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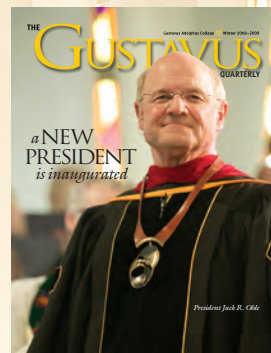
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16th president of
Gustavus Adolphus College

On these pages . . .

*President Jack R. Ohle accepts
the acclaim of the audience
following his investiture.*

Photograph by Anders Björling '58



'People, get ready'

Jake Seamans '10



I've been thinking about inaugurations lately, in the wake of the week of activities in early October marking the inauguration of President Jack Ohle as the 16th president of Gustavus Adolphus College, which are chronicled in this issue of the *Quarterly*.

The inauguration of a new president at a college or university has traditionally been a singular event marked by the pomp of the academic procession, when visitors from many other institutions join us to witness the investiture and help "launch" a new administration. It has also been a time for celebration—gala dinners and events for faculty and students as well. And it is an opportunity for the new president to define the task ahead, and to outline it in different ways to different constituencies so that it will resonate with each of them.

I've witnessed six inaugurations at Gustavus—one as a student (Frank Barth's) and five during my time as a member of the administrative staff (those of John Kendall '49, Axel Steuer, Dennis Johnson '60, Jim Peterson '64, and now Jack Ohle). That number seems to contradict the singularity I mentioned above. But consider this: Generations of students enrolled here between 1945 and 1968 never saw an inauguration on campus. A faculty member might have had a 20+ year career during the presidency of Edgar Carlson '30 without once marching in an inaugural procession.

Times have changed. The demands on today's college president, the expectation that he or she will lead successive drives with larger and larger goals to come up with the funds necessary to operate the institution or improve its endowment, the pressure to realize immediate results . . . all these factors contribute to the shortening of the average term of presidents. A survey conducted by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* a few years ago revealed that trend, finding that the average term for college and university presidents had declined to five or six years. Rare these days are the patriarchs who modeled long-term security; more common are the CEOs with their short-term business plans.

Nevertheless, we hold to the promise of the inauguration and take time to celebrate a new leader and pledge support, as you'll note on these pages. Even so, President Ohle has hit the ground running. At the gala following his investiture service, he and Board Chair Jim Gale '83 announced Commission Gustavus 150, an ambitious initiative to chart the College's future, engage its leaders and benefactors, and plan for its sesquicentennial in 2011–12. The scope of the Commission is outlined inside as well.

I'm reminded of the opening lyrics of a Curtis Mayfield song:

*"People, get ready, 'cause the train's a-comin',
Don't need no baggage—you just get on board."*

Steve Waldhauser '70
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China Studies endowment enhances College's 'Global Insight' focus

The inaugural activity supported by the Francis C. and Ruth Vikner Gamelin Endowment Fund for China Studies at Gustavus Adolphus College dovetailed neatly with the College's new "Gustavus Global Insight" four-year pilot program, which in its first year is focusing on China. David W. Vikner, an educator with an impressive resume of teaching and church posts in China who was named president of the Japan ICU Foundation in 2002, was the first Gamelin China Studies Lecturer; he presented a public lecture in October on "The Church in China."

David Vikner, Ed.D., spent his early years in China and Japan and has worked in Asia nearly 15 years, serving in various capacities, including China consultant (1984–1986) for the Lutheran World Federation in Hong Kong. From July 1989 to October 2000, Vikner was president of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, an autonomous agency related to nine protestant denominations in North America. The United Board works with more than 80 colleges and universities in Burma, Cambodia, China,



David Vikner

Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Vikner's family has had a long relationship with China. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents served in China as Lutheran missionaries, and his parents, both of whom were born in China, worked in

that country as well as in Japan. Vikner is married to Dr. Lin M. (Ma Lin) Vikner, an obstetrician-gynecologist who was educated and trained in China. They have two children.

The Gamelin Endowment Fund for China Studies was established in 2000 to provide support for students and faculty members to study China's

culture, economy, politics, and international relationships, and to disseminate their learning to Gustavus and to a wider community. It was initially funded by Theodore and Helen Gamelin to honor his parents, Francis Gamelin '38, a former instructor and registrar at Gustavus (1940–1947), and Ruth Vikner Gamelin '37. The elder Gamelins' interest in China goes back to Ruth's early years as the child of missionary parents in that country. An additional gift allowed the College to invite David Vikner (who is a nephew of Ruth) for a week-long residency marking the initial use of the Gamelin China Studies Fund. 

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Briefly . . .

Gustavus first to earn MPCA Green Star

Earlier this fall, Gustavus Adolphus College became the first college or university in Minnesota to receive a "Green Star" Award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), recognizing the physical plant's compliance with environmental protection regulations and guidelines.

The Minnesota Legislature had passed legislation in 1999 ensuring the continuation of the Environmental Improvement Program, more commonly known as the Environmental Audit Program (EAP). This program encourages industries, businesses, and governments to examine how well a facility's operations are complying with local, state, and federal environmental regu-

lations, and correct any problems that are identified. After conducting a self-audit and addressing shortcomings, the College submitted its results to the MPCA, which confirmed compliance and awarded the Green Star.

McPherson is Lefler Lecturer

Pulitzer Prize-winning American Civil War historian James M. McPherson '58 delivered the 2008 Herbert P. and Mary Jane Lefler Lecture at Gustavus Adolphus College on Oct. 13. McPherson examined and evaluated the challenges President Abraham Lincoln faced as he oversaw military strategy, contended with fractious, reluctant generals, and experienced both moments of defeat and victory during America's bloodiest war.

McPherson is a graduate of both St. Peter High School and Gustavus, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1958. He is the George Henry Davis Professor Emeritus of United States History at Princeton University and the author of several award-winning books. His 1988 work, *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, won the Pulitzer Prize and has sold more than 600,000 copies. *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War* was published in 1998 and won the Lincoln Prize that year for the finest scholarly work on Lincoln or the American Civil War. His 1964 dissertation, *The Struggle for Equality: Abolitionists and the Negro in the Civil War and Reconstruction*, earned the Anisfield-Wolf Award for its im-

portant contribution to society's understanding of racism. *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief*, his latest book, was released on Oct. 7.

The Lefler Lecture was established in 1993 by Mary Jane Lefler in memory of her husband, Herbert. By bringing outside speakers, professors, lecturers, artists, historians, and theologians to the Gustavus campus to meet with classes and address the community, the program aims to enrich the academic experience for students as it carries on the Lefler family's tradition of "pursuing truth and integrity through curiosity, inquiry, discussion, teaching, and learning."

Familiar faces, new responsibilities

Two alumni with administrative experience at Gustavus have been hired into new positions at the College, one returning after a 11-year absence and the other moving to a newly created position.

Doug Minter '79 returns to Gustavus as director of student financial assistance after working as an independent student aid consultant for the past several years. Minter worked in the Gustavus admission and financial aid offices from 1985 to 1997 before taking a position with Stetson University, DeLand, Fla, in 1997. He returned to Minnesota in 1999, continuing in the

financial aid field with Citibank and CollegeLoan Corporation as an account representative.

Barbara Larson Taylor '93, who has been assistant director of alumni relations at Gustavus since 1994, is undertaking new responsibilities for the administration of President Jack Ohle. Larson Taylor has been named assistant to the president for special projects, and her first assignment is to serve as executive director of Commission Gustavus 150, a major initiative established by the Board of Trustees and designed to involve all the College's constituents in integrating and expanding Gustavus's strategic plan and making recommendations for future advancement (see article on p. 22).



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Longtime Book Mark manager dies

B. Jeanette Larson '54, who managed the Gustavus Adolphus College bookstore for 35 years from 1948 until her retirement in 1983, died Sept. 19 at Redeemer Residence in Minneapolis. She was 92.

In 1948, Gustavus President Edgar M. Carlson '30 traveled to Alexandria, where Larson was working as a matron in a home for dependent children, to interview her for the job of manager

Matt Thomas '00





of the College's then-fledgling bookstore. Larson accepted the position and became manager while also enrolling as a part-time student at the College. Despite earning a degree in social work in 1954, she decided to continue to work at Gustavus, transforming the Book Mark from a small store in the basement of a men's dormitory to the full-service bookstore that it is today. Larson served four years on the board of trustees of the National Association of College Stores (NACS) and was named the NACS Manager of the Year for 1972-73. During her 35 years at the College, she was also very active in college and community affairs.

Niederriter is new Nobel Conference director

Physics professor Chuck Niederriter has assumed responsibilities as the third director of the Nobel Conference after Tim Robinson '65, professor of psychology, stepped down from the post at the conclusion of this year's conference.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my nine years as director of this great conference," Robinson said. "While it is time to pass the torch to Chuck Niederriter, I do hope to remain involved with the Nobel Conference on some level."


Robinson, who joined the College's faculty in 1969, first

served in a leadership role for the conference in 1975 when he was a committee member for the 11th Nobel Conference, titled "Future of Science." He later served as a committee member for three neuroscience-related Nobel Conferences: "Place of Mind in Nature" (1981), "How We Know" (1984), and "Unlocking the Brain" (1994). In 2000, he became just the second director of the conference series, assuming the role that the retiring Chaplain Richard Elvee had held since 1981. Robinson himself chaired the most recent conference, "Who Were the First Humans?"

New director Niederriter has announced that next year's



Lifetouch

Nobel Conference, "H₂O: Uncertain Resource," to be held on Oct. 6 and 7, 2009, will be followed by conferences focusing on food and nutrition (2010) and effective neuroscience (2011). 

Wind and string orchestra tours announced

Two of the College's major music ensembles will be touring in January and February 2009. The Gustavus Wind Orchestra, conducted by Douglas Nimmo, will tour in Colorado and South Dakota during Reading and Touring Week (Jan. 31-Feb. 8, 2009), while the Gustavus String Orchestra, conducted by Warren Friesen, will present concerts in Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The Gustavus Choir and the Gustavus Jazz Lab Band will be touring during Spring Break, March 21-29; their itineraries will be in the Spring issue of the *Quarterly*.

Gustavus Wind Orchestra 2009 Tour Itinerary

Saturday, Jan. 24	7 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minn.
Saturday, Jan. 31	7 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church, Cherry Hills Village, Colo.
Monday, Feb. 2	7 p.m., Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Littleton, Colo.
Tuesday, Feb. 3,	7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Thursday, Feb. 5	7 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colo.
Friday, Feb. 6	7 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapid City, S.D.
Saturday, Feb. 7	3:30 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Sunday, Feb. 8	2 p.m., Christ Chapel (home concert), St. Peter, Minn.

Gustavus String Orchestra 2009 Tour Itinerary

Friday, Jan. 30	7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minn.
Saturday, Jan. 31	7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa, with the Iowa Youth Chorus
Sunday, Feb. 1	8:45 and 11 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Monday, Feb. 2	7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Wednesday, Feb. 4	7:30 p.m., First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tenn.
Thursday, Feb. 5	7:30 p.m., Epiphany Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio
Friday, Feb. 6	7:30 p.m., Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Naperville, Ill.
Saturday, Feb. 7	3:30 p.m., Schauer Center for the Arts, Hartford, Wis.
Sunday, Feb. 8	10 a.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hartford, Wis.
Monday, Feb. 9	7:30 p.m., Christ Chapel (home concert), St. Peter, Minn.

Tours are posted on the Gustavus website, gustavus.edu/finearts/Tour_Site.cfm, and late schedule changes may be found there.



Homecoming and Family Weekend 2008

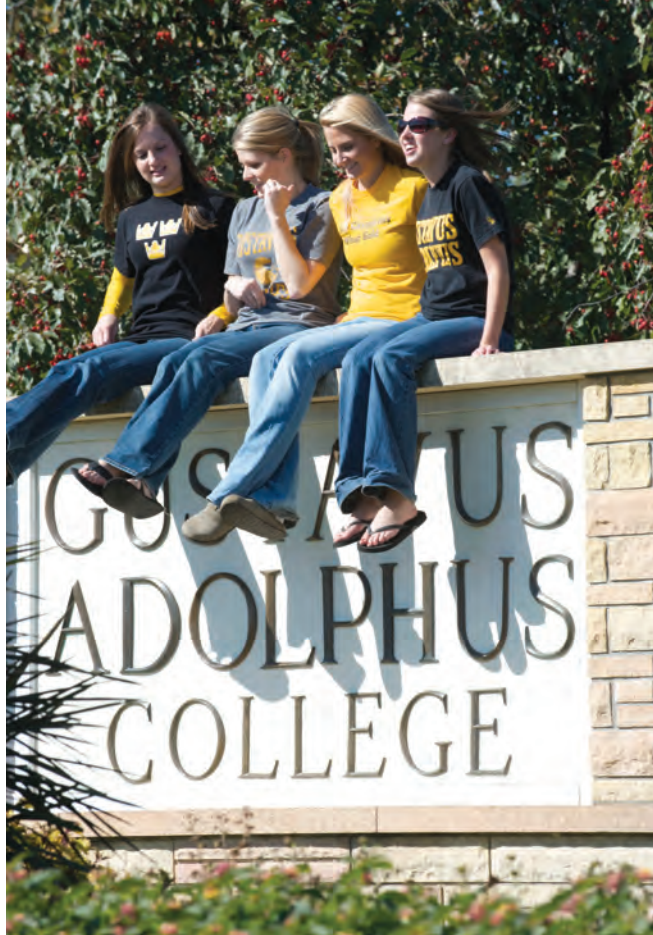
Events 'celebrate Gustavus' and introduce new president

Photos by Tom Roster




Homecoming 2008 brought many anniversary classes back to campus, including the Class of 1988 (above), which celebrated the 20th year of its graduation. Left and below, an Oktoberfest supper in the Lund Forum following the football game gave new President Jack Ohle an opportunity to meet alumni and parents.





Matt Thomas '00

Outstanding employee awards announced

Three members of the Gustavus Adolphus College community were honored during the Oct. 30 daily chapel service as recipients of the College's annual outstanding employee awards. **Judy Waldhauser** (left), computer coordinator for the Office of Admission, was announced as the 2008 recipient of the Augusta Carlson Schultz Award, which is presented annually to a support staff employee who exemplifies outstanding dedication and spirit of service. Waldhauser has worked at the College for 33 years and was also a head resident of Sohre Hall for nine years. **Virgil Jones**, director of multicultural programs, received the 2008 Eric Norelius Award, given annually to an outstanding administrative employee. Jones, a Gustavus employee since 2004, is also an adviser to the Building Bridges conference, the Diversity Leadership Council, and the "I Am . . . We Are" theatre troupe. **Florence Amamoto**, associate professor of English, earned the 2008 Faculty Service Award. Since joining the faculty in 1990, Amamoto has been active on several faculty committees and has been the recipient of numerous awards. She served as director of Curriculum II from 1999 to 2006 and was active on the Women's Studies Committee from 1990 to 2003. 




On the Web . . .

Within minutes of Curtis Marean's question-and-answer session following his opening lecture at Nobel Conference[®] 44, visitors to the College's website were able to view his presentation—in its entirety—online. Other presenters soon followed, and the process was repeated, giving unprecedented access to Gustavus's premiere event.



Visitors will find videos from this year's conference, as well as those from previous years, at gustavus.edu/nobelconference.

If you've ever wondered what it takes to host an event like the Nobel Conference, take a look at this time-lapse video from Lund Arena: gustavus.edu/nobelconference/timelapse. 



Concurrent exhibitions open at the Hillstrom Museum of Art

by Donald Myers '83

Opening in November in the Hillstrom Museum of Art are two concurrent exhibitions. *Come On! American Posters from World War I* and *Illusion & Certainty* (Paintings by Martin Weinstein) will be on view from Nov. 24, 2008, to Jan. 30, 2009, with an opening reception scheduled on Nov. 24, 7–9 p.m.

Come On! draws on a collection of propaganda posters from the World War I era in the College Archives of Gustavus Adolphus College. It considers the artistry of the images in the 36 posters featured in the exhibition, as well as the political, historical, religious, and social background of each.

The exhibition was conceived by Laura Behling, an associate professor of English who has an interest in the role of gender in the early twentieth century and who is herself a collector of such posters. Assisting her in the project was third-year student Chelsea Kramer, who, with Behling, was the recipient of a Gustavus Adolphus College Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant. The two have collaborated with the Museum in the creation of didactic texts for the exhibition, including a checklist brochure that features their general essay on the collection of posters and the context in which they functioned. Their more detailed description of the collaboration and the exhibit starts on p. 11.

Illusion & Certainty features landscape paintings by New York artist Martin Weinstein, whose works have been exhibited in many venues in the United States as well as abroad in Paris, Warsaw, and Edinburgh, and have appeared in *Art in America*, *ARTNews*, and *Arts Magazine*. The artist's working method involves painting on layers of transparent acrylic sheets, which, when stacked, form a composite, seemingly changeable image.

Illusion & Certainty features 50 of Weinstein's paintings, many of them depictions of Kenoten, a location in the Hudson River Valley in New York

where the artist often works. The exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue featuring an essay on Weinstein by art critic Richard Vine, recently named senior editor for *Art in America*'s Asia division after having served as the publication's managing editor, and by New York gallery owner Michael Walls. *Illusion & Certainty* was organized through Katherine T. Carter & Associates. 

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




Martin Weinstein, *Irises*, 2002, oil on acrylic sheets, 13 x 10 inches

FOCUS IN/ON project considers culture of sports



The Hillstrom Museum of Art recently featured a work from its permanent collection in a display of a 1916 drawing by the great American artist George Bellows (1882–1925) titled *Tennis Match (Camden, Maine)*, a gift to the Museum from the Rev. Richard L. Hillstrom in 2003.

The drawing, which depicts a tennis game played by Bellows, his wife, Emma, and their friend, painter Leon Kroll (1884–1974), is the subject of another of the Museum's *FOCUS IN/ON* projects, in which individual works from the Hillstrom Collection are collaboratively explored by Museum Director Donald Myers '83 and a colleague from across the curriculum and co-curriculum. Bellows's drawing was the

subject of an extended didactic essay co-written with Steve Wilkinson, nationally recognized coach of the highly successful men's tennis program at Gustavus Adolphus College. The text considers artist Bellows and his interest in sports, including boxing, basketball, and baseball in addition to tennis, and the cultural history of tennis in the 1910s, both in the United States in general and at Gustavus in particular. The entire text of this study can be found online on the Museum's website at gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom. 



Poking and prying with a purpose

American posters of World War I and faculty-student collaborative research

by *Chelsea Kramer '10*

"Research is formalized curiosity . . . It is a poking and prying with a purpose."

— Zora Neale Hurston, *Dust Tracks on a Road* (1942)

This fall, *Come On! American Posters of World War I* comes to the walls of the Hillstrom Museum of Art as the result of summer research collaboration between Laura Behling, associate professor of English, and student Chelsea Kramer '10. As a literary and cultural studies scholar, Behling has long been fascinated by American poster art and the way in which these images, like literature, can function as a text from which one can learn about the social norms and politics of an era. Several years ago, her interest became the vision for this exhibit when she learned that the Gustavus Adolphus College Archives housed a collection of more than 40 vintage World War I posters.

Behling's accomplice in the project was Chelsea Kramer, whose interest in historical narratives and in art, both culturally and aesthetically, fit well with the type of research that would be needed to bring these posters to the Hillstrom Museum. The two spent this past summer researching the socio-political fac-

tors and artistic movements out of which the posters arose in order to interpret them as aesthetic pieces and cultural texts, and assess their impact as propaganda both historically and today. This research and interpretive work was used to write explanation pieces displayed next to the posters in the exhibit, as well as the more in-depth exhibit brochure. The entire project was funded by the Gustavus Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, awarded to select summer research projects between a Gustavus faculty member and a student. The grant seeks to give students an opportunity to experience what working in a field of their interest would be like, while supporting the scholarly inquisitiveness of both faculty members and students.

For Behling the project was a perfect combination of several of her interests. She cites her "interest in World War I posters, particularly those with images of women, such as you see in YWCA or victory garden posters," as part of her motivation for this project. "The World War I images appear in the same era as my areas of scholarly and teaching expertise," she explains, "the early decades of the twentieth century. And I'm especially interested in thinking about how undergraduate students in English, and humanities in general, can



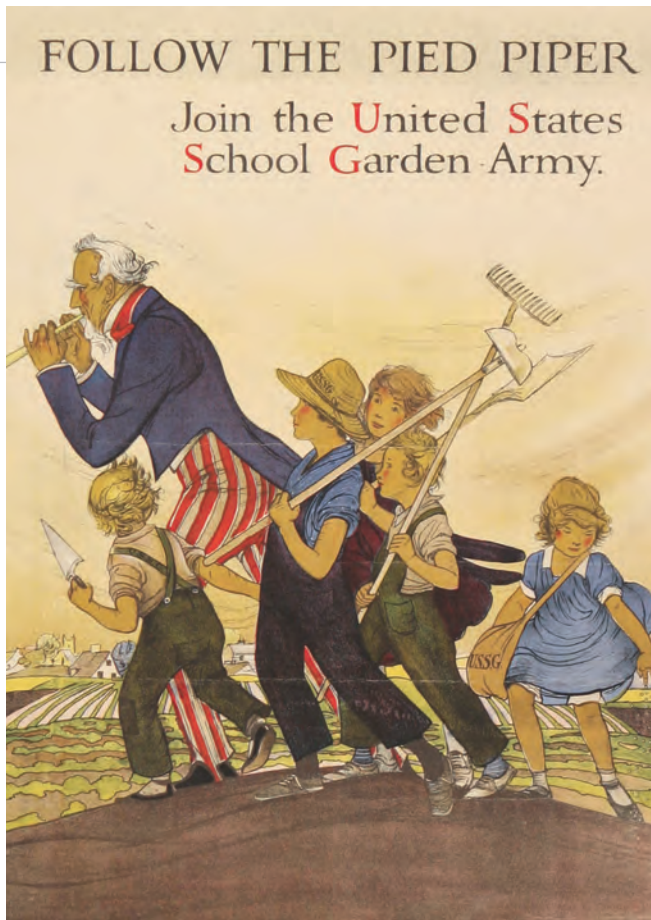
Walter Whitehead (1874–1956), Come On! Buy More Liberty Bonds, 1918, published by Strobridge Lithographic Company, Cincinnati

work collaboratively with faculty on scholarly projects."

For Kramer, "the history aspect of the project was one of the things about it which intrigued me the most. This is a period of American history which actually has close ties to my heritage since my great-great grandparents—German immigrants newly arrived in America at the turn of the century—would have been affected by the ethnic tensions of the times. As a kind of a student of history, it was fascinating to learn about the attitudes and beliefs of the people at home during this war."

By looking at the types of images and appeals used in these posters and then considering the enormous outpouring of civilian volunteerism and support for the war, Kramer says, "We can assume that these posters did in fact impact the American public—that this propaganda was believed. And so from these posters we can gain insights into the average American mindset of those days—what was perhaps a much more idealistic mindset than what we see today, especially in the perception of war."

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Maginel Wright Enright (1881–1966), Follow the Pied Piper, Join the United States Garden Army, 1918, published by The Graphic Company, Washington, D.C.

Poking and prying


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The summer's research was a learning experience for both Behling and Kramer. "Collaborative faculty-undergraduate student research," says Behling, "offered Chelsea and me the opportunity to both teach and learn together in a project where neither one of us was an expert. For a literature professor, putting a museum exhibition together was not simple; I had to consider the ways ideas get communicated to audiences, think about the relationship between visual art and propaganda, and write in a genre that was foreign to me, such as a museum brochure or wall text for each poster." For Kramer, this project was a novel way to merge three of her interests: art, history, and writing. "I loved the interdisciplinary as-

pect of this project . . . It reminded me of work I did a few years ago researching local history in order to write a historical fiction novella. As an amateur artist and art appreciator it was interesting to explore how art can be used to communicate political messages, and can reinforce or change people's ideas about the world."

Kramer also developed her writing skills. "By writing for a museum exhibit I was writing for a different type of audience and situation than usual. It was definitely a learning experience to write collaboratively with Dr. Behling and make decisions together as far as editing and choice of content or themes."

"Together," Behling adds, "Chelsea and I have come to understand how research is done, how museums decide what to put up on their walls, and how these texts—both visual or verbal—communicate aesthetic and political messages that still resonate now, decades later." And the focus on World War I, Kramer hopes, will in some ways allow the sacrifices and dreams of American civilians and soldiers in this war to come to life once again through our imaginations and provide our viewers with new insight on this vital chapter in world history."

Come On! American Posters of World War I is on exhibit in the Hillstrom Museum of Art from Nov. 24, 2008, through Jan. 30, 2009. 

Laura Behling has been with the English faculty at Gustavus since 1999. Student Chelsea Kramer, who is from St. Peter, Minn., is now a junior at the College majoring in biology.




Available now! The 2009 International Photo Calendar

An international photo contest has occurred annually at Gustavus for the past 19 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.

The image at left won the First Place, Center for International and Cultural Education Award in the 2008 contest and graces the cover of the 2009

calendar. The photo, titled "The Glaciers of Patagonia," was taken by Britta Bolm, a senior from Alexandria, Minn., during her IES Study Abroad program in Argentina last spring. Bolm notes, "This photograph was taken at Parque Nacional Los Glaciares: Bahía Onelli, Patagonia, Argentina. I had flown to Patagonia, the southern region of Argentina, to the small town of Calafate, where we took a boat tour through the Glacier National Park. . . . [We] were able to get off of the boat and hike to a secluded area of the lake. We saw this magnificent sight of glacier fragments floating in this undisturbed, peaceful part of the lake."

Cost of the 2009 calendar is \$10 (which includes shipping). It is now available from Center for International and Cultural Education (phone 507-933-7545, or e-mail lshaw@gustavus.edu). All proceeds support the International Study Abroad Scholarship Fund. 

Calendar

Winter Wonderland

December

Continuing through Jan. 30, 2009

- Art Exhibitions: **American Posters, WWI Era**, and **Illusion & Certainty (Paintings by Martin Weinstein)**; 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.
- 5, 6, & 7 **Christmas in Christ Chapel 2008: "Joyeux Noël,"** 3:30 p.m. (Dec. 6 & 7 only) and 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 5, 6, & 7). Ticket required; call the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520) to inquire about remaining tickets.
- 9 Music: **"The Winds of Christmas,"** featuring the Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras, Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 10 a.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 11 **Festival of St. Lucia**, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.; Lucia Luncheon sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates, Alumni Hall, 11 a.m. Contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520) to inquire about returned tickets.
- 12 Special Guest Artist Performance: **Michael Johnson in Concert**; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 17 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Steve Kjellgren '86, director of

- Dining Service; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 18 **Fall Semester ends.**

January

- 5 **January Interim begins.**
- 21 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Gwendolyn Freed, vice president for marketing and communication; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

February

- 1 Music: **"Great Opera Choruses,"** The Saint Peter Choral Society, Sara McKay, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3 p.m. Ticket required, available at the door.
- 8 Music: **Gustavus Wind Orchestra Home Concert**, Douglas Nimmo, conductor; Christ Chapel, 2 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 9 **Spring Semester begins.**
- 9 Music: **Gustavus String Orchestra Home Concert**, Warren Friesen, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 16–April 19 Art Exhibitions: **Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art and Digital**

Photography from China by Priscilla Briggs;

Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: Feb. 16, 7–9 p.m.

- 18 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Kris Kracht, visiting instructor of communication studies and head forensics coach; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 19, 20, 21, & 22 Theatre: **The Other Shore**, by Gao Xingjian, directed by Amy Seham with choreography by Melissa Rolnick; Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (Feb. 19, 20, & 21) and 2 p.m. (Feb. 22). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

March

- 13, 14, & 15 Dance: **"Range of Motion: The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert,"** Michele Rusinko and Melissa Rolnick, directors; Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (March 13 & 14) and 2 p.m. (March 15). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 14 Conference: **"Building Bridges"** student-led diversity conference,

"Liberation through Education," featuring Erin Gruwell, author of *The Freedom Writers Diary*; Alumni Hall, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).

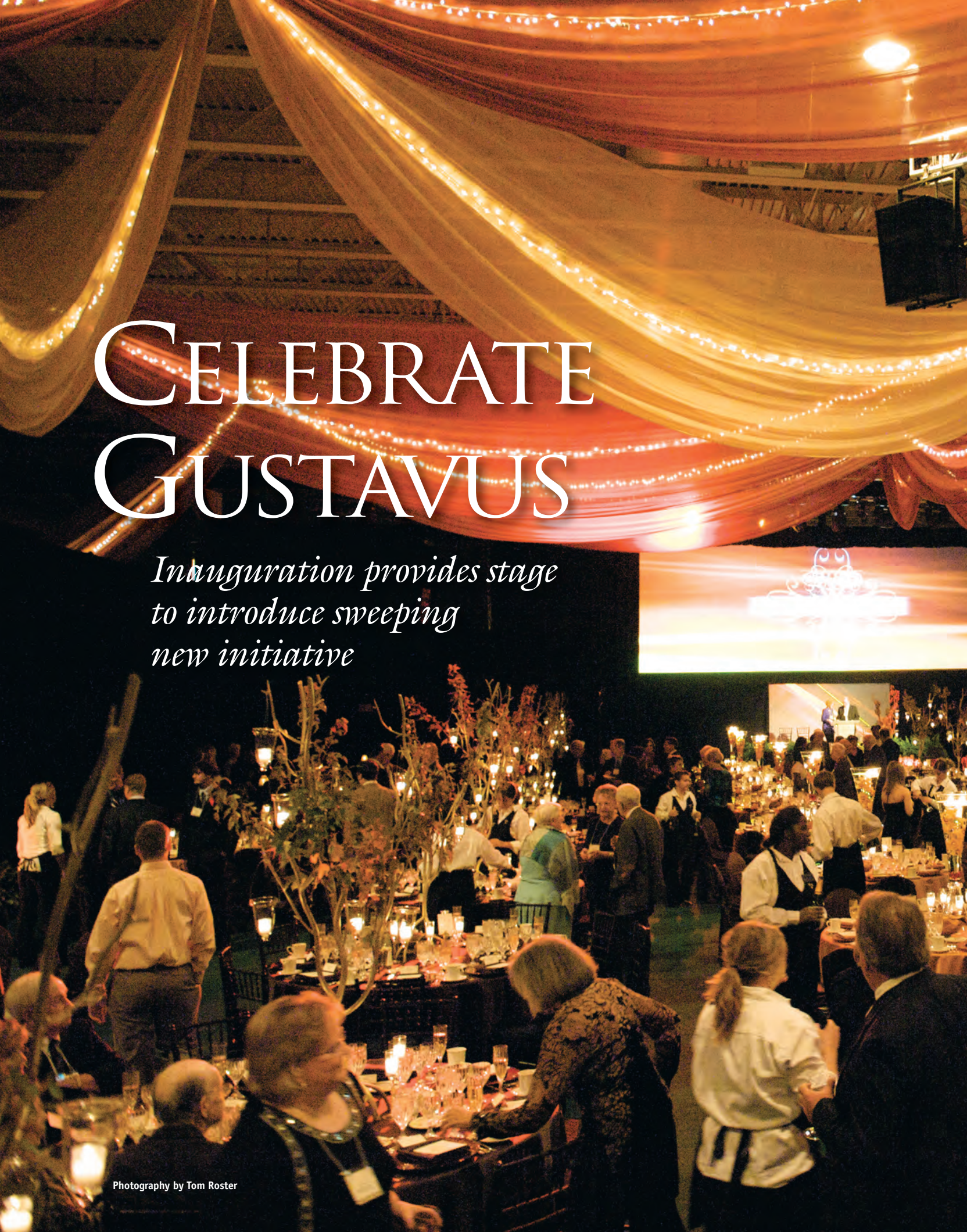
- 14 Artist Series: **The Ying Quartet:** "A Dim Sum Evening," concert and residency; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 18 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Ken Westphal, vice president for finance; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

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

Additional schedules, information and updates Sports

Up-to-date **sports schedules** may be found on the Web, through the Gustavus homepage (gustavus.edu). 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 Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).



CELEBRATE GUSTAVUS

*Inauguration provides stage
to introduce sweeping
new initiative*



Kris and President Jack R. Ohle with James H. Gale '83, chair of the College's Board of Trustees . These pages: Lund Arena was transformed for the Friday evening gala.

*“We are not yet what we shall be,
but we are growing toward it.”*

—Martin Luther

Gustavus Adolphus College inaugurated Jack R. Ohle as its 16th president on Oct. 3, 2008. The College scheduled a series of events during the week of Sept. 28–Oct. 4 to “Celebrate Gustavus” and introduce President Ohle’s vision and priorities for the College to its various constituencies.

Festivities began Sunday, Sept. 28, with a student homecoming and inaugural week kick-off, at which President Ohle and his wife, Kris, visited and dined on wings and desserts with students while the traditional homecoming window-painting contest was taking place in the Evelyn Young Dining Room.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the faculty and the academic life of the institution were celebrated with a “Community of Learners” event. Guest lecturer was John W. Churchill, Ph.D., national secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation’s most prestigious honorary society (Gustavus’s chapter recently marked the 25th anniversary of its chartering). Churchill and faculty respondents Peg O’Connor, Ph.D., professor of gender, women, and sexuality studies, Alisa Rosenthal, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, and Paul Saulnier, Ph.D., professor of physics, discussed the value of liberal learning and the liberal arts college in today’s society with audience members.

LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

On the evening before his investiture, President Ohle hosted a “Celebrate Gustavus” Leadership Dinner in Alumni Hall for a cohort of approximately 150 individuals with strong College connections—board members, Founders Society members, and others who have expressed interest in providing leadership support to the College.

Addressing the core group that he will rely on to help advance Gustavus, Ohle said, “Two very clear definitions describe leadership at Gustavus Adolphus College: 1) leadership is the ability to affect human behavior so as to accomplish a mission; and 2) leadership is influencing a group of people to move toward goal-setting and goal achievement. As leaders at Gustavus, it is our responsibility to affect human behavior and work to accomplish the mission of the College. . . . Each of you has in your own way helped to move this institution toward goal-setting and goal achievement, and we will be asking you in the coming months and years to help us set and achieve the goals that will lead to an even brighter future.”

“The future of Gustavus Adolphus College belongs to us and we must seize it,” Ohle continued. “The future of this institution is not predetermined. I have found over the years that many institutions like ours wait for the future and then try to respond to it. But I have also seen those institutions that do not wait on the future but *create* it. It is the latter, those that do not wait, that determine for themselves a distinctive future. And I believe we will be one of those institutions, in large part because of you and those who will join us in a process of discovery.

“To be sure, I have found at Gustavus Adolphus an institution ready to take the next step, an institution that is already a leader among its peers. We understand that excellence, community, justice, service, and faith are the core values that make us as a premier private, residential, undergraduate, liberal arts college of the Church. Our core values must continue to be lived out on our campus and in the lives of our students and alumni.”

Ohle has taken the College’s five core values and assembled what he is calling Gustavus’s “Statement of Identity.” “When anyone asks me to tell them about Gustavus, I will say, ‘Gustavus Adolphus College is a learning *community* rooted in its Swedish traditions and in



The Ohles met students at an Inaugural Week kickoff event in the Evelyn Young Dining Room.



An outdoor reception led off Thursday evening's Leadership Dinner.





Students show off their entry in the Homecoming window-painting contest; John Churchill, national secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa society (pictured center with President Ohle and event organizer Will Freiert in inset), was the featured speaker at a faculty colloquium titled "Community of Learners"; faculty members Paul Saulnier, Alisa Rosenthal, and Peg O'Connor served as respondents at the colloquium.



At the dinner, President Ohle addressed the trustees, Founders Society members, and other College leaders he will rely on to help advance the College; bass/baritone Simon Estes, artist-in-residence at Wartburg College and one of President Ohle's colleagues at his previous post, entertained dinner guests.



Faculty, board members, and delegates from other colleges and universities lined up outside Christ Chapel in anticipation of the investiture ceremony; a massed choir complemented the ceremony; Bishop Jon Anderson of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA (center), administered the charge to President Ohle (left), and Ohle's predecessor, President James Peterson '64, assisted with the presentation of the insignia of office.



the Lutheran *faith*, committed to *excellence* in all it does, and determined to ensure *justice* and fairness through lives of leadership and *service*.’

“In the few months I have worked with those of you who currently serve on the Board of Trustees and have met others who have served in leadership or volunteer roles at the College, it is clear to me that those values that identify us are lived out in your lives: *Excellence, Community, Justice, Service, Faith*.

Excellence. We should never forget the words of our founder and first president, the Rev. Eric Norelius. He said, ‘Whatever we do, let us do it well.’

Community. Gustavus is a college marked by a sense of community, civility, mutual respect, and shared governance. The freedom of expression of ideas is central to our sense of community.

Justice. Our Swedish Lutheran traditions and biblical heritage provide the roots to ensure justice and fairness. We strive to be a just community in all of our actions as we educate young men and women for morally responsible lives.

Service. This is the highest value of educated men and women. We embrace the notion that true leadership expresses itself in service to others and affirms the classical idea that liberated education is an education that frees one to serve to the best of one’s ability.

And, finally, *Faith.* Faith enriches and completes learning. We often connect the two words ‘learning’ and ‘faith’ with the conjunction ‘and.’ Bishop Mark Hanson, the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, suggests that colleges of the Church must be communities of faith in an increasingly pluralistic and multi-faith context. He argues that Lutherans continue to exhibit great ambivalence about how central their relationship to the Church should be to the identity of the institution. I look forward to that discussion in the years we are together. I believe that Gustavus understands its role better than most, and we have clarity that Christian faith is central to the identity and life of this institution. It does not have to be in conflict with what we do in the classroom; in fact, I believe our mission and values give us the base upon which to build. As a college of the Church we do not expect conformity to specific religious traditions, but we encourage an honest exploration of religious faith and seek to foster an understanding of Christian perspectives in our lives.”

Alluding to an announcement that would be made at the gala dinner on Friday night, Ohle challenged the audience at the leadership dinner to imagine how the College might get from “here” to “there.”

“Four fundamental principles will clearly affect our thinking and all that we do. The first is a principle that we must believe in, the concept that we can in fact affect our own destiny as an institution.

Obviously, we have some givens: We are an undergraduate, residential, liberal arts college in St. Peter, Minnesota. We are a college committed to our traditions, and we are a college of the Church. Those givens already affect our destiny. We must be firm in our conviction that Gustavus does not simply have to take what comes its way and be in an adaptive mode; rather, we must be an institution that aggressively challenges the future through conscious planning and action.

“The second principle that must influence us is that as an institution of higher education that is highly traditional we must also be highly innovative. Tradition and innovation are integral to our very being and at the same time can in an educational institution be in conflict with one another.

“The third principle is that we must have a strong and unyielding commitment to engaging our constituents in helping us plan for the future. They must have an understanding and a belief that they have ownership in Gustavus’s future.

“Finally, the fourth principle is that we must be an institution accepting of change. Acceptance of change is greatly enhanced if three important attitudinal factors are understood and



The day following the investiture was Homecoming at Gustavus. At top, the Ohles were grand marshals for the Homecoming parade. An Oktoberfest supper in the Lund Center Forum featured activities for alumni and their families. The entire Ohle family assisted at the traditional tree and lilac dedication on Saturday morning: from left, sons John, Thomas, and Robert '96 joined Kris and Jack.

counted for in the process: justification, energy, and threat. Inevitably our planning will lead to change, and change implies in some sectors a negative judgment on the previous way it has been done. Depending on the degree of commitment to the way things are, this can seriously frustrate the process. Persons involved [in leading the College] must feel that the change is worth the effort.”

President Ohle further challenged the dinner guests to weigh the risk of leading Gustavus in new directions against the bright future that leadership can achieve.

“Two fundamental dynamics are important to our success,” he argued. “The first is leadership and the second is synergy. We must take bold but yet well-considered risk to move the institution forward. That will take the leadership of everyone in this room and many more. For that I am grateful to you that you have already provided leadership in many ways, and I know you will provide even more leadership in the future. If we do our job, the second fundamental dynamic will be easy to obtain.

“Synergy to me means that everything is constantly affecting everything else in all directions and that the cumulative result is greater than the sum of the many parts. In an institution of higher education like Gustavus Adolphus, everything is constantly affecting everything else in very subtle and multi-dimensional ways. As something unpredictable happens—and believe me, it continually does at an educational institution of this quality—we are prone to look around and ask why. The answer is synergy. I think the reason an institution tends to be moving in a given direction is that the majority of the synergistic interactions tend to be pointing in one direction. It is imperative that the leadership of this board and of those of us here this evening will be the catalyst for shaping our future and that will happen synergistically. We must be reflective, consultative, deliberative, but yet decisive. If we do so, Gustavus Adolphus will more than likely move in a positive direction. The moral courage of those who show leadership is always the deciding factor for success.”

THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF OUR CORE VALUES

On Friday, Oct. 3, President Ohle was formally installed as the 16th president of Gustavus Adolphus College during an investiture service in Christ Chapel. Responding to the charge delivered by the Rev. Jon Anderson, bishop of the ELCA’s Southwestern Minnesota Synod, and the presentation of the insignia of office by Gustavus Board of Trustees Chair Jim Gale ’83 and former President Jim Peterson ’64, Ohle touched on the “Celebrate Gustavus” theme he’d selected for the series of inauguration events. “When the inaugural committee asked me what the themes of the inaugural celebration should be, I talked about those core values that, to be sure, have been articulated over the years and yet—I believe—have not been linked in such a way that we understand their interdependence and how we as a community must interpret them to our students, to our alumni, to our faculty and staff, and to our many publics.”

President Ohle reiterated the “Statement of Identity” he had introduced to the dinner audience the night before. Then he mounted a defense of liberal learning as it is practiced at Gustavus. “In a public climate that is often prone to attack institutions of higher education and to place a business model upon the intellectual pursuit,” he said, “we at Gustavus value learning and the liberal arts.

“On one level one can argue that the liberal arts education has financial value. In fact, any study of liberal arts graduates shows that they move more quickly up the career ladder and earn significantly higher salaries than their more vocationally trained colleagues. More importantly however, I believe that liberal arts colleges seek to instill in students a sense of service and social responsibility. Thus, education is not just a means to advancing one’s personal and professional goals. It is also a way to improve the very fabric of our society.

“When I spoke to the first-year students at our opening ceremony this year,” Ohle recalled, “I talked about how each person who has touched this institution has added to the beauty of what I call the ‘Gustavus tapestry.’ Some 35,000 alumni past and present, thousands of faculty members and staff, our church partners, the St. Peter community have all added to the beauty of that tapestry. President Edgar M. Carlson ’30, during his first chapel



The Rev. Brian Fragodt '81, president of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations Board of Directors

Representatives of many of the College’s constituencies brought greetings and enthusiasm to the audience attending the gala on Friday night. Pictured are:



Jan Michaletz '74, trustee and co-chair of the Inauguration Committee



David Carlson '60, trustee and chair of the Presidential Search Committee



The Rev. Brian Johnson '80, College chaplain and co-chair of the Inauguration Committee



Mary R. Morton, provost



Mark Kruger, professor of psychology and chair of the Faculty Senate



Tim Kennedy '82, sports information director and member of the Search Committee



Kim Braun '11, immediate past president of the Student Senate



Ron White '75, president of the Alumni Association



The Rev. Grady St. Dennis '92, director of church relations

COMMISSION GUSTAVUS 150 TASK FORCES ANNOUNCED



Warren Beck '67 has been named to lead Commission Gustavus 150.

At a gala evening following President Jack R. Ohle's inauguration as Gustavus Adolphus College's 16th president on Oct. 3, 2008, James H. Gale '83, J.D., chair of the Gustavus Board of Trustees, announced "Commission Gustavus 150," a major initiative to chart the College's future and plan for its sesquicentennial in 2011–12. Commission Gustavus 150 will be led by Warren Beck '67, president of Edina-based Gabbert & Beck whose 14+ years of board service extend back to 1986.

Commission Gustavus 150 is a process established by the Board of Trustees and designed to involve all the College's constituents in integrating and expanding the College's strategic plan and making recommendations for the College's future advancement. The Commission will engage alumni, church leaders, community partners, faculty, staff, students, parents, and other friends in examining the College's strategic plan and the College's rich heritage and strengths.

The commission comprises eight task forces that will examine different aspects

of the College's strategic mission, core values, and future aspirations and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on how to implement the College's strategic plan and ensure its future:

The Task Force on Academic Affairs and New Initiatives will be chaired by Trustee Becky Bergman, Ph.D., vice president for science and technology at Medtronic and parent of a recent graduate. The senior staff person who will facilitate the work of the task force is Mary E. Morton, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The Task Force on Interdisciplinary Programs will be chaired by the Rev. Wayne Peterson '77, a trustee who is pastor of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth and the parent of a current Gustavus student. Provost Morton will facilitate the work of this task force as well.

The Task Force on Student Life will be chaired by Trustee Jan Michaletz '74, past president of the Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Association. Michaletz and her husband, Russ Michaletz '74, J.D., are the parents of one current Gustavus student and three Gustavus alumni. Hank Toutain, Ph.D., dean of students and vice president of student affairs, will facilitate the group.

The Task Force on Community Engagement will be chaired by Karin Stone '83, M.B.A., a trustee and a marketing consultant based in Cleveland, Ohio. Dean Toutain will also facilitate this task force.

The Task Force on Global and Multicultural Initiatives will be chaired by Trustee Ardena Flippin, M.D., M.B.A., a 1968 Gustavus alumna and physician in Chicago. The senior staff member who will facilitate the work of the task force is Gwendolyn Freed, vice president for marketing and communication.

The Task Force on Faith will be chaired by Bishop Jon Anderson of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America, who is also a trustee of the College. The Rev. Grady St. Dennis '92, director of church relations, will facilitate the task force.

The Task Force on Stewardship will be chaired by Trustee Paul Koch '87, senior vice president of wealth management at Smith Barney in Wayzata. The senior staff person working with the task force will be Thomas W. Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement.

The Task Force on Facilities and Finances will be chaired by Trustee Tracy Bahl, M.B.A., a 1984 graduate and senior advisor for General Atlantic in New York. This task force will be facilitated by Kenneth Westphal, vice president for finance and treasurer.

The membership of each task force will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to include faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, church leaders, and friends. More than 500 individuals have already been solicited to serve. Each task force will be guided in its discussions by a charge prepared by President Ohle in consultation with the Faculty Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees. Task forces will be informed in their deliberations by data gathered from a series of "National Summit Meetings" held around the country involving the various constituencies of the College, and by relevant information reported by the faculty and staff.

Each task force will deal primarily with issues pertinent to its charge and areas of review but will also consider appropriate issues related to community relations, diversity, multicultural and international concerns, facilities and equipment, technology, and the like. In addition, any recommendations from work groups that have been established to examine specific aspects of the strategic plan will be shared and considered by appropriate task forces. Each task force will make specific recommendations to the Board of Trustees by the end of the 2008–09 academic year. **G**

talk after assuming the presidency in 1944, said, ‘We contribute to [Gustavus’s] life not by dominating it but by serving it, by weaving the single thread of our own lives into the fabric of our common good.’”

A MAJOR INITIATIVE

The Gustavus community celebrated the inauguration of its new leader at a spectacular dinner event in Lund Center Arena on Friday evening. More than 600 faculty and staff members, alumni, and friends of the College gathered to dine and hear from several representatives of the greater Gustavus family. The big event of the gala was the announcement of Commission Gustavus 150, a board-approved process that will engage hundreds of alumni, friends, church leaders, community partners, faculty and staff members, and students, in examining how we can create our future together (see accompanying article).

After Board of Trustees Chair James Gale '83 announced that Trustee Warren Beck '67 had agreed to serve as chair of Commission Gustavus 150, President Ohle outlined the commission's process for the gala's attendees. "Each task force will be guided in its discussions by a charge that has been written in consultation with the Faculty Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees," he said. "Each task force will deal primarily with issues pertinent to its charge and review specific goals of the College's strategic plan. Each task force will also be asked to address issues that relate to community relations, diversity, multi-cultural and international issues, facilities and equipment, and technology and then will make their recommendations to the board after taking all of that into consideration. In the charge to each task force, they will be asked to make their recommendations to the board without consideration of funding requirements. We must first examine where we are today before we can envision where we must go in the future. If we restrict ourselves and only make recommendations based on our current funding practices we will significantly limit our possibilities."



President Ohle outlined Commission Gustavus 150's process for the gala's attendees.

As planning for the week of inaugural events proceeded, President Ohle had told the Inaugural Committee that he saw his role as “bridging what has gone before with that which will sustain the College’s future.” During his investiture he echoed that thought: “The President’s medal that hangs around my neck carries with it not only the promise of the future but the weight of the past. I stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before me, and I again thank all of those who have served and committed themselves to this institution in our rich now 146 years.

“Remember the words of Martin Luther: We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it.” **G**



Sports notes

Hall of Fame inducts nine

Eight student-athletes and one individual who was named in the “Benefactor” category were inducted into the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame during the hall’s annual banquet on Oct. 25. With their induction, the Hall of Fame now includes 232 individuals—216 student-athletes, 12 coaches, and 4 benefactors—who have been recognized for their significant contributions to the College’s athletics program.



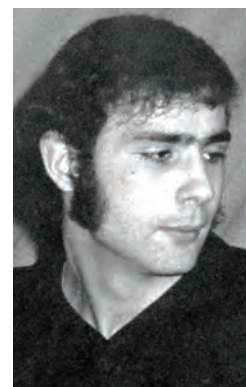
C. Milton Brostrom '49

C. Milton Brostrom '49 – Milt Brostrom, professor of mathematics at Gustavus from 1955 to 1991, began keeping score at Gustavus basketball games in the early '60s. In 1969 he was elected by the faculty to become the faculty athletic representative, and for the next 22 years he meticulously checked the eligibility status of every Gustavus student-athlete to make sure that each individual was cleared to participate. He was selected as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 13 Eligibility Chair in 1972 and held that position until 1980, when Gustavus left the NAIA to join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). In 1980, Brostrom was elected chair of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Eligibility Committee, a group organized to set a consistent standard for academic requirements for student-athletes in the MIAC. He also reviewed all eligibility cases in the conference and suggested a ruling on possible penalties when violations for league rules were uncovered. In addition, he worked as the clock operator for football games for over 40 years. Brostrom’s commitment to the ideals of collegiate athletics and the importance of academic priority at Gustavus has set the standard for faculty athletic representatives throughout the country. His unbridled support of Golden Gustie student-athletes and coaches for the past 50 years has been instru-

mental in developing a history of excellence in the Gustavus Athletics Department, and he was selected for the Hall of Fame as a benefactor.

Andy Micheletti '72 –

Andy Micheletti established himself as one of the premier goaltenders in small college hockey from 1968 to 1972. The Hibbing, Minn., native started for four years in the nets for the Gusties, helping the team claim four conference titles and earn four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Final Four appear-



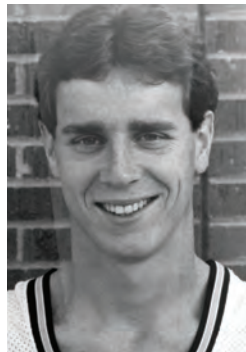
Andy Micheletti '72

ances. He is considered to be the finest goaltender in the storied history of Gustavus men’s hockey, as he ranks first all-time in career wins with 53, career save percentage at .913, career goals-against average at 2.66, and career shutouts with eight. All four of those career marks have stood for 36 years! A First Team NAIA All-America selection in 1971, he helped the Gusties compile a record of 69–17–1 overall and 52–4 in conference play during his career. After graduating in 1972 with a major in history, Micheletti played two years of semi-pro hockey in Milwaukee before taking a position with IBM in sales. For the past 15 years, he has served as a territory sales manager with Ziegler Cat, a manufacturer of heavy-duty construction equipment. He has stayed very involved in hockey, serving as the goalie coach at Anoka High School for several years and working at various hockey camps as a goaltender coach. Andy lives in Hibbing with his wife, Cathy; they have two grown sons.



Sue Erlandson Breckner '83

Sue Erlandson Breckner '83 – Affectionately known as “Erl” to her teammates, Sue Erlandson Breckner played a major role in establishing Gustavus as one of the premier volleyball programs in the early years of women’s athletics in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. A standout hitter and middle blocker, she was a three-year starter and four-year letterwinner who earned all-conference honors in 1981 and 1982. In her senior season, she was captain of the 1982 team that won the first conference title in the program’s history. Breckner completed her career as the program’s all-time leader in kills with 808 (which currently ranks 16th) and in career kills-per-game average with 3.18 (which currently ranks fourth). She also compiled an impressive career serve percentage of 91.3 percent. After graduating in 1983 with a major in health fitness, Breckner became the program director at the Northeast Minneapolis YMCA, later accepting a position in program development with Northwest Athletic Club. Since the birth of her first son, Jack, in 1988, Breckner has been at home full-time. She lives in Wayzata with her husband, Paul '82, and their four children. Sons Jack and Nick are currently students at Gustavus and both are members of the Golden Gustie football team.



Steve McDermott '88

Steve McDermott '88 – Steve McDermott was a two-time all-conference defender for the soccer team and an all-conference guard on the basketball team in the late '80s. In soccer, he was a four-year starter as a central defender. With him directing the defense in his junior and senior seasons, the Gusties recorded 11 shutouts in 26 games and limited their opponents to an average of 0.81 goals per game. In addition to being selected to all-conference teams in 1986 and 1987, he was named to the All-West Region team in 1987. In basketball, McDermott was the sixth man on the 1986–87 team that won the MIAC playoff championship

and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament. In his senior season, he was captain of a squad that won the conference title with a record of 14–6. He was runner-up for the MIAC Player of the Year and was tabbed as co-Most Valuable Player by his teammates. After graduating in 1988 with a major in computer science, McDermott joined West Publishing in St. Paul in software development. Two years later, he moved to Rochester and worked as a consultant in software development before returning to West Publishing/Thomson Corporation in 1992. In 2004 he was sent by Thomson to work for three years in Zurich, Switzerland, in software development technology. While in Switzerland he returned to the soccer pitch as he competed for FC Horgen Senior for two years. McDermott and his wife, Kristina Smith '88, live in Mendota Heights with their two children.

Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90 – Mary Sutherland Ryerse was an important part of a group that helped the Gustavus women’s tennis pro-

gram become one of the elite programs in Division III tennis in the late '80s, when it claimed three conference titles (1988, 1989, 1990) and won the NCAA Division III championship in 1990. A four-year regular and four-time conference champion, Ryerse was the MIAC #2 doubles champion in 1988, the #4 singles champion in 1989, and the #2 singles and #1 doubles champion in 1990. In 1989, she played #4 singles and #1 doubles on the team that placed fourth at the NCAA championships and became the first women’s team at Gustavus to bring home hardware from an NCAA championship event. Then in 1990, Ryerse was captain and played #2 singles and #1 doubles on the team that claimed the first NCAA championship by a women’s team at Gustavus. Ryerse also achieved success individually as she advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA doubles tournament twice. To cap off her outstanding career, she was named recipient of the 1990 Arthur Ashe Award, which is given to the Division III women’s tennis player who best combines tennis ability, academics, and community service. Ryerse graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a major in psychology in 1990. In 1992, she accepted a teaching position in Spokane, Wash., where she taught and served as the curriculum director for the Spokane School District for the next 16 years. She also earned a master’s degree in educational administration from Whitworth University. Ryerse stayed involved in tennis, coaching at the high school level and later at the collegiate level at Gonzaga University. In 2007, she returned to Minnesota where she now serves as the regional director for *Envisus*, an organization that promotes Navigation 101, a grassroots initiative that focuses on college and career readiness for high school students. Ryerse lives in Woodbury with her husband, Mac '90, and their three children.

Tim Schwartz '90 – A standout on both the football field and the baseball diamond, Tim Schwartz left his name all over the record books after a very successful athletic career from 1986 to 1990. A natural team leader and a versatile, all-around athlete, Schwartz was a three-year letterwinner on the football team as a running back and kick returner. He first made his mark in 1987 as he shared the backfield with 2007 Hall of Fame inductee Mike Schumacher on the Golden Gustie team that won the MIAC championship with a perfect 9–0 record.

Schwartz would rush for over 400 yards in his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons and completed his career as the fifth-leading rusher in the program’s history with 1,599 yards. He also ranked fourth in all-purpose yards (3,094), fifth in kick return yards (802), and fifth in touchdowns scored with 20. In his senior season, Schwartz was selected as a captain as well as the team’s Most Valuable Player, while also earning all-conference honors. In baseball, the Gaylord native was just as productive, starting at shortstop for three years and earning all-conference honors in his junior



Mary Sutherland Ryerse '90



Tim Schwartz '90



and senior seasons. Schwartz completed his career with a .339 batting average and ranked first in the program's history in doubles (23), triples (8), and games played (112). After graduating with a major in financial economics in 1990, Schwartz accepted a position with Federated Insurance, where he served as a marketing representative for seven years. He left in 1998 to become part owner of the Nelson Insurance Agency in Mankato. In 2000, he sold his agency to Brown and Brown Insurance, for which he now serves as the area manager specializing in commercial insurance. Schwartz lives in Mankato with his wife, Monde Wisch '91, and their three children.



Heather Thorson Kittelsen '92

Heather Thorson Kittelsen '92 – A four-year starter and a three-time all-conference honoree as a shortstop and third baseman on the Gustavus fastpitch softball team from 1989 to 1992, Heather Thorson Kittelsen hit over .400 at the plate in each of her four seasons, including the 1990 season when she led the league in hitting with a .540 average and the 1991 season when she finished second in the nation with an average of .543. She completed her career as the leading hitter in the history of all of Division III softball with a career average of .488. As a sophomore, Kittelsen led the league in hits (34), runs scored (28), slug-

ging percentage (.698) and stolen bases (17/17) as she sparked the team to a 20-0 league mark and the first conference title in the program's history. Starting 108 of the 114 games the Gusties played in her four-year career, she helped the team compile a 72-41 overall record (.635) and 58-22 (.725) in league play. She still holds four school records: career batting average (.488), career on-base percentage (.598), career runs scored (120), and career stolen bases (63). After graduating in 1992 with a major in English, Kittelsen went to work for Rollerblade Corporation, running its retail services division. She then moved on to a position with Athletica, a company started by the founders of Rollerblade that made hockey dashboards. In 1998, she became the director of marketing for the NHL's Minnesota Wild, later moving to the position of executive director of the 10,000 Rinks Foundation, a group formed by the Wild to raise money to build community hockey rinks throughout the state of Minnesota. In 2004, Kittelsen left her position with the Wild and started her own business as a consultant helping professional athletes conduct charity work. She also returned to school, attending United Theological Seminary. Kittelsen currently works for Bitetech, a company run by her husband, Jon. They live with their 22-month old daughter on a farm just outside of Stillwater.

Sarah Edmonds Harris '93 – Sarah Edmonds Harris made national headlines in the fall of 1992 when, as a senior, she completed a perfect cross country season by winning the NCAA Division III National Championship after not having run cross country at the collegiate level before. Harris, who got the itch to run cross country after competing on a club team during her study-abroad experience the year before in Edinburgh, Scotland, won all seven races she competed in during her senior season. As a result of her accomplishments, she was honored as

the MIAC Runner of the Year, the NCAA Central Region Runner of the Year, and the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Division III Runner of the Year. She was also awarded the Honda Broderick Cup by the NCAA as the National Runner of the Year. In addition to her success in cross country, Harris also competed on the track and field team at Gustavus, earning all-conference honors five times including winning the 3,000 and 10,000 meter races at the MIAC outdoor championships in 1991. An outstanding student, Harris was named to the GTE Academic All-America Team and was selected to receive a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. In the spring of 1993, she was named one of ten national finalists for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award and was flown to Washington, D.C., where she was honored for her outstanding accomplishments in athletics, academics, and community service. A magna cum laude graduate in 1993, Harris majored in religion and was named to the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She also received the George Hall Award as the outstanding religion major at Gustavus. After graduation, Harris served as an English teacher at Shalom High School in Milwaukee, Wis., as a part of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She pursued a master's degree in social service administration at the University of Chicago and, for the past 12 years, has worked as a school social worker in the Waukesha and Milwaukee school districts. Sarah lives in Milwaukee with her husband, Curly, and their two daughters.



Sarah Edmonds Harris '93

Ginny Schafer '93 – The first women's soccer player at Gustavus to be named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America Team, Ginny Schafer was a standout sweeper for the Gusties from 1989 to 1992. Regarded as one of the premier defensive players in the nation in her junior and senior seasons, Schafer directed a Gustavus defense that recorded 14 shutouts and limited its opponents to a 1.16 goals-per-game average in 32 games during her final two seasons. A two-time NSCAA All-America selection (1991, 1992), Schafer was also a three-time all-conference performer (1990, 1991, 1992) and a two-time All-Midwest Region honoree (1991, 1992). Her teammates selected her as the team's Most Valuable Player three times (1990, 1991, 1992) and captain twice (1991, 1992). Schafer helped Gustavus compile a record of 32-22-7 during her career, which was the best record over four years in the program's history up to that point. After graduating in 1993 with majors in physical education and health, Schafer accepted a teaching position at Fred Moore Middle School in Anoka, where she has taught physical education and health for the past 16 years. She received a master's degree in education from Saint Mary's University in 2001. Ginny lives in Maple Grove.



Ginny Schafer '93



Tom Rostler



From left, President Jack and Kris Ohle, Adeline and the Rev. Drell Bernhardson, and former President James and Susan Peterson got together in October at the 2008 Nobel Conference Preview Dinner at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

\$2 million gift will support the Nobel Conference

by Matt Thomas '00


Gustavus Adolphus College has received an endowment gift of \$2 million from the Rev. Drell and Adeline Dekko Bernhardson that will support the Nobel Conference. The gift will solidify the core funding of the annual conference, which was presented for the 44th time in October 2008. In addition, the gift will give the College increased flexibility to respond to Nobel Conference-related initiatives and will enhance the intentional relationship between the conference and science education at Gustavus.

"We are grateful to the Bernhardsons for their continued support of Gustavus," President Jack Ohle said in announcing the gift. "This gift will ensure that the Nobel Conference will continue to be a premier educational conference."

The Bernhardsons, parents of four Gustavus alumni, have a long history of generosity toward the College. In the late 1950s Pastor Bernhardson was among those who led efforts to raise funds to build Christ Chapel. In 1996 their major gift helped to establish the first fully endowed chair at Gustavus—the Bernhardson Chair in Lutheran Studies, currently held by Professor Darrell Jodock. More recently they made the first significant gift to endow the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, which facilitates student and

faculty scholarship, learning, and research. Other gifts made by the Bernhardsons have supported the Christ Chapel endowment, church relations programs, and a scholarship fund that has made more than 900 awards since its inception during the 1993–94 academic year.

In 1997 the college recognized the Bernhardsons with the Greater Gustavus Award, the highest honor given by the Alumni Association to those "who by deed, have notable advanced and aided Gustavus Adolphus College."

At the 2008 commencement ceremony, the faculty conferred honorary degrees upon both of them. 

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Steve Waldhauser '70




Gustavus names new director of development

William S. Johnson has been named director of development and assistant vice president for institutional advancement at Gustavus Adolphus College. Reporting to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Thomas Young '88, Johnson will serve in a newly configured position responsible for leading the Office of Planned Giving, the Gustavus Annual Fund, and the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

"William brings over 25 years of development experience to Gustavus, including work at DePauw University, Lawrence University, Hiram College, Carthage College, Duke University, and Wartburg College," Young said in announcing the hiring. "He has spent most of his professional career strengthening the resources of liberal arts institutions similar to Gustavus."

"This is a great time to be at Gustavus," said Johnson, who assumed his new responsibilities on Oct. 27. "I am excited about the new leadership at the College and a renewed commitment to engage the alumni and friends of Gustavus."

Johnson is a 1979 graduate of Wartburg College and earned his MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. He and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Evan and Chelsea. 



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Gusties in Puyallup

Fifty members of the extended Gustavus family met on October 11 for lunch and an update on the College prior to the Gustavus vs. Pacific Lutheran football game in Puyallup, WA. The group included parents of football players who followed the team from Minnesota, alumni and friends who drove from as far away as 350 miles to attend, a mixed family or two (with graduates from both colleges), and even a Gustie now working at PLU. The weather was grand, Mt. Rainier was "out," and Gustavus prevailed in a lively contest of strategy and athleticism.



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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Alumni Board officers elected

The Alumni Board of Directors elected officers at their September meeting. Elected president was **Ron White '75**, Eden Prairie, chief sales officer for Growth Development Associates, Inc. **Janna King '76**, Minneapolis, president of Economic Development Services, was elected vice president.



Little All-Americans return for reunion

Two Little All-America football players returned to campus last May as members of the 50 Year Club. Playing the piano is **Haldo Norman '52**, an All-America offensive end who was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. **Janet Christenson Carlson '53**, **Joann Christenson Jasica '53**, and **Roger Carlson '54**, All-America fullback who was drafted by the Green Bay Packers, sing along.

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Johnson celebrates 102nd birthday

Pearl Johnson '28, Minneapolis, celebrated her 102nd birthday last May with family and friends. Pearl's fond memories of Gustavus include living in Johnson Hall, going on picnics, playing tennis before breakfast, practicing on the pipe organ in the chapel, singing in the choir, and playing for afternoon services at the state hospital. But her most outstanding memory is chapel time.

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Kari Hagen Conway, Lake Zurich, IL, retired as a teacher at Seth Paine Elementary School.





New chemistry facility at Minnesota State Mankato named for Gustavus alumnus

When Minnesota State University, Mankato, built a new, \$32.5 million, 67,000-square-foot addition to its science center—the largest building project to date in the history of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system—it was named for a Gustavus graduate. **Leonard Ford '25** was a longtime chemistry professor at the university who also is credited as the founder of the Minnesota Science Fair. Leonard A. Ford Hall, which is certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design “green” building and will be home to Minnesota State Mankato’s Department of Chemistry and Geology, was dedicated in September 2008 with members of Professor Ford’s family, now a four-generation Gustavus family, in attendance.

Leonard Ford followed his father, **John Ford 1899**, to Gustavus (the elder Ford had changed his name from Anderson to Ford when he immigrated to Minnesota from Sweden). While his father had become a minister, Leonard majored in chemistry. He was a professor of chemistry at MSU from 1939 until his death in 1967. Well known for his leadership in science education, he led the university’s Division of Science and Mathematics for 18 years (1947–1965) and was instrumental in adding a nursing program and four other new health-related programs to the university. Ford served as president of the Minnesota Academy of Science and in 1951 started the first science fair in the state of Minnesota. More than 50 years later, that fair has grown into two fairs, and the annual elementary fair, which attracts more than 1,300 students, is one of the largest fairs in the United States.

Ford’s two daughters—both of them Gusties and chemistry majors like their father—and three of his grandchildren were on hand for the dedication and are pictured: from left, Katherine Olson Gee, Leonard Gee, **Barbara Ford Olson '57** (who spoke at the dedication), Eric Ford Olson, **Richard Anderson '53**, **Joyce Ford Anderson '59**, and **Kristin Anderson '94** (a fourth-generation Gustie).

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Cynthia Blomquist
Gustavson, Tulsa, OK, was a featured poet at the second annual White Pine Arts Festival in June in



Stillwater, MN. She topped off her week of workshops with a reading at the Belwin Outdoor Educational Lab Nature Center from her new poetry book, *Forgive My Trespassing*. Gustavson, a psychotherapist in Tulsa, also has written a six-book series of poetry therapy workbooks, *In-Versing Your Life*, to be used by the general public as well as therapists.

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Still alive at 75!

Classmates from the Class of '55 met for lunch at Kincaid’s on Aug. 29 to celebrate their 75th birthdays. From left are **Marilyn Olson Lindberg**, **Marilyn Larson Peterson**, **Marie Snyder Bristol**, **Janice Williams Johnson**, **Carol Roberg Lind**, and **Eileen Ekberg Scott**.



Gusties participate in Slovakian Lutheran school celebration

On July 4–6, 2008, the Bible School (Center for Christian Education) in Martin, Slovakia, a Lutheran school founded in 1998 that educates adult students for serving in congregations and communities, celebrated a “Decade of Miracles.” “God’s Son Has Made Me Free” was the theme of the St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church choir, Mahtomedi, MN, which presented concerts in Martin and other Slovakian cities as part of the tenth-anniversary celebration. Participants from 18 U.S. congregations also taught Vacation Bible School with 330 elementary children and conversational English to adult students of the Bible School in Martin. Participants from Gustavus pictured, front row from left, are **Paul Tillquist '63**, **Ruth Anderson Tillquist '63**, and **Kari Johnson '90**. Back row are **Tom Skalbeck '55**, **John Hogenson '81**, and **Ruth Hogenson-Rutford '82**.

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A call for alumni engagement



by Ron White '75

As president of the Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni Association, I am very excited about leading our 25,000 alumni to a dreamed-of destination. What is this dreamed-of destination? It is a goal of deep, meaningful, and passionate alumni engagement in the life of our great college. As an engaged alumnus myself, I'd like to talk about what that dream looks like.

You attend Gustavus. You have a wonderful, life-changing student experience. The "Gustie Spirit" engulfs you. You then go out into the world, and along the way you have somehow transformed into an increasingly active member of the alumni community, and you realize you love Gustavus more than ever and that the future of your college really matters. You suddenly want to know more about just how you personally can make a difference.

It sneaks up on you over time. You are welcomed back to campus with open arms. You have the opportunity to get closer to your classmates. You meet new Gusties. You discover alumni from other eras, and instantly, you share a very special, lifelong bond with all of them. As your affection for Gustavus and for other Gusties builds, a funny thing happens: your awareness changes. You start to notice attributes of the College and its activities that are totally new. You wonder, how can we keep this excellence growing? How can we ensure that Gustavus stays accessible, rooted in its heritage, and living out its values? You are becoming energized thinking about this place and you realize that you now feel responsible for the College.

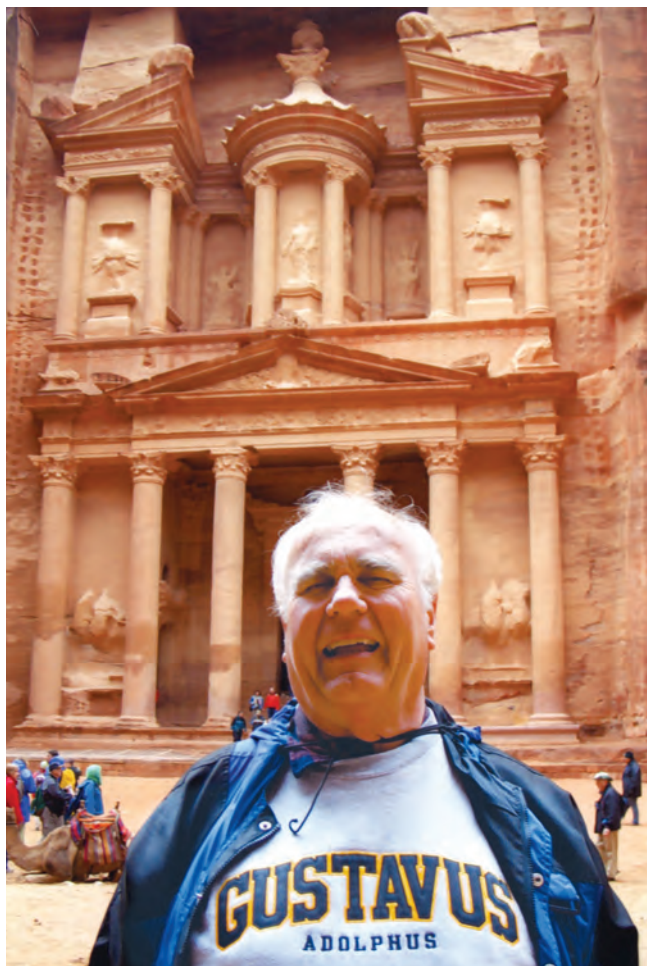
Let me step back for a minute and tell you a little about our 25,000 alumni. According to a recent survey, we are virtually unanimous in our powerfully positive feelings about the College. We love to come back to campus. It is indeed interesting to know that, all around the country (and the world for that matter), alumni are promoting the College in ways far beyond just word of mouth. We really do take pride in our Gustavus degrees. Just take a minute sometime and look into the wealth of talent this liberal arts college has produced. It is indeed inspiring, exceptional, and in fact, extraordinary. As a result, we feel an emotional identity with the College as a whole. We discover the College is part of who we are. But do we really feel responsible for the College? Is it really part of who we are? Can we make a difference? If we truly want to go beyond these positive alumni feelings, to achieve deeper alumni engagement and ownership, we need to help all 25,000 get more meaningfully connected to Gustavus and its future. Clearly, Gustavus is a part of who they are. Now it's time for the College to become even more a part of who we are. And you know, the time could not be better for us to begin drawing all 25,000 alumni closer.

Why now? During President Jack Ohle's inauguration on Homecoming Weekend 2008, Commission Gustavus 150 was announced. Many alumni have been waiting to make a difference in the advancement of the College, and there's a dedicated process, a more special event through which we could deliver many of these dreamed-of opportunities and then to personally experience some real, serious alumni engagement.

Gusties have so much to offer: passion, intelligence, ideas, creativity, encouragement, and an unmatched spirit of fun. Commission Gustavus 150 will harness all of that and more. Rest assured that, going forward, our alumni will be crucial, central players in Commission Gustavus 150 task forces and national summit meetings. We will begin to take that responsibility for the College, partnering with our trustees, administration, faculty, students, and the countless communities we serve, to envision and support its bright future.

We have certainly laid the foundation, nearing our 150th birthday. Please, join me in helping President Jack Ohle and Gustavus Adolphus College, with all its proud heritage and values, make this dreamed-of destination come alive!

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



Travels to the Holy Land

The Rev. Arne Walker '57, Gatlinburg, TN, and his wife, Connie, audited a three-week study-travel course on "The Holy Land – Then and Now" offered by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Columbia, SC, last January. The group covered Israel from north to south and east to west and made a side trip to several sites in Jordan. Walker is pictured at Petra in his Gustie gear.

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Three generations of Björlings

With the graduation of **Peter Heim '08** last spring, the Björling family can boast three generations of Gusties. Pictured from left are **Susie Björling Heim '83**, **Peter Heim '08**, and **Anders Björling '58**, retired comptroller of the College. Peter's father is **Steve Heim '81**, and his maternal grandmother was the late **Jan Neidt Björling '58**.

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Löfgren visits Gustavus as Out of Scandinavia artist

Theater impresario **Lars Löfgren '58** returned to Gustavus as the 2008 Out of Scandinavia artist-in-residence, Sept. 29–Oct. 6. In addition to visiting several classes, Löfgren gave a public lecture titled "Secrets of the Theater" and spoke at the College's daily worship service. The Out of Scandinavia artist-in-residence program was initiated in 1989 to serve the Gustavus community and beyond. The program's specific goals are to enhance the College's academic program, to develop stronger cultural ties with the Nordic countries, and to make American

audiences better aware of Scandinavian contributions to the general field of the arts.

Löfgren is the former head of the Royal Dramatic Theater (1985–97) and the Nordic Museum (1997–2001), both located in Stockholm, Sweden. Löfgren also previously served as head of Swedish TV Theater from 1968 to 1983 and director for the same theater from 1963 to 1968. He worked closely with Ingmar Bergman on several films, and was the producer of the Ingmar Bergman Festival in New York in 1995. He was the recipient of the Swedish Academy's Royal Prize in 1996 and of the Prix Italia, a national Italian television film and broadcasting award. He is a Commandant of the French Legion of Honor (Légion d'Honneur) and presently the Lord Chamberlain to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf.



Gusties in the Loire Valley

Joan Carlstrom Morehouse '64 and her husband, **Pastor Terry Morehouse**, were tour hosts recently on a trip to the Loire Valley in France. This photo of the Gusties on the trip was taken in a vineyard just outside of Blois: from left, **Ron Kirchoff '69**, **Marci Gustafson Kirchoff '70**, **Kristina Morehouse Madigan '89**, **Joan Carlstrom Morehouse '64**, **Jayne Rydland Radel '70**, and **Joanna Lundgren Kuehn '64**.

Alumni Class Reunions 2009

Classes of 1954, 1959, and 1964 and 50 Year Club

May 29 & 30, 2009

Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004

October 9 & 10, 2009, Homecoming Weekend

Information will be included in class letters, postcards, and on the alumni website. If you wish to serve on your class reunion committee, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 or alumni@gustavus.edu.



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Alumna publishes book of inspirational stories

The Rev. Dr. **Kay Jurgenson '62**, St. Paul—known familiarly as “Pastor Kay”—has added “author” to the many roles she’s assumed during her life. Her book *Hold On! Life Is Precious!*, published in June 2008, is a collection of more than 50 short stories, essays, reminiscences, and musings about the global family that also may be read as a daily devotional book reminding readers of those things in life so often taken for granted and encouraging them to “celebrate the moment.”

Jurgenson grew up in Clarkfield, MN, where her parents owned the community newspaper. She followed her brother, Stanley '59, to Gustavus (that’s him with her on the cover of her book). An intrepid traveler who has set foot in 30 countries, Jurgenson has been a Peace Corps volunteer (to the Philippines in 1962–1964), a playwright, an inventor, and a high school teacher. In 1975 she was ordained as the first woman pastor in the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). She served first at Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and later at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. She earned a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Theological Seminary in 1986.

Book and author have been featured in Twin Cities and outstate press, and Jurgenson has had several signings in small communities around her hometown and in the Twin Cities, including two open-house book signings at the Sabbath Place in Shoreview, MN, where she lives since retiring from active ministry in 2000. The book is available from Barnes and Noble, Borders, and Amazon, and also through Luther Seminary bookstore, Bethel University bookstore, and the Augustana Home and Mt. Olivet Home gift shops.



Three families attend park centennial

Classmates from the **Class of 1996** gathered at the 100th anniversary of McKennan Park in Sioux Falls, SD. The Davis family is from Madelia, MN, the Gunderson family is from Buxton, ND, and the Johnson family is from Sioux Falls, SD. Pictured front row from left are Alex Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Katharine Davis, Natalie Gunderson, and Madeline Gunderson. In the back row are **Diedre Carlson Johnson '96**, **Joel Johnson '96**, **Vikki Larson Davis '96** (holding Karl), **Steve Davis '96**, **Krista Vanderhoof Gunderson '96** (holding Annalise), and **Eric Gunderson**.

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Members of the **Class of 1964** gathered at the Prior Lake, MN, home of Mary McClrath in June. Pictured front row from left are **Mary Falden McClrath** and **Linda Newman Meyer**. Second row: **Sharon Rajala Reese** and **Dee Dee Heino Lorentzen**. Third row: **Maxine Holm**, **Sharon Johnson Cort**, and **Helen Brostrom Ihrig**. Fourth row: **Diane Ness Anderson** and **Liz Proeschel Wold**. Back row: **Nicky Kerpen Bredeson**, **Susan Fenske Anderson**, and **Ina Street Sickels**.

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Women of Holly House

Women of the Holly House from the **Class of 1966** gathered at the home of Sue Hennrickson in Breckenridge, CO, last July. The group enjoyed hiking, tracking memories, and singing some Gustie songs. Pictured front row from left are **Kathy Johnson Oleson** and **Sue Tillman Hallin**. Back row are **Mary Strand Stinde**, **Susan Schoening Gustafson**, **Sue England Henrickson**, **Kay Olson Erickson**, **Char Peterson Senske**, and **Mary Dahms Bierbrauer**.

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Classmates from the **Class of 1970** celebrated their "Sizzlin' at 60" birthdays with a week of vacation in Hilton Head, SC, last May. Pictured front from left are **Cindy Langen Patterson**, **Beth England Anderson**, **Gail Linnell Ehlen**, and **Murlane Johnson Henderson**. Back row are **Linda Frank Bovy**, **Mary Kaye Springer**, **Karol Klint Greupner**, **Diane Mickelson Brady**, and **Nancy Preston Endsley**.



Mark Phillips '72 was shopping in Ely, MN, last July and recognized a group of Gustie women who were guests of Elaine Sooger McGillvray at her cabin near Tower. They all spent a few moments reconnecting. Later in the day, they again bumped into each other in the dining room at Burnside Lodge near Ely. Pictured from left are **Deb Horne '73**, **Sandy Henry Keegan '73**, **Brenda Footh Duyan '73**, **Mark Phillips '72**, **Elaine Sooger McGillvray '73**, **Lynne Burcky Proctor '73**, and **Jill Fagerlund '73**.



Gusties friends from the **Class of 1980** celebrate their 50th Birthdays in Hayward, WI, last summer. Pictured from right are **Theresa Von Mosch Swansson**, **Kathy Furney Dardick**, **Ev Wickstrom Bjork**, **Kim Deason Franklin**, **Lynn Milbrath Eckertline**, **Jill Martinson Zweber**, and **Joni Lind McLean**.

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Gusties forever together

About 15 Gusties who graduated in the mid-'70s—some sorority sisters and others just great friends—have maintained a 35+ year friendship together. They still see each other quite frequently and are a great support system for each other. In July 2008, a dozen of them were pictured together, all wearing shirts cleverly designed by Jeanne Anderson Lind '74 with a motto appropriate for the group and their longevity:



"Gusties Together / Gusties Forever" (see inset). In the back row, from left, are **Patty Tasa**

Norgaard '75, Bev Peterson Ogren '76, Deb Horne '73, Christy Norgaard Otteson '74, Deb Tripp Hendrickson '73, and BJ Olson Meyer '73. In the middle row are **Sue Ahlcrona '74, Karen Amundson Cotton '74, and Susan Swanson Kimitch '74;** in front are **Susie Pederson Slater '74, Jeanne Anderson Lind '74, and Patty Neuman Tiffany '74.**



Classmates start Piraje Film

Classmates **Dave Pedersen '86** and **Brett Morse-Karzen '86** have started up a film production company in the Uptown area of Minneapolis called Piraje Film. The company specializes in making sure information is being conveyed with an entertaining approach through internal and external video communications for companies and non-profit organizations. Piraje Film's dynamic and professional productions have been used in television commercials, online video, and fundraising DVDs. Their services include consulting, script writing, casting, editing, music, graphics, high definition, standard definition, and duplication. For more information, visit their website, www.piraje.com.

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'Th-th-th-that's not all, folks!'

Scott Dee '81 is still researching the transmission of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRSV) and has been designing and testing intervention (biosecurity) protocols to prevent its entry into susceptible swine populations. He was selected by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE)—the WHO (World Health Organization) for animals—to represent North America as part of an ad hoc group on Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) that met in Paris, France, last summer. Swine veterinary scientists from Asia, Europe, and South Africa

were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether the PRRS status of a country should govern international trade of live animals and fresh pork. For his work in the PRRS arena, Dee recently received the Award for Research Excellence from the University of Minnesota. He also presented three papers at the International Pig Veterinary Society meeting in Durban, South Africa, last summer and spent a week in the bush on safari.

mortgage consultant for Lakeland Mortgage Corporation ■ **Angela Borland**, Boulder, CO, is a school program coordinator for Cal-Wood Education Center ■ **Chad Bray**, Red Wing, teaches math, advises SOAR (student organization) and coaches football and hockey at Red Wing High School ■ **Eric Bullen**, Albertville, is a police officer and K9 handler for the City of Minneapolis ■ **Beth Robelia Napton**, Rochester, teaches fourth and fifth grade at Lincoln Choice School ■ **Brent Newman**, Shakopee, teaches first grade at Eagle Creek Elementary in Shakopee ■ **Heather Oftedahl**, Plymouth, is a health coach for Staywell Health Management ■ **Gabe Ormsby**, Minneapolis, is a Web and database developer for University of Minnesota.

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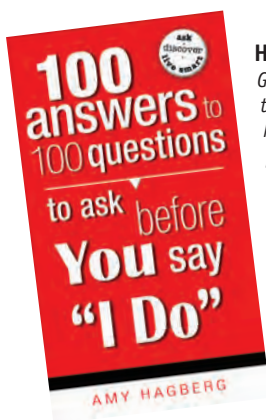
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Hagberg publishes marriage book
*Getting married is the biggest decision of a lifetime. Now couples can make it with confidence, knowing what questions to ask to ensure their compatibility for a life of happiness together. A new book by author **Amy Hammond Hagberg '83** addresses those very questions. 100 Answers to 100 Questions to Ask before You Say "I Do" shares the most important questions to consider and provides solid answers and advice. Hagberg is also the author of How Do You Know He's Real?, My Favorite Christmas, and How Do You Know He's Real? God Unplugged. Learn more on her website, www.amyhagberg.com.*

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Johnson travels to Tanzania on service trip

*In July 2008 a Vision Outreach Team was invited to the Ilula Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania. They screened more than 700 patients, distributed hundreds of prescription and reading glasses, and performed 62 cataract surgeries (below). "We were each blessed to be a blessing. To give the gift of sight is a wonderful expression of the gospel," said **David Johnson '84** (left), an ophthalmologist at HealthPartners, Inc., St. Paul, who led a medical team of nine. Other team members included his wife, **Sheryl (Brolander '83)**, and their children, **Lars (15)** and **Britta (14)**. The project is part of a dynamic relationship between the St.*

*Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese. The trip to Tanzania was also a chance to honor the memory of David's grandparents **Hobart and Ruth Johnson '21 '20**, who served there 10 years as missionaries, and to see where David's father, **Wendell Johnson '53**, was born.*

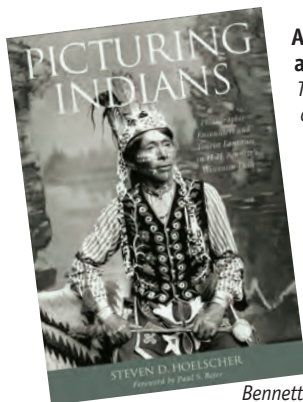


Dicke promoted by Securities & Exchange Commission

Michael Dicke '86, San Francisco, CA, has been promoted to associate regional director for enforcement in the Securities & Exchange Commission's San Francisco Regional Office. *Dicke will lead a large staff of attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who investigate and litigate federal securities law violations in Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and Alaska. Dicke joined the SEC in 1996 as a staff attorney after five years in private practice and had served as an assistant regional director for enforcement since 2005.*



GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



Alumnus writes about photographer and the Indians he photographed

The area now known as the Wisconsin Dells was once wilderness—and a gathering place for the region's native peoples, the Ho-Chunk, who for centuries migrated to this part of the Wisconsin River for both sustenance and spiritual renewal. By the late 1800s their numbers had dwindled through displacement or forcible removal, and it was this smaller band that caught the attention of photographer Henry Hamilton Bennett. Having built his reputation on his photographs of the Dells' steep gorges and fantastic rock formations,

Bennett turned his camera upon the Ho-Chunk themselves, and thus began the many-layered relationship unfolded by **Steven D. Hoelscher '86**, associate professor of American studies and geography at the University of Texas at Austin, in *Picturing Indians: Photographic Encounters and Tourist Fantasies* in H. H. Bennett's Wisconsin Dells.

The interactions between Indian and white man, photographer and photographed, suggested a relationship in which commercial motives and friendly feeling mixed, though not necessarily in equal measure. The Ho-Chunk sought new ways to survive in the increasingly tourist-driven economy of the Dells, while Bennett, struggling to keep his photography business alive, capitalized on America's comfortably nostalgic image of native peoples as a vanishing race.

Hoelscher, who also is the author of *Heritage on Stage: The Invention of Ethnic Place in America's Little Switzerland*, traces these developments through letters, diaries, financial records, guidebooks, and periodicals of the day. He places Bennett within the context of contemporary artists and photographers of American Indians and examines the receptions of this legacy by the Ho-Chunk today.

Both of Hoelscher's books are published by the University of Wisconsin Press. For more information, call 608-263-0734 or e-mail publicity@uwpress.wisc.edu.

Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" 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:

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

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

Scheduled speakers:

December 17 **Steve Kjellgren '86**, director of dining service

January 21 **Gwen Freed**, vice president for marketing and communication

February 18 **Kris Kracht**, communication studies; head forensics coach

March 18 **Ken Westphal**, vice president for finance

April 15 **Steve Wilkinson**, retiring men's tennis coach

service sales manager for Beupre Equipment Services ■ **Amanda Marotz**, Elkhorn, NE, is communication benefit coordinator for Alegent Health ■ **Dave Razidlo** and **Gina Kime Razidlo**, Rochester, are both

postdoctoral fellows at Mayo Medical Center ■ **Jonathan Trexler** is a candidate for an LL.M. in taxation at New York University School of Law in New York, NY.



Running fans meet for barbecue

Members and friends of Gustavus running gathered from across the country for a barbecue over the summer. Pictured from left are, front row, **Kathy Karp Czech '89**, **Steve Erickson '88**, and **Linda Anderson Dzubay '88**; middle, **Rhonda Ganske '88**, **Kari Johnson Abrahamson '88**, **Steve Clinton '88**, and **Martine Werner Clinton '88**; back, **Brad Gran '89**, **Bridget Hallahan Gran '88**, and **Brent Anderson '88**.

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Molly Sevcik Hussey, Minnetonka, is a physician assistant with the organ transplant surgery service at University of Minnesota Medical Center ■

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Nate Liddle, Minneapolis, is a credit analyst for Pine River Investments ■

Josh Lorenz, Port Orchard, WA, is a student judge advocate for the U.S. Navy ■

Candi Luitjens, Coon Rapids, is the Adventures Plus site coordinator for the Anoka-Hennepin School District ■

Rick Schuft, El Paso, TX, teaches first grade in El Paso and is attending University of Texas ■

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Valley Crossing Gusties

Four Valley Crossing Community School teachers met on a Friday this fall in the Woodbury school's front gathering area sporting their Gustie apparel. Pictured from left are **Linda Whitney Dobbs '80**, **Connha Stevenson Classon '92**, **Britta Peterson Ferrell '97**, and **Kurt Alpers '90**.

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Hermantown, teaches seventh-grade science and biology at Willow River School District ■ **Kate Kreuser**, Kumamoto, Japan, is an assistant language teacher for the J.E.T. Program ■ **Molly McIntyre Mjolsness**, Roseville, is enrollment director for Capella University ■ **Chris Renne**, Holmen, WI, is a medical lab technician at Community Memorial Hospital in Winona ■ **Leah Neal Renne**, Holmen, WI, graduated from University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and is working as a veterinarian in Onalaska, WI ■ **Amber Retzlaff**, Mankato, is a member service representative for Health Partners Insurance ■ **Megan Schliep**, Chicago, IL, is a speech/language pathologist at Northwestern University ■ **Matt Schwartz**, Arden Hills, is a lab manager and scientist for University of Minnesota ■ **Kari Buege Smith**, Waukon, IA, is employed by Winneshiek Medical Center in Decorah ■ **Amy Springer**, Eagan, is reference and instruction librarian for Rasmussen College/Eagan Campus ■ **Amy Svendsen**, Minneapolis, is a campus recruiting manager for KPMG LLP.

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Gustavus alumnus leads new depression treatment for astronauts



National Space Biomedical Research Institute scientists **Dr. James Cartreine '88** (left) and project co-investigator and former astronaut **Dr. Jay Buckley** conduct a test run of a treatment program on the Virtual Space Station.

Depression is a problem that could affect astronauts during long-duration flights on the International Space Station and the upcoming missions to the Moon. Now a team of scientists with the National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) led by Gustavus alumnus **Dr. James Cartreine (formerly Carter '88)** is developing a self-guided, interactive, multi-media program that will assist astronauts to recognize and effectively manage depression and other psychosocial problems, which can pose a substantial threat to crew safety and mission operations during long-duration spaceflights.

The depression treatment is part of the Virtual Space Station, a multi-media program that addresses multiple types of potential psychosocial problems and can be used for training before, and for assistance during, missions. Other problems being addressed via the Virtual Space Station include interpersonal conflict, and stress and anxiety.

Cartreine, a Harvard Medical School research psychologist based in the Division of Clinical Informatics at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, said the Virtual Space Station will make effective therapeutic depression treatment more easily accessible to astronauts aboard the International Space Station and proposed missions to the Moon and Mars. Currently, astronauts have audio and video access to psychologists only when communication links are available.

Even though the depression treatment is under development for NASA, the system could have applications for health care on Earth. "This project has great potential as a self-guided treatment for many people," says Cartreine, a member of NSBRI's Neurobehavioral and Psychosocial Factors Team. "Depression is the number-one cause of disability days in the United States, but it's not only about days lost. Depression also results in presenteeism—showing up for work but not really working."

Eventually, Cartreine and his team want to adapt the system for use in many different settings, giving people access to treatment they may not have now. For instance, people with depression often seek treatment by going to their primary care physician, so the researchers hope to adapt it for use at the doctor's office or in a person's home. The system could also be beneficial in rural areas where clinical help is in short supply or nonexistent. Other possible locations for use include schools, social service offices, places of worship, military bases, prisons, commercial ships, oil rigs, and underwater research stations.

ness operations specialist at Wells Fargo ■ **Megan Anderson**, St. Paul, is coordinator for the Hancock/Hamline Collaboration at Hamline University ■ **Owen Anfinson**, Northfield, received a master's degree in geology from Washington State University ■

Andrew Bennett, Syracuse, NY, received a master's degree in English from University of Nebraska in Kearney and is a Ph.D. student in cultural foundations of education at Syracuse University ■ **Macey Furstenau Boseck**, Muncie, IN, is a special education teacher for Jay



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Soccer alumni golf tournament

Soccer alumni returned to St. Peter for the soccer alumni golf tournament Sept. 8 at Shoreland Country Club. Front Row from left: **Grady St. Dennis '92**, **Todd Anderson '95**, **Scott Stoneking '96**, **Marc Colin '96**, **Alex Hill '97**, **Vince Brama '95**, **Geoff Goodwin '96**, **Drew Tarara '95**, **Bryon Smith '99**, **Ben Halberg**, **John Murakami '83**. Back Row: **Steve McDermott '88**, **Bobby Kroog '06**, **Jim Zils '73**, **Tom Gross '75**, **Dan Hanson '90**, **Tyler Wenkus '02**, **Ryan Chies '99**, **Phil Lindau '84**, **Ross Smith '02**, **John Townsend '83**, Head Coach **Larry Zelenz**. Not pictured but in attendance at the event were **Scott Crowell '01**, **Evan Molde '01**, **Mark Genosky '93**, **Jeff Jiovanazzo '98**, **Steve Murray '02**, **Jim Murray**, and **Matt Lindberg '97**.



Global Mission experience

A delegation of students from the Graduate School of Social Work at Dominican University in River Forest, IL, including **Yvonne Mesa-Magee '93** (front row in center with Gustavus sweatshirt), participated in a Global Studies Experience, May 10–25, 2008, in Guatemala. The director of the mission church they visited in San Lucas Toliman, Monsignor Gregory Schaffer, is a close friend of former Gustavus President Jim Peterson '64 and his wife, the Rev. Susan Pepin Peterson '65. The delegation focused on international adoption, modern day slavery (human trafficking), poverty and migration patterns, economic and political instability in the region, armed conflicts, the lack of employment opportunities for women, child labor, and environmental disasters.

County ■ **Dan Chrest**, Medina, is a relationship manager for Farm Credit Leasing – CoBank ■ **Kim Eisenreich**, Providence, RI, is educa-

tion coordinator for NeighborWorks Blackstone and a graduate student in urban education policy at Brown University ■ **Britt Forsberg**,

Minneapolis, is community program assistant for Bell Museum, University of Minnesota ■ **Katrina Hesterman**, Bloomington, is a senior merchandise specialist for Target ■ **Kirsten Hubert**, Bryn Mawr, PA, is a registered nurse at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania ■ **Jenny Ingraham**, St. Louis Park, is an account executive for Periscope ■ **Katrina Kleinwachter**, Vienna, VA, is employed by the Federal Communications Commission ■ **Dan Kueffer**, Shoreview, is an exercise physiologist for Allina ■ **Melissa Laine**, Bethesda, MD, is a risk analyst for the Internal Revenue Service ■ **David Myers**, Eden Prairie, is an actuarial analyst for Reden & Anders ■ **Alyssa Paulson**, Minneapolis, is an account manager for BI ■ **Jadon Peck**, Urbana, IL, is vice president of sales and marketing for Flooring Surfaces, Inc. ■ **Stephen Stock**, Fairbanks, AK, deployed in September with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright, AK, for his second deployment to Iraq ■ **Will Sutor**, Brooklyn Park, graduated from Hamline University School of Law and works for Petry and Associates ■ **Beth Wojahn**, Bloomington, is employed by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville ■ **William Yackel**, Madison, WI, is a firefighter for the Madison Fire Department.

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Joe Cupka, Indianapolis, IN, is working for Obama for America ■ **Kelly Anderson Diercks**, Eagan, is assistant athletics director at Augsburg College ■ **Nikolas Georgacarakos**, Boulder, CO, received an M.A. in history at University of Mississippi and is studying for a Ph.D. in history at University of Colorado at Boulder ■ **Adam Hofferbar**, Minnetonka, is a law student at Hamline University School of Law ■ **Gina Kilchenman**, Bloomington, is sales and marketing manager at Aloft Minneapolis Hotel ■ **Natalie Lau**, St. Louis Park, completed an M.A. in marriage and family therapy from Argosy University in August ■ **Kate Lawson**, Seattle, WA, is a staff geologist for Engineering/Remediation Resource Group ■ **Deanna Levenson**, St. Paul, is a senior business analyst for Target ■ **Brett Morse-Karzen**, Wilmette, IL, is owner and founder of Piraje Film ■ **Megan Olson**, Eden Prairie, is employed by the Prior Lake/Savage ISD ■ **Dave Pedersen**, Woodbury, is owner and founder of Piraje Film ■ **Matt Swenson**, St. Paul, is a communication specialist and writer for the Minnesota House of Representatives ■ **Kristy Wilke**, Minneapolis, is an event manager for VerticalXchange.



Target Gustie luncheon

A group of Target employees gathered for lunch Oct. 1 at the Oak Grille in Minneapolis. Pictured front row from left are **Veelie Her '06**, **Stacey Johnson '07**, **Ange DeWit '07**, **Katrina Hesterman '05**, **Elena Bjorklund '05**, **Quinn Thompson '08**, **Erica Brown '07**, **Allison Wires '04**, **Nathan Dahlke '02**, and **Paul Whitney '00**. In the back row are **Cassandra Mayne Jensen '06**, **Janet Nelson Spielman '70**, **Amy Stassen Gustafson '99**, **Sara Larson '01**, **Kristin Erb '07**, **Justin Barlow '08**, **Tara Pals Cadenhead '97**, **John M. Larsen '96**, and **Greta Haugland Bliet '06**. Not pictured but in attendance were **Nikki Lindstrom Warner '02** and **Meg O'Hara '02**.

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Nick David, Hollywood, CA, teaches first grade at the Hollywood Schoolhouse ■ **Megan Duevel**, Norwich, VT, is a patient safety fellow at the Veterans Hospital Administration ■ **Chris Fogderud**, Brainerd, is director of bands for Brainerd High School ■ **Kourtney Joyce Hoffarber**, Minnetonka, teaches third grade in the Orono ISD ■ **Angela Miller**, Minneapolis, is working for the Minnesota DFL ■ **Ben Richter**, Edina, is senior high youth director for Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior.

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County match support specialist for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota.

Weddings

Mary Montgomery '75 and William J. Felvey Jr., 2/9/08, Dayton, OH.

Kay Anderson Furr '84 and Paul Furr, Bloomington, MN.

S. David Blanton '85 and Pamela Blanton, San Diego, CA.

Susan Johnson '91 and Andrew Nelson, 6/7/08, San Francisco, CA.

Kellie Murphy '91 and Patrick Lekie, 4/28/08, Lakeville, MN.

Tom Kuesel '92 and Sarah Kuesel, Bemidji, MN.

Andrew Goodger '93 and Angela Goodger, Pine Island, MN.

Jeffrey Holmberg '95 and Anne Rohl, 6/27/08, Elk River, MN.

Amy Seidel '95 and Michael Coddington, 9/13/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Mya Follansbee Shaftel '95 and Doug Shaftel, 8/23/08, Olympia, WA.

Jason Lesteberg '96 and Jodi Lewis, 6/7/08, Maple Grove, MN.

Jason Wright '96 and Lori Wright, Coon Rapids, MN.

Kristopher Krajewski '97 and Romana Reinhart, 3/7/08, Lipperswil, Switzerland.

Tami Lentz '97 and Scott Rushing, 3/18/08, Dundas, MN.

Julie Turnquist '97 and Scott Allen, West Des Moines, IA.

Rachel Gustafson '98 and Justin Bakeberg, Correll, MN.



Dinner and conversation

Former Gustavus chaplain **Richard Q. Elvee** (center) met for dinner with **Dan Currell '94** and **James Gale '83** at Tabard Inn in Washington, DC, on August 19. Elvee discussed topics ranging from his days on campus to theories of an intelligent cosmos. Currell is senior director, Corporate Executive Board, and Gale is an attorney at law and chair of the Gustavus Board of Trustees. Elvee resides in Frostburg, MD, and winters in Mexico.

Amanda Ludeman '98 and Seth Thompson, Cannon Falls, MN.

Jennifer Carlson '99 and Michael Saros, 9/2/07, Eden Prairie, MN.

Sara Gates '99 and Lance Basile, Minneapolis, MN.

Kelly Harms '00 and Josh Wimmer, 7/12/08, New York, NY.

Megan Reich '00 and Brendan Tateishi, New York, NY.

Jennifer Thomsen '00 and Patrick Watson '99, 8/16/08, Minnetonka, MN.

Caroline Hildreth '01 and David Williams, 1/20/08, Norwalk, CT.

Mike Metzger '02 and Anne L. Bailey, 8/30/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Colin Mullen '02 and Laura Fryberger, 9/12/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Molly Sevcik '02 and **Ross Hussey '01**, 6/14/08, Minnetonka, MN.

Karen Warkentien '02 and Charlie Oglesby, 4/19/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Lindsey Christensen '03 and **Nick Tibesar '04**, 7/18/08, St. Louis Park, MN.

Kelley Conley '03 and Nate Reiter, 7/11/08, Minneapolis, MN.

Elise Getter '03 and Jason Howard, 6/14/08, Charlotte, NC.

Luke Magnuson '03 and Samantha Logiudice, 5/30/08, Minneapolis, MN.

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Sixteen years and barely hanging on!

League Lambbrain, a fantasy football league started and sustained through the lean years by Mike Pederson '95 and featuring an all-Gustie cast of "team owners," held its 2008 draft in September. This group has been playing fantasy football for the last 16 years and getting on each other's nerves for 17 of those years! Pictured in back from left (all Class of '95 unless otherwise listed) are Todd Klemmenson, Kirk Reierson, Stig Sandell, Matt LeTourneau, Andy Granberg (partially hidden), and Nate Anderson. Seated in front are Jerrod Larson '94 (with Sir Montague, the league's chicken mascot), Andy Lohn, and Mike Jacobs. Not pictured are J.D. Anderson, Doug Savaloja, Brad Orn, and founder Pederson.



MBA students study in Scandinavia

Last May, three Gusties visited Scandinavia for two weeks as a part of a University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management MBA study-abroad program titled "Business Ethics – A Scandinavian Approach." Participants visited businesses, government officials, and NGOs in Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; and Copenhagen, Denmark. Visits included Statoil Hydro, H&M, Novo Nordisk, IKEA, the U.S. Ambassador to Norway, WWF, and UNICEF. Pictured from left are Andy Vu '03, Nichole Petersen Porath '05, and Jeff Thompson '00.



Gustie Bandyts Win Record Fourth Consecutive USIBL Championship

The Gustie Bandyts, three-time defending U.S. Indoor Bandy League (USIBL) champions, successfully defended their title in August to become the first team in the 23-year history of the USIBL to win the Cannon Cup four consecutive times. Also noteworthy was the team's unbeaten and untied 12–0–0 record in the regular season.

Contributing to the Gustie Bandyts' stalwart play were alumni Keith Detlefsen '06, Scott Arundel '08, and former Gustie hockey captain Reegan Rehm '05. Other team members with Gustie connections include Ian Petersen, son of former Gustie hockey player Gary Petersen '72, and Jeff Arundel, who played hockey one year for Coach Don Roberts '56. Notably absent from the Gustie Bandyts team championship playoff run was Adam Meyer '06, another former Gustie hockey player who left early in August to play professional hockey in Finland. However, a large reason for this team's success must be credited to four members of the team who spent six months last winter playing professional bandy in Stockholm, Sweden, for the Helenelunds IK Bandy Klubb. John Arundel, Mike Hosfield, Jon Keseley, and goaltender Erik Kraska are all 2007 grads and former varsity hockey players under current Gustavus hockey coach Brett Petersen. Steve Arundel '73, a Gustie hockey player and captain himself and the father of Scott and John, was instrumental in forming the current Gustie Bandyt bandy dynasty.

Bandy, a hybrid sport that combines elements of both ice hockey and soccer, is not very well known in the United States, but it is quite popular in Scandinavia, eastern Europe, and Russia, where some games attract more than 35,000 fans and the top players are international celebrities.

- Audra Mueller '03** and William Mueller, 6/7/08, Richfield, MN.
- Stephanie Nelson '03** and Colin Nelson-Dusek, 8/18/07, Houston, TX.
- Molly McIntyre '04** and Eric Mjolsness, 5/17/08, Roseville, MN.
- Tara Barnes '05** and **Andrew Fitch '01**, 6/21/08, Shakopee, MN.
- Alisha Furstenuau '05** and Justin Boseck, 8/11/07, Muncie, IN.
- Emma Jordan '05** and Darin Mohr, 6/14/08, Coralville, IA.
- Laura Stypulkowski '05** and **Kent Kramer '05**, 8/16/08, Hugo, MN.
- Rebecca Crump '06** and **Matt Volenec '05**, 5/24/08, Marshfield, WI.
- Brian Goldner '06** and Jenny Koester, 9/20/08, St. Anthony, MN.
- Amanda Mitchell '06** and Ben Struthers, 10/13/06, Elk River, MN.
- Briana Monson '06** and Josh Miller, 8/02/08, Mankato, MN.
- Stefany Pederson '05** and **Tom Young '06**, 9/20/08, Wayzata, MN.
- Alana Reetz '06** and Gregg Pearson, 8/2/08, Minneapolis, MN.
- Kristen Wilking '06** and Adam Estrem, 6/21/08, Shakopee, MN.
- Sarah Demke '07** and **Chris Fogderud '07**, 6/28/08, Brainerd, MN.
- Molly Jordan '07** and Andrew Winter, Falcon Heights, MN.
- Kourtney Joyce '07** and **Adam Hofferbar '06**, 12/14/07, Minnetonka, MN.



Travel experience part of Gustie golf program

by Mark Holiday

When I told a Montana friend about the proposed Gustavus Adolphus College golf team trip to Europe, she said, "You'd better watch out; Minnesotans like to have fun." The more I pondered the pending trip to Switzerland and Italy with two nationally ranked Division III golf teams (women's and men's), their parents, relatives, coaches, and friends, coupled with my friend's comment, the more I warmed to the idea. I pondered the proposed itinerary: three rounds of golf, sightseeing in Lugano, Switzerland, as well as Florence, Tuscany, and Rome. Simply relaxing and riding the bus until the time to tee up, or heading to Tuscany for wine tasting; or to Florence to see Michelangelo's David, or Rome to see St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel. This would be no-stress traveling.

So what does happen when you corral a roofing contractor, a pharmacist, an undertaker, an engineer, a lumber broker, a dentist, an educator, a do-it-all construction worker, a pontoon-boat builder, and numerous homemakers (just to name a few), and send them to Europe with their kids, and some of the administrators and coaches of their chosen college? Lots of cool stuff! Laughter. Bonding. Admiration. Understanding. Common purpose. Respect. Determination. Loyalty. I'm sure Coach Scott Moe '95 (affectionately known in Italy as "Biscotti Moe") was hoping for some bonding among his team members. In order to bond it's important to be with people who are capable of bonding. You know the type: friendly, honest, funny, unpretentious, open, interested in a variety of subjects, non-judgmental, comfortable in their own skin. When you have a busload of this type of characters it's just one

interesting conversation after another. This was a group capable of bonding—not only capable, but also willing.

A plot to get three incoming first-year women (including my daughter) further connected might be to take them to the northern Tuscany town of Montecatini. Stay in a quaint hotel across the street from a famous spa and hot spring, get them to the flea market, and feed them smooth and delicious gelato. Good start. Needing a further push, you'd get the girls together with the three parents, ride a cable car up a mountain to Montecatini Alto as a classic Tuscany sunset cast shadows over some of the most beautiful and famous land on the planet. Then head for dinner through cobblestone streets and into the small village



square as the evening breeze cools what had been a very hot day. Sit down and relax over some house wine and soda. Order an antipasto. All is well and the bonding has begun and will continue and continue as the entrees arrive in the leisurely Italian pace of just under 90 minutes. (How did they know we wanted to chat? Those wily Italians!)

After our repast we stand on the outside platform of the historic wooden cable car (the two-car cable system's 1898 grand opening was attended by local resident and opera genius Giuseppe Verdi), as we slowly descend a couple hundred meters to our starting station. Time to get some rest as the bus leaves for Rome at 7 a.m. Golf! Italy! Bonding! Minnesotans! But now I hear the gelato shop whispering, "a scoop of raspberry, a scoop of chocolate, you're in Italy." We're off to dessert; we'll rest on the bus tomorrow. Watch out—this is starting to be too much fun.



Golf program travels to Italy

Members, parents, and friends of the Gustavus men's and women's golf program traveled to Italy in July to see the many historical and cultural attractions and play three rounds of golf. Pictured seated front row from left are **Kimba Kosak '10**, **Shawn Grygo '09**, **Lauren Rusvold '09**, **Rikka Holiday '12**, **Annie Jackson '12** and **Rachel Stuckey '10**. Seated second row are **Mary Kosak**, **Beth Onkka Stuckey '81**, **Paige Copeland**, **Sarah Garrison Moe '02**, **Katie Schenfeld '11**, **Kerri Groff '10**, **Nicole Tetrault '11**, **Amanda Johnson '10**, **Taylor Drenttel '12**, and **Sandy Drenttel**. Third row kneeling are **Ricky Copeland '10**, **Josh Curb '10**, **Mark Holiday**, **Corey Kosak**, and **Matt Jerulle**. Standing are **Ricky Copeland**, **Randall Stuckey '83**, **Patricia Copeland**, **Andrew Evenson '09**, **Dan Barthel '09**, **Scott Curb**, **Mary Boranian**, **Scott Moe '95**, **Cyd Runsvold**, **John Runsvold**, **Gene Hallberg**, **Diana Johnson**, **Mark Jackson**, **David Tetrault**, **Robert Grygo**, **Sharon Grygo**, and **Kelly Jerulle**.

Mark Holiday is a PGA professional and director of golf at Bridger Creek Golf Course in Bozeman, MT, and is the father of Rikka '12, a member of the women's golf team.

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Irish at heart

In March of 2008 Gusties had their photo taken at the Cliffs of Moher on Ireland's western coast. Pictured from left are **Dana Anderson Tran '02**, **Jason Tran '02**, **Sara Heroff Buffie '02**, and **Brian Buffie '04**.



Autumn Brew Review in the Twin Cities

Three Gustie friends attended the Autumn Brew Review in Minneapolis this past September. Pictured are **Jenny DeReu '02**, **Charles Lagerquist '01**, and **Colin Mullen '02**.

Kelly Schmidt '07 and **Drew Nelson '07**, 7/19/08, Lakeville, MN.
Maegen Trebelhorn '07 and **Josh Storm**, 9/13/08, Eagan, MN.
Fatima-Zahra Elattir '08 and **Adil El Hadj**, 7/26/08, Rabat, Morocco.
Nissa Hannemann '08 and **Timothy Peterson**, 8/23/08, Maple Grove, MN.
Cassandra Henke '08 and **Brian Delaitsch**, 9/27/08, Owatonna, MN.
Jennifer Paulsen '08 and **Luke Audette '08**, 8/23/08, St. Paul, MN.

Births

Eva, to **Edward Lewandowski '84** and **Theresa Lewandowski**, 8/14/08.

Hannah, to **Jacqueline Lindner Bencke '92** and **Patrick Bencke**, 9/22/08.
 Scarlett, to **Erik Jelinek '93** and **Jennifer Jelinek**, 9/24/08.
 Dane, to **Kai Johnson '93** and **Tricia Johnson**, 6/11/08.
 Adelaide, to **Michael Hopman '94** and **Bethany Hopman**.
 Blake, to **Heather Lucken Scholl '94** and **Scott Scholl**, 7/7/08.
 Gunnar, to **Mike Larson '95** and **Carrie Larson**, 1/4/07.
 Ellen, to **Scott Davis '97** and **Anna Davis**, 7/19/08.
 Joseph, to **Jed Folkens '97** and **Nicki Folkens**, 5/24/08.
 Emma, to **Melissa Dahlke Maltman '97** and **Thomas Maltman**, 1/24/08.
 Henry, to **Kristopher Newman '97** and **Kelly Newman**, 7/21/08.

Eleanor, to **Alison LeCocq Carda '98** and **Chad Carda '98**, 6/17/08.
 Jillian, to **Kathy Liggett Patton '98** and **Marc Patton**, 7/16/08.
 Isabelle, to **Denielle Salmonson Velasquez '98** and **Tony Velasquez '96**, 7/18/08.
 Luke, to **Kami Wraspir Boutwell '99** and **Ryan Boutwell '99**, 10/3/08.
 Emmett, to **Amy Benson Heilman '99** and **Roy Heilman '00**, 7/7/08.
 Grace, to **Ann Miller '99** and **Dave Johnson '98**, 8/25/08.
 Madeline, to **Carrie Nelson Sundberg '99** and **Matthew Sundberg '99**, 3/30/08.
 Kiersten, to **Cathy Edlund Bussler '00** and **Brandon Bussler '01**, 7/6/08.
 Benjamin, to **Jessica Stewart Madsen '00** and **Thomas Madsen '00**, 9/19/08.
 Evan, to **Stephanie Huble Morris '00** and **Scott Morris '02**, 3/25/08.
 Sarah, to **Lisa Davis Young '00** and **Timothy Young**, 7/7/08.
 Megan, to **Julie Bexell Sieben '01** and **Todd Sieben**, 7/22/08.
 Lucy, to **Jessica Fredrickson Bamford '02** and **Jeff Bamford**, 4/18/08.
 Takhia, by foster-adoption, to **Marne Gulley '02**, 6/08.
 Samuel, to **Kristin Hoffman-Peavler '02** and **Robert Peavler**, 5/13/08.
 Lucas, to **Courtney Grant Martinez '02** and **Carlos Martinez**, 3/07/08.
 Ella, to **Monica Cook Schmit '02** and **Thomas Schmit '03**, 8/9/08.
 Sullivan, to **Sarah Wolter '02** and **Blake Kane '02**, 7/13/08.
 William, to **Megan Trapp Henschen '03** and **Samuel Henschen '03**, 9/16/08.
 Colin, to **Annie Johnson Selander '03** and **Nