfolio manager and stock broker at Wachovia Securities ■ **Mollie McFaggen**, South St. Paul, is a graduate student at University of Minnesota Pharmacy School ■ **Brian McNally**, St. Paul, is international case management group assistant for Schwegman/Lundberg/Woessner, Intellectual Property Attorneys ■ **Sarah McPherson** is a counselor at Northwest Passage Center in Webster, WI ■ **Jacob Mehr**, Brainerd, teaches math at Pillager High School ■ **Collin Meierbachtol**, Lansing, MI, is studying electrical engineering at Michigan State University ■ **Kara Meyer**, Detroit Lakes, is an RN on the ortho/surgical floor at Meritcare Hospital ■ **Jerry Millan**, Ham Lake, is in special forces, medic training for the U.S. Army ■ **Angela Miller**, Minneapolis, is a government relations assistant for Minnesota Society of CPAs ■ **Adam Miron**, Princeton, is a catastrophe risk consultant at Collins ■ **Noah Mirovsky**, Hancock, MI, is a





**Liz Petersen**, Minneapolis, is a medical student at University of Minnesota Medical School ■ **Krista Peterson**, Edina, is a graduate student in teaching social studies at University of St. Thomas ■ **Emily Petraitis**, Eden Prairie, is a graduate student at University of Minnesota ■ **Neil Petrash**, Lakeville, is a crew leader with the Hennepin County Sentence to Service Adult Program ■ **Tiffany Plante**, Woodbury, does dancing and entertainment for Royal Caribbean Productions ■ **Michael Purdham** is a graduate student in chemistry at University of California, Berkeley ■ **Shannon Quealy** is teaching English with the JET program in Japan ■ **Nicole Radotich**, Minneapolis, is a family support specialist at Third Way Network as part of Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Lisa Raetz**, Owatonna, is a graduate student in plant biology at University of Illinois ■ **Morgan Ranstrom** is teaching in Costa Rica with Language Corps ■ **Brenna Ress**, Chaska, is an account operations specialist at General Mills ■ **Alison Rethwisch**, Lakeville, is a first-year associate at Avant Energy Services ■ **Megan Richards**, Guangxi, People's Republic of China, is working through the ELCA, Amity International, and Church World Relief teaching ESL to students who will be middle school teachers ■ **Ben Richter**, Edina, is a sales associate for Schmitt Music ■ **Ricky Rittmaster**, Bloomington, is a graduate student in clinical psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology ■ **Braden Rogness**, Lakeville, is a programmer at Thomson Tax and Accounting ■ **Steve Ronning**, Hopkins, is a customer assistant for Best Buy ■ **Lauren Ropes**, Winona, is an executive team leader at Target ■ **Josh Roy**, Minnetonka, is a legal assistant for the Schmidt Law Firm ■ **Jenna Stevens Royer**, Dubuque, IA, is ESL teacher at Audubon Elementary and before/after school teacher at St. Mark Community Center ■ **John Ryan**, Minneapolis, is an associate financial adviser at Ameriprise Financial ■ **Dana Ryerson**, Ames, IA, is an RN at Mercy Medical Center ■ **Audrey Schenewerk**, Baldwin City, KS, is a graduate student in biochemistry at University of Kansas ■ **Amy Schmidt**, Rochester, is an RN at the Mayo Clinic-St. Mary's Hospital ■ **Kelly Schmidt**, Ellendale, is a staff accountant at Olsen Thielen ■ **Marcus Schmit**, Red Wing, is a scheduler for Congressman Tim Walz ■ **Lindsay Schultz**, Normal, IL, is a graduate student at Illinois State

University with a graduate assistantship in the Horn Studio ■ **Jenny Sherry**, Edina, is an RN in the family birth center at Methodist Hospital ■ **Lauren Shipley**, Chanhassen, is an executive team lead at Target ■ **Stacy Sletten**, Owatonna, is a graduate student in rehabilitation counseling at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a mental health counselor at Owatonna Hospital ■ **Crystal Smith**, Lakeville, is an assistant program manager for Homeward Bound, Inc. ■ **Emily Soeder**, Washington, DC, is associate director, office of presidential speechwriting, at the White House ■ **Nate Souther**, Oxford, OH, is a physics grad student at Miami University of Ohio ■ **Phil Sowden**, Brooklyn Park, is an account operations specialist at General Mills ■ **Cecilia Sowemimo**, Edina, is a selling manager at Macy's ■ **Breanne Staples**, Omaha, NE, is a DPT student at Creighton University ■ **Becky Steiner**, White Bear Lake, is a graduate student in accounting at University of St. Thomas ■ **Luke Stevens Royer**, Dubuque, IA, is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary ■ **Katie Stoeckel**, Rochester, is a volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Henry Stokman**, Minnesota Lake, is working for Stockamp & Associates ■ **Kristine Straumann**, Mendota Heights, is a residential counselor at the Wilder Foundation ■ **Elizabeth Suskovic** is a graduate student at William Mitchell College of Law ■ **Anne Swenson**, Hinsdale, IL, is employed at Pantheos ■ **Marcy Tatro**, Madelia, is a financial associate at Thrivent Financial ■ **Beth Thicke**, Stewartville, is a graduate student in physical therapy at Mayo College of Health Sciences ■ **Maegen Trebelhorn**, Eagan, is an RN at Children's Hospital in St. Paul ■ **Rachel Tuil**, Ukishi, Japan, teaches English with the JET program ■ **John Underwood**, Zimmerman, is an assistant analyst at Securian Financial Group ■ **Brianna Vaa**, Rochester, is a lab assistant for research at St. Mary's Hospital ■ **Melissa Vickerman**, St. Paul, is employed at In the Groove Music ■ **Gary Vu**, Minneapolis, works at Hoff Hilk Auction Company ■ **Katie Walker** is working with Teach for America in New York City ■ **Olivia Washington**, Golden Valley, is a customer experience program coordinator for Carlson Companies ■ **Laura Watkins**, Iowa City, IA, is a student at University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine ■ **Josh Waylander**, Montevideo, is an Americorps volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in



### Soccer Alumni Golf Tourney Champs

The Men's Soccer Alumni Golf Tournament was held at Shoreland Country Club in St. Peter in June. Tournament winners **John Townsend '83**, **John Murakami '83**, and **Tom Gross '75** are pictured.



### Courage Cards features alumna's watercolor

Deck the Halls, a watercolor painting by **Deborah Thorset Ronglien '77**, has been selected through a national search by Courage Cards for their 2007 Holiday Card Collection. Courage Cards provides greeting cards and gifts to support Courage Center's services for people with disabilities. The Christmas collection is currently available in the Twin Cities area at Byerly's, Lund's, and Bachman's. Ronglien works from her home studio/gallery in Eden Prairie, MN. She can be contacted at [Dthorset@aol.com](mailto:Dthorset@aol.com) or 612-306-4080.



