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‘What we’ve been . . . what we hope to be’



Jake Seamans '10

“A college is both what it has been and what it hopes to be. It is fruit and seed. It is the product of the planning and watering of other generations—their faith and dedication, their effort and insight, their hopes and dreams—and it is the potential of greater fruitfulness, larger service, and more fateful assignments.”

Gustavus Adolphus College’s ninth president, Edgar M. Carlson, wrote those words nearly 50 years ago, as the College prepared to celebrate its centennial year in 1962. In the intervening years, a substantial part of what Carlson’s college “hoped to be” became what the Gustavus of the 21st century “has been.”

And yet, Carlson’s words will always apply.

As the College approaches its 150th anniversary—its “sesquicentennial” in the nomenclature of those who keep track of such things—we honor the milestones, traditions, and people that have

defined this place and set its path. At the same time, we dream—about what Gustavus might be, whom it might serve, how they might learn. We take time to articulate new goals. And now all those goals and ideas have been organized into a framework that will help to realize what we hope to be.

In this issue of the *Gustavus Quarterly* you’ll read about the process of Commission Gustavus 150, the Board of Trustees’ effort to involve representatives of all the College’s varied constituencies in integrating and expanding the strategic planning that’s been ongoing for several years. The recommendations for the College’s future arising in the commission’s eight task forces have now been ranked in tiers and the resulting framework passed to College officials, who will be developing implementation plans.

The pages of this *Quarterly* also contain stories about what’s going on at Gustavus *now*: about two alumni who were named recipients of First Decade awards; about faculty members using the Kendall Center’s faculty travel subsidies to enhance their classroom teaching; about the acquisition of a new, state-of-the-art mass spectrometer to assist chemistry and geology research; about a young alumni couple’s financial commitment to their alma mater; about the eight 2009 inductees into the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame; and more.

Finally, you’ll notice a new look for the magazine—and for the Gustavus website—in response to the College’s branding consultation and new brand position, “Make Your Life Count,” which was unveiled in early October. Read on!

Steve Waldhauser '70, Managing Editor

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June 2009 architect's rendering of proposed academic building and west mall.

Go-ahead for new academic building given

The Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees has asked the administration to prepare financing and fundraising plans for the construction of a new academic building and to present those plans to the Board at its January 2010 meeting. The Board's expectation is that it will give final approval at that time to the construction of the building, which will be sited on a new mall west of Christ Chapel.

The new facility will house the departments of Communication Studies, Economics and Management, History, Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology and the Neuroscience program. The Board also directed that the plan

presented in January should provide for the remodeling of the Anderson Social Science Center and for the design and construction of the west mall. Meetings will soon commence to discuss what offices, programs, and departments will be located in the renovated facility.

In addition, the Board authorized the administration to seek a variance from Nicollet County to erect a wind turbine. The Board has expressed its intent to give final approval to purchasing a turbine upon the granting of a variance by Nicollet County and upon the presentation to the Board of supporting financing and siting plans.

"We anticipate that work will begin on the

new academic building and mall this coming spring or early summer," President Jack Ohle stated. The Board will determine the ground breaking schedule at its January meeting upon review of the financing plan and final architectural design. The renovation of the Social Science Center will begin after it is vacated by those moving into the new building.

Ohle noted, "These important steps are in keeping with the Commission Gustavus 150 Strategic Framework recently approved by the Board for the implementation of recommendations by the Commission's eight task forces and the initiatives of the College's Strategic Plan." ■



NSF grant funds new mass spectrometer

The Chemistry and Geology departments have jointly obtained an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) through a National Science Foundation (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation grant. Jeff Jeremiason, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry and director of the Environmental Studies program, was the principal investigator for the grant. Dwight Stoll, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry; Julie Bartley, Ph.D., associate professor of geology; and Laura Triplett, Ph.D., assistant professor of geology, were the co-investigators. The total amount of the grant was about \$250 K, with about \$170 K for instrument purchase and the rest for instrument operation and maintenance, and to hire two students each summer to use the instrument.

The NSF grant program is for research instrumentation and thus the major focus of the grant is on creating new research opportunities for students, but it will also be used in multiple classes in geology and chemistry. (Note: No MIAC school or private liberal arts school in the area has an instrument like this one.)

The new instrument will allow users to analyze about 75 elements on the periodic table (mostly metals) in water, sediment, soil, rocks, etc. Toxic metals like mercury, lead, and cadmium are of interest, as are major elements such as calcium, potassium, and aluminum. Uranium and rare earth elements can also be measured. The ICP-MS allows the operators to introduce a liquid or gas sample to the plasma it generates; many of the elements in the

sample are ionized, which allows the mass spectrometer to separate them by mass.

Specific projects already planned include:

- Identifying metals in sediment cores from area lakes to look at how the concentrations of those metals have changed. For example, researchers could look at lead deposits over time and see changes in accumulation related to taking lead out of gasoline. Metals analysis in sediment cores will be one of the main things that will be done with the instrument. Jeremiason hopes to have his FTS class use the instrument (or at least the data from it) this fall.
- Identifying sources of erosion to a water body by “fingerprinting sources,” i.e., examining metal composition in the sedi-



Jazz singer Kurt Elling '89 performs Homecoming concert

Renowned jazz vocalist Kurt Elling '89 returned to campus to celebrate his 20th-anniversary reunion and the release of his ninth recording, *Dedicated to You*, with a special Homecoming concert in Björling Recital Hall on October 10. Backing Kurt were long-time collaborator Laurence Hobgood, piano; Michael Olatuja, bass; and Ulysses Owens, drums.

ment and comparing it to the fingerprints from soil and river bank material.

- Reconstructing ancient ocean chemical composition based on analysis of deposited material (really old sedimentary rocks).
- Examining metal transport in the environment, particularly in wetlands but also in soils.

The ICP-MS will enable faculty and students to undertake a range of important water quality and geochemical research projects that

would not otherwise be possible, including 1) creating new and expanding current water quality and geochemistry interdisciplinary research opportunities for geology, chemistry, biology, and environmental studies students; 2) supporting the ongoing research of several recent faculty hires in geology and chemistry; 3) enhancing a range of external research-based partnerships; (4) further incorporating interdisciplinary research activities into the classroom; and (5) serving as a regional

resource as host to the only ICP-MS in the area.

The ICP-MS creates new research directions, expands existing research activities, and creates new interdisciplinary opportunities. Water chemistry and geochemistry are the primary research areas of Jeremiason, Bartley, and Triplett. Stoll is an analytical chemist with expertise in multidimensional HPLC separation techniques who would investigate coupling LC separations with direct analysis by ICP-MS. ■

NOTES FROM THE KENDALL CENTER

Reaping the harvest: Faculty travel subsidies as seed money for ideas

by Barbara Fister

Each year, dozens of Gustavus faculty travel to conferences to gather with other members of their disciplines, find out what's going on, and share the results of their research publicly. The Kendall Center administers funds from the provost's budget to partially subsidize faculty travel and conference registration costs. This funding is seed money in more than one sense: Faculty return from conferences with ideas they can incorporate into their research and teaching. They often test out ideas at these gatherings, incorporating the responses of their peers as they work on articles and books that grow out of their conference presentations. And finally, faculty presentations at these gatherings plant awareness of Gustavus as an institution where creativity and research thrive. It spreads the word. Below are just a few examples of conference presentations supported by the Faculty Travel Fund last year.

Eric Dugdale of the Department of Classics traveled to Italy for the "Meeting the Challenge" Conference, jointly sponsored by the University of Venice, University of Cambridge, and University of Copenhagen, which focused on strategies for bringing classical literature to life in the classroom. In his presentation, Dugdale enumerated ways that Gustavus students experience ancient



The Department of Classics has hosted a biennial Festival of Dionysus since 2002. At the 2006 festival, Laura Mardian '07, Stephanie Soiseth '08, and Thereasa Schollett '07 (from left) performed a scene from Menaechmi, which was written around 200 BC by the Roman comic playwright Plautus.

drama, replicating in a sense the ways that ancient audiences felt a strong emotional response to the plays.

Dugdale's presentation focused on ways to tap into the plays' inherent emotive content through in-class activities and out-of-class assignments. In his experience, inviting students to respond to the plays on an emotional level offers great benefits as they engage in writing assignments, discussion, and in performance. Students in his courses de-

velop personal responses to classical works and create their own performance pieces. Through these activities, "students appreciate Greek tragedy on its own terms and engage with it in a more direct manner," according to Dugdale. Every year, students perform scenes from the plays in the cross-campus outdoor "Festival of Dionysus."

Dugdale explains, "Through their performances, the students gain a greater under-

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Eric Dugdale



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standing of certain key elements of ancient drama. They learn through experience the effect that an outdoor setting has on performances, the competitive nature of ancient drama (performances are judged by a panel of judges), and the festive context in which these performances occurred, and they respond to the plays on a personal level.” He links the development of empathy in students through experiential learning with Aristotle’s concept of tragedy’s effect on the *psychagōgei*, which he relates to the engagement of both the cognitive and emotional dimensions of the viewer’s experience. By going beyond a study of the texts and their historical background, performance involves students in the emotional effect of the plays and exposes their moral dimensions.

Dugdale is currently working on a book that will further develop his ideas about empathy in Greek tragedy, the role the arts play in civic engagement, and methods for engaging students in a deeper understanding of themselves and the world through ancient drama.

At a conference in New Orleans, **Lisa Heldke ’82** of the Department of Philosophy reported on the work she did with two student researchers to uncover the ways Gustavus faculty address food in the classroom—not whether it is all right to bring your lunch to class, but how food is used throughout the curriculum as a topic for understanding the liberal arts in the experiential, practical way that philosopher John Dewey understood them.

Heldke and her student researchers interviewed 21 faculty members about ways food is incorporated into their courses (or into extracurricular activities such as a wine-and-cheese event for seniors in physics and chemistry, a social but educational event focused on cultivating scientific curiosity about subjects typically thought of as “outside” the sciences). Courses with a food angle ranged from obvious connections, such as “Applied Human Nutrition” and First Term Seminars on “The Citizen as Consumer” and “Fast Food Nation,” to surprising applications in courses on the politics of developing nations, cultural anthropology, conservation biology, and Roman history.

Heldke reports that there are at least three ways that this basic topic enters the classroom: “Food and food-related topics appear as a substantive element of the content of courses in, for example, anthropology, biology, and health/exercise science; as a tool for teaching and learning particular concepts in courses in communication studies, political science, Russian studies, and classics; and as a class cohesion builder in mathematics, art history, and many other departments.”

She points out clear links between food and Gustavus’s mission and values. “How might we use food as a tool to advance our commitments to justice, community, service, faith, and excellence—the five ‘core values’ of the College?” she asks. “Because food plays multiple roles in our daily lives, and because it connects us to others (animate and inanimate) in myriad ways, it is ideally suited to be a vehicle by means of which to make the mission a robust, visible, and meaningful aspect of the life of the College as a whole.” In an aside she notes that the core values are very visibly present on campus — “on banners hung, appropriately enough, in the dining hall.”

Jeffrey Owen ’92 of the Department of Economics and Management specializes in the economics of sports. He presented his research into quantifying the nature of “home advantage” at the Western Economics Association annual meeting. The home advantage for teams is frequently acknowledged but little studied. By comparing outcomes of men’s college basketball games, Owen found that the home advantage was greater in higher profile leagues and in leagues where teams are evenly matched.

He also looked at home advantage in the results of games played by teams in the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, and Major League Baseball. After compiling and analyzing team home and overall win totals, he discovered that the advantage is strongest in the NBA, a somewhat surprising outcome given that local weather conditions don’t play a role in favoring the home team. In the case of baseball, the home advantage was less significant, partly because starting pitcher rotations make team performance highly variable day to day.



At the 2009 Celebration of Creative Inquiry, philosophy major Rhea Muchalla ’09 discussed her student research with psychology professor Mark Krueger.

Before coming to teach at Gustavus, **Brandy Russell** of the Department of Chemistry developed a course with her postdoctoral adviser, Yi Lu, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign designed to bridge a gap between chemistry courses and students’ interests outside the classroom. They wanted to increase student involvement in career exploration, undergraduate research, and build connections among science majors and with alumni. “The Chemistry and Biology of Everyday Life” is a course that students can take for credit each year, giving them an opportunity to pursue their own interests and serve as peer mentors for other students. Assessments based on a survey instrument developed at Grinnell College showed that students who took the course gained measurable learning outcomes in areas such as understanding the research process, interpreting data, and integrating theory.

Though this course was designed to address student needs at a large research university, Russell, who remained involved in assessment of the project, presented ways that the process has applications at smaller colleges, too. “The things I learned in teaching that course have definitely influenced me as a teacher and can be seen in what I’m doing now at Gustavus,” Russell said. These include initiating a faculty/student journal club, incorporating research skills into the general chemistry course, and increasing student interest in being involved in science activities outside the classroom.

Russell, who is also the Kendall Center faculty associate for undergraduate research, plans to use this experience in future as she designs a related scholarship of teaching and learning project based at Gustavus.

Don Scheese of the Department of English presented a paper that has since been published as an essay in *ISLE*, an interdisciplinary journal on literature and the environment. This essay is part of a larger book project that is under review for publication. In this presentation he recounted his experience hiking miles into the Manti-La Sal National Forest to locate a remote Anasazi cliff dwelling marked on a map.

"It's hard to describe my feelings," he writes, "as I stepped on the ledge that gave me an eye-level view of the ruins only twenty feet away. Awe—over what fine shape they appeared to be in. Respect—for the effort that it obviously took to climb up to, not to mention build and live in, the structures. And a tinge of fear too, for I had entered the realm of ghosts. Ruins are haunting for this very reason. The silence of the site, the absence of a human presence in a place where

The Three Fingers Ruin in Hammond Canyon, Manti-La Sal National Forest (Utah), was built between AD 900 and 1200 by Native Americans affiliated with the Mesa Verde branch of the Ancestral Pueblo people.



humans had once lived and thrived, was eerie."

After his fieldwork, Scheese discovered in the work of a historian of religion the language to convey his response to the once-inhabited cliff dwelling, sensing in the "interrupted space" a spiritual sense of the sacred. "Ruins fascinate us with their enigmatic si-

lence," he writes. "Ruins haunt us with their lonely and poignant beauty. Ruins remind us of the inevitability of our own mortality. Ruins mesmerize us with their unsolvable questions and mysteries. Ruins are the bones of the past, to which we return again and again, seeking answers to the most profound inquiries about human existence." ■

CICE UPDATE NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

Economic challenges and study away

by Carolyn O'Grady, director

As I write these words, 50 students are studying away on either a fall semester or yearlong program. Fifty-three applications for Spring 2010 study away have been approved. These numbers are among the lowest in recent memory. Why are fewer students choosing semester or yearlong off-campus study?

Certainly the economy is a big factor. Many families have been reduced to one income, and increasingly students themselves bear more of the cost of their tuition. Recently the Forum on Education Abroad conducted a survey of its institutional members (nearly 165 out of 373 institutions responded). The results are predictable. Almost one-third of private colleges and 84 percent of public universities report that the global economic crisis has had a negative effect on study-away programs. Further, two-thirds of the institutions report that their study-away budgets have decreased in the last year.¹

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Catherine Keith '12

Catherine Keith '12 posted thoughts and photos from India on her blog page on the CICE website.



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These are gloomy numbers, and yet students' aspirations to study away remain high. A national survey conducted by the American Council on Education indicates that more than half of entering college students say they are "certain or fairly certain" that they will participate in study abroad. These students want the college they attend to have a range of international study opportunities in a variety of settings, and they come to college with a taste of what international travel is all about. Almost two-thirds of them have traveled to at least one other country before entering college (often, but not always, with their parents).² These statistics hold true for Gustavus as well. When I meet with students in First Term Seminars and ask them to stand if they have traveled outside the United States in the last four years, usually more than half the class stands up. And when I ask how many of them already know that they want to study away before they graduate, it is common for a third of the group to stand up. As the ACE study indicates, institutions that do not provide the international learning experiences that students want will increasingly be at a disadvantage in enrolling the current generation of students.

And yet . . . study away does cost money. How can students (and their families) justify the expense? The answer to that requires taking the

long view. The benefits to study away are significant, not only for academic and personal growth but also for later earning power. Corporate and business leaders express preference for graduates who have international experience. All other qualifications being equal, these employers favor candidates who are broadly (i.e., liberally) and globally educated.³ The long-term benefit to study away is indisputable, although the short-term financial burden may be a challenge. Despite the economic downturn, we continue to search for scholarship funds that will enable students to pursue their study-away dreams. We invite you to support us in this effort.

And a Word from India

The Social Justice, Peace, and Development Semester in India program got off to a great start with a pre-departure orientation in August. This year's group has 16 student participants and is led by Pamela Kittelson, associate professor of biology. Here is a recent reflection from Pamela:

India is full of contradiction, complexity, good and bad, beautiful and ugly. I encounter each every day, and at any minute things change 180 degrees. On my way home from the tailor I got completely soaked by a car going through a muddy puddle and then one minute later encountered a boy running through the rain pud-

dles smiling with true joy! Last evening, I sat on top of a city apartment terrace overlooking the never quiet, never still, never "clean" Bangalore and watched the hundreds of kites (hawk-like birds) and huge fruit bats fly over. Beauty amongst the chaos of 8 million...

Take a look at the SJPD's weekly blog (as well as blogs from other students off-campus) at our website, <http://gustavus.edu/academics/cice/>. ■

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¹ The Forum on Education Abroad. "Survey on the impact of the global economic crisis on education abroad" (September 15, 2009). <http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>.

² American Council on Education (ACE). "College-bound students' interests in study abroad and other international learning activities" (January 2009). Washington, D.C.: ACE.

³ Collins, Naomi F. "Forum." *International Educator* (September–October 2009). Washington, D.C.: NAFSA Association of International Educators, pp. 58–59.



2010 International Photo Calendar now available

An international photo contest has occurred annually at Gustavus for the past 20 years. A wide array of pictures is assembled each year representing the many locations to which Gusties have traveled for study. Winners of the contest receive a prize and have their photos published in the International Studies calendar, which is published annually in mid-November.

Cost of the 2010 calendar is \$10 (which includes shipping). It is available now from the Center for International and Cultural Education (phone 507-933-7545, or e-mail ishaw@gustavus.edu). All proceeds support the International Study Abroad Scholarship Fund.

Hillstrom Museum of Art features two Swedish-related exhibitions

by Donald Myers '83

Two Swedish-related exhibitions, *Connected with Water* (Paintings by Gudrun Westerlund) and *Swedish-American Works from the Hillstrom Collection*, will be on view at the Hillstrom Museum of Art until January 29, 2010.

Painter Gudrun Westerlund was born in 1953 in Arjeplog, in Sweden, and now lives in Uppsala. She studied art in Stockholm at the Konstfack, the largest university college of arts, crafts, design, and art education in Sweden. Westerlund has had solo exhibitions in locations across Sweden, and has also participated in group exhibits and installations, including in Norway, Germany, Japan, and China. She has been invited twice to be one of the artists who design rooms for the famous annual Icehotel in Jukkasjärvi in northern Sweden. The artist has collaborated with prominent Swedish poet and novelist Birgitta Lillpers, who has read at Westerlund's openings and who used an image of one of the artist's paintings for the cover of her 2002 novel *Alla dessa liv och väder* (*All These Lives and the Weather*). Westerlund's works are found in numerous Swedish public collections.

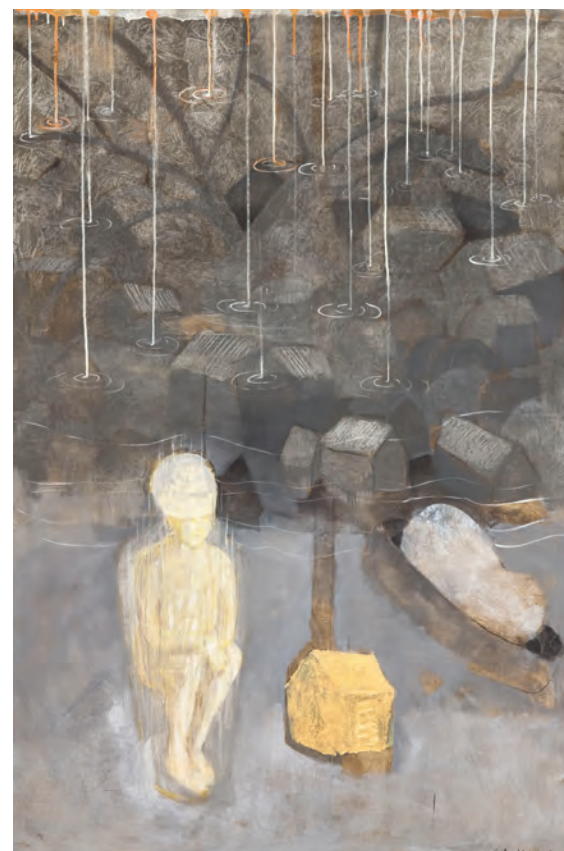
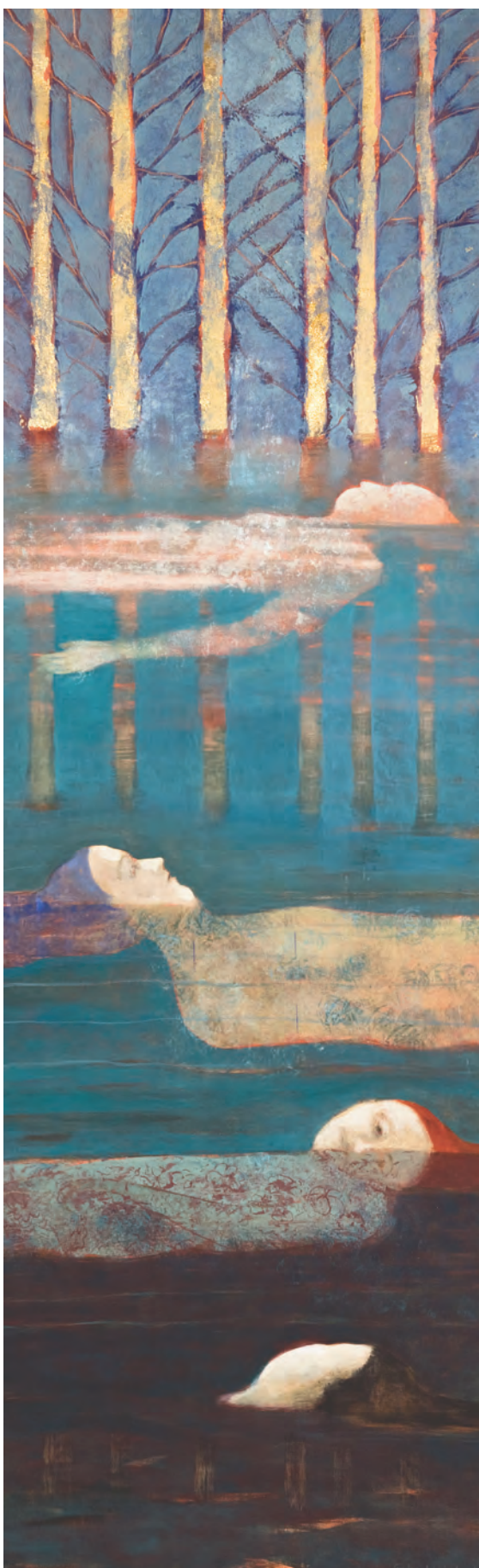
Westerlund works mainly in tempera paint, an exacting medium that uses egg as a binding agent for the pigment. The paintings in *Connected with Water* are all recent works in this medium, and are related to and about the experience and meaning of water, especially as connected with her childhood in northern Sweden. Westerlund describes the works as a "poetical investigation," and notes that water has many layers of meaning, that it is fundamental to life, and that it is a vital part of the Swedish experience.

The artist's works are done in an evocative style that draws much from her Nordic heritage. They are suggestive in imagery, and have an intimate melding of form and color that relates both to Scandinavian folk art tradition and to the works of Modernist artist Mark Rothko (1903–1970), whose emotionally moving, abstract fields of color have been an important influence on Westerlund. She also cites, closer to home, the influence of prominent Swedish artists such as Lena Cronqvist (b. 1938; one of Sweden's foremost living artists), Hans Wigert (b. 1932), and Laris Strunke (b. 1931).

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Gudrun Westerlund (Swedish, b. 1953), Floaters, 2008, tempera on canvas, 78 3/4 x 25 1/8 inches.

Gudrun Westerlund (Swedish, b. 1953), Rain, 2007, tempera on canvas, 53 1/8 x 35 1/8 inches.





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In a brochure for a 2008 exhibition of Westerlund's works, Swedish art historian and critic Märit Ehn (former director of both the Visby Art Museum on Gotland and the Art Center in Gävle) described the painter's approach: "The path into [Westerlund's] art is about taking in the emotional level of the picture. All landscapes are fictitious; nevertheless, you can trace the origin of the images in her background: the landscape of northern Sweden, with its countless lakes reflecting the light from the sky. The paintings have a strange stillness. They have a deliberate structure with their division into fields. Westerlund is inspired by Mark Rothko, which you can see in the simple and harmonious way of painting. But where Rothko is totally abstract with his floating rectangles, Westerlund's art is more likely to interpret with water, horizon, and sky—atmosphere for a story."

Westerlund attended the opening reception of the exhibition and gave an informal presentation on her work. While on campus she was also scheduled to meet with Scandinavian studies and Swedish language students, and to demonstrate tempera painting technique to art students.

Connected with Water is presented with the support of a generous grant from the Swedish Council of America, whose mission is to support the promotion of "knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the Swedish heritage in American life and to strengthen contemporary cultural and educational ties between North America and Sweden." The exhibition is also supported with generous assistance from the Scandinavian Studies program of Gustavus Adolphus College.

Concurrently with the *Connected with Water*, the Museum is presenting a selection of *Swedish-American Works from the Hillstrom Collection*. These include works by Dewey Albinson (1898–1971), B.J.O. Nordfeldt (1878–1955), John F. Carlson (1874–1945), Henry Mattson (1887–1971), Birger Sandzén (1871–1954), and Carl Sprinchorn (1887–1971). All of these artists were born in the last three decades of the nineteenth century, and, with one exception, they were all born in Sweden (Albinson's parents had emigrated before his birth in the U.S.). Each of the artists had prominent careers in the first half of the twentieth century. The fifteen paintings and prints on view include recent donations of



Bror Julius Olsson Nordfeldt (Swedish-American, 1878–1955), *The Tree, Spring (or Grey Tree)*, 1906, color woodblock print on paper, 12 1/8 x 9 5/8 inches, purchased with funds committed by Dawn (Ekstrom '67) and Edward Michael.

works by Albinson given by Bob and Tucki Bellig '60 '60 and Dr. John and Colles Larkin (highlighted in past issues of *The Quarterly*), and a recent acquisition of a woodblock print by Nordfeldt purchased with funds committed by Dawn (Ekstrom '67) and Edward Michael. Also included in the exhibit are several works donated to the Museum by the Reverend Richard L. Hillstrom, and two works that have been promised as future gifts and lent by him for this exhibit.

Brochures relating to both *Swedish-American Works from the Hillstrom Collection* and

Connected with Water (Paintings by Gudrun Westerlund) accompany the exhibits. ■

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

CALENDAR TO WARM YOUR SOUL

PLEASE NOTE Times and dates of the events listed on this page are subject to change. Please call to confirm events of interest.

NOVEMBER

23-Jan. 29 Art Exhibitions: **Connected with Water (Paintings by Gudrun Westerlund) & Swedish-American Works from the Hillstrom Collection**; 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.

DECEMBER

- 4, 5, & 6 **Christmas in Christ Chapel**: "A Liturgy of Letters and Carols"; 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 5 & 6) and 7:30 p.m. Ticket required; call the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520) to inquire about remaining tickets.
- 8 Music: **"The Winds of Christmas,"** The Gustavus & Vasa wind orchestras, Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 10 **Festival of St. Lucia**, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.; Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Reservations required.
- 10, 11, 12, & 13 Theatre: **Physical Theatre Project**, directed by Henry MacCarthy; Anderson Theatre, 2 p.m. (Dec. 13 only) & 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 11 Annual Guest Artist Performance: **Michael Johnson in Concert**; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; order online at gustavustickets.com or contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 13 Music: **Brassworks!** Scott Moore, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 16 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Thomas Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

JANUARY

- 4 **January Interim** begins.
- 20 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90, speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

FEBRUARY

- 8 **Spring Classes** convene.
- 15 Artist Series: **Cuarteto Latinoamericano**, "A Latin-American Evening of Music"; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7 p.m. Ticket required; order online at gustavustickets.com or contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Doug Minter '79, director of student financial aid, and Kirk Carlson '95, associate director of student financial aid; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

MARCH

- 13 Conference: **"Building Bridges"** student-led diversity conference: "Immigration: Surviving the Land of Opportunity"; Alumni Hall, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Open to the public without charge, but reservations requested; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Amanda Nienow, assistant professor of chemistry, speaking about forensic science; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).



Tom Roster

December 10th brings the College's annual **Festival of St. Lucia**.

Pictured is Rachel Schmitt '11, crowned Lucia in 2008. Tickets for the 2009 Lucia Luncheon are sold out.

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

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

DIRECTIONS Driving directions to Gustavus may be accessed at gustavus.edu/welcome/maps. A campus map may be viewed and downloaded in pdf form from this same Web page.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULES, INFORMATION AND UPDATES

"The Gustavus Adolphus College Strategic Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2008, affirmed the College's identity as an independent, undergraduate, residential, liberal arts college of the Church. The work of Commission Gustavus 150 advances the College's ability to implement its Strategic Plan and affirms our mission and core values of excellence, service, community, justice, and faith."

— President Jack R. Ohle

'Dreaming, debating, and discussing'

IN APRIL OF 2008, following months of intensive work by faculty, staff, students, and others to draft a Strategic Plan for the College, the plan was approved by the Board of Trustees. The document addressed five major goals, each supported by a number of strategic initiatives:

- Educate for leadership and service
- Engage education at the intersections
- Engage with the world to make a difference
- Engage faith to inspire understanding and lives of leadership and service
- Engage in responsible and ethical stewardship

In approving the plan, the board affirmed the Gustavus community's commitment to its goals and to the process by which they might be achieved. "Our next task," wrote the plan's authors, "will be to call upon the full range of experiences and perspectives in our community to develop the tactics by which we will meet our goals."

That next task would be undertaken immediately.

At a gala evening in October 2008 following the inauguration of Jack R. Ohle as the College's 16th president, Board Chair James Gale '83 announced

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IMPLEMENTING THE GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN



President Jack R. Ohle with members of the Board of Trustees who chaired the Commission Gustavus 150 task forces: seated, **the Rev. Wayne Peterson '77** (Interdisciplinary Programs) and **Jan Michaletz '74** (Student Life); standing, **President Ohle**, **Karin Stone '83** (Community Engagement), **Ardena Flippin '68** (Global and Multicultural Initiatives), **Bishop Jon Anderson** (Faith), **Becky Bergman** (Academic Affairs and New Initiatives), **Tracy Bahl '84** (Facilities and Finances), and **Paul Koch '87** (Stewardship).

COMMISSION GUSTAVUS 150 TASK FORCES

Academic Programs and New Initiatives Task Force

Chair: Trustee Becky Bergman

Facilitator: Mary E. Morton, former provost and vice president for academic affairs

Community Engagement Task Force

Chair: Trustee Karin Stone '83

Facilitator: Hank Toutain, former dean of students and vice president for student affairs

Facilities and Finance Task Force

Chair: Trustee Tracy Bahl '84

Facilitator: Ken Westphal, vice president for finance and treasurer.

Facilities and Finances Task Force

Chair: Trustee Jon Anderson

Facilitator: Grady St. Dennis '92, director of church relations

Global and Multicultural Task Force

Chair: Trustee Ardena Flippin '68

Facilitator: Gwendolyn Freed, vice president for marketing and communication.

Interdisciplinary Programs Task Force

Chair: Trustee Wayne Peterson '77

Facilitator: Mary E. Morton, former provost and vice president for academic affairs

Stewardship Task Force

Chair: Trustee Paul Koch '87

Facilitator: Tom Young '88, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Student Life Task Force

Chair: Trustee Jan Michaletz '74

Facilitator: Hank Toutain, former dean of students and vice president for student affairs

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the establishment of Commission Gustavus 150, a collaborative process designed to involve all of the College's constituencies in integrating and expanding the Strategic Plan, making recommendations for the future, and planning for the College's sesquicentennial celebration in 2011–12.

The commission was underwritten with a \$1 million grant made by the Greater Gustavus Fund, an 82-year-old, independent endowment corporation that supports Gustavus programs and projects of its choosing. Since its inception, the Fund has now committed more than \$5 million to boost major initiatives ranging from a grant to help build the Myrum Memorial Fieldhouse in 1939 to \$1.5 million for endowed scholarships in 1994, and, more recently, a \$250,000 commitment to support the Kendall Center for Engaged Learning.¹

Warren Beck '67, an alumnus with 14+ years of board service going back to 1986, was asked to serve as chair of Commission Gustavus 150. He noted that the community had been engaged for several years in strategic planning. "The commission process benefited enormously from the efforts of many people on campus who participated in writing departmental strategic plans or who served on a strategic planning working group."

"Commission Gustavus 150 established an aggressive timeline," Beck said, "and will provide the foundation for the College's celebration of its sesquicentennial year in 2011–12."

The commission was organized into eight task forces comprising more than 225 faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, board members, church leaders, and friends invited and appointed by the board and each charged with reviewing specific strategic initiatives relating to the Strategic Plan's goals.

The task forces' deliberations were coordinated by Barbara Larson Taylor '93, special assistant to the president, who was named executive director of the commission. The task forces were to be further informed by data collected from 16 "National Summit" meetings, half-day meetings held around the country and facilitated by President Ohle. More than 300 alumni, parents, and friends participated in these meetings.

COMMISSION GUSTAVUS 150 TIMELINE

April 2008

Board approves the College's Strategic Plan.
Board hires a new president.
Board charges new president to engage the College's many constituents in a process to develop initiatives that will realize the College's Strategic Plan.

October 2008

Board approves Commission Gustavus 150 as an expansion of the College's Strategic Plan.

October 2008–April 2009

Task Forces meet to develop recommendations that will be presented to the Board.

November 2008–March 2009

Commission Gustavus 150 National Summit Meetings are held to engage alumni and friends in the planning process.

May 2009

Recommendations of Task Forces to be presented to the Board are finalized.

THE TASK FORCES

John Hallberg '79, who served on the commission's Community Engagement Task Force, accepted the invitation to participate in the commission because it was a "great chance to reconnect with the school and stay current on its activities." His task force was charged with reviewing strategic initiatives arising from the goal of "engaging education at the intersections," including enhancing student engagement through residential learning communities, developing a community committed to intellectual diversity and civil discourse, and engaging with regional partners to strengthen the community and students' civic learning. Hallberg sees real promise in one of the task force's recommendations, to create, in his words, "a community engagement/service-learning event similar to Nobel that might enhance . . . the school's potential uniqueness in this important area."

Becky Potter '02, a member of the Faith Task Force, was honored "to have the opportunity not only to talk about but also to shape the faith life of the College . . . I felt a great sense of responsibility that we not 'screw this up' but make thoughtful, guided decisions." Potter noted, "The recommendations relating to the support and funding of the Center for Vocational Reflection are the most exciting to me because of the impact the Center had on my life. I feel very lucky to have had some of the opportunities that were made available through the Center for reflection, retreat, and leadership. I want every student to experience the same wonderful opportunities I have had."

The idea of "intercultural infusion," appealed to Larry Taylor, vice president for development for the Taylor Corporation, Mankato, and a friend of the College who participated on the Global and Multicultural Programs Task Force, whose charge included developing recommendations for deepening the engagement of students with ethnic, geographic, socio-economic, and religious diversity. Taylor envisions the College developing "a broader area of study than 'international business,' something that might include not only business but also cultural/ethnic/political understanding as well as requiring good command of a language/languages other than English."

"We all started to get excited as the process began to produce results in the form of recommendations,"
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COMMISSION GUSTAVUS 150 BY THE NUMBERS

8	Number of Task Forces
231	Active participants in the Task Forces
37	Task Force meetings
171	Hours logged in Task Force meetings
17	Student organizations interviewed
7	Campus strategic work group reports reviewed
45	Academic department/program strategic plans reviewed
10	Student Affairs Division strategic plans reviewed
1	Alumni engagement report reviewed
2	Books read by Task Force members
42	Articles or other reports read
33	Presentations heard
16	National Summit meetings held
300+	National Summit meeting participants
\$1 million	Grant from the Greater Gustavus Fund to fund the Commission
439	Task Force recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees
385	Recommendations merged and regrouped into "substantive" categories
263	Recommendations ranked in three tiers based upon relative urgency

NATIONAL SUMMIT MEETINGS

Sixteen National Summit Meetings took place.

More than 300 alumni, parents, and friends participated in 16 National Summit meetings held between November 2008 and March 2009 to provide input to the Task Forces deliberating on Commission Gustavus 150. Summary reports from the Summit meetings were reviewed by the Task Forces. The reports provided important insights regarding the College's core values, and ideas and comments from the Summit meetings helped inform Task Force recommendations.

The National Summit meetings were half-day sessions facilitated by President Ohle with selected alumni, parents, and friends around the country. Those participating discussed each core value of Gustavus (Excellence, Community, Justice, Service, and Faith) in small groups. The participants were asked how Gustavus might ensure that the College's core values would be lived out in the lives of current and future alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

November 2009

Plymouth, Minn.
Mendota Heights, Minn.
Minneapolis, Minn.

December 2009

Edina, Minn.
Shoreview, Minn.

January 2009

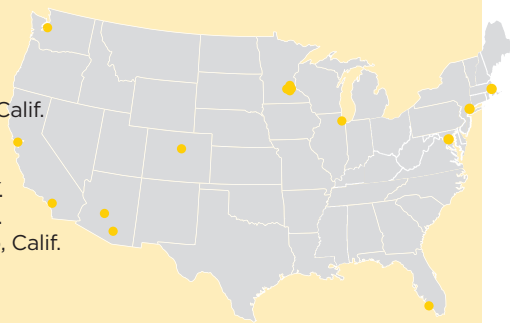
Naples, Fla.
Washington, D.C.
Chicago, Ill.
Denver, Colo.

February 2009

Tucson, Ariz.
Phoenix, Ariz.
Los Angeles, Calif.

March 2009

Boston, Mass.
New York, N.Y.
Seattle, Wash.
San Francisco, Calif.



May-June 2009

Faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni, Task Force members, and Summit participants provide input through a survey designed to gather participants' opinions on the level of importance of the Task Force recommendations.

June-July 2009

Recommendations are regrouped into new substantive categories for the Board of Trustees to review, and similar. recommendations are merged. Input gathered from survey of constituents is analyzed.

August 2009

The Board of Trustees holds a three-day workshop to review the recommendations and establish the relevant urgency of each recommendation for the College's future advancement.

October 2009

Board approves the report and shares their analysis of the recommendations with the Gustavus community.

A SAMPLING OF PRIMARY INITIATIVES BY SUBSTANTIVE CATEGORY

Cultural Perspectives

- Expand opportunities (including scholarships and fellowships) for students and faculty to develop and enhance global perspectives and cultural competencies on campus and off campus
- Create mechanisms to increase recruitment and retention of international students and faculty as well as those from traditionally underrepresented groups

Lifelong Engagement

- Transform the philosophy for alumni engagement, ensuring that it is a continuum starting during the admission process and continuing on through the post-college experience
- Develop a ten-year strategy to increase alumni participation in giving to Gustavus to at least 50 percent

Partnerships and Collaborations

- Develop ways to facilitate opportunities for faculty, staff, alumni and friends, students and prospective students to be engaged by the College in the Twin Cities
- Strengthen the College's involvement in collaborations and partnerships by investing in current partnerships, piloting new initiatives, and encouraging faculty and administrative leadership

Personal Growth and Development

- Integrate health, wellness, and fitness opportunities and philosophies throughout the campus and community
- Enhance the campuswide advising/mentoring community to meet the growing and diverse needs of our students

Quality-Enhancing and Innovative Initiatives

- Increase the resources in faculty development to support the time and needs of faculty
- Leverage the Nobel Conference to build Gustavus's reputation nationally and internationally, connecting alumni and friends and improving recruitment
- Expand the acquisition budget of the Library and explore the needs for the physical space and staffing to meet increasing demands to support faculty and students
- Make community engagement a point of distinction for Gustavus

Spiritual Growth and Development

- Nurture Christian faith among Christian students
- Provide the interreligious programming resources and the gathering, worship, meditation, and prayer space needed to support students of various religious backgrounds

Tangible Resources

- Expedite the funding and construction of the "new academic building"
- Expand and renovate Nobel Hall of Science into a premier facility for learning and collaborative research
- Increase the Gustavus endowment by \$150 million
- Conduct a full assessment of needed upgrades to Christ Chapel

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said David Meyers '86, who served on the Stewardship Task Force. Taken together, the task forces produced 439 recommendations to present to the board.

SUBSTANTIVE CATEGORIES

Following the board's acceptance of the Commission Gustavus 150 report in April 2009, an online survey was sent to all of the commission's participants, all College employees, students, and alumni seeking input on the level of importance of each recommendation in the report. With this input, the board would begin to develop a framework to implement the College's Strategic Plan.

During the summer of 2009, the task force recommendations were reviewed and similar recommendations, tightening the list to 385 recommendations. They were then regrouped and listed in seven "substantive categories" designed to bring together common themes among the eight task forces:

Cultural Perspectives
Lifelong Engagement
Partnerships and Collaborations
Personal Growth and Development
Quality-Enhancing and Innovative Initiatives
Spiritual Growth and Development
Tangible Resources

"Recommendations with similar themes emerged from different task forces," the commission's executive director, Barb Larson Taylor, noted. "In part this demonstrates how Gustavus is moving away from thinking in traditional silos. The merging of similar recommendations and then re-grouping them into substantive categories provided for a more efficient process for the board to place them into tiers."

PRIORITIZING THE RECOMMENDATIONS

At a three-day workshop in August 2009, the Gustavus Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendations in the substantive categories and placed each recommendation in a tier based upon its "relative urgency" to the College's future advancement. Similar recommendations within the same substantive category and tier were then merged, further narrowing the list of recommendations to 244. A sampling of primary initiatives in each substantive category is shown in a sidebar on these pages.²

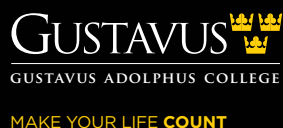
The tiers are not meant to represent any comparative intrinsic value of the individual recommendations. The urgency is rather a judgment the board ultimately made after reviewing the results of the survey of constituents regarding a particular recommendation and when it might be initiated. The three



In August the Gustavus board of Trustees, President Ohle, and his cabinet participated in a three-day workshop at Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chanhassen, where they prioritized the recommendations of the Commission Gustavus 150 task forces based upon "relative urgency" and were informed about the College's branding initiative. They're pictured wearing their "Make your life count" shirts.

Gustavus launches new brand position and website design

by Matt Thomas '00



Gustavus Adolphus College introduced a new brand position in early October to better reflect its mission and core values. The position builds on market research involving more than 2,000 Gustavus constituents in interviews, focus groups, and surveys and coordinates with the report of Commission Gustavus 150.

The new brand position incorporates use of the tagline "Gustavus Adolphus College: Make Your Life Count." The tagline is already being used in admission and advancement materials.

"Response from students, faculty, staff, and alumni has been very strong," said Gwendolyn Freed, vice president of marketing and communication at the College. "They

say it hits home for them and captures the essence of what Gustavus does in helping students find ways to make their lives count."

As part of the new brand position, Gustavus is in the process of rolling out a redesign of its website, gustavus.edu. The homepage and several key landing pages already feature the new design, while the remaining pages will reflect the changes throughout the remainder of the academic year.

Commenting on the branding initiative, President Jack R. Ohle noted, "The new brand position and the redesigned website are two aspects that will help build momentum and move the College forward as it looks ahead to its sesquicentennial in 2011-12."

tiers correlate to a time frame for future development.

Tier 1 – Initiate as soon as possible with substantial progress demonstrated over the next three years.

Tier 2 – Initiate as soon as possible with substantial progress demonstrated over the next six years.

Tier 3 – Initiate when appropriate with substantial progress demonstrated over the next ten years.

The resulting framework will provide a foundation for a major fundraising campaign and will indicate what Gustavus needs to accomplish as the College strategically aligns itself for its future advancement.

Commenting on the work accomplished, President Ohle said, "Gustavus is a place that has provided opportunities for almost 150 years

for students to learn how to make a difference in their communities and live lives of service and leadership. The Commission Gustavus 150 recommendations support that tradition and ensure that Gustavus will continue to challenge students to consider how they can make their lives count."

NEXT STEPS

Implementation plans for the recommendations outlined in the Strategic Framework approved by the Board of Trustees will be coordinated and monitored by the College's vice presidents. Each vice president will work with faculty, staff, and students, who will together help develop the plans.

"Implementing all these initiatives will not be easy," Board Chair Gale cautions. "Yet it is clear

that our faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, friends, and congregational partners care deeply for this college and are committed to working together toward success."

"The Gustavus community's involvement in the next phase of implementation will be critical to our success," Gale says. "Just as it took the involvement of the whole community to create the recommendations, it will take the passion and commitment of our community to plan, fund, and execute their implementation." ■

¹ For more about the Greater Gustavus Fund, turn to the Legacy section on p. 25.

² The original recommendations—439 listed by task force and 244 by tiers—may be viewed in their entirety on the Commission Gustavus 150 website, at gustavus.edu/CommissionGustavus150.



SPORTS NOTES

EIGHT INDUCTED INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

by Tim Kennedy '82



Scott Anderson '92



Dan Dohmeier '86

Seven former student-athletes and a coach were inducted into the Gustavus Adolphus College Athletics Hall of Fame during the College's annual Hall of Fame banquet on Oct. 17. With their induction, the Hall of Fame now includes 240 individuals (223 student-athletes, 13 coaches, and 4 benefactors) who have been recognized for their significant contributions to the College's rich athletics tradition.

SCOTT ANDERSON '92 – One of the most talented fullbacks in the history of the Gustavus football program, Scott Anderson completed his standout four-year career with 2,079 yards rushing to rank ninth all-time at Gustavus. A two-time all-conference performer, Anderson set the school record for longest run from scrimmage when he dashed 91 yards for a touchdown against St. Thomas in the Metrodome in November of 1990. Nearly 20 years after his playing days, Anderson still shows up prominently in the Gustavus record books, as he ranks seventh in career touchdowns (28), and ninth in both career points (170) and all-purpose yards (2,885). He was chosen by his teammates as the squad's Most Valuable Player in both 1990 and 1991—one of only five players to be named MVP twice.

After graduating with majors in political science and sociology, Anderson played professional football in Sweden for a year and coached the sport at the Division I level for ten years. In the spring of 2001, Anderson decided to leave coaching and pursue a career with the Secret Service. For the past seven years he has been working in Springfield, Illinois, in investigation and protective services. He recently moved to Washington, D.C., where he will now focus his work on protective services. Scott and his wife, Julie, live in Haymarket, Va., with their three sons.

DAN DOHMEIER '86 – A three-time all-conference first baseman in the mid-1980s, Dan Dohmeier graduated as the all-time leader in career batting average (.392), hits (108), and RBI (76) for the Gustavus baseball program. Dohmeier is one of only ten players in the history of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to hit over .400 in conference play for four consecutive seasons. His .434 career batting average in league play ranks eighth all-time in the MIAC. As successful in the classroom as he was on the baseball field, Dohmeier was a two-time academic all-conference honoree and was named the Hollingsworth Key winner as the senior male athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. He was also awarded a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to pursue his doctoral work in chemistry.

After graduating magna cum laude with a major in chemistry, Dohmeier began his graduate work at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in the fall of 1986. Receiving his doctorate in analytical chemistry at North Carolina in 1990, Dohmeier accepted a position at Rohm and Haas Corporation in Philadelphia in their corporate analytical laboratories. He worked for Rohm and Haas for ten years before accepting a position with 3M in 2002. He now lives in White Bear Lake, Minn., with his wife, Sandra Jenniges, and their three children.

KERRI POOL FOSS '94 – Kerri Pool Foss was a three-time all-conference and two-time all-region defender for the Gustie soccer team in the early '90s. In her senior season (1993), Foss led the Gusties to the conference title with a perfect 10-0-0 record and the program's first-ever NCAA tournament bid. She was selected as the MIAC Player of the Year as well as being named

a National Soccer Coaches Association of America First Team All-America honoree. During her four-year career, Foss helped the Gusties compile a record of 42-14-7 overall and 24-9-3 in the MIAC. In addition to her success on the field, Foss was also a star in the classroom, as she was named a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-America selection and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner following her senior season.

A summa cum laude graduate, Foss majored in biology and was named to the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor fraternity. After graduation, she attended the Mayo Clinic, where she received a master's degree in physical therapy in 1996. Foss worked as a physical therapist in Sioux Falls, S.D., from 1996 to 2005, when she moved to Aberdeen. She has continued to work as a physical therapist in Aberdeen for the past four years. Kerri and her husband, Kevin, have two sons.

BOB KLINDWORTH '93 - The only Gustavus men's cross country runner to qualify for the NCAA championships three times in his career, Bob Klindworth was one of the truly outstanding cross country and track and field distance runners in Division III in the early '90s. In cross country, Klindworth qualified for the NCAA championships in his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. At the conference level he placed thirteenth in 1990, fourth in 1991, and second in 1992, earning all-conference honors all three years; at the region level he finished nineteenth in 1990, sixth in 1991, and third in 1992, earning all-region honors three times. In track and field, Klindworth was the MIAC indoor champion in the 5,000 meters and the MIAC outdoor champion in the 10,000 meters in both 1992 and 1993. In 1993, he earned All-America honors with a seventh-place finish in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships.

An outstanding student as well, Klindworth was an academic all-conference and CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree in both 1992 and 1993. After graduating with a major in physics, Klindworth attended New Mexico State University, where he received his doctorate in physics in 1999. He then taught physics at two colleges before accepting a position at Century College in Maplewood, Minn., in 2004, where he currently teaches physics. Bob lives in White Bear Lake, Minn.; he has one son.

JON LINDQUIST '92 - The most decorated golfer in the history of the Gustavus men's golf program, Jon Lindquist was a four-time all-conference, four-time all-region, and four-time All-America selection from 1988 to 1992. In his senior season, Lindquist became the first Gustavus golfer to win the NCAA Division III Individual Championship, shooting a course record 66 on the final day and setting a new NCAA record for a 72-hole total at 283 (5 under par). He received the Arnold Palmer Award as the most outstanding player in Division III that same year. Lindquist never finished lower than second at the MIAC championships, winning the individual title in both 1990 and 1991. An outstanding student-athlete, Lindquist became the first Division III player ever to receive the Ben Hogan Award, which is presented to the nation's top scholar/golfer in all divisions of the NCAA. He was also a four-time National Golf Coaches Association (GCAA) All-American Scholar and a two-time CoSIDA First Team Academic All-America selection.

After graduation, Lindquist pursued his dream of becoming a touring golf professional, playing on the mini-tours in Florida and the Dakotas for three years. In 1995, he accepted a PGA apprenticeship with former Gustavus golfer Greg Avant '88 in Mesa, Ariz. Earning certification as a PGA Teaching Professional, he spent three years at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata, Minn., before joining Seven Sigma, LLC, an investment advisory firm in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he has worked as an investment adviser for the past 10 years. Jon, who is single, lives in Scottsdale.

AMY MCCREA MORRELL '91 - A three-time All-American in both singles and doubles, Amy McCrea Morrell played #1 singles and #1 doubles on the 1990 Gustavus women's tennis team, the only Gustavus women's team to win a NCAA national title. Morrell was the Gusties' top player during what is perhaps the most successful period in the history of the program, as the team posted a record of 66-20 overall and 26-3 in the MIAC. She helped Gustavus win four conference titles and finish fourth at the NCAA championships in 1989, first in 1990, and second in 1991.

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Kerri Pool Foss '94



Bob Klindworth '93



Jon Lindquist '92



Amy McCrea
Morrell '91



Leisha
Johnson
Ronning '90



Steve Wilkinson

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times (1988, 1989, and 1990). She completed her career with an overall record of 91-25 in singles and 87-28 in doubles.

After graduating with majors in health fitness and health education, Morrell accepted a position as a tennis teaching professional with Northwest Swim and Racquet Clubs in the Twin Cities. She taught and coached tennis for five years and then began a career in pharmaceutical sales, first with Pfizer and then with Bristol Myers. In 2000, after the birth of her first child, she left Bristol Myers to focus on her family. She has now returned to teaching and coaching tennis and running summer camps in addition to being a stay-at-home mom. Amy and her husband, Kelly '90, live in Spicer, Minn., with their two daughters.

LEISHA JOHNSON RONNING '90 – A tenacious defender and deadly outside shooter, Leisha Johnson Ronning was a three-year starter at guard for the Gustavus women's basketball team. In her senior season, Ronning averaged 10.3 points per game and set a school record for steals in a season (67) on a squad that set its own record for wins with 17 (17-9) and tied the program mark for wins in conference play with 14 (14-6). A two-time all-conference shooting guard, Ronning graduated as the third-leading scorer in the program's history with 921 points, while also ranking third in career steals (151), and fifth in career field goals made (421). In her junior season, Ronning shot 53.1 percent from the field (122-229), which is the highest single-season shooting percentage by a non-post player in the program's history.

After graduating with a major in biology, Ronning accepted a position with the Mayo Clinic as a lab technologist in the department of laboratory medicine and pathology. She remained in that position for 10 years until the birth of her twins. She returned to work at the clinic part-time in 2002, and then in 2007 accepted a full-time management position at the Mayo Clinic as the assistant supervisor of the toxicology and drug monitoring lab. Leisha lives in Pine Island, Minn., with her husband, Jeff, her twins, and four step-children.

STEVE WILKINSON, men's tennis coach – In the fall of 1970, Steve Wilkinson joined the Gustavus faculty as a religion professor. During his first semester on campus, Athletics Director Lloyd Hollingsworth learned that Wilkinson had played Division I tennis at the University of Iowa. Gustavus was in need of a men's tennis coach, and that next spring Wilkinson was hired as the new coach for the Gusties. Over the next 39 years, Wilkinson would build the Gustavus men's tennis program into the most successful program in the history of collegiate tennis. After he took over the program in 1971, Gustavus teams compiled an overall record of 929-279 (.768) and a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) mark of 334-1 (.997). Wilkinson's 923rd victory, which came against Wartburg College last April, moved him past Jim Verdick of the University of Redlands into first place with the most victories in the history of collegiate men's tennis (Divisions I, II, and III, and NAIA). During his career, his squads won two NCAA Division III titles (1980 and 1982), 36 MIAC titles, and posted 10 NCAA top-four finishes. In addition, his players claimed six national doubles titles and four national singles titles. He coached 46 players to 87 All-America honors (including current ATP tour player Eric Butorac '03) and 103 players to 226 all-conference honors. Five were named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans. Wilkinson was named NAIA National Coach of the Year twice (1974 and 1984) and Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III Coach of the Year three times (1983, 2001, and 2003).

Recognized as one of the most prominent coaches in collegiate tennis history, Wilkinson has served on the executive committees of the United States Professional Tennis Association, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, and the United States Tennis Association. He was inducted into the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame in 1974, the Northern Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 1983, and the United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Hall of Fame in 1999.

Wilkinson has also played a key role in the fundraising and construction of the College's tennis facilities, which are considered to be among the finest in the nation. Gustavus's first-rate facilities include the Gibbs Outdoor Tennis Center, the Brown Outdoor Tennis Center, and the Swanson Indoor Tennis Center. In the summer, Wilkinson and his wife, Barbara, operate the Tennis and Life Camps, which have attracted thousands of young people to the Gustavus campus over the past 33 years. Steve and Barb, who live in St. Peter, are the parents of two adult daughters, Stephanie Reddington '91 and Deborah Sundal, and have three granddaughters and a grandson. ■

Tim Kennedy '82 has been sports information director at Gustavus since 1990 and is a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

CLICK, STEWART NAMED STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

by Tim Kennedy '82

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Gustavus Adolphus College has announced the male and female Athletes of the Year for the past school year, 2008-09. Student-athletes **Rachael Click '09** and **Matt Stewart '09** are the ninth annual recipients of the award. They were selected from a group of 17

candidates (eight men and nine women) who were either selected one of nine Athletes of the Month during the school year or put on the ballot by their head coach as a result of being named their team's Most Valuable Player. The winners are selected by a vote of the 15 Gustavus head coaches.

Click, a 2009 NFCA Second Team All-America selection and MIAC Player of the Year honoree, guided the Gustie softball team to the most successful season in the program's history, as the team won the MIAC title with a record of 21-1 and posted a mark of 42-9 overall, winning the NCAA Indianola Regional and finishing third

at the NCAA championships. She was named to the NCAA World Series All-Tournament Team, the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team, and the MIAC Playoffs All-Tournament Team. Click led the team in virtually every hitting category, including batting average (.456), slugging percentage (.934), on-base percentage (.541), hits (62), RBI (53), and

home runs (16). In the NCAA tournament she was the catalyst for the squad, as she hit .416 with 10 hits in 24 at-bats (including two home runs and three doubles), scored 12 runs, and drove in 10 runs. In addition to her athletics awards, Click received several academic awards as she was named a First Team CoSIDA Academic All-America selection for the second consecutive year and was also awarded a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Stewart earned All-America honors in three events at the 2009 NCAA championships, finishing sixth in the 200 freestyle, seventh in the 500 freestyle, and eighth as a member of the 800 free relay team. His time of 1:38.49 in the 500 free at the national meet was a new school and conference record. Stewart, who also finished 10th in the 200 butterfly, was a primary reason why the Gusties placed 15th at the NCAA championships. At the conference meet, Stewart was the champion in the both the 200 butterfly and the 500 freestyle. He won the 500 free for the third consecutive year and broke a 20-year-old conference record with a time of 4:26.78. He was also a member of the conference champion 200, 400, and 800 free relay teams. Stewart graduated as the most decorated swimmer in the history of the men's swimming and diving program. ■



Matt Stewart



Rachael Click

FINALISTS

The nine finalists for the Gustavus Female Athlete of the Year were:

- Brooke Beskau** of Hastings, Minn. (sophomore, cross country and track & field)
- Lisa Brown** of Lake Crystal, Minn. (senior, outdoor track & field)
- Kelly Chaudoin** of Ely, Minn. (senior, cross country and nordic skiing)
- Rachael Click** of Rochester, Minn. (senior, softball)
- Carrie Gundersen** of Minnetonka, Minn. (sophomore, swimming & diving)
- Laura Hansen** of Inver Grove Heights, Minn. (senior, gymnastics)
- Emily Klein** of Red Wing, Minn. (senior, volleyball and softball)
- Kimbra Kosak** of Grand Rapids, Minn. (senior, golf)
- Kaelene Lundstrum** of Bird Island, Minn. (junior, track & field)

The eight finalists for Gustavus Male Athlete of the Year were:

- Chad Arlt** of St. Michael, Minn. (senior, football and track & field)
- Dan Foley** of Minneapolis, Minn. (senior, cross country and track & field)
- Tyler Geyen** of Watertown, Minn. (senior, track & field)
- John Kauss** of St. Paul, Minnesota (senior, tennis)
- David Martinson** of St. Louis Park, Minn. (junior, ice hockey)
- Ryan McPartland** of LeSueur, Minn. (junior, basketball)
- Matt Stewart** of Burnsville, Minn. (senior, swimming & diving)
- Joe Welch** of Hastings, Minn. (junior, football and hockey).



COACH ROBERTS HONORED

A number of friends and former players were on hand at the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation's banquet and awards ceremony in St. Paul in May when former hockey coach Don Roberts '56 was named 2009 recipient of the Hobey Baker Legends of Hockey Award. Pictured from left are **Tim Roberts '83**, **Gary Petersen '72**, **Mark Bergman '79**, **Dave Gunderson '80**, **Mike Cody '78**, **John Russo '90**, **Ian Frykman '69**, **Dan Engstrom '72**, **Don Roberts '56**, **Bob Greenberg '77**, **Don Elwood '80**, **Bob Halvorson '74**, **Steve Howells '79**, **Gary Hansen '76**, **Chris Middlebrook '79**, **Bernie Dusich '75**, **Dennis Trooien '74**, and **Mike Deschneau '01**.



Mik and Heidi Sands
Gusenius '03 '03

Fully committed

by Kristine Straumann '07

Are you making your life count? Mik and Heidi Sands Gusenius '03 '03 are—and in more ways than one. Mik and Heidi have fully committed themselves to two organizations close to their hearts: Gustavus Adolphus College and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

After graduating from Gustavus, Mik and Heidi were married in 2004. They were like any young, newly married couple, just starting out in the world with their whole lives ahead of them. However, in July of 2005 their lives were forever changed, as Heidi was diagnosed with leukemia. After a hospital stay and rounds of chemotherapy, Heidi completed her treatment in January 2006, and is still in remission today. According to Heidi and Mik, this is largely due to the efforts of the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Society (LLS) and the advances made in blood cancer research and treatment.

While Heidi's personal battle with leukemia may be over, her battle to find a cure is not. For the past four years both Heidi and Mik have participated in the Team in Training® (TNT) program, a fundraising group for LLS. Teams train for and participate in long-distance endurance events while raising money to fight leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Last year Heidi and Mik both competed in the Lifetime Fitness Triathlon and raised more than \$10,000 for LLS. This past September, Heidi completed the Irongirl Duathlon held in Bloomington, Minn., and Mik raced in America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride (a 100-mile Century Ride around Lake Tahoe) in June. Their goal this year was to raise \$10,000, which they met and beat, with \$10,700 raised thus far. Over the last

four years, they have raised \$47,000 to help fight leukemia. Furthering her commitment to the cause, Heidi recently joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as a senior campaign manager for its "Light the Night" program.

Heidi and Mik have also dedicated themselves to another organization that has greatly impacted their lives—Gustavus. "We probably wouldn't feel the same way [about giving] if we had gone somewhere else," says Mik.

Heidi and Mik agree that while giving any amount you can help Gustavus fulfill its mission, it is important to make your dollar stretch. "We think it's important to notice your gift on your bank statement each month—it makes you really think about what you're giving to, the sacrifice you're making. Sure, you could've spent that money on a nice dinner out or a fun weekend. But knowing you're making a difference . . . that's a great feeling."

They both acknowledge the fact that Gusties before them made it possible for them to attend Gustavus, a major factor in their decision to support the Gustavus Annual Fund. "No one owed us anything. It's the least we can do, to give the same gift to students that was given to us."

Even though Mik and Heidi are "First Decade" alumni, they are committed members of the Annual Fund's Ren Anderson Society. To make their gifts more manageable, they give a portion of their total commitment each quarter. In order to recognize other substantial gifts, particularly from younger alumni, the Gustavus Annual Fund has created two new giving societies: the Old Main Society, which acknowledges gifts between \$500 and \$999, and the Black & Gold Society, which recognizes gifts to the Fund ranging from \$251 to \$499. Any gift to the Annual Fund can be scheduled according to each donor's wishes: monthly, quarterly, biannually, etc. Another way to maximize your gift, or make your dollars stretch, is to check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift program. Visit gustavus.edu/giving to make your life count. ■

Kristine Straumann '07 joined the Gustavus advancement office in summer 2009 as donor relations associate. For more information on Team Gusenius, visit pages.teamintraining.org/mn/irongdua09/HeidiGusenius.



Leadership Dinner 2009

As part of the Commission Gustavus 150 celebration in early October, Gustavus Adolphus College hosted its second annual Leadership Dinner, recognizing alumni, parents, and friends who have significantly impacted Gustavus with their philanthropy and time. Special recognition was given to members of the Founders Society, which acknowledges those donors whose cumulative giving amounts to the cost of a four-year education at Gustavus. Guests enjoyed an evening of dining and conversation, and listened to President Ohle's presentation on Commission Gustavus 150 and the College's new branding, "Make Your Life Count."

— Kristine Straumann '07

Greater Gustavus Fund pledges \$1 million to support Commission Gustavus 150 and sesquicentennial celebration

Gustavus Adolphus College has announced a commitment of one million dollars from the Greater Gustavus Fund to support the entire cost of Commission Gustavus 150 from its launch on October 3, 2008, during the inauguration of President Jack Ohle through its culmination in the College's sesquicentennial celebration in 2012.

The Greater Gustavus Fund was originally incorporated on March 16, 1927, by Victor E. Lawson (president), John E.G. Sundberg 1906 (first vice president), Ernest T. Wallinder 1906 (second vice president), Walter R. Youngquist 1916 (secretary), A. T. Rydell (treasurer), Henry N. Benson 1893, and the Rev. Oscar J. Arthur 1905 as the Greater Gustavus Endowment Corporation. Its mission was to "aid and assist in providing endowment for Gustavus." Established as a separate not-for-profit corporation with Gustavus Adolphus College as its only beneficiary, its trustees were originally elected by Gustavus trustees, the Gustavus Alumni Association, the executive committee of the Minnesota Conference of the Lutheran Augustana Synod, and corporation members (a membership fee of \$60 allowed one vote, although members could purchase up to

five memberships and, thus, five votes). Over the years many of the College's volunteer leaders have served on the board.

In November 1945 the corporation changed its name to the Greater Gustavus Fund, to reflect an expanded mission. Its amended articles of incorporation filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State in December 1945 restated its purpose as "financial aid to Gustavus," with "funds to be distributed as trustees deem advisable to further the interests of Gustavus."

Over the years the Greater Gustavus Fund has functioned as an endowment, a fund-raising arm of the Greater Gustavus Association and the Alumni Association, and an organization giving and leveraging substantial gifts—but always independent of College governance. The fund has supported nearly every major Gustavus initiative, starting with its first gift in 1939 to help build the Myrum Memorial Fieldhouse. Its largest gift and continuing focus through the years has been student scholarships (including a 1994 gift of \$1.5 million to an endowed scholarship fund within the Gustavus endowment, which has provided more than 500 scholarship awards in the past decade). The fund has also given gifts for campus landscaping and the Linnaeus

Arboretum, more than \$325,000 beginning in 1983 for computer hardware and software, funds to develop Curriculum II, communication and writing labs, the Student Union, Nobel Hall, the Schaefer Fine Arts Center, the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Lund Center, tennis programs and facilities, a golf green, a portable pipe organ, the Jackson Campus Center, and Old Main restoration. Its most recent pledge was \$250,000 for the Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, with two fifths for current student-faculty collaborative research and three fifths for endowment for the center. During the past year the fund offered two separate \$50 thousand matching gift challenges to encourage new and increased Ren Anderson and President's Leadership-level Annual Fund gifts and thereby helped the College reach a new high in Annual Fund giving.

Throughout its 82 years of life, the Greater Gustavus Fund has provided \$5 million to the College in a legacy of leverage, support, and encouragement. This final \$1 million gift continues that legacy by fully funding Commission Gustavus 150 and helping "further the interests of Gustavus" as the College moves toward its 2012 sesquicentennial and beyond. ■

Graduates leave a legacy

Amy McMullan '10

Four years ago, the students in the Class of 2009 drove up the hill with their cars packed and their parents in tow. They were welcomed into the Gustavus community by an excited group of Gustie Greeters as they moved their belongings into their residence halls for the first time. At that time, none of them could be certain how Gustavus would affect their lives or how they would impact Gustavus.

When the 608 members of the Class of 2009 graduated in May, they made a special mark on the Gustavus community with record-setting Senior Class Legacy giving to the Gustavus Annual Fund. The graduating class rallied during its senior year to achieve the highest level of giving participation recorded for an outgoing class, with 56.9 percent of the class making a contribution. The Class of 2009 also raised more than \$8,000 for its senior class gift—the highest total in the past decade.

A Gustavus tradition established more than a century ago, senior class giving shows the graduates' commitment to the future success of Gustavus. Each graduating class chooses the designee for its gift. This year, the class chose to give to the Gustavus Annual Fund, which helps the College in multiple ways including funding numerous student scholarships (both merit- and need-based); assisting campus environmental initiatives; and providing for faculty development opportunities.

"The Gustie community is constantly being talked about, and I think supporting the Gustavus Fund fits right into that—other community members supported my way through college and now it is my turn to turn around and do that for someone else," said Holly Andersen '09, co-chair of the Senior Class Legacy committee.

"As important as it is to get high participation in the senior class gifts, it is even more important to ensure that our alumni are active in their continuing efforts to support Gustavus," said Chris Stewart '10. "The reason why we have such a tight-knit community here is because we have strong roots that run decades deep, touching countless graduates that once called the Hill 'home'"

This spring, when it was evident that the Class of 2009 would be setting a record, President Jack R. Ohle and the Board of Trustees donated an additional \$2,009 to the fund on behalf of the class. Also, the 50-year reunion class, the Class of 1959, contributed \$1,000 to the Senior Class Legacy fund, bringing the 2009 grand total to \$8,024.43.

"I've always been impressed with my class's penchant to step up for things that are important to us," said Tony Spain '09. "I think it says a lot that we were able to break these records while fundraising efforts nationwide are facing the challenges of this economy."

As a thank-you, participating seniors were allowed to leave their mark in the Gustavus tunnels. On May 26, Senior Class Legacy contributors toured the Gustavus tunnels and signed the wall. ■



Kathryn Erlandsen

Seniors participating in the Legacy appeal were given a tour of Gustavus's legendary tunnels and allowed to sign a wall. Pictured at the wall are **John Bennetts**, **Holly Andersen**, and **Kristin Osterman**.

New assistant director hired to advancement staff

Katherine Holmberg has been hired as assistant director of the Gustavus Annual Fund, reporting to Gustavus Annual Fund Director Aleta Lin. Her primary responsibility will be leading GusLink student callers. Katherine, a native of Minnetonka, Minn., most recently worked in South Korea as an English instructor.



student spotlight

MEGAN THOMPSON '10



Major: Biology

Hometown: Hayward, Minn.

"Without scholarships it would be much more difficult for me to pursue my education at Gustavus. It means a lot to know that others care and are willing to contribute to my education."

"Gustavus has offered many opportunities for me to grow and meet new people. I recently went to Guatemala for January Interim 2009 and had the most amazing experience of my life! I am a member of the gymnastics team and will serve as co-captain for 2009-10; I am also a biology teaching assistant, Career Center host, Gustie Greeter, officer of the newly-founded Pre-Vet Club, and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Pound Pals."

Future plans: To work or volunteer abroad, then attend veterinary school or teach biology and agriculture.

Amy McMullan '10, a senior political science major from Woodbury, Minn., has worked in the Office of Marketing and Communication during the past year as a summer intern and student employee.



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▲ Marking 40 in the Rockies

Friends from the **Class of 1991** met in Estes Park, Colorado to celebrate their 40th birthdays. Pictured from left are: **Amie Davis, Valerie Pedersen McClure, Marie Brown Dammann, Amy Shaw Sinner, Kathleen Ilten Heller, Cheryl Anderson Dooley, and Sheryl Johnson Thompson.**



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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▲ Gustie birthday club

A group of Golden Gusties use the excuse of a birthday club to get together regularly. Last July they gathered for lunch. Front row: **Peggy Akerson Johnson '42**, **Mignon Carter Johnson '41**, and **Evelyn Strom Pearson '40**. Back row: **C. Eddie Johnson '42**, **Edsel Johnson '42**, **Carl Lofgren '40**, **Doreen Borgstrom Johnson '42**, and **Nancy Gunn Nordlund '42**. Assisting with driving and kitchen duties were **Bruce Johnson '71** and **Mary Dee Johnson Hicks '75**.

► Catching up

Four friends who attended Gustavus together in 1952-1956 met at Kincaid's in Minneapolis in July 2009 to catch up. Pictured, clockwise from top left, are **Carol Kilander Griggs**, **Mona Amundson Burns**, **Jo Cipra**, and **Yvonne Anderson Casserly**. Mona and Yvonne live in Minneapolis, while Carol is in Hackensack and Jo came in from Santa Rosa, CA.



◀ Paulson celebrates 80th with immediate and "extended" family

Russell Paulson '51, Foresthill, CA, celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends on August 15. Classmate **Don Wulf '51**, Sacramento, CA, attended the celebration and reports that Paulson, a retired ELCA pastor, received many birthday tributes delivered by immediate and "extended" family. Paulson's extended family includes more than 100 homeless and foster children whom Paulson and his wife, Peggy, welcomed into their home over the years and loved unconditionally.



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Lois Madsen Allen, Bloomington, has served with Gustavus Library Associates for 25 years ■ **Linda Lund Anderson**, Lilydale, is a re-

tired teacher ■ **Ray L. Austin**, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, has taught for 40 plus years in non-profit overseas schools and institutions ■ **Joyce Miller Biagini**, Maplewood, is an ESL tutor and tutor trainer ■ **Karen Wahlstrom Compton**, Longboat Key, FL, is a retired teacher ■ **Nancy Anderson Guber**, Boalsburg, PA, is retired and active in local politics ■ **Earl L. Jackson**, San Mateo, CA, is retired president of Biomedical Exchange International ■ **Sandra Alvig Lyons**, Bloomington, is retired from Bloomington Public Schools ■ **Robert L. Olson**, Stillwater, is retired from 3M ■ **A. John Pearson**, Lindsborg, KS, is active in the Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce ■ **James S. Stockdale**, Henderson, NV, remains active consulting on health, public education, and political issues ■ **Kathleen Coffman Westgard**, Carefree, AZ, is retired from real estate and serves as a docent at the Heard Museum ■ **Karen Anderson Willhite**, Minnetonka, is volunteer music coordinator at Open Arms Early Childhood Center and organizer at Chapel of Peace at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

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Deborah K. Ellis, St. Paul, was named a 2009 Minnesota Super Lawyer by *Twin Cities Business* magazine ■ **Ruth Ulrich Fransen**, Minneapolis, is an RN-outpatient mental health for the Minneapolis VA Medical Center ■ **Stephanie Olson Geisler**, Rochester, is an RN at Mayo Clinic.



▲ Gusties celebrate 50th anniversary from U of M med school

Last September four members from the **Class of 1955** gathered along with their wives to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the University of Minnesota Medical School. The group gathered at the DeRemee summer home, Lilla Van, at Lake Okoboji in Iowa for three days of reminiscing, golf, and dining. Pictured are **Homer Russ**, **Dick Lundborg**, **Phil Eckman**, and **Dick DeRemee**. Wives included **Carolyn Monson Russ '57**, **Jo Johnson Lundborg '56**, **Lucy Fogelstrom DeRemee '56**, and **Julie Eckman**, a St. Olaf graduate.



◀ Old friends at the Björling summer home

Anders Björling '56 and **Elsa Cornell '61**, friends from St. Peter, traveled to Sweden last summer and met with **Lars Lofgren '58** and his wife, **Anna-Karin**, at the Björling summer home in the Stockholm Archipelago. Pictured from left: **Lars Lofgren**, **Elsa Cornell**, **Anna-Karin Lofgren**, and **Anders Björling**.



▲ Gridiron gang gathering

Last June a group of former Gustie football players gathered at **Dick Rohloff's '65** home on Pokegama Lake near Grand Rapids, MN, with their former Coach **Don Roberts '56**, Gustavus Athletics Director **Al Molde '66**, and Head Football Coach **Peter Haugen**. Memories, stories, and comparisons of new knees and hips were shared with the group. Pictured front row are **Peter Haugen**, **Don Roberts '56**, **Al Molde '66**, and **Dick Rohloff '65**. Back row are **Bob Krough '60**, **Jim Harder '64**, **Fred Thunhorst '63**, **Bob Johns '64**, **John Martens '64**, **Kent Krez '64**, **Jim Schwandt '66**, and **Andy Stamson '64**.



▲ 1961 classmates do lunch at Gustavus

*Class of 1961 friends get together twice a year, and they traveled to campus October 8 for a buffet luncheon in the Jackson Campus Center. Front row: **Kay Peterson Gutzmann, Judy Carlson Olson, Lorraine Sandvig Carlson, Judy Johnson Chaffee, Carol Weisbrod Johnson, and Nan Dahl Carlson.** Back row: **Susan Dahl Doe, Judy Fairbanks Sandberg, Jo Linnee, Gwen Sorenson Feick, Karen Westman Carlson, Kathy Moody Buegler, Eloise Johnson Hayman, Ruth Hiegenderf Weber, and Jane Thompson Hixon.***

► Choral competition offers chance to reconnect

*Dale Gustafson '61, Hartford, CT, traveled to Anaheim, CA, to meet Charley and Jo Hanson Johnson '60 '61 and hear the 85-man Great Northern Union Chorus of Minneapolis compete against 28 other choruses from the United States, Canada, England, Sweden, and New Zealand. Charley Johnson and two other Gusties, Arv Zenk '68 and Ken Slinde '64, are members of the GNU; which placed third in the competition. Pictured from left are **Dale Gustafson '61**, Gustafson's friend, **Laurel Ballou**, **Jo Hanson Johnson '61**, and **Charley Johnson '60**.*



ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS 2010

Classes of 1960 & 1965 and 50 Year Club

May 28 & 29, 2010

Classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005

**September 24-25, 2010
Homecoming Weekend**

Information
will be included
in class letters,
postcards,
and on
the alumni website.

If you wish to serve
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Class Agents: Rob Linner, Jan Ledin
Michaletz

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Carol Sjoding Custead, Johnstown, PA, is co-pastor, along with husband Scott, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. They have also traveled with various global mission trips to Kenya, Thailand, Laos, and Honduras ■ **Lynn E. Freyberg**, Aurora, IL, is director of marketing and outreach programs at Spectrios Institute for Low Vision ■ **Keith Jarvi**, Wayne, NE, is an extensions educator at the University of Nebraska ■ **David J. Lofgren**, Winona, is a family practice physician at Rushford Clinic ■ **Craig D. Thauwald**, Rochester, is a doctor at Olmsted Medical Center ■ **Patricia Neuman Tiffany**, Plymouth, is a PSA at Hennepin County Library ■ **Faith Yoman**, Santa Fe, NM, is southwest librarian for New Mexico State Library.

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**35th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25,
2010 Class Agent:** Paul Heckt

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Philip Richardson, Chicago, IL, is a real estate developer/consultant for Aspen Venture Group, Inc ■ **Dunny Sheldon**, Hamilton, New Zealand, is Hospice Waikato's Trade Me Virtual Shop coordinator.



Gusties Gather! 2009

On or around September 20, Gusties gathered around the country to celebrate their Gustavus connection. If you wish to host a Gusties Gather! event in 2010, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 (800-GUSTIES) or at alumni@gustavus.edu.

▲ Park Rapids-area Gusties gathered at the home of Peter and Nancy Nyhus. Front row are **Nancy Novak**, **Sandy McBroom Green '75**, **Lorrie Koons**, **Derek Hansen '94**, **Peter Nyhus '60**, and **Caroline Anderson**. Second row : **Carol Weisbrod Johnson '61**, **Bob Koons '59**, **Florence Hedeén**, and **Brad Pester '62**. Third row: **Kathie Eckloff**, **Mary Rasmussen**, **Arne Johnson '60**, **Nancy Utke**, **Carter Hedeén '65**. Fourth row: **Eloise Zaniewski**, **Ron Zaniewski '61**, **Jeff Green**, **Char Bukkila Westrum**, and **Rod Westrum '57**. Back row: **Al Eckloff '63**, **Lowell Rasmussen '61**, and **Paul Utke**.

▼ Chicago-area Gusties gathered at Al and Rose Anne Hoekstra's residence in Round Lake, IL. Pictured are **Norman Nelson '49**, **Darlene Nelson**, **Helen Brostrom Ihrig '64**, **Britt Bollig '00**, **Vija Klode '81**, **Erik Tou '02**, **Lewis Moon '54**, **Rose Anne Farmer Hoekstra '65**, **Al Hoekstra '65**, and **Sarah Hudson '07**.





▲ Class of 1970 mini-reunion

Eight women from **Class of 1970** who lived together during their freshman and sophomore years—plus one male classmate—gathered last August at Lake Minnewaska near Glenwood. Pictured from left are **Jane Swenson Oxtan, Janet Rice Jaeger, Diane Mickelson Brady, Andrea Holmquist Carruthers, Susan Linder Bates, Bruce Jaeger, Joy Arend Burdick, Barbara Watson,** and **Marcia Fawcett Green.**

◀ Reunion scrapbook

At a family reunion **Janyce Helgeson Olson '62** gave **Chelsea Zamora '10** her unused Gustavus scrapbook that she bought in 1962 for her senior memorabilia. Olson had never put it to use so she decided to pass it on. Zamora is Olson's first cousin's granddaughter and was thrilled to receive the gift. The two were together in Minneapolis at a family reunion of the descendents of Olaf and Lisa Nilsson, who emigrated from Sweden in 1857.

► Gusties meet and reacquaint in Telluride

Last summer at a destination wedding, some Gusties met for the first time while others who hadn't seen each other since graduating from Gustavus reconnected. Pictured from left are **Jeanne Mingus Tolzmann '67, Arlyn Tolzmann '65, Vicki Anderson Dent '67, Cheryl Downey '66,** and Downey's son, **Christopher Bandasch '09.**



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Mark Rodgers, Bemidji, is an attorney at Rodgers Law Office.

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Sandra Klemm Nelson, Urbandale, IA, is a pediatric nurse practitioner for Mercy Clinics Inc. ■ **Sally LaMere Rodgers,** Bemidji, teaches fourth grade at Bemidji ISD #31 ■ **Susan M. Swanson,** Denver, CO, is the regional sales manager for Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado for Safeco ■ **Dennis S. Tygart,** Omaha, NE, is a principal for Wealth Strategies.

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30th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25,

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Paul R. Rambow, Minneapolis, was named a Super Lawyer by *Twin Cities Business* magazine and is employed at Rambow Law Firm.

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Mike G. Clark, Eden Prairie, is national sales manager for M:Space ■ **David Hakensen,** Minnetonka, is a senior vice president at Fleishman-Hillard ■ **Ron S. Johnson,** Colorado Springs, CO, is president and CEO of Central Bankcorp, Inc. ■ **Dave Shogren,** Hastings, is principal process engineer/IT network administrator for Priority Envelope, Inc.

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Class Agents: J.C. Anderson, Richard Olson, Ann McGowan Wasson

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Nancy Taylor Zallek, St. Peter, is executive director of Mankato Area Foundation.

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Class Agents: Brad Somero, Karin Stone

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Brian D. Schmid, Denison, IA, is the farm news director at KDSN Radio and has received the Iowa Cattlemen's Association award for exceptional service to the cattle industry ■ **Michael A. Thomas,** Cordova, TN, opened T & T Catering this summer.

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Class Agents: Carole Arwidson, Ken Ericson

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Erick R. Boe, Le Sueur, teaches history and geography in St. Peter ISD #508 ■ **Carmen Kluever Daszy,** Charleston, SC, is co-owner of Sojourn Coffee ■ **Peter D. Ford,** Arlington, VA, completed a tour in Iraq and is attending the National Defense Intelligence College ■ **Robyn A. Rime,** Naples, NY, is assistant director for publication and creative services at Nazareth College ■ **Eloise Amundson Teklu,** Playa Del Rey, CA, celebrated 20 years of employment at Loyola Law School.

85

25th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25,

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Laurie Lindemeier, McKinney, TX, is a community voice writer for the *Dallas Morning News*, an associate theatre critic for *The Column*, and a

voice and piano teacher ■ **Scott T. Swanson**, Edina, is vice president, business development, for Trissential.

88 **Class Agents:** Gail Chase Ericson, Luther Hagen, Jamin Johnson, JoAnn Wackerfuss Quackenbush

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Chris B. Calhoon, Lakeville, is employed at Falcon Ridge Middle School.

89 **Class Agents:** Scott Anderson, Mike Dueber, Francine Pawelk Mocchi
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Heidi Brodmarkle-Brun, Washington, DC, is a logistics officer for National Guard Bureau ■ **Ingrid L. Daniel**, Colorado Springs, CO, is gifted/talented teacher for Falcon School District ■ **Annette Lutjen Deden**, Savage, is a tax manager for Nestle Healthcare Nutrition, Inc. ■ **Darla Bodermann Erickson**, Spring Valley, teaches music/special education for Blue Sky Charter School ■ **Thomas P. Kaczmarek**, Burlington, WI, is owner of GC Stores & Associates ■ **Paul D. Thompson**, Danville, CA, is a GVP/Finance for Safeway, Inc ■ **John P. West**, Otsego, is senior manager/Ebusiness for Jostens.

90 **20th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25, 2010** **Class Agents:** Liesl Batz, Dan Michel, Anne K. Miller, Scott Nelson

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Julie Meyer Robinson, Baxter, is a compliance manager for Convergent Retirement Plan Solutions.

91 **Class Agent:** Bjorn Ingvaldstad
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Jeff D. Ostman, Chassieu, France, is president of IonBond PVD France.

92 **Class Agent:** Annie Marshall
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Emily Johnson Hagen, Eden Prairie, is enrolled in the massage therapy program at Northwestern Health Sciences University ■ **Eric J.G. Lennartson**, Eagle Lake, earned his Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design professional accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council and is employed at Paulsen Architects ■ **Peter J. Terry**, Crystal, is family medicine doctor at Blaine Medical Center.

93 **Class Agents:** Craig Anderson, Kristen Lamont
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Gretchen Kittelson Jerva, Cary, NC, is senior production analyst for Blackbaud, Inc. ■ **Dawn Hanson McArthur**, Woodbury, is a national sales manager at 3M Dyneon ■ **Jennifer Mitchell Simphoukham**, Peoria, AZ, is a technical writer for Hospitality Solutions International.

94 **Class Agents:** Renae Munsterman Lokpez, Anita Stockwell Ripken, Gretchen Anderson Zinsli
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Kris Wempen Drevlow, Faribault, is a family medicine physician for Allina, associate medical director for Faribault Area Hospice, and chief of staff at District One Hospital. ■ **Kerri Pool Foss**, Aberdeen, SD, is a physical therapist for Avera St. Luke's Hospital ■ **Abby Lamp Heckman**,



▲ Invited lecturer at Saint John's University

Superintendent of Minneapolis Schools **Bill Green '72** was the opening lecturer at the 22nd annual peace conference, "Have We Overcome? Race and Racism in the Age of Obama," on September 28 at Saint John's University, Collegeville. Pictured with Green are **Jillian Hiscock '05**, assistant director of admission at CSB/SJU, and **Shana Clarke '09**, admission counselor at CSB/SJU.

► Swanson authors *Finding Fin* for fun

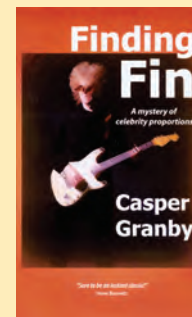
Mark Swanson '72, Littleton, CO, retired from finance in 2005 and then founded his own publishing company. Now he has written and published a novel titled *Finding Fin*, under the pseudonym of Casper Granby (named after the ghost and the site of his ranch).

Finding Fin is about a composer and singer, Marlin "Fin" Sedgwick, who becomes an overnight sensation on American Idol. Then, as quickly as his fame erupted, Fin suddenly and inexplicably disappears from the public eye. The only trace of him is an obscure mailing address, Marlin Sedgwick, LLC, located in the suburban community of Centennial (Swanson's Colorado home), just south of Denver.

Enter investigative journalist P.W. Callaway, who starts with Sedgwick's Hollywood agent, Thomas Widman, the only person who has actually had contact with the singing star. Widman complicates the mystery further by revealing that he has lost contact with Sedgwick, that he and Sedgwick only spoke via payphone, and that he had only one face-to-face meeting with the man for whom he worked. Sedgwick had instructed Widman to send all correspondence to a vague mailing address in Centennial. Fearing the worst for Sedgwick, Widman breaks convention and gives Callaway the mysterious local mailing address. But then Widman is killed in a small-plane crash, leaving Callaway completely on his own as he faces the daunting task of looking for what amounts to a needle in a haystack.

Using his sharp instincts and dogged investigative research tactics, Callaway returns to the community of Centennial, where he begins the painstaking process of finding Fin. Slowly, he begins to formulate a theory that leads to an amazing discovery, in a most unlikely place, with an unexpected ending.

Finding Fin is available at many online bookstores.



◀ Erdman inducted into MSHSL Hall of Fame

Evelyn Cieslar Erdman '73, Elysian, was inducted into the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame last May for her contributions as an athletic official. Erdman has contributed to the sport of gymnastics in Minnesota as a gymnast, coach, judge, referee, and rules clinician. She officiated gymnastics for more than 30 years and served as an MSHSL rules clinician for 19 years. There is no role at the Girls' State Gymnastics Meet that is unknown to Erdman, who has been the state referee three times, a state meet judge thirteen times, and a scorer four times. In her acceptance remarks, Erdman thanked her family, teammates, and Nancy Adolphson Baker '56, former gymnastics coach at Gustavus.



▲ **Adolphson meets Gustie in China**
Tom Adolphson '80, Wilmette, IL, is a world traveler who to date has visited 61 countries, including China eight times. Last July he had a chance meeting with a Gustie who was teaching in China, **Carl Johnson '08**, a TA and tutor for the English Language Center during 2008-09 at United International College in Zhuhai, China. The two met at a youth hostel in Lhasa. On his latest travels in China, Adolphson explored distant provinces with a Silk Road theme, including Xinjiang just before the riots between Muslims and Chinese. He followed the Karakoram highway south to the borders of Afghanistan and Pakistan, then to Gansu Province, and finally to Tibet by train.

► **Miller named VP at Lifetouch**

On October 5 **Kelvin Miller '73**, Burnsville, assumed the role of vice president-public relations, event management, and promotions for Lifetouch Inc. Miller, who has more than two decades of history with Lifetouch, having served as a public relations, events, and communications consultant, will provide leadership and oversight in the areas of public relations, promotions, internal and external communications, crisis management, and event planning. Primarius Promotion, which Miller founded over 31 years ago, will no longer exist, but will continue to serve select clients.



◀ **Meeting at Gotland University**
John Hasselberg '74 and **Carl-Fredrik Idestrom '96**, visited at Gotland University, Visby, Gotland, Sweden, in late August 2009. Hasselberg is associate professor of management at College of St. Benedict/St. John's University and is at Gotland University on a Fulbright research and lecturing fellowship project titled "Liberal Education,

Collaboration and Sustainable Community Development in Gotland." Fredrik, who lives in Linköping, Sweden, was visiting with mutual friends in Visby and, as an activist for Folk Partiet, was checking out the site adjacent to the university where the annual Almaden multi-party political conference (in which he will participate next July) is held.

Northwood, OH, is a certified nurse-midwife for Ohio Health, Dublin Methodist Hospital ■ **Kellie C. Johnson**, Otsego, is an international compliance officer for Verifications, Inc. ■ **Mary LaFollette Kleis**, Austin, is on the board of directors for the Minnesota School Board Association.

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Matt Drevlow, Faribault, is a contract

and estate planning attorney, president of the Paradise Center for the Arts, and a board member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Southern District. ■ **Christian A. Pederson**, Victoria, is a quality solutions architect for SWAT Solutions.

97 **Class Agents:** Melissa LeVesque-Piela, Josh Peterson, Stef Tucker
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Brian A. Beckstrom, Waverly, IA, is campus pastor at Wartburg College.

98 **Class Agents:** Karen Delgehausen, Gigi Wait Dobosenski, Brad Peterson, Alicia Sutphen Schimke

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Christian J. Gilbert, Waconia, scaled the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere, Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, and shared it with his students at Clearwater Middle School ■ **Ryan R. Gilbertson**, Spring Park, is director/CFO for Northern Oil & Gas, Inc.

99 **Class Agents:** Philip Eidsvold, Jesse Torgerson
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Michelle Courtright Bjork, Minneapolis, is owner of Stratford Gifts ■ **Brian M. Choc**, Denver, CO, is employed by Teaming for Technology Colorado ■ **Matthew J. Dammeyer**, Benson, is a family physician for Affiliated Community Medical Centers-Benson ■ **Susan Franke**, Bend, OR, serves as hospital chaplain for St. Charles Medical Center ■ **John M. Grudnowski**, Minneapolis, is employed by FRWD Co. ■ **Diane Lentz Snow**, Upton, MA, is office manager of concert promoter Live Nation's New England office ■ **Patrick B. Watson**, Burnsville, is a financial adviser for MetLife ■ **Erica Olson Wood**, Mount Horeb, WI, is an earth science instructor at Madison Area Technical College.

00 **10th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25, 2010** **Class Agents:** Corey Bartlett, Bonnie Dahlke, Meghan Krause

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Ryan J. Clausnitzer, San Francisco, CA, is an environmental health inspector for the City and County of San Francisco ■ **Vanja Duric**, Branford, CT, is doing post doctoral work at Yale University ■ **Ann M. Fletchall**, Whittier, NC, is a lecturer in the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resources at Western Carolina University.

01 **Class Agent:** Hal DeLaRosby, Lana Elsenpeter Matzek
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Kara A. Derner, Eden Prairie, has completed her doctorate in clinical psychology from the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology of Argosy University ■ **Jacque Lindo**, Milwaukee, WI, earned her master of science degree in art

therapy from Mount Mary College in May 2006 and is a full time art therapist with the Village at Manor Park in Milwaukee ■ **Beth Thomas Fay**, White Bear Lake, is an AML compliance-surveillance analyst for RBC Wealth Management ■ **Jessie L. Wagner**, Washington, DC, finished her anesthesiology residency at Yale and is currently a pediatric anesthesiology fellow at Children's National Medical Center ■ **Kelly Bangstad Wilz**, Bloomington, IN, is teaching communication arts at the University of Wisconsin-Marshfield/Wood County.

02 Class Agents: Karen Warkentien Oglesby, Katherine Medbery Oleson E-mail: 2002classagent@gustavus.edu

Lisa Barajas, Minneapolis, is a senior planner, sector representative for local planning assistance for the Metropolitan Council ■ **Mike Bradley**, St. Louis, MO, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in May 2009 with a Ph.D. in molecular biophysics. He is conducting postdoctoral research at Yale University in the molecular biophysics and biochemistry department ■ **Maggie Dalen Cass**, Littleton, CO, is operations manager at Boppy Company ■ **Viviane Foyou**, Valdosta, GA, is an assistant professor at Valdosta State University ■ **Meghan Harney**, Minneapolis, received her M.D. from the University of Minnesota Medical School in May 2009 ■ **Molly L. Palmer**, Minneapolis, works for Mortenson Construction ■ **Emily Weitz**, Denver, CO, is an RN at the Children's Hospital.

03 Class Agents: Audra Mueller, Leslie Wilcox Rosedahl E-mail: 2003classagent@gustavus.edu

Matt Boeke, Detroit Lakes, has been named a personal banker at Wells Fargo ■ **Kristen Klos-Maki**, Duluth, is a chiropractor for Life Compass Chiropractic ■ **Sarah Grimsby McQuade**, Sioux Falls, SD, is a marketing manager for the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra ■ **Jennifer Thingvold**, Evans, GA, is a counterintelligence special agent for the Department of Defense.

04 Class Agents: Amanda Frie, Guthrie Michael, Marnie Nelson, Josh Williams E-mail: 2004classagent@gustavus.edu

Adam C. Cornell, Minnetonka, is a commodities trader for CSC Arbitrage Group ■ **Lora C. Hopp**, Olivia, is an attorney at SMRLS ■ **Christy Maley**, Chaska, is a scanning coordinator for Lakewinds Natural Foods ■ **Molly Malone**, Minneapolis, is a physician assistant in internal medicine at North Memorial Medical Center ■ **Justin M. Nelson**, Phoenix, AZ, is a senior financial analyst for U.S. Airways ■ **Tracy Larson Ogren**, Onalaska, WI, is a school psychologist for the Tomah School District ■ **Signe D. Peterson**, Minneapolis, is senior marketing coordinator for CaringBridge.org ■ **Joseph Rodriguez**, Manchester, NH, is a regional manager for upstate New York for C Squared Systems, LLC ■ **Amy L. Springer**, St. Cloud, is government and business information librarian for College of St. Benedict/St. John's University ■ **Zosia E. Stanley**, Seattle, WA, graduated from law school at the University of Washington and is an associate at the law firm of Insee, Best, Doezie & Ryder ■ **Luke Twedt**, Minneapolis, is a pharmacist for Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital ■ **Arun Vig**, Mumbai, India, is CEO of Imperial & Osaka Medical Co. Pvt. Ltd.

05 5th Anniversary: Sept. 24-25, 2010 Class Agents: Liz Zappetillo Lewis, Becky Neitzke, Jessica Nelson, Anne Shipley, Anne Michaletz Viljaste
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Jessica R. Heller, Hudson, WI, is studying for an M.A. in geopolitics, territory, and security at King's College in London ■ **Kaija K. Hupila**, Chicago, IL, is an associate attorney with Jenner & Block LLP ■ **Becky Neitzke**, Vacaville, CA, is a dental resident for the U.S. Air Force ■ **Jeremy D. Ordemann**, Princeton, NJ, is a technical sales manager for DMV-Fonterra Excipients ■ **Clarissa J. Renken**, Cheseburg, WI, graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine in May 2009 ■ **Suzanne M. Temple**, St. Paul, is a language arts teacher for ISD 197 ■ **Mike Zard**, Chicago, IL, is an investment consultant for Rydex Investments.

06 Class Agents: Anders Eckman, Matt Forbes, Jessica Olson, Katie Parks, Mollie Peterson, Matt Swenson E-mail: 2006classagent@gustavus.edu

Chris Anderson, Las Vegas, NV, is Nevada finance director for Senator Harry Reid ■ **Leslie L. Beaumont**, Elk River, is an executive/development assistant for People Incorporated ■ **Tim Gruenisen**, Des Moines, IA, graduated from Marquette University Law School in May 2009 ■ **Nick Kroshus**, Minneapolis, is an associate for Huron Consulting Group ■ **Logan J. Martin**, St. Paul, earned a master's degree in public administration from Hamline University in 2009 ■ **Kristen Y. Nelson**, Edina, is career programs assistant at Gustavus ■ **Anna Shallue Olson**, Woodbury, teaches math at Park Center Senior High School ■ **Monica C. Ramirez**, Eden Prairie, is coordinator of franchise operations for Carlson Hotels Worldwide ■ **Corey P. Reagan**, Excelsior, is an account specialist for Rauenhorst Recruiting Company ■ **Robyn L. Starr**, Brooklyn Park, received a master of arts degree in marriage and family therapy from St. Mary's University of Minnesota and is a home-based counselor with Family Innovations, Inc ■ **Andy Tschida**, Minnetonka, is a GIS technician for East View Cartographic.

07 Class Agents: Erica Brown, Barry Cattadoris, Travis Michelson, Ben Richter, Adam Tehle E-mail: 2007classagent@gustavus.edu

Paul J. Carlson, Gyeong Sangnam-Do, South Korea, is teaching at Daewoo Private Elementary School in South Korea ■ **Kyle Chester**, Brooklyn Park, is a GIS permitting analyst for Xcel Energy ■ **Mike Cicchese**, Oakdale, is a pharmacy technician for Allina Community Pharmacies ■ **Tommy Elton**, Chicago, IL, is student association president at Illinois College of Optometry ■ **Russ Gerads**, Buffalo, works for FedEx ■ **Kallie A. Gray**, Tacoma, WA, is attending the University of Washington for a master's degree in education ■ **Chris Hedberg**, Providence, RI, is a project engineer for Bioprocess H2O ■ **Grant A. Jerich**, Amarillo, TX, is business manager for Cargill Associate ■ **Eric J. Lewanski**, Rosemount, is serving in Iraq as a first lieutenant in the Minnesota National Guard 34th Infantry Division ■ **Erica Duin McDougall**, St. Louis Park, is a graduate student at the

TWIN CITIES BREAKFASTS

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

8 - 9:30 a.m., Doubletree Hotel,
Minneapolis-Park Place
1500 Park Place Boulevard
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SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Dec. 16, 2009

Thomas Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement

Jan. 20, 2010

Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90, speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives

Feb. 17, 2010

Doug Minter '79, director of student financial aid, and **Kirk Carlson '95**, associate director of student financial aid

March 17, 2010

Amanda Nienow, assistant professor of chemistry, speaking about her January Interim class, "Chemistry and Crime: Examination of CSI-Type TV Shows and Real-Life Forensic Science"

April 21, 2010

Virgil Jones, director of multicultural programs

May 19, 2010

Al Molde '66, director of intercollegiate athletics, and **Tim Kennedy '82**, sports information director

June 16, 2010

Bob Neuman '80, office of admission

July 21, 2010

Summer Programs staff

August 18, 2010

Peter Haugen, football coach

Speakers' schedules may change so please see gustavus.edu/alumni for current information.



▲ Frisbee generations

Since 1984 a group of Gusties, along with their family and friends, have met together annually to play Ultimate Frisbee. In their younger days they would let their parents play, and now there are second-generation and future Gusties who are taking over the field. This year's event took place in Edina last August, and friends traveled from Illinois and Texas to participate. Pictured front row are **Kevin Warkentien '03**, **Chip Brofford '84**, and **Jeff Morton '84**. Second row: **Beth Haen Orlowsky '85**, **Julie Haen Morton '84**, **Anna Morton '13** (Jeff and Julie's daughter), **Sue Hansen Bohme '85**, and **Julie Hansen Magnus '84**. Back row: **Jon Entner '84**, **Gerhard Bohme '85**, and **Mike Stoops '85**.



◀ Drenttel named to Best Lawyers in America

Ed Drenttel '81, Eagan, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2010 edition of Best Lawyers in America. He was recognized for his expertise in banking law. Drenttel is a partner at Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., Minneapolis. First published in 1983, Best Lawyers is not only the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, but it also reaches the largest and most targeted audience. In the print media, the list appears in more than 60 major metropolitan magazines, business journals, and newspapers worldwide, reaching more than 16 million individuals. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed in the print or online directory, which is the basis for a number of "best lawyers" features in regional newspapers and magazines across the country. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."



► BNC announces leadership appointment

BNC National Bank has appointed **B. Timothy Swanson '81**, Woodbury, president of the Minnesota Market. Swanson, who joined BNC in 2006, has worked 26 years in the Twin Cities financial services industry in a variety of positions in both corporate and community banking. Swanson earned his MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

Humphrey Institute of Public Policy at the University of Minnesota ■ **Michael D. Purdham**, St. Paul, is a law student at Hamline University School of Law ■ **Heather Priessler Swanberg**, Omaha, NE, is a NICU nurse at Children's Hospital ■ **Ritva S. Taipale**, Jyväskylä, Finland, is a Ph.D. student/project coordinator at University of Jyväskylä ■ **Anikka C. Wattnem**, Wausau, WI, is a WIA adult case manager for Forward Service Corporation.

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Carlie Mauss Ness, Rochester, is an academic coordinator for Minnesota School of Business ■ **Sara M. Pfau**, Bismarck, ND, is a wellness coordinator for Anytime Fitness ■ **Raychal N. Zupancich**, Middleton, WI, is studying for a master's degree in occupational therapy at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Angela A. Allen, Andover, is working with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps ■ **Rob Amundson**, Minneapolis, is assistant director of canvassing at the Fund for Public Interest ■ **Jennie A. Andersen**, Apple Valley, is employed at Deloitte ■ **Katie J. Anderson**, Pine River, is a reporter for the Lake Country Echo ■ **Jessica A. Bates**, Kansas City, MO, is teaching English in Korea ■ **Ella O. Bonner**, St. Paul, is a personal care aide and attending St. Paul College for sign language interpreting ■ **Emma K. Bormann**, St. Paul, is a sales executive for Ad Efx Midwest, L.L.C. ■ **Spencer L. Broughten**, Waseca, is attending graduate school at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota ■ **Lisa C. Brown**, Lake Crystal, is interning at 3M Corporate Fitness ■ **Chris Caldwell**, Rochester, is serving in Americorps ■ **Leigh S. Clanton**, Lyons, CO, is attending the University of Colorado Science Center School of Medicine ■ **Breanna R. Draxler**, Amery, WI, is an independent contractor at Harmony Environmental Consulting ■ **Amy E. Erickson**, Shorewood, is serving with AmeriCorps ■ **Benjamin E. Eriksson**, Falun, Sweden, is studying sustainable living and ecological farming ■ **Stephanie K. Erlandson**, Inver Grove Heights, is a naturalist intern at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center ■ **Lauren M. Fulner**, Naperville, IL, is working for the Lutheran Volunteer Corp ■ **Luke B. Garrison**, St. Paul, is a news producer for Hubbard Broadcasting ■ **Amanda R. George**, Buffalo, is interning in human resources at Hostec ■ **Ahna L. Gilbertson**, Viroqua, WI, works for Americorps VISTA ■ **Christine E. Grotjohn**, Morris, is teaching English in South Korea ■ **Sara L. Halberg**, La Crosse, WI, is a fund development coordinator for Habitat for Humanity ■ **Katie L. Halvorson**, Grand Forks, ND, is attending Creighton University School of Medicine ■ **Laura I. Hansen**, Inver Grove Heights, is a fitness specialist for TC-Fitness at General Mills ■ **Auz'annette J. Harrell**, Kokomo, MS, is interning at Disney World Resorts ■ **Ben Hilding**, St. Paul, was awarded a National Leadership Development Fellowship from the ELCA and is attending Luther Seminary ■ **Kevin J. Johnson**,



Gusties at TRIA

TRIA Orthopaedic Center in Bloomington has several Gustie employees and connections. Pictured from left are **Alison Morley '07**, certified athletic trainer; **Ashley Takekawa '07**, physical therapist aide; **Devanshu Kansara, M.D.**, fellow for Gustavus football program in 2004; **Stacy Solberg-Markert '92**, physical therapist; **Adam Meierbachtol '06**, doctor of physical therapy and certified athletic trainer; **Alan Markman, M.D.**, team physician at Gustavus 1986–2008; **Paul Bruning '90**, clinic and sports medicine program coordinator (head athletic trainer Gustavus 1998–2008); **Gary Fetzer, M.D.**, Gustavus team physician; and **Chad Paulus '03**, registered nurse.

Montrose, is an audit associate at KPMG ■ **Joshua A. Knutson**, Gladstone, MI, is an associate software developer at Proto Labs Inc ■ **Krista M. Koenen**, Willmar, is working toward a school counseling master's degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato ■ **Reid H. Lenz**, Maple Grove, is a collections representative at Receivable Controls ■ **Aaron D. Mayo**, St. Peter, is serving in the PeaceCorps ■ **Mikka S. McCracken**, Bemidji, is working in the Justice for Women program in the Church in Society unit of the ELCA ■ **Rhea Muchalla** is working toward a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Oregon ■ **Megan M. Mundt**, Hastings, is a language and culture assistant in southern Spain ■ **Elizabeth K. Olson**, Little Falls, is interning at Concordia Language Villages ■ **Laura Luce Peterson**, Golden Valley, is attending Hamline University for a master's in teaching ■ **Emily A. Pickford**, Minnetonka, is attending graduate school at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design working toward an M.F.A. ■ **Graham J. Plys**, Coon Rapids, is attending Hibbing Community College for his law enforcement degree ■ **Sarah K. Purnell**, Omaha, NE, is attending the School of Pharmacy at Creighton University ■ **Marisa M. Schloer**, Minneapolis, is an executive team lead at Target ■ **Sam M. Schwartz**, Kasson, is attending the University of Minnesota for a graduate degree in electrical engineering ■ **Lena Sulpovar**, Plymouth, is attending graduate school

at SIT Graduate Institute, studying social justice in international relations ■ **Jerry H. Thao** is teaching English in Korea ■ **Stephen R. Thorkildson**, Brooklyn Park, is interning at Acceleration Minnesota ■ **Brock F. Tidstrom**, Chanhassen, is attending dental school at the University of Minnesota ■ **Timothy J. Upchurch**, South St. Paul, is an agent for New York Life ■ **Ashley M. Voigtlander**, Lino Lakes, is interning at Courage Center ■ **Andrew J. Winn**, St. Paul, is a revenue agent for the IRS ■ **Hannah L. Wunsch**, Omaha, NE, is working toward a master of music degree in choral conducting and voice performance at the University of Colorado at Boulder ■ **Jessi A. Zelmer**, Salem, SD, is a manager trainee at Enterprise.

WEDDINGS

Leisha L. Johnson '90 and Jeff Ronning, 6/13/09, Oronoco, MN.
Alison Baretz '95 and Peter Glover, 6/21/08, Maple Grove, MN.
Elizabeth Hauschildt '97 and Greg Henderson, 4/25/09, Apple Valley, MN.
Alecia Tromiczak '98 and **Bob Gazzola '83**, 6/27/09, Cirie, Italy.

Jenny Moen '99 and Matthew Wiens, 8/30/08, Denver, CO.
Amy Valek '99 and Michael Zasoski, 8/8/09, Apple Valley, MN.
Kara Birkholz '00 and Ryan Bayse, 5/24/09, Minnetonka, MN.
Michelle Bishop '00 and Ryan Bormann, 7/25/09, Plymouth, MN.
Bobby Johnson '01 and Melissa Watson, 6/20/09, Evanston, IL.
Jacquie Lindo '01 and Dawn Schmidt, 7/19/06, Milwaukee, WI.
Brandon Navara '01 and Marie Vadnais, 8/22/09, Eden Prairie, MN.
Jennifer Senn '01 and Nicholas Gauwitz, 12/20/08, Little Falls, MN.
Andy Siegmann '01 and Melissa Schroeffer, 1/31/09, New Ulm, MN.
Elizabeth Thomas '01 and Jack Fay, 7/26/08, White Bear Lake, MN.
Lisa Barajas '02 and Eric Brennehan, 9/22/07, Minneapolis, MN.
Sarah Bjornson '02 and Michael Reed, 5/21/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Jon Dumpys '02 and Stacey Jutila, 1/17/09, Oak Park, IL.
Jennifer A. Grabow '02 and Hans Hummel, 7/12/08, Plymouth, MN.
Jamie Henderson '02 and **Thomas Swanson '02**, 6/20/09, Anoka, MN.



◀ Elvestrom and Koch are Minnesota's top wealth advisers

Jack Elvestrom '85 (far left) and **Paul Koch '87** (near left) were named 12th and 15th respectively among Barron's Top 20 Minnesota's top wealth advisers published in the August 2009 Minnesota Monthly. Elvestrom is executive vice president, investments, at Morgan Stanley, St. Paul; Koch is senior vice president, wealth management, Citigroup Smith Barney, Wayzata. Barron's rankings

are based on both quantitative and qualitative criteria from more than 3,000 nominations nationwide each year.



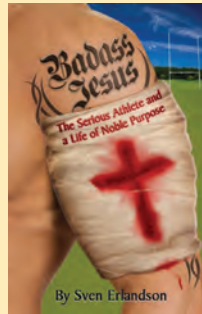
◀ Reelected to board

Barry O'Neil '86 was reelected to the board of directors of Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg, P.A., a trial, business, and entertainment law firm with offices in Minneapolis, Hudson, WI, and New York City.

▶ Erlandson pens new book

Sven Erlandson's '89 new book, *Badass Jesus, isn't your grandma's Jesus*. This book is for those who need a Jesus who was a fighter, a ferocious personality, a man of fire and courage, a man who had mad love in his heart. This book is for a rare class of athletes: the fiercest and most intense, who naturally possess the strongest potential for great leadership. Focused on Jesus' core principles rather than all the differing beliefs of Christian churches, *Badass Jesus* offers a simple new vision of intense faith: Jesus' ethos of extreme self-sacrifice mixed with his first and greatest commandment of radical, noble love—all dedicated to serving God and changing the world.

Erlandson is an internationally respected author, motivational speaker, college religion and athletics lecturer, former college strength and conditioning coach, former collegiate athlete and record-setting power lifter. He was the first pastor ever in the Lutheran Church to be hired as a full-time sports and recreation pastor. He has worked with thousands of athletes of all levels, as well as coaches, universities, small colleges, churches, pastors, and hungry spiritual seekers. Erlandson excels at translating spiritual concepts into the language of athletes and spiritual but not religious people. Most of his time is spent consulting athletes and coaches on maximizing their mental and physical performances. Erlandson's other books include *Spiritual But Not Religious: A Call to Religious Revolution in America*, *Rescuing God from Christianity*, and *The 7 Evangelical Myths*.



◀ Hockey in common

Bret Newcomb '92 (back left) and **Jochen Hylbert '96** (back right) coached the Middleton, Wisconsin Wings (Squirt A) hockey team during the winter 2008-09 season. Although Newcomb and Hylbert didn't know each other at Gustavus, they thought it was ironic that they attended the same college, had sons the same age, and were both coaching their kid's team. Pictured in front are their sons, Gus Newcomb and Jordan Hylbert (**Jennifer Stelter Hylbert '96** is Jordan's mom).

Amy Holland '02 and **Lance Staples '02**, 10/24/09, Sioux Falls, SD.

Heidi Miller '02 and Max Windmiller, 8/15/09, Wayzata, MN.

Logan Mitten '02 and April Bartoletti, 7/25/09, St. Paul, MN.

Anne Beschnecht '03 and **Joshua S. Becker '03**, 6/14/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Kristen Klos '03 and Ryan Maki, 8/8/08, Duluth, MN.

Andrea Tassar '03 and Jesse Rients, 9/19/09, Shakopee, MN.

Jennifer Thomas '03 and Alexander Post, 6/27/09, New Hope, MN.

Mark R. Berger '04 and Amanda Weitzel, 6/13/09, Plymouth, MN.

Jessica Case '04 and **Daniel F. Brandt '04**, 8/15/09, Minneapolis, MN.

Tasha Genck '04 and Adam Morton, 8/21/09, St. Louis Park, MN.

Crystal Gildea '04 and **Matt Polski '05**, 8/1/09. **Ryan M. Kaufman '04** and Lisa Cadry, 8/8/09, Eagan, MN.

Megan Purcell '04 and Michael Rafferty, Minneapolis, MN.

Christian A. Quie '04 and Jen DiAngilis, 8/22/09, Cincinnati, OH.

Allison Wires '04 and **Jacob L. Matthies '04**, 8/15/09, St. Louis Park, MN.

Thomas Blackstock '05 and Jessica Rudick, 7/10/09, Chicago, IL.

Josh Carlson '05 and Renee Carlson, Minneapolis, MN.

Kelly Damrow '05 and **Dan Kueffer '05**, St. Paul, MN.

Kathryn Erickson '05 and Chris Columbaro, 6/21/08, Red Wing, MN.

Anne Holker '05 and Brad Litke, 6/27/09, Apple Valley, MN.

Shalynn Lutz '05 and Adam Frank, 6/26/09, St. Paul, MN.

Emily Ulve '05 and Trevor Kruger, 7/11/09, Waconia, MN.

Erin Foss '06 and Matthew Hernick, 8/1/09, Sandstone, MN.

Peter R. Hillman '06 and Niccole Rentz, 10/4/08, Storm Lake, IA.

Lyndsey Palen '06 and **Nick Crossley '02**, 7/25/09, Rochester, MN.

Kathryn Maillette '06 and **Mark R. Schlagel '05**, Lino Lakes, MN.

Anna Shallue '06 and Andrew Olson, 6/19/09, Woodbury, MN.

Deanna Symington '06 and **Ben Eklo '05**, 9/12/09, Chaska, MN.

Drew Wisner '06 and Sarah Miller, 6/13/09, Eden Prairie, MN.

Krista Cruse '07 and **Collin S. Meierbachtol '07**, 6/27/09, Lansing, MI.

Megan Duevel '07 and **Karl K. Anderson '08**, 7/11/09, Norwich, VT.

Erica Duin '07 and **Tim McDougall '08**, 6/20/09, St. Louis Park, MN.

Jennifer Hyytinen '07 and **Micah J. Fransen '07**, 7/4/09, Chaska, MN.

Kallie A. Gray '07 and Jaime Grochowski, 8/23/09, Tacoma, WA.

Rebecca L. Ketcher '07 and **Fred Lewis '06**, 8/22/09, Duluth, MN.

Eric J. Lewanski '07 and Katie Lewanski, 1/24/09, Rosemount, MN.

Chris Lowry '07 and Emily Holmin, 10/18/09, North Mankato, MN.

Ben Richter '07 and Andrea Iverson, 8/15/09, Chanhassen, MN.
Amy Schmidt '07 and John Ries, Rochester, MN.
Crystal Smith '07 and **Jay R. Stien '07**, 8/22/09, Bloomington, MN.
Sarah Tuel '07 and **Mike Duffy '06**, Bloomington, MN.
Nicole Blake '08 and **Casey M. Lyells '06**, 7/18/09, Aurora, CO.
Susan Ferber '08 and **Spencer W. Barron '07**, 9/5/09, Winsted, MN.
Alecia Gerold '08 and Scott Breeggemann, 9/12/09, Shakopee, MN.
Jacqueline Johnson '08 and Paul Leister, 6/20/09, Minneapolis, MN.
Carlie Mauss '08 and **Brandon M. Ness '08**, 8/15/09, Rochester, MN.
Tim McDougall '08 and **Erica Duin '07**, 6/20/09, St. Louis Park, MN.
Sarah Mullen '08 and Eric Norberg, 9/12/09, Evans Hills, NY.
Kelly Taunton '08 and Travis Sing, 8/21/09, Pennock, MN.
Katie Thelemann '08 and David Wolf, 8/15/09, Kilkenney, MN.
Jennifer White '08 and **Tim Gruenisen '06**, 7/4/09, Des Moines, IA.
Carly Johnson '09 and **Charles J. Erickson '09**, 8/1/09, Bothell, WA.
Martha Jorgenson '09 and Andrew Nerness, 8/15/09, Jeffers, MN.
Linda Kanne '09 and **Andrew J. Rieke '07**, 7/18/09, Fairfax, MN.
Win Moua '09 and Cnianline Lee, 7/6/09, St. Paul, MN.
Shawn D. Rancourt '09 and Amy Rancourt, 7/11/09, Lindstrom, MN.
Ashley Raymo '09 and **J.T. Johnson '08**, 8/15/09, Tonka Bay, MN.
Lucas W. Rieke '09 and **Amy Veerkamp '09**, 6/27/09, Fairfax, MN.
Kirsten C. Ruser '09 and **Henry A. Boeh '09**, 8/8/09, Wyoming, MN.

BIRTHS

Laura, to **Randy H. Hagen '78** and Alexandra Hagen, 1/23/09.
 Noah, to **Kristi L. Brown '92** and Edward McBorrow, 5/16/09.
 Twins, Esther and Weston, to **Sarah Boehlke Gilbertson '94** and Jon Gilbertson, 5/31/09.
 Summer, to **Alison Baretz Glover '95** and Peter Glover, 7/19/09.
 Alaina, to **Julie Chudek Colbert '96** and **Scott Colbert '95**, 3/30/09.
 Jack, to **Jennifer Mull Daskal '97** and Steven J. Daskal, 10/27/08.
 Natalie, to **Jamie Embretson Lauinger '97** and **Scott M. Lauinger '96**, 4/29/09.
 Mara, to **Karla Ash Lien '97** and **Brian W. Lien '98**, 4/14/09.
 Leighton, to **Melanie Jacobs Schmidt '97** and Randy Schmidt, 7/25/09.
 Brody, to **Krista Benson Cook '98** and **Travis J. Cook '99**, 6/2/09.
 Sonja, to **Melissa Goldberg Molin '98** and **Kyle S. Molin '98**, 1/29/09.
 Erin, to **Sara Rohr Eckloff '99** and **Bill Eckloff '95**, 7/25/09.



▲ Sisters' reunion

Three Gustie sisters gathered in International Falls at the home of Ali Cordie, who works as a ranger at Voyageurs National Park. Pictured from left are Adalyn Nikodym; **Lissa Cordie Nikodym '00**, a kindergarten teacher in Sartell; **Tasmin Cordie '98**, a chiropractor in Erie, PA; **Alison Cordie '05** with Laila Nikodym.



◀ Shahani receives innovation award in digital media and learning

Sapna Shahani '00 (right), Mumbai, India, was named one of the winners of the 2009 Digital Media and Learning competition sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation and HASTAC. Shahani's proposal, "Women Aloud: Videoblogging for Empowerment" (WAVE), was awarded the full first year's budget of \$107,000 to set up a pan-Indian women's videoblog about community development.

Offering an unprecedented online presence for low-income women from across India,

WAVE is a unique digital platform for Indian women aged 18-25. Through videoblogging, women who otherwise do not have a voice online are given an avenue for self-expression and a podium from which they can address such key issues as health, the environment, employment, access to basic necessities, education, democracy, and gender equality. Participants will attend an intensive video training camp, where experienced media professionals will provide the required technical and documentary journalistic skills necessary for empowering these young women to tell their stories and those of their communities.



▲ Stapleses add another year of fish stories

The Staples family, along with a few friends, made their annual fishing trip to Canada in June and added another chapter to their fish stories. Pictured from left are **Scott Staples '94**, family physician in Hutchinson, MN; **Mark Nerhus '91**; **Robert Nerhus P'91**; **Alan Staples P '94 '98 '02 '07**, Staples Oil Co., Windom, MN; **Mark Stuckey '08**, medical student, Des Moines University; **Lance Staples '02**, Sioux Falls, SD; **Brent Staples '98**, president, Staples Oil Co., Windom; and Larry Potter.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NURSING

AT GUSTAVUS — 1960-2010

Nursing Alumni Reunion June 4-6, 2010

To commemorate 50 years of nursing graduates at Gustavus, a reunion weekend is being planned for all nursing alumni on June 4-6, 2010. Please save the dates and look for information from the Office of Alumni Relations and Department of Nursing. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, willing to present a short CEU breakout session on the morning of June 5 on a topic of interest to nurses, or have suggestions for a keynote speaker for the banquet on Saturday night, please contact Paula Swiggum, chair of the Department of Nursing, at pswiggum@gustavus.edu. We are looking forward to seeing nurses from all 50 years!

Alex, to **Jason W. Hovland '99** and Jody Hovland, 4/16/09.
Sydney, to **Angie Hendrickson Kerkman '00** and Alan Kerkman, 2/26/09.
Twins, Cal and Lyla, to **Katie Hansen Papke '00** and Matt Papke, 4/1/09.
Paige, to **Heather Wilson Sehnert '00** and **Colin D. Sehnert '00**, 5/20/09.
Aldegundo, to **Lisa Barajas '02** and Eric Brenneman, 2/10/09.
Ethan, to **Sara Heroff Buffie '02** and **Brian J. Buffie '04**, 4/14/09.
Nora, to **Katie Beck Foss '02** and **Eric Foss '02**, 3/26/09.
Quinn, to **Jayne Sommers '02** and Matty O'Reilly.
Kyler, to **Robyn Borre Winner '02** and Matthew Winner, 8/14/09.
Lyla, to **Emily Johnson Mamun '03** and Masud Mamun, 1/27/09.
Lola, to **Scott Witty '03** and Jessica Witty, 5/22/08.

IN MEMORIAM

Pearl Johnson '28, Minneapolis, MN, on April 13, 2009. She was a retired employee of Archer Daniels Midland.
Loel Frederickson '41, Moorhead, MN, on September 18, 2009. He was a longtime educator, coach, and retired chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Department at Moorhead State University. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Alton Berg '42, North Oaks, MN, on September 13, 2009. He was retired treasurer for Plastic Products Co. Inc., and is survived by his wife, Edith, and sons Brian '64 and Terry '68.

Carol Gaustad Langsjoen '42, St. Peter, MN, on September 16, 2009. She was a former educator and homemaker and is survived by her husband, Arne '42, daughter Karen Zins '67, and son Peter '69.

Sherman Strand '42, Rancho Mirage, CA, on August 25, 2009. He was a retired physician who was chief of staff for UCLA Hospitals and head of surgery at St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica. He is survived by his wife, Ruth.

Dorothy Smith Adams '43, Morro Bay, CA, on June 11, 2009. She was a retired teacher and office worker and is survived by two sons, one daughter, and a sister, Marilyn Douglass '48.

Mildred Gustafson Benson '43, Kennewick, WA, on August 19, 2008. She is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Elaine Bexell Palmquist '43, Chisago City, MN, on September 16, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Marvin '42, one son, Daniel '82, and one daughter, and was preceded in death by son Mark '69.

DeForest Corcoran '44, Bloomington, MN, on June 13, 2009. He was a retired auto parts

business owner and is survived by one son and one daughter.

Edward Schamber '44, Perrysville, OH, on April 2, 2009. He was retired senior design engineer and is survived by two daughters.

Clarence Peterson '45, Minneapolis, MN, on July 14, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Viola (Hagberg '46), one son, and two daughters.

Eleanor Nelson Hayes '48, Mankato, MN, on August 12, 2009. She was employed as secretary/treasurer of Ben Deike Transfer and Storage and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

H. LeRoy Peterson '48, Ironwood, MI, on September 29, 2009. He served as a pastor for various congregations, last serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Ironwood before retiring in 1992. He is survived by four sons and a daughter.

Carlton Franzen '49, St. Paul, MN, on September 29, 2009. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, June, two daughters, and two sons.

Marlys Huseeth Hansen '49, Brooklyn Park, MN, on March 20, 2009. She was a homemaker and former employee of FMC Corporation. She is survived by a son and two daughters.

Corwin Anderson '50, Robbinsdale, MN, on May 20, 2008.

Regner Christiansen '50, Worthington, MN, on August 1, 2009. He was a former mail carrier who established Stonegate Orchard and operated a nursery and tree-moving business. He is survived by four children.

Marjorie Johnson Knutson '50, Alexandria, VA, on October 21, 2009. Marjorie worked as a social worker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell '49, and is survived by three daughters, a son, sister Dorothy Johnson Lutz '51, and brother Wendell Johnson '53.

Warren Rodning '50, Nicollet, MN, on July 19, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and two sons and three daughters including Kenneth '74, Karen '76, and Kathy Cuthbertson '78.

James Grymyr '51, Las Vegas, NV, on April 28, 2009. He was retired copy chief for Knox Reeves Advertising Agency and is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and two sons.

Maynard Lueth '52, Owatonna, MN, on August 12, 2009. He was retired Owatonna city engineer and a consultant for RCM and is survived by his wife, Beverly, one son, and one daughter.

Deane Lundell '52, Red Wing, MN, on August 1, 2009. He was a retired farmer.

Frances Johnson Hummel '53, Minneapolis, MN, on October 23, 2009. A former schoolteacher, educator, and world traveler, she is survived by her husband and a son.

Robert Miller '53, Fosston, MN, on June 4, 2009. He was a retired dentist and is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two daughters.

Donald Patten '53, Minneapolis, MN, on September 11, 2009. He was a former employee for GM locomotive production and testing, Baltimore, and is survived by one son.

James Anderson '54, Frost, MN, on August 20, 2009. He was retired president/owner of James E. Anderson Associates and was inducted into the Gustavus Athletics Hall of

► Renken graduates from medical school

Clarissa Renken '05, graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine last May and plans to enter the Family Medicine internship program at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, WI. While enrolled at WVSOM, Renken was a member of Sigma Sigma Phi and was awarded the MOSS Scholarship.



◄ Celebrating in Seattle

Gustavus friends gathered in Seattle to celebrate Scott Larson's graduation from Yale Divinity School. Pictured are **Meg Dimpfel '01**, **Rachel Mathison '01**, **Bethany Mueller '03**, **Ambryn Melius '03**, and **Scott Larson '01**.

► Beer aficionados

Gustavus friends joined Colin Mullen '02 at the second annual Autumn Brew Review held Sept. 12 in Minneapolis. This year the ABR featured beer that Colin brewed at Barley John's, where he works. Left to right are **Charles Lagerquist '01**, **Colin Mullen '02**, and **Jenny DeReu '02**.



Governor Pawlenty appoints Becker to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC)

Chelsea Becker '08, Maple Grove, has been appointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Becker is a law student at the University of Minnesota and is currently a U of M student representative, a member of the U of M Law School's Asylum Law Project, and a member of the Minnesota Justice Foundation. She has volunteered as a researcher for the Minnesota State Bar Association's Cy Pres Handbook. She also served as a volunteer law clerk with the Immigration Clinic through Florida International University in Miami in January 2009.



◄ Look at the size of that stone!

Krista Koenen '09 and **Brian McNally '07** became engaged last spring after Brian painted the campus rock to read, "Krista Mae, will you marry me?"

► **Fall intern at the Kennedy Center**

Emily Bulling '09 is one of 22 interns selected by the John. F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, DC, to participate in its prestigious internship program this fall as part of the Kennedy Center Institute for Arts Management. While at the Kennedy Center from September through December 2009, Emily is working in the press office, which promotes the performing arts through media coverage. Her duties include assisting with the coordination of performers, print media, and television and radio crews. She also assists with promoting Center performances, productions, and specially televised red-carpet events such as "Bill Cosby: The Mark Twain Prize" in October and the Kennedy Center Honors in December.

While at Gustavus, Emily majored in English and dance and was involved with the Gustavus Dance Company, performing and choreographing for many main stage and student concerts. She was captain of the Gustavus Dance Team and was awarded the Distinguished Dance Student Award in 2009. Emily has previously completed internships with the American Dance Festival in Durham, NC, and the Space Arts Centre in London, England.

The Kennedy Center Internship Program is recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the "Top 100 Internships" in the United States.



◀ **Anderson named president and CEO of Patterson Companies, Inc.**

Scott Anderson '89, Eagan, has been named president and CEO of Patterson Companies and will begin his duties in late April 2010 with the retirement of current president and CEO James W. Wiltz.

Anderson has worked with Patterson since 1993. Prior to June 2006, when he became president of Patterson Dental Supply, Patterson's largest business, he held senior management positions in the dental unit, including vice president, sales, and vice president, marketing. Anderson started his career as a territory sales representative in the dental business before becoming national equipment manager, manager of the San Francisco branch, and manager of the Minnesota branch (two of Patterson's largest dental branch offices).

Wiltz, who will remain on the board of directors, commented, "Scott has compiled an outstanding record of achievement during his Patterson career. In addition to his proven leadership skills and extensive experience with our dental business, he also possesses a keen understanding of our veterinary and rehabilitation operations. I will be working closely with Scott between now and the end of fiscal 2010 to ensure a smooth management transition."

TICKETS! TICKETS!

Gustavus recently launched an online events ticketing system called **GustavusTickets.com**. The Offices of Student Affairs, Marketing and Communication, and Fine Arts are already using the system for events such as Christmas in Christ Chapel, Artist Series concerts, and Theatre and Dance productions. Event attendees have appreciated the convenience of the online ordering, and it is the College's goal to move all pre-ordered, ticketed events (e.g., Nobel Conference, Commencement, Homecoming Weekend) to the new system over time. All Gustavus alumni have special access to the ticketing system by using their assigned user number and password. **Call Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437, or e-mail alumni@gustavus.edu, if you can't recall your access information.** We're excited about this new ticketing program and ask your patience as we continue to add ticketed Gustavus events to the system.

Fame in 1995. He is survived by his partner, Jane Miller, and two sons.

Russell Larson '54, Boxford, MA, on July 21, 2009. He was an aerospace engineer for MIT Instrumentation and retired consultant who is remembered for giving the go-ahead for the Apollo 11 moon landing after an onboard guidance warning signal flashed. He is survived by his wife, Delores (Nelson '55), two daughters, and sister Doris Fehr '52.

MacLynn Hoyme Larson '55, La Crescenta, CA, on May 29, 2009. She is survived by one daughter and two sons.

David R. Nelson '55, Albuquerque, NM, on September 26, 2009. He was retired director of purchasing for Marigold Foods, Minneapolis, and is survived by his wife, Kay, and sister, Barb Jaeger '51.

Don Swanson '55, Robbinsdale, MN, on September 15, 2009. He was a retired teacher, coach, and administrator for Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School, and received a Gustavus Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of education in 2004. He founded and emceed the monthly Twin Cities Gustie Breakfasts and was a founding member of the Gustavus Football 50 Year Club. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, one son, Scott '85, and one daughter.

Richard Derauf '56, Madison, WI, on August 19, 2009. He was employed in packaging for 53 years, most recently at Dairyland Packaging, and is survived by his wife, Nancy (Irgens '57), two sons, and two daughters including Liz Odgren '73.

Audrey Simmons Jaspersen '56, Olympia, WA, on July 3, 2009. She worked for several state agencies, retiring in 2002 from Department of Social and Health Services. She is survived by three daughters and a son.

Judith Hanson Turnlund '58, San Francisco, CA, on August 16, 2009. She was research nutrition scientist for USDA Western Regional Labs. She was Gustavus's first female recipient of the First Decade Award and received a Distinguished Alumni Citation in the field of nutritional science in 1988. She is survived by her husband, Richard, three sons, and sister Karen Shogren '59.

Bruce Heyl '59, Appleton, WI, on August 22, 2009. He was a retired clinical psychiatrist and is survived by his wife, Diana, three sons, and three daughters.

Colleen Kerns Walter '59, Anna Maria, FL, on April 18, 2009. She was a retired educator and volunteer and is survived by her husband, Richard, two daughters, and two sons.

Warren Nelson '60, Bellingham, WA, in August 2009. He was a retired geologist for the Chevron Corp. and is survived by his wife, Fiona.

Gerald Rodning '60, Nicollet, MN, on September 13, 2009. He was a retired farmer and is survived by his wife, Elna, one daughter, and two sons.

Paul Kuehn '64, Hopkins, MN, on August 4, 2009. He was president of Miller, Johnson, Steichen, Kinnard, Inc., and served on the Gustavus Board of Trustees 1995-1998. He is survived by his wife, Joanna (Lundgren '64), one son, William '90, one daughter, and brother John '71.

Karen Kjos Forsyth '66, Wyckoff, MN, on July 4, 2009. She was a flight attendant for American Airlines and is survived by her husband, Robert, two sons, and sister Christine Bakalis '63.

Diane Gudal Taylor '68, Tempe, AZ, on October 15, 2009. She was a registered nurse and is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Donald Johnson '69, Ashland, WI, on June 11, 2009. He was employed by Lake Superior District Power Company and is survived by his wife, Cecelia.

Robert Hade '70, Fort Dodge, IA, on August 10, 2009. He was owner of Hade Carpet and Furniture and employed by Carpet World Flooring America. He is survived by his wife, Leslie (Anderson '71), one son, and two daughters.

Deborah Backstrom Swanson '73, Greenfield, MN, on August 27, 2009. She was director of nursing for Haven Homes, Maple Grove, and is survived by her husband, Thomas '73, one son, and one sister.

Charles Holsworth '74, North Branch, MN, on October 25, 2009. He was employed by American General Assurance Company and is survived by his wife, Bonnie, daughter Heidi Tertipes '00, and two sons including Chris '04.

Debbie Carroll Lookabaugh '74, Houston, TX, on August 1, 2009. She was a loan processor for D.R. Horton and is survived by her husband, Paul.

Jeanne Okerman Lyner '75, Stillwater, MN, on August 6, 2009. She was community programs specialist at FamilyMeans, group facilitator and school liaison for Children Are People, and is survived by her husband, Mike, two sons, brother Jerry '68, and sister Judy Kastelle '71.

Lisa Krause Heutmaker '83, Cottage Grove, MN, on September 30, 2009. She was senior state filer for Northland Insurance Co. and member of World Voices Chorale. She is survived by her husband, Jeff, two stepdaughters, her mother, one brother, and one sister.

Gordon Asleson, St. Peter, MN, on October 2, 2009. He was employed by Gustavus as an electrician from 1962-1985 and is survived by his wife, Adeline, and sons Gary '70 and Brian '77.

Vincent Dumdei, St. Peter, MN, on August 18, 2009. He was employed as a custodian at Gustavus for 25 years before his retirement and is survived by his wife, Helen, and son Paul '82.

Mary Alice Ericson, Cedar Rapids, IA, on April 30, 2009. She was a former professor at Gustavus (1948-1960) and wife of the late E. E. Ericson, English professor from 1948-1959. She retired from the sociology department at Coe College in 1978. She is survived by one daughter.

Kathleen Hamrum, St. Peter, MN, on October 19, 2009. She was the wife of the late Charles L. Hamrum, longtime professor of biology. She is survived by a daughter, Carol Hamrum Rutz '71, and a son, Kenneth '74.

Charles Hildebrandt, Crosslake, MN, on April 26, 2009. He was employed by Gustavus for 35 years in the maintenance department as a master plumber and is survived by his wife, Jean, and two daughters.

Elaine Skramstad, St. Peter, MN on October 3, 2009. She was a longtime custodian in Uhler Hall until her retirement in 1987. She is survived by a son and two daughters.



CALLING ALL GUSTIE BIRDERS!

Gustavus Birding 'Big Day'

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Several years ago, Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, began a tradition of compiling a list of birds seen on a given day in May anywhere in the world by its faculty, students, and alumni. Now, it's Gustavus's turn! If you've ever done any bird-watching, if you enjoy photographing birds, or even if you have bird feeders at home, this is an international event you won't want to miss.

The task is simple: Wherever you are in the world, make a list of the birds you observe on **Saturday, May 15, 2010**. At the end of the day, send in your list to Bob Dunlap '08, Linnaeus Arboretum naturalist at Gustavus Adolphus College. Send e-mail to rdunlap@gustavus.edu. If e-mail is not possible, you may send mail to the following address:

Bob Dunlap
Gustavus Birding Big Day
800 West College Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

When submitting your list, please include where you saw each species in as much detail as you want. Simply "Japan" will suffice, as will "across the street in my neighbor's backyard in St. Peter, Nicollet County, Minnesota." Feel free to include any other information pertinent to your observations/excursions.

The "home" team at the College will begin birding before dawn that Saturday morning.

For more information, contact Bob Dunlap by e-mail (above) or by phone at 507-933-7199.

ALUMNI TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY IN

AFRICA

Biology professor Cindy Johnson-Groh is offering a January Interim Experience course in Tanzania during January 2011. There will be spots reserved for five alumni or friends of the College on this course.

TITLE: Natural History and Conservation Biology in Northern Tanzania

DESCRIPTION: The course is an introduction to the natural history of northern Tanzania, including ecology, geology, anthropology, climate, and culture. Participants will be exposed to all aspects of African wildlife conservation issues in the context of increasing population pressures and poverty. Ngorongoro Crater, a popular tourist site, will be contrasted with a remote area just outside of Serengeti National Park, comparing ecology of plants and animals in these areas and how they are affected by ecotourism as well as how they are impacted by the Maasai people.

ACTIVITIES: Camping safari; hiking; photography; plant, bird, and mammal identification and observation; visiting Hadza and Maasai villages.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Participants share a tent with one other person. Sleeping bag and pad required. Food is varied, ample,

and delicious; vegetarian options and dietary needs are possible.

INSTRUCTOR: Cindy Johnson-Groh, professor, Department of Biology, who has led seven trips to Tanzania and is currently (2009-2010) in Tanzania on a Fulbright Scholarship.

DATES: January 2-24, 2011 (four weeks)

COST: Approximately \$5,500. Airfare, accommodations, and meals included.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

■ A sense of adventure and enthusiasm for outdoor experiences, places, and people. ■ Tolerance for uncomfortable and primitive conditions. Travel is over rough winding roads in open vehicles. ■ An ability to hike 2-3 miles per day in varied terrain (slippery, rocky, steep, or sandy). ■ Tolerance of inclement weather. ■ Participants will be taking this course with Gustavus students. Reading and writing assignments are required for all participants.

Alumni application deadline is April 15, 2010. For more information, contact Carolyn O'Grady, director of the Center for International and Cultural Education (cograde@gustavus.edu), or Cindy Johnson-Groh (cjgroh@gustavus.edu).

FIRST DECADE AWARD

Brian North '99

from his award ceremony introduction by Neil Buddensiek '99

During Brian North's years at Gustavus, you could often find him working in the laboratories of Nobel Hall. As a true scientist, he thought it natural to be characterizing the S15 ribosomal protein gene family expressed in *Arabidopsis thaliana* for his biology thesis under the direction of Professor Colleen Jacks '79.

After graduating from Gustavus *magna cum laude* with Phi Beta Kappa honors, Brian was driven to further study of biomedical sciences in the field of cell and molecular biology. He attended the University of California, San Francisco for his Ph.D., where he studied the siruin gene family in the laboratory of Dr. Eric Verdin. With Dr. Verdin, he characterized an involvement for these genes in regulating cellular proliferation and ensuring proper segregation of the cellular genetic material during division. At the same time, studies on these genes were being initiated in research labs elsewhere for their role in regulating the process of aging and their involvement in protection from age-related diseases. Following the completion of his Ph.D. at the end of 2005, Brian transitioned more deeply into the molecular biology of aging research field. He was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and jointly became a research fellow in pathology at the Paul F. Glenn Labs for the Biological Mechanisms of Aging at Harvard Medical School, where he works with Dr. David Sinclair. Currently, he is trying to elucidate the connection between aging and genetic stability in both the model organism yeast and

mouse models of aging and colon cancer. Brian's interest also extends to understanding the molecular mechanism behind the beneficial effects of caloric restriction, especially as it relates to cancer prevention and dampening the aging process.

Over the last 10 years, Brian has published 14 papers of his work in prestigious journals such as the *American Journal of Pathology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, and *Journal of Cell Biology*. He holds two patents for methods of modulating mitochondrial DNA-dependent and tubulin deacetylase activity. He has also co-authored a chapter in a book titled *Histone Deacetylases: Transcriptional Regulation and Other Cellular Functions*.

There is no doubt that Brian's keen intellect and unquenchable curiosity for new discovery in the field of cell and molecular biology of the cell cycle will push the science of aging and the factors and mechanisms that regulate cancer development to new heights of understanding throughout the course of his scientific career.

Brian North selected his classmate and friend Neal Buddensiek '99 to provide an introduction for the First Decade Award ceremony. Neal is a staff physician and internal medicine hospitalist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.



Brian North

2009 FIRST DECADE AWARD

First presented in 1968, the First Decade Award was established to recognize one male and one female for early professional achievement by graduates of the 10th anniversary class. Criteria appropriate to selection shall include the difficulty of accomplishment; quality, creativity, and distinctiveness of performance; recognition by professional peers; and lasting contribution to the world of ideas and affairs.



Tammy Williams VanDeGrift

FIRST DECADE AWARD

Tammy Williams VanDeGrift '99

from her award ceremony introduction by Stephanie DeFrance Schmidt '99

If you ask Tammy Williams VanDeGrift what she is most proud of from her undergraduate years, she would probably talk about her work with youth through Gustavus Youth Outreach. She might talk about balancing the golf team with the academic rigor of a math and computer science degree. She might say that she wasn't sure she would live through Barbara Kaiser's Abstract Algebra class. Tammy would be too humble to mention the moment she won the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and she certainly wouldn't talk about that fellowship's track record with producing Nobel Prize winners.

Funded by this prestigious fellowship, Tammy studied computer science and engineering at the University of

Washington, where she continued to earn fellowships and awards. Tammy's creative Christmas letter didn't mention that she earned the American Society for Engineering Education Apprentice Faculty Grant, which is awarded to only four doctoral students or pre-tenured faculty in engineering nationally.

If you ask Tammy what she is proud of now, she will talk about her students at the University of Portland, where she is an assistant professor of computer science and electrical engineering, and what she has been able to teach them. Tammy might tell you how she enjoyed giving back through a workshop she led for high school student with disabilities, but she wouldn't tell you how the resultant paper won "Best Paper" at a conference. Many of Tammy's publications center on teaching methods and approaches—articles that will have an impact, helping students around the country learn.

A more impressive list of articles, awards, and presentations at conferences could not be found. Really, the list doesn't even get at Tammy's love of teaching and service, and her humble and down-to-earth nature, all of which make her a very deserving recipient of the First Decade award.

Tammy VanDeGrift selected classmate and friend Stephanie DeFrance Schmidt '99 to introduce her at the First Decade Award presentation. Stephanie is an ESL teacher at Adams Spanish Immersion Magnet School in St. Paul, where she resides with her husband, Matthew.

NOMINEES

In addition to First Decade Award recipients Brian North and Tammy Williams VanDeGrift, other finalists included:

MEN: **Kiril Avamov**, Sofia, Bulgaria, assistant professor, Department of Political Science, University of Sofia; **Dan Elling**, Alexandria, VA, staff director, subcommittee on health, Congressman Dave Camp, Committee on Ways and Means; **Marc Newell**, Vadnais Heights, MN, cardiology fellow, University of Minnesota Medical School; **Ryan Pesch**, Pelican Rapids, MN, associate extension professor, University of Minnesota Extension, Fergus Falls, MN.

WOMEN: **Meghan Allen Eliason**, Minneapolis, MN, director, Center for Intercultural Learning and Community Engagement, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN; **Ann Miller**, Madison, WI, postdoctoral fellow, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin/Madison; **Jennifer Chalgren Pedersen**, Hibbing, MN, family medicine physician, Duluth Clinic-Hibbing; **Stephanie Truhlar**, San Diego, CA, research scientist, applied molecular evolution, Eli Lilly and Company.

SECOND-GENERATION GUSTIES Fall 2009

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

John R. Anderson '81

Daughter, Lauren
Minnetonka, MN

Donald Baker '75

Daughter, Sarah
Roseville, MN

Paul and Melinda Moen Batz '85 '86

Daughter, Kathryn
Bloomington, MN

Lynn Anderson Betcher '80

Daughter, Katherine
Red Wing, MN

Kelly and Sue Schmidt

Bevans '82 '82
Daughter, Kelley
Brainerd, MN

Paul and Amy Erdman

Biewen '80 '82
Son, Benjamin
Edina, MN

Kevin and Evelyn Wickstrom

Bjork '79 '80
Son, Bryan
Stillwater, MN

Lee Brudvig '77

Son, Karl
North Oaks, MN

Jon and Jacque Schwartz

Brunsborg '79 '81
Daughter, Jordan
Mendota Heights, MN

Diane Foss Carlson '83

Daughter, Brittany
Woodbury, MN

Gene Carlson '82

Gail Erickson Carlson '82

Daughter, Lauren
Apple Valley, MN

Dave and Carolyn DeWitt

Carlson '82 '83
Daughter, Nicole
Plymouth, MN

Gary N. Carlson '82

Son, Tucker
Minneapolis, MN

Jackie Hunt Christensen '86

Son, Alexander
Minneapolis, MN

Nan Graham Corson '73

Daughter, Brittany
Lino Lakes, MN

Daniel Croonquist '87

Daughter, Amanda
Pennock, MN

Steve Dittes and Kathryn Berg '78 '78

Daughter, Kayleigh
Eden Prairie, MN

Renee Radjenovich Donnelly '88

Daughter, Sophie
Rosholt, SD

Lynn Wolters Ennis '85

Daughter, Emmalynn
Faribault, MN

Brent R. Erickson '84

Daughter, Alexandra
Minnetonka, MN

John G. Erickson '81

Son, Dane
Woodbury, MN

Lee and Becky Anderson

Fahrenz '87 '87
Daughter, Alissa
Aurora, IL

Ronald Furnival '79

Daughter, Elle
Orono, MN

Leigh Gentz Gervais '83

Son, Trevor
Fergus Falls, MN

Marcus and Elizabeth Joas

Gustafson '73 '75
Son, William
Edina, MN

Scott and Laurie Berge Hagen '84 '84

Son, Matthew
Tampa, FL

Laurie Iverson Hassenstab '83

Daughter, Emily
Chaska, MN

Keith Hedlund '79

Son, David
Bloomington, MN

George and Mary Dee Hicks '75 '75

Son, George
Eden Prairie, MN

Jonathan Hilding '84

Son, Stephen
Hudson, WI

Rick Hjelm '83

Daughter, Lindsey
St. Paul, MN

Kathryn Nelson Hund '79

Daughter, Sarah
Willmar, MN

Dick and Barbara Nelson

Hutson '81 '81
Son, Douglas
Robbinsdale, MN

Marc and Sara Johnson Illies '85 '85

Son, Connor
Brandon, MN

Jeff and Leslee Jackels

Jaeger '82 '83
Son, Cameron
Plymouth, MN

Joseph Janasz '84

Kathy Fast Janasz '82
Son, Michael
Minneapolis, MN

James R. Jensen '75

Daughter, Kara
Prior Lake, MN

Greg and Lisa Swenson

Jorgensen '80 '80
Son, Andrew
Edina, MN

Sandra Shaw Kerrigan '79

Daughter, Katherine
Olympia, WA

David and Dagni Johnson

Lee '82 '83
Son, Kyle
Woodbury, MN

David and Jane Norman

Leitzman '69 '69
Daughter, Karla
St. Joseph, MN

Rob Linner '74

Daughter, Jane
Edina, MN

Mark Lund '83

Son, Adam
Burnsville, MN

David Martens '76

Daughter, Caitlin
Lakeville, MN

Andrew and Sara Stutsman

Massaro '85 '85
Daughter, Suzanna
Eagan, MN

Gregory Mikel '82

Daughter, Elaine
Hastings, MN

Thomas J. Miller '80

Daughter, Paula
Edina, MN

Jeff and Julie Haen Morton '84 '84

Daughter, Anna
Edina, MN

David Najarian '81

Son, Daved
Stillwater, MN

Otto Naujokas '75

Son, Alexander
Paynesville, MN

Janet Spitzack Novak '75

Daughter, McKenzie
Lakeville, MN

Tom and Sharon Borg Opsahl '81 '83

Daughter, Samantha
Forest Lake, MN

Andrew Ozolins '76

Daughter, Megan
St. Paul, MN

D. Scott Peterson '68

Son, Andrew
Sparks, NV

Gregory and Jacque Radke

Peterson '88 '89
Daughter, Meghan
Rochester, MN

Sue Bade Pinske '80

Daughter, Anna
Arlington, MN

Sara Schauer Quiram '84

Son, Bruce
Waterville, MN

Randall and Andrea Hasse

Richert '85 '85
Daughter, Jessica
Freeburg, IL

Meredith Engwall Walsh '82

Daughter, Mia
Chanhassen, MN

Bob and Beth Sparboe

Schnell '81 '82
Daughter, Laura
Medina, MN

Michael Solbrack '82

Son, Aaron
Litchfield, MN

Dean TeBrake '85

Daughter, Lauren
Shakopee, MN

Jim and Gabrielle Precilio

Thon '82 '82
Son, John
Faribault, MN

Steve Thorn '76

Son, Eric
Eagan, MN

David Tomlinson '84

Son, Preston
New Prague, MN

Jenny Steiner Tongen '76

Daughter, Lucy
Waconia, MN

Scott and Liz Latterell Turner '83 '84

Son, Joseph
Plymouth, MN

Cathy Whitney Virnig '83

Son, Ryan
Golden Valley, MN

Laura Jarmon Weiers '80

Son, Samuel
LeCenter, MN

Robert Wiesner '78

Son, Adam
Rochester, MN

Gary and Jayne Goehl

Williams '80 '80
Son, Ryan
Minnetonka, MN

Jeffrey Youngs '83

Son, Adam
Paynesville, MN

Mark and Joanne Scott Zard '77 '77

Daughter, Allison
Caledonia, MN

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- 1 Lee Fahrenz '87, Alissa Fahrenz '13, Becky Anderson Fahrenz '87
- 2 Melinda Moen Batz '85, Kathryn Batz '13, Paul Batz '85
- 3 Mark Lund '83, Adam Lund '13, Andrew Lund, Cynthia Lund
- 4 Carolyn Dewitt Carlson '83 and Nicole Carlson '13
- 5 Sara Johnson Illies '85, Connor Illies '13, Marc Illies '85
- 6 Rick Hjelm '83, Lindsey Hjelm '13, Melanie Hjelm
- 7 Jane Linner '13, Elizabeth Linner, Rob Linner '74
- 8 Tim Carlson, Gail Erickson Carlson '82, Lauren Carlson '13
- 9 Karla Leitzman '13, Dave Leitzman '69, Jane Norman Leitzman '69
- 10 Beth Sparboe Schnell '82, Laura Schnell '13, Bob Schnell '81

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S MESSAGE TO CLASS OF 2013

by Ron White '75

President, Gustavus Alumni Association

On behalf of nearly 26,000 Gustie alumni cheering you on today, I welcome you to our family, a family nearly 150 years old. It's now your family too, not just for the next four years, but a family that each and every one of you will be connected to for the rest of your lives.

Gusties pride ourselves not only in our lifelong connection but our common goals anchored in community, service, faith, excellence, and justice. After 148 years, and even after your four years here on campus, those core values still remain evident in our everyday lives.

Community – we still have genuine concern for each other.

Service – we still serve each other and the wider community in many ways.

Faith – the College still offers us the opportunity to strengthen and refortify ours.

Excellence – it is in everything we do.

Justice – we are fair and morally responsible.

By virtue of choosing to become a citizen of this essential and exclusive enterprise, Gustavus Adolphus College, you have both benefits and obligations. Membership requires your active and ongoing support starting now. By choosing Gustavus, you have entered into a lifelong relationship that will endure beyond your legacy. Alumni and former students through their active engagement and support have made it possible for you to attend our great institution. This is the family and community you are now a part of.

Class of 2013, welcome! Work hard, have fun, make your parents proud, and make Gustavus your very own. Be safe, be happy, be healthy. **Go Gusties!**

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St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

ARTS ON CAMPUS

Cuarteto Latinoamericano, a leading proponent of Latin American music for string quartet, will present "A Latin-American Evening of Music" on campus on February 15, 2010. The award-winning ensemble from Mexico has toured throughout the Americas and Europe and has performed with major orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Dallas Symphony, and the Simón Bolívar Orchestra of Venezuela. The quartet's performance is scheduled as part of the College's Global Insight program, which focuses this year on Mexico and features fine arts events, invited speakers, a common reading, and service-learning opportunities, as well as class time dedicated to discussions of Mexican culture, arts, economy, and politics. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in Jussi Björling Recital Hall. Order tickets online at gustavustickets.com or contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