### Two named to law firm board

**Barry O'Neil '86** (litigation) and **Kay Nord Hunt '77** (appeals) have been elected to the board of directors of Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg, P.A., a litigation, business, and entertainment law firm with offices in Minneapolis, Hudson, and New York City.



## Gustie mother and son ski Vasaloppet

**Nancy Nelson '78** and her son, **John Miller '05**, participated with 13,000 other skiers in the 2007 Vasaloppet from Salen to Mora, Sweden, last March. Both stayed with the same Swedish family that had hosted Nelson when she attended a Swedish folk high school during her junior year at Gustavus.



## Nieland honored

**Sandra Nieland '81**, Rochester, MN, was named an Outstanding Individual in Communication and Theater by the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota and is pictured with **Bill Robertz**, emeritus professor of communication studies and one of her mentors at Gustavus. Nieland is a speech and drama teacher at John Marshall High School and an adjunct professor to education majors for Winona State University.



## Hogenson named lead pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

**John D. Hogenson '81**, Plymouth, has been named lead pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN, the country's fifth-largest ELCA congregation. Hogenson was called from St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth and began his position July 1. Hogenson continues to serve on the boards of Inter-Faith Outreach Community Partners, Putting Family First, and the Wayzata Teen Clinic. He leads workshops on "Spiritually Well, Physically Fit for Ministry"; "Creating a Mission-Minded, Permission-Giving Culture"; and "Hiring and Building a Healthy Effective Staff Team."

the Twin Cities ■ **Molly Wedin**, Chaska, is an RN at Methodist Hospital ■ **Andy Wetterlind**, Ramsey, is a graduate student at

University of Minnesota School of Dentistry ■ **Kristin Wheeler**, Eden Prairie, is a global warming field organizer for Greenpeace ■ **Kristin**

**White**, Milwaukee, WI, is a law student at Marquette University ■ **Tami Wiebusch**, Blaine, is an ortho-neuro RN at Fairview Southdale Hospital ■ **Patrick Wieneke**, Jackson, is a financial adviser at Waddell & Reed ■ **Nicole Wilker**, Glenville, is a financial analyst at IBM ■ **Kendra Wilson**, Sioux Falls, SD, is a theatre student at Augustana College ■ **Landon Zinda** is interning at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC ■ **Alex Zupan**, Iowa City, IA, is a graduate student in mathematics at University of Iowa.

## Weddings

**Jennifer Markve '83** and Don Anderson, 1/19/07, Hutchinson, MN.  
**Erik Lutz '88** and Chiharu Sasaki, 7/14/07, St. Peter, MN.  
**Julie Swenson '89** and Anthony Schenk, 9/3/06, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Eric Klungness '93** and Kristin Klungness, 7/7/07, St. Louis Park, MN.  
**Jennifer Woods '93** and Dave Antila, 7/14/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Rena Munsterman '94** and Ederick Lopez, 9/8/07, Bloomington, MN.  
**Kristin Hannemann '96** and Darren Garrett, 8/24/07, Minneapolis, MN.

## Joins Scholarship America

**Marilee Johnson Hedberg '80**, Eden Prairie, MN, has been named director of human resources at Scholarship America, one of the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organizations. Hedberg, who brings with her more than 20 years of experience in human resources management, will be responsible for strategic review and assessment of Scholarship America's human resources systems, which includes training activities, compensation, recruitment, benefits, vendors, and employee relations. She will also coordinate and manage the daily administration of human resources personnel policies and programs.

Previously, Hedberg served as vice president for human resources at Sagebrush Corporation, an education technology corporation. She has also held positions in human resources with RSM McGladrey, Inc., Hoechst Celanese, and Carlson Companies.

## Kristine Morrell '97 and Scot

Jurczyk, 4/21/06, Chicago, IL.

## Kirsten Amundson '99 and Mark

Fahlin, 5/26/06, Bangkok, Thailand.

## Kerry Eisenbarth '99 and Alex

Feyder '99, 6/16/07, St. Louis Park, MN.

## Jason Hovland '99 and Jody Hornik,

9/15/07, Chaska, MN.

## Heather Kuttner '00 and Zachary

Coffelt, 9/1/07, Council Bluffs, IA.

## Nils Landsberg '00 and Justine

Eckert, 5/19/07, Stillwater, OK.

## Erica Lucast '00 and Aaron

Stonestreet, 7/21/07, Plymouth, MI.

## Nissa Stolp '00 and Brian Fell '95,

8/17/07, Minnetonka, MN.

## Linnea Arvidson '01 and Joshua

Fischer, 10/21/06, Osseo, MN.

## Katie Becker '01 and Bill Sherck,

5/26/07, Rogers, MN.

## Kirsten Cullen '01 and Ravil

Sharma, 9/2/07, Brooklyn, NY.

## Amy Dolin '01 and Miguel Castillo,

5/19/07, Santa Rosa, CA.

## Chris Krug '01 and Angela Pack,

7/21/07, Olathe, KS.

## Sarah Opseth '01 and Timothy

Rowe, 7/28/07, St. Paul, MN.

## Jennifer Schlieff '01 and Peter

Bennett, 9/8/07, Arlington, VA.

## Sheri Thonstad '01 and Ruben

Cleveland, 9/22/07, Hood River, OR.

## Maggie Berndt '02 and Andy

Hermann, 10/7/06, Chicago, IL.

## Ariana Petersen '02 and Ben

Mosier, 6/30/07, Minneapolis, MN.





**Christina Sheetz '02** and Shawn Froemming, 7/7/07, Blaine, MN.  
**Tracy Vicory '02** and Christopher Rosenquest, 6/23/07, Seattle, WA.  
**David Bernhardson '03** and Sarah Woodson, Eden Prairie, MN.  
**Margarette Elliot '03** and **Kirk Overaas '02**, 8/18/07, Mankato, MN.  
**Amy Hiscock '03** and Michael Daly, 9/22/07, Excelsior, MN.  
**Christen Johnson '03** and Ryan Herman, 7/21/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Monica Paulson '03** and **Greg Priebe '03**, 5/27/07, Bloomington, IN.  
**Amanda Peterson '03** and **Garrett Kolpin '04**, 9/8/07, Inver Grove Heights, MN.  
**Jill Sink '03** and **Ross Nelson '02**, 8/24/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Jennifer Westmeyer '03** and Sam Rodgers, Minnetonka, MN.  
**Gregory Floren '04** and Chelsea Ebert, 9/22/07, Kenyon, MN.  
**Charlie Seitzer '04** and Sandra Seaver, 8/11/07, St. Peter, MN.  
**Molly Shelton '04** and Kevin McLain, St. Paul, MN.  
**Katie Swenson '04** and **Rob Mark '03**, 8/17/07, Wayzata, MN.  
**Allison Wold '04** and **Joe Fewer '04**, 9/8/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Alison Anderson '05** and Jeff Holland, 6/22/07, Mora, MN.  
**Megan Beltz '05** and Joshua Greene, 8/10/07, Fairfax, MN.  
**Anna Gutman '05** and Craig Fisher, 6/30/07, Roseville, MN.  
**Stephanie Handahl '05** and **Jared Summers '05**, 9/2/07, Prior Lake, MN.  
**Lesli Huettl '05** and **Will Sutor '05**, 7/28/07, Fergus Falls, MN.  
**Anne-Marie Kruse '05** and Mark Ericson, South St. Paul, MN.  
**Gina Mueller '05** and Cole Lieser, 8/17/07, Spicer, MN.  
**Erin Thulien '05** and **Matthew Schiller '05**, 6/23/07, Plymouth, MN.  
**Meghan Brummer '06** and **Jon Bjork '05**, 8/4/07, Iowa City, IA.  
**Natosha Christoffer '06** and **Ben Boline '05**, 6/16/07, Eden Prairie, MN.  
**Erin Crimmins '06** and **Jonathan Grimsby '06**, 7/27/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Alicia Deadrick '06** and **Ryan Ike '07**, 7/28/07, Delano, MN.  
**Samantha Engh '06** and Matthew Chadwick, 8/11/07, Minneapolis, MN.  
**Lauren Hittle '06** and **John Kraemer '06**, Eden Prairie, MN.  
**Matt Lindner '06** and **Elizabeth Jaede '07**, 7/7/07, Eden Prairie, MN.



### Housemates

A few friends from the classes of 1983 and 1984 rented a home in Scottsdale, AZ, briefly last spring to relive their college days. Pictured from left are **Kim Line Edwards '83**, Orlando, FL; **Kathleen Applegate Iverson '83**, Chanhassen; **Sharon Landey Richard '83**, Lafayette, CA; **Eileen Applegate Sternard '83**, Excelsior; **Lisa Milbrath Campbell '84**, Scottsdale, AZ; **Dagni Johnson Lee '83**, Woodbury; **Randi Ness Kelley '83**, Edina; and **Julie Johnson Feld '83**, Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

**Katherine Machowski '06** and **Erik Dinsmore '05**, 6/17/07, Shoreview, MN.  
**Molly Ann McGovern '06** and Aaron Wills, 10/10/07, Northfield, MN.  
**Michelle Ohman '06** and Brandon Bass, 6/23/07, St. Cloud, MN.  
**Melissa Anderson '07** and **Josh Spitzack '06**, 6/15/07, West Concord, MN.  
**Sarah Creighton '07** and **Eric D. Olson '07**, 8/3/07, Hyattsville, MD.  
**Krista Kirchoff '07** and Tyler Engbretson, 8/4/07, West St. Paul, MN.  
**Kara Meyer '07** and Jeremy Haus, 9/29/07, Detroit Lakes, MN.



### Gustavus teachers congregate

Four Gustie teachers patrol the same hall at Westwood Elementary School in Prior Lake, MN. Pictured from left are **Saara Jalonon Hipp '00**, **Sandy Karow Timmerman '84**, **Lori Anderson Bui '92**, and **Leah Nelson Bulver '02**.

## Births

Lucille, by adoption from China, to **Lara Peterson '88**, born 4/24/05, adopted 7/2/07.  
Nathan, to **Natalie Briggs Carlson '91** and Bjorn Carlson, 5/11/07.  
Audrey, to **Stephanie Wilkinson Reddington '91** and Scott Reddington, 6/28/07.  
Caden, to **Jennifer Quisberg Augeson '92** and Chad Augeson, 4/29/07.  
Kacy, to **Heather Thorson Kittelsen '92** and Jon Kittelsen.  
Brandon, to **Kelly Morse Nowicki '93** and Jeff Nowicki, 9/3/07.  
Sequoia, to **Kerrie Urosevich '93** and Neal Agamaite, 6/17/07.  
William, to **Brad Chamberlain '94** and Julie Chamberlain, 9/20/06.



### Batz named MDA president

**Paul Batz '85**, Richfield, MN, has been promoted from managing partner to president of MDA Leadership Consulting, a talent management, organizational performance, and leadership development firm in Minneapolis. Paul joined MDA in 2001 and in 2004 became an owner of the firm. Prior to joining MDA, he was an executive and partner with the national public relations firm Padilla Speer Beardsley.

His first book, *Inspire Persuade* Lead: Communication Secrets of Excellent Leaders, is in its second edition and is a teaching tool in corporate

and university leadership programs. Paul also participated in *Conversations on Leadership*, a book project of 17 leaders published in 2004. He is currently serving as chair of the Board for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota; is an active Rotarian, a volunteer youth sports coach, and choir director at his church; and was nominated by The Business Journal as one of the 100 Unsung Heroes of Corporate Philanthropy.

# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## '87 choir members celebrate 20 years

Members of the 1987 Gustavus Choir, which toured the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and Sweden on the occasion of the College's 125th anniversary 20 years ago, reunited at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie on Saturday, July 21. Pictured, back row from left: **Alan (Parsons) Meier '87** (1986-87 choir president), **Joel Everest '89**, **Bill Larson '87**, **Craig Pederson '90**, **Charles Nielson '88**, **Tony Kienitz '89**, **Chris Rasmussen '88**, **Brent Hartzell '89**, **Dan Michel '90**, and **Krister Johnson '88**. Middle row: **Kitty Hart '89**, **Karen Jacobson '88**,

**Inger Marohn '88**, **Lynn Anderson President '88**, **Karen Turnblad Larson '87**, and **Kathy Rausch '89**. Front row: **Director Karle Erickson**, **Kim Kehl Pearce '89**, **Lisa Zaniewski Blevins '89**, **Liesl Batz '90**, **Mary Shifflet Crippen '87**, **Cynthia Anderson Wicklund '87**, **Kristen Tibben '89**, **Katie Klock Hines '89**, **Andrea Chilkott Sheys '87**, **Heather Miller-Cink '89**, **Jill Harstad Urdahl '89**, and **Christine Middlestadt-Warga '88**.



## Mini Swedish House reunion in Sweden

**Henrik Nordstrom '88** (left), his wife, **Charlotte Pratt Nordstrom '86**, and their family had the chance to relive some of the memories of the "real" Swedish House while visiting with **Bradley "Fuzzi" Johnson '87**, his wife, **Andrea Kowal**, and their family at Johnson's home in Tagarp, Sweden, last June. Henrik and Charlotte were in Sweden on a half-year sabbatical and made the trip to southern Sweden to visit Johnson and his family. Coincidentally, Henrik's Swedish relatives live in the very same village! Henrik, Charlotte, and Bradley all lived for several years in what has come to be known as the "real Swedish House," which until the tornado of 1998 was located behind Wahlstrom in a turn-of-the-century, two-story house. Johnson is now head of Group Sales for Financial Times Group Nordic, representing the Financial Times Group, Financial Times Deutschland, Vedomosti (Russia's Financial Times), Business Standard (India's top business title), and Intermedian Korea.

Bodie, to **Kirsten Vedell Hanninen '95** and **Christian Hanninen '97**, 7/21/07.  
Marin, to **Gina Goick Mangum '95** and **John Mangum**, 9/7/07.  
Paul, to **Stephanie Shearer White '95** and **Michael White**, 2/8/07.  
Lucas, to **Erika Olson '96** and **Peter Eckman '96**, 8/12/07.  
Claire, to **Peter O'Keefe '97** and **Elisa O'Keefe**, 5/26/07.  
Nathan, to **Brenda Thomas Schnettler '97** and **Graham Schnettler**, 4/24/07.

Joseph, to **Kari Seidel Aase '98** and **Bill Aase '97**, 3/8/07.  
Logan, to **Krista Benson Cook '98** and **Travis Cook '99**, 7/11/07.  
John, to **Karla Dunning '98** and **Patrick Kinne '99**, 6/27/07.  
Cameron, to **Jill Kalla Rogge '98** and **Tim Rogge**, 2/22/07.  
Gavin, to **Julie Garlock Ruegemer '98** and **Dan Ruegemer**, 5/22/07.  
Anna, to **Karin Hogberg Schatte '98** and **William Schatte**, 7/1/07.  
Mira, to **Jamie Voss '98** and **Andrea Voss**, 1/29/07.

Kate, to **Peter Arneson '99** and **Karen Arneson**, 7/29/07.  
Lauren, to **Nesa Myers Black '99** and **Thomas Black**, 3/19/07.  
Kyle, to **Kami Wrapsir Boutwell '99** and **Ryan Boutwell '99**, 9/30/06.  
Lauryn, to **Sara Rohr Eckloff '99** and **Bill Eckloff '95**, 8/7/07.  
Frank, to **Rebecca Nelson Feyder '99** and **Andrew Feyder '97**, 6/20/07.  
Aliya, to **Alethea Werner Freidrichs '99** and **Troy Freidrichs**, 5/31/06.  
Alana, to **Laura Buckner Graham '99** and **Todd Graham**, 3/9/07.  
Laynie, to **Erin Bye Olson '99** and **Christopher Olson**, 7/18/07.  
Owen, to **Kristin Miller Prestegaard '99** and **Shawn Prestegaard**, 7/11/07.  
Ana, to **Kristen Nelson Detert '00** and **Seth Detert '00**, 4/27/07.  
Mary, to **Chris Deschneau '01** and **Elizabeth Deschneau**, 1/23/07.  
Reagan, to **Leah Wessman Herdrich '01** and **Benjamin Herdrich**, 10/19/07.  
Evelyn, to **Melissa Bateson Keltgen '01** and **Kristofer Keltgen**, 6/23/07.  
Eva, to **Ann Young Lehmkuhler '01** and **Dean Lehmkuhler**, 5/7/07.  
Sylvia, to **Jackie Moen Miller '01** and **Andy Miller '00**, 8/5/07.  
Amari, to **Melanie Bitz Paape '01** and **Kevin Paape**, 9/1/07.  
Luca, to **Kara Fox Galvin '02** and **Dan Galvin '02**, 3/25/07.  
Mackenzie, to **Michelle Zaske Koren '02** and **Kyle Koren '01**, 4/29/07.  
Eli, to **Tiffany Alstead Molde '02** and **Evan Molde '01**, 7/1/07.  
Ethan, to **Kristi Montgomery Walberg '02** and **Kirk Walberg '02**, 7/4/07.

Cole, to **Danielle Cole Burnett '03** and **Jeffrey Burnett**, 1/3/07.  
Ella, to **Meghan Severson Johnson '03** and **Joe Johnson '03**, 7/10/07.

## In Memoriam

**Harriet Haralson Floyd '38**, Hopkins, MN, on June, 29, 2007. She is survived by three daughters.  
**Del Anderson '39**, Arlington, VA, on July 20, 2007. He was retired from the Veterans Administration and is survived by his wife, Caroline, five children, and two siblings, Aina Boraas '47 and Vincent '50.  
**Eugene Hobert '40**, Fairmont, MN, on August 16, 2007. He was a former veterinarian and retired meat inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is survived by his wife, Helen, one son, and two daughters.  
**Maynard Carlson '41**, Peoria, IL, on September 7, 2007. He was a retired dentist and is survived by his wife, June, and two children including Susan Murray '71.  
**Robert Esbjornson '41**, St. Peter, MN, on October 26, 2007. He was professor of religion at Gustavus from 1950-1983. See **On the Hill**, page 6, for more information.  
**Florence Dahl Lundquist '42**, Apple Valley, MN, on October 8, 2007. She is survived by two sons and one daughter.



# In the News



Anne Wenstrom '03 with two neighbor boys in Lissazoun, Benin.

## Peace Corps volunteer back from Benin ■

The Fergus Falls Daily Journal ran a feature story on **Anne Wenstrom '03** in June, following her return from a 33-month Peace Corps assignment in Africa. Anne, who had left for Benin, West Africa in September 2004, lived in the village of Tori-Bossito until December 2005 and from January 2006 until May 2007 lived in Lissezoun. She was among nearly 100 Peace Corps volunteers working in Benin.

"I worked closely with a nongovernmental

agency (NGO), with an emphasis on nutrition," Wenstrom told the Daily Journal interviewer. "We also worked with AIDS prevention, developed ways to counter malnutrition, and taught people about basic health and hygiene issues."

Related projects for Wenstrom and her fellow workers included building a health center, writing a grant application to finance the building of two new schools, and arranging for clothing and toy distribution for Christmas. Looking back, Anne valued her stay in Benin as a wonderful cultural experience—one that made her want to experience other parts of the world as well. She has now moved to Singapore to teach physical education at an international school.

Anne's twin sister, **Mary '03**, also has been eager to experience life overseas and teaches in the international school system as well. Mary taught in Frankfurt, Germany, for two years and now is teaching in Sotogrande, Spain.

'Miss Spamerica' ■ **Faith Farrell '89**, a Minneapolis artist and theatrical set designer, was featured in the St. Paul Pioneer Press last July after she won a national Spam recipe contest and got a call from CBS confirming a "Late Show with David Letterman" gig.

Five years ago, Farrell had visited the Hormel Food Corporation's Spam Museum in Austin, MN, where she first embraced the kitsch of Spam. The visit

also opened her eyes to the variety of dishes that she could create with the canned meat. An avid cook, she entered her Spam concoctions at the Minnesota State Fair in 2004 and 2005. Before each contest she hosted tasting parties at which she gave friends pencils and scorecards to evaluate each dish for presentation, appearance, texture, and taste. Last summer's creation, "Spamsgiving Day Delight"—a log of crescent rolls, Spam turkey, cranberry sauce, and cream cheese—won her top honors at the 2006 fair and, the following January, her recipe beat nearly 40 first-prize winners from state and county fairs across the country in the national competition.

Since then Farrell has relished her role as an unofficial ambassador of Spam and other canned meats. As the only Minnesotan to have won the national Spam recipe contest, she has thrown the first pitch at a Minnesota Twins game and crowned herself "Miss Spamerica" as a parade entry in last summer's Northeast Parade in Minneapolis. Unfortunately for her and Spam lovers the world over, her appearance on the "Late Show," where she was to show host David Letterman how to make a meat candle, was bumped at the last minute.

## Jam leader spotlighted ■ Africa Jam executive director **Ellen Higginbotham Ruiters '97**

was featured in the cover story of the Spring 2007 issue of Contact, the newsletter of the College's Department of Communication Studies. In the profile, written by **Nicole Radotich '07**, Ruiters says her communication studies major was critical in preparing her for her vocation and the development of her nonprofit organization. "Without the skills I learned in communication studies, building bridges that connect various cultural and socio-economic groups would be impossible," she told Radotich. "Learning about social dynamics, gender and racial stereotypes, and the complexities of rhetoric has helped me navigate my way through South African culture."

Fresh out of college, Ruiters signed on as a mission volunteer working with impoverished youth in South Africa. Her time in a township community inspired her to create Africa Jam, a Christian youth empowerment organization that provides safe after-school programs, camp experiences, HIV/AIDS training, Bible study, and other programs for youth in the Cape Town area, offering hope and encouragement for the most economically disadvantaged townships. She is now executive director of the organization, which serves thousands of young people with the help of 50 volunteers and three full-time staff members.

"Young people in these areas regularly encounter violence, hunger, drug use, sexual temptation, and the perils of HIV/AIDS," Ruiters says. "They need help building self-esteem, developing a Christ-inspired identity, and establishing a promising future."

In six years, Ellen and her colleagues have increased the number of children served by more than 300 percent; they are now adding more than 20 schools to the organization's network of service. Africa Jam received the South Africa Department of Education's endorsement for excellence in after-school programming in 2004. (See also p. 6.)

**Russell Anderson '42**, West St. Paul, MN, on October 3, 2007. He was a retired educator and superintendent of schools and is survived by his wife, Genevieve (Quam '45).

**Robert L. Eckberg '43**, Bloomington, MN, on September 17, 2007. He was a retired Realtor and is survived by three sons.

**Eugene Johnson '43**, Minneapolis, MN, on September 8, 2007. He was retired assistant director at Hennepin County Welfare Dept. and is survived by his wife, Elaine (Peterson '46), and two children, including Julie '79.

**Lloyd Erickson '45**, on August 5, 2007. He is survived by his wife, June.

**Frank Ross '47**, Dowell, IL, on March 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Percis, one son, and one daughter.

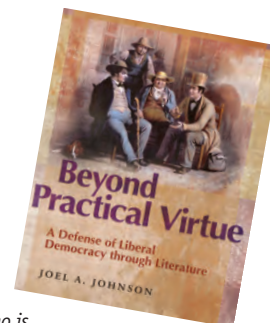
**William Olson '48**, Golden Valley, MN, on July 30, 2007. He was retired estimator and project manager for Elcan Construction Co. and is survived by his wife, Lois, and three daughters.

**Richard Hayes '50**, Mankato, MN, on July 5, 2007. He was president and owner of Ben Deike Transfer and Storage and is survived by his wife, Eleanor

## Joel Johnson's book examines worth of liberal democracy through novels

Why hasn't democracy been embraced worldwide as the best form of government? In his book, *Beyond Practical Virtue: A Defense of Liberal Democracy through Literature*, published by the University of Missouri Press, **Joel Johnson '96** takes a fresh look at the worth of liberal democracy and tackles head-on the question of cultural development.

Examining the novels of James Fenimore Cooper, Mark Twain, and William Dean Howells, Johnson, who is an assistant professor in the department of government and international affairs at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, shows that through their fiction we can gain a better appreciation of the rich detail of everyday life, making the debate relevant to contemporary discussions of liberal democracy. Johnson's analysis offers new insight into the relationship between the state and the individual while blazing new trails in the intersection of politics and literature. For more information, visit <http://press.umsystem.edu/spring2007/johnson.htm>.



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## Meet me in Estonia

**Erin Cederlind '01** and **Jonathan Poole '01**, who are currently living in Russia, met **Glenn Kranking '98** (right, who was spending a year in Stockholm but is now back in Columbus, OH) while on a vacation in Tallinn, Estonia, last March. They posed before the Gustav Adolf grammar school in Tallinn, founded by the College's namesake, Gustav II Adolf.



## Thespians connect

Last July fellow thespian **Nicole Chrissotimos Devereaux '01** visited **Jon Haddorff '86** in New York City. Devereaux was on her way to Rochester, NY, for training and touring with PUSH Physical Theatre.

(Nelson '48), two sons, and one daughter.

**Dennis R. Johnson '50**, Remer, MN, on October 11, 2007. He was a self-employed insurance broker and financial adviser and is survived by his wife, Nancy, five daughters, and four sons.

**Marvin Melick '50**, Mankato, MN, on August 23, 2007. He had worked as a librarian in many communities and is survived by two children.

**Richard Steinke '50**, Bloomington, MN, on August 25, 2007. He was retired from H.B. Fuller Company and is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, and brother John '48.

**Phyllis Swanson Rettmer '51**, Chanhassen, MN, on October 9, 2007. She is survived by two sons and daughter Ann Omeish '83.

**John Babcock '52**, North Mankato, MN, on October 3, 2007. He was a retired employee of E-Systems in Greenville, TX, and is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, and one son.

**Marilyn Bodin Wahman '52**, St. Paul, MN, on August 27, 2007. She was retired as a supervisor, Chief Clerk's office, Minnesota House of Representatives, and is survived by her husband, Glenn, three sons, and one daughter.

**Elaine Wellendorf Fink '54**, Austin, MN, on July 27, 2007. She was a retired home economics teacher in the Austin School District and is survived by her husband, Stan, and one daughter.

**Verner Johnson '58**, Duluth, MN, on March 17, 2007. He was retired from Borden's and is survived by his sister, Joan '54.

**Janice Larson Darcy '59**, Minneapolis, MN, on November 16, 2006. She was a retired so-



## A meeting in old Chicago

Friends gathered at Old Chicago in Duluth last August. Front row from left: **Amy Black '98**, **Lindsay Erickson '00**, and **Stacie Engstrom Christensen '00**. Second row: **Tiffany Mack Muscala '00** and **Caitlin Christensen '99**. Back row: **Jennifer McNamara Leavitt '99**, **Angie Henrikson Fahl '98**, **Angie Van De Wiele '00**, **Kimberly Gill '99**, and **Sarah Kelling McCormick '00**.





cial worker for Hennepin County who was working as a test administrator for University of Minnesota, and is survived by one daughter.

**Ellen Svensson Maren '59**, Bellingham, WA, on August 11, 2007. She was co-owner and manager of Blue Fjord Cabins and is survived by her husband, Stanley, and two daughters, Kristin Kahihikolo '89 and Lisa Crockett '90

**Sharon Schultz Magnuson '60**, Lake Elmo, MN, on October 10, 2007. She was a former educator and inspirational speaker and is survived by her husband, Paul '59, two daughters, and one son.

**Mark Harvey Anderson '65**, Langley, WA, on September 19, 2007. He was self-employed and is survived by his wife, Lynn (Johnson '66) and two sons.

**Marcia Martinson Albrecht '66**, Crosby, MN, on July 28, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Robert, two sons, and one foster daughter.

**Jean Kauppila Kotchman '67**, Cavalier, ND, on May 9, 2007. She was formerly an environmental health safety coordinator and is survived by her husband, Michael, one daughter, and brother John '73

**Yvonne Croston '69**, Little Rock, AR, on July 5, 2007. She was the assistant director of the Ronald McNair Scholars Program at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock College of Education.

**Linda Jones Hesse '69**, Spring, TX, on August 7, 2007.

**Jill Grise Nelson '69**, New Hope, MN, on July 19, 2007. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

**Kristin Adolphson Adolphson '71**, Minnetonka, MN, on October 15, 2007. She was a former workers compensation claim representative for CNA and is survived by her husband, Peter '80, one son and daughter, one step-son and step-daughter, and her mother.

**Phyllis Nelson Elness '71**, Windom, MN, on August 24, 2007. She had worked as a physical and respiratory therapy assistant at Windom Area Hospital and as an assembler for Toro, and is survived by her husband, Richard, and two sons.

**Roscoe W. Dwinell '74**, Minneapolis, MN, on August 24, 2007. He is survived by three daughters.

**Lori Peterson Perkins '76**, San Diego, CA, on July 30, 2007. She



#### At the annual cabin bash

*Gusties friends got together on the last weekend in July for their annual cabin bash at the Calgrens' Cabin. Pictured front row are Jason Holgers '00, Kevin Calgren '00, James Matheson '02 and Ryan McAnnany '00. Back row is Rich Bartel '01, Sonya Gee Calgren '00, Jessica Ihrke '00, and Jay Reding '03.*



#### Management Masters

*Mik Gusenius '03 and Jennifer Moses Bailey '03 earned their master's degrees together from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management in May. Mik graduated with an MBA and is an investment banking associate at Cherry Tree Securities; Jen earned a master of arts degree in human resources and industrial relations and is a compensation business partner for Target Corp.*

is survived by her husband, Randy, and four children.

**Jeffrey Dobbs '78**, Long Lake, MN, on October 24, 2007. He was founder and CEO of Pro Staff and is survived by his wife, Kay, two daughters, and one son.

**Paul Anderson '91**, Eden Prairie, MN, on August 28, 2007. He

worked his entire career at *Game Informer Magazine*. He is survived by his wife, Sarah (Madson '92), two children, and sisters Karna Nelson '87 and Janet Schumacher '88.

**Todd Brown '99**, Minneapolis, MN, on September 9, 2007. He was employed by New York Life



#### Espeset named Manchester athletics director

*Rick Espeset '92, North Manchester, IN, has been named athletics director for Manchester College and will provide leadership of the college's 17-sport athletics department. Espeset joined Manchester College 13 years ago as a baseball coach intern and will continue as head baseball coach in addition to his athletics director responsibilities. Additionally, he is the college's student-athlete recruiting coordinator, conducts baseball clinics for youth, is a faculty member, and is in line to serve as national chair of the NCAA Division III baseball committee in 2009.*

Insurance Company and is survived by his wife, Kristen, and one daughter.

# ALUMNI AWARDS & CITATIONS



*Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97 and Alexander J. Hill '97*

## *First Decade Award – Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97*

# A public face in Phnom Penh

*by Kathryn Christenson*

Career locations of **Jennifer Pleuss Spande '97** read like a galaxy of colorful travel destinations: Oxford, England; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Washington, D.C.; Mexico City; Phnom Penh, Cambodia . . .

All of this in just ten years, and Spande hasn't merely been sightseeing. She has risen to a position in international diplomacy after acquiring a master's degree at Oxford and advocating for social justice on behalf of both a for-profit and a nonprofit agency.

In 2002 Spande joined the United States Foreign Service and was posted to the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City. Today she serves in the political and economic section of the American Embassy in Phnom Penh. She was recognized in 2006 with an Award for Excellence in Labor Diplomacy from the departments of State and Labor. At Homecoming 2007 she received the Gustavus Alumni Association's First Decade Award for early career achieve-

ment among women.

"Jennifer is one of a handful of people serving as the public face of the United States in this particular corner of the world [amid today's] challenges, old, new, and emerging," said political science professor Chris Gilbert, presenting the award.

"It would be hard to imagine many people better equipped to deal with those challenges than Jennifer Spande. Even with all that she has accomplished, it won't be surprising to any of us to find that her best is yet to come."

Day-to-day in Cambodia, Spande handles labor, environmental, health, and counternarcotics issues.

"Cambodia is a country still struggling to recover from one of the most destructive genocides of the 20th century," she says. "Few children finish junior high; women routinely die in childbirth; [and] most Cambodians live on the equivalent of a dollar for an entire day. . . . The majority of the world's population faces similar struggles."

At Gustavus, she says, when she encountered ethical questions in her studies, the faculty "took me, my ideas, and my passions seriously, but, even more valuable, gave me an appreciation for ambiguity and a diversity of opinions, and [the opportunity to develop] a rigorous approach to considering these fundamental questions."

Her greatest debt to Gustavus, she says, is as the setting in which she met her husband, Nathan Spande '97. "He has made the tremendous sacrifice of slowing down his own career in computer security to follow me around the world and be a stay-at-home dad." The Spandes have two children, Elena, 4, and Benjamin, 2.

Chris Gilbert recalls Spande's days in the political science department as being highly memorable. "Jen was one of a handful of extraordinary students from that era whose professional activity put Gustavus on the map nationally in undergraduate research." He remembers that in the spring of her senior year, request after request

went from the Department of Political Science to the associate dean's office to fund Jen's travel "to present her research at yet another national conference—not an undergraduate conference, but the real deal."

Gilbert cited the prestigious Truman Scholarship Jennifer won while at Gustavus, capped by an even more competitive Marshall Scholarship, which took her to Oxford after graduation. To this day, Gilbert says, he receives hand-written notes with the Truman Foundation's annual application materials saying, "Send us another Jennifer Pleuss [Spande]."

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## First Decade Award – Alexander J. Hill '97

### 'Ya gotta have heart'

by Steve Waldhauser '70

**H**ear . . . As a three-time all-conference soccer player and a co-captain and MVP of the Gustavus varsity squad, **Alex Hill '97** thought of it as desire, the will to overcome misfortune and challenges, the intangible that converts mere talent to grand achievement. Today, as a senior scientist for Minneapolis-based Medtronic, Inc., researching comparative cardiac anatomy and heart-valve replacement techniques and devices, he knows the heart in a wholly different way.

After graduating from Gustavus magna cum laude with a major in biology, Alex accepted a graduate fellowship in biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota, earning an M.S. in 2000 under the direction of Dr. Paul Iaizzo, a professor of surgery and member of the graduate faculty in biomedical engineering and physiology. Mentored by Dr. Iaizzo, he first worked in the Department of Anesthesiology as a graduate research assistant studying the effects of the use of Medtronic's LTX3000™ Lumbar Rehabilitation System on scoliosis patients. At the same time he also spent time in a cardiovascular research lab studying mammalian cardiac anatomy, physiology, and pathology, and by 2002 he had transferred his research assistantship to the Department of Surgery to pursue his growing interest in comparative cardiac anatomy. He earned his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering in January 2004.

Introducing him at the alumni banquet held during Homecoming Weekend at which Hill was honored as the First Decade Award recipient among men from the Class of 1997, Paul Iaizzo said, "I've worked with over

50 students who have gotten graduate degrees . . . and Alex still stands out as one of the top students I've had in my lab. . . . [When] I was looking at applications . . . for graduate students in biomedical engineering, he came in with this non-traditional biology background from Gustavus. But you know the Gustavus thing—this network is real. My nieces were going to Gustavus; I thought, 'I'll take a second look at this application'. . . . I really look at what people have done during their college experience, if they can multi-task, if they're worldly, and Alex fit that bill."

Hill had joined the Therapy Delivery unit of Medtronic's Cardiac Rhythm Management division in 2000 as a biomedical engineering intern assigned to research and product-test pacemaker mechanics. In September 2003 he was promoted to scientist in the Physiological Research Laboratory, where his research focused on comparative cardiac anatomy and improving histopathology techniques, and in December of that year he was named senior scientist, adding advanced cardiac MRI applications and analysis to his responsibilities. Following a four-month stint in the firm's Vascular division, where his work focused on heart valve replacement device research and design and image-guided therapy development, Hill is today a senior scientist in Medtronic's Cardiac Surgery division. In May he assumed responsibilities as vice president of the Medtronic Technical Forum after serving on the MTF Council since 2005.

Iaizzo again: "Immediately, Alex was noted as the go-to person—the anatomy expert—at Medtronic, which he is still considered today. When you think that there's a company of 30,000 individuals, that's international, and they still have someone they need to learn anatomy from—and that guy is Alex—it's a credit to what he's accomplished."

"From a Gustavus perspective," says Iaizzo, whose own daughter, Jenna, is now a senior at Gustavus (and also happens to be a soccer team captain), "Alex has paved the way for other Gustavus grads to come into our lab."

Hill resides in Blaine, Minn., with his wife, Sarah A. Anderson Hill '97, and their daughter, Alicia.

## 2007 First Decade Award Nominees

In addition to First Decade Award recipients Alexander Hill and Jennifer Pleuss Spande, other nominee finalists included:

**Women:** **Sara Bergan**, Minneapolis, MN, executive director, Great Plains Institute; **Nicole Elver**, Alexandria, VA, staff attorney/senior attorney, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; **Jessie Fahrback**, Carmel, IN, associate clinical research scientist, Eli Lilly and Company, U.S. Affiliate Medical, Endocrinology; **Natalie Hokanson**, St. Paul, MN, assistant to the vice president for development and external affairs, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra; **Martha Malinski**, Minneapolis, MN, director, Center for Community Work and Learning, College of St. Catherine; **Erin Mathern**, St. Paul, MN, development director, Mendota Homes, Inc.; **Ingrid Morken**, Oakland, CA, senior landscape designer, WRA, San Rafael, CA; **Kara Buckner Peterson**, Eden Prairie, MN, advertising account director, Fallon Worldwide; **Sarah Peterson Peterson**, Minneapolis, MN, offer management director, Fair Isaac Corporation; **Anna Plocher**, Auckland, New Zealand, account broker, Aon New Zealand Limited; **Susan Rodenkirchen**, Honolulu, HI, education department head, Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory/The Dolphin Institute; **Angela Stene**, Atlanta, GA, consultant, McKing Corporation, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; **Joleen Hubbard Turja**, Bloomington, MN, MD, internal medicine residency research, University of Minnesota; **Carmen Westerberg**, Chicago, IL, postdoctoral research associate, Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL; **Kathryn Durfee Zabell**, Lafayette, IN, research assistant/postdoctoral fellow, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

**Men:** **Christopher Choukalas**, Chicago, IL, resident physician, University of Chicago, Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care; **Lars Ericson**, Morgantown, WV, senior scientist, ManTech International Corporation, Department of Defense Nanotechnology Logistics Transformation; **Patrick Fischer**, Salem, MA, organ builder, C.B. Fisk Inc.; **Matthew Fladeland**, San Francisco, CA, airborne science manager, research scientist, NASA Ames Research Center, Earth Science Division; **Travis Garms**, Lakewood, CO, senior manager, Assurance and Advisory Business Services, Ernst & Young, LLP; **Jason Groenewold**, Salt Lake City, UT, director, Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah; **Bradley Kirscher**, St. Paul, MN, managing partner, Aase & Kirscher, PLLC; **Joel Jensen**, Boulder, CO, Ph.D. student, College of Architecture, University of Colorado, Denver; **Michael Logan**, Minneapolis, MN, senior group manager, Government Affairs, Target Corporation; **Nathan Miller**, Eau Claire, WI, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; **Steven Schmidt**, Dellwood, MN, head of technology origination, Equity Capital Markets; **Matthew Shores**, Ft. Collins, CO, assistant professor, Department of Chemistry, Colorado State University; **Mark Tomforde**, Houston, TX, assistant professor of mathematics, University of Houston; **Thomas VanDeGrift**, Portland, OR, senior engineer, Qualcomm, Inc.

## Second-generation Gusties, 2007

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

### Ronda Petersen Bayer '83

Daughter, Chelsea  
Rogers, MN

### Nancy Benjamin Belpedio '77

Daughter, Erin  
Coon Rapids, MN

### Robert and Martha Hickman

#### Berglund '79 '81

Son, Kyle  
Champlin, MN

### Lynn Anderson Betcher '80

Daughter, Anne  
Red Wing, MN

### Paul and Lisa

#### Beytien-Carlson '79 '81

Daughter, Libby  
Hastings, MN

### Paul and Amy Erdman

#### Biewen '80 '82

Daughter, Elise  
Edina, MN

### Kevin and Evelyn Wickstrom

#### Bjork '79 '80

Son, Bryce  
Stillwater, MN

### Beth Johnson Brown '80

Daughter, Kristin  
Manawa, WI

### Sandy Bocklund Bull '80

Daughter, Emily  
Eagan, MN

### Daniel Carlson '78

### Valerie Richards Carlson '79

Son, Benjamin  
Atwater, MN

### Steven Clausen '83

Son, Dain  
St. Louis Park, MN

### Brian Cornell '74

Son, Brett  
Minnetonka, MN

### Shannon Smith Deer '77

Daughter, Laura  
Apple Valley, MN

### Kimberly Ziesemann Ewen '84

Son, David  
Eden Prairie, MN

### Janet Suppes Fitzgerald '83

Daughter, Elise  
Lakeville, MN

### Susan Roettger Fleming '77

Son, Mark  
Mankato, MN

### Georgia Follis '88

Daughter, Deborah  
Long Prairie, MN

### Kathleen Brophy George '74

Son, Adam  
Plymouth, MN

### Scott and Lisa Pearson

#### Gilyard '83 '85

Daughter, Brita  
Medina, MN

### Linda Glaser '79

Daughter, Meredith  
Cottage Grove, MN

### Louise Otto Groskreutz '77

Daughter, Laura  
Faribault, MN

### Wally Guptill '81

Daughter, Rachel  
Lino Lakes, MN

### Dave and Dawn Rhode

#### Gustafson '83 '83

Son, Erik  
Arden Hills, MN

### Sandy Erickson Hasse '81

Son, Christopher  
North Mankato, MN

### Laurie Iverson Hassenstab '83

Daughter, Amy  
Chaska, MN

### Cathy Schaller Henderson '79

Son, Matthew  
Eden Prairie, MN

### Sonya Murray Ikeda '80

Son, Benjamin  
Maple Grove, MN

### Miranda Millen Johnson '83

Daughter, Emily  
Gloucester, MA

### Kenneth Kesty '76

Daughter, Kendra  
North Bay, Ontario, Canada

### Elliot and Kristen Wanha

#### Knetsch '80 '80

Son, Cameron  
St. Paul, MN

### Mark Kruger '86

Daughter, Mary  
Minnetonka, MN

### Becky Bade Lane '74

Son, Gregory  
Chaska, MN

### Frank and Jennifer Strand

#### Larson '83 '84

Daughter, Anna  
Wayzata, MN

### Nick and Anne Juhl

#### Legeros '77 '82

Son, Alexander  
Edina, MN

### Dan and Mary Holmquist Lundahl '73 '72

Son, Bryant  
Victoria, MN

### Ron Lundquist '80

Daughter, Sarah  
Golden Valley, MN

### Sarah Lindberg Maass '83

Daughter, Dana  
Fairfax, MN

### Michael Malmquist '77

Son, Max  
Salt Lake City, UT

### Steven Mellema '72

Son, Daniel  
St. Peter, MN

### Mark Mueller '79

Daughter, Emily  
Wayzata, MN

### Julie Wiggins Nadeau '81

Son, Brendan  
San Antonio, TX

### Paula Nelson-Marten '69

Son, Samuel  
Aurora, CO

### Thomas Parnell '78

Son, Tom  
St. Paul, MN

### Wayne and Jackie Neeck

#### Peterson '77 '77

Daughter, Kaitlyn  
Plymouth, MN

### Susan Pihl-Niederman '77

Son, Justin  
Medina, MN

### Dan Poffenberger '82

Son, Andrew  
Stillwater, MN

### Tamera Olson Prichard '83

Son, Sean  
Northfield, MN

### Mark and Susan Fox Prieve '83 '83

Son, Kurt  
Faribault, MN

### Roger Rogotzke '80

Daughter, Karen  
Sleepy Eye, MN

### Sarah Pederson Sandon '86

Son, Sam  
Hopkins, MN

### William Schnell '77

Son, Clayton  
Duluth, MN

### Keith Setterholm '73

Son, Noah  
St. Paul, MN

### Steven Solbrack '80

Daughter, Kristian  
Golden Valley, MN

### Craig Strom '82

Son, Luke  
Plymouth, MN

### Mark Tesdall '83

Daughter, Brooke  
Red Wing, MN

### James and Gabrielle Precilio

#### Thon '82 '82

Son, Matthew  
Faribault, MN

### David Truebenbach '76

Daughter, Erin  
Mankato, MN

### Scott and Susan Strand

#### Vickerman '83 '83

Son, Andrew  
Wayzata, MN

### Deb Cairns Walker '76

Daughter, Jenna  
Hastings, MN

### Barb Gerke Weber '81

Daughter, Mackenzie  
St. Peter, MN



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*The Gustavus Choir celebrated its 75th year with a day of activities on May 5, 2007. Activities included a "Lutheran church basement buffet" banquet attended by nearly 300 and a 75th anniversary concert featuring three selections sung by an alumni-student massed choir of 242 registered singers (including the current Gustavus Choir members). The oldest choir member singing in the massed group was Marvin Odland '47. Millie Gulberg Gilbertson '40 was oldest member in attendance; since Millie sang in the 1930s, every decade of the Choir's existence was represented. (Photo by Anders Björling '58)*

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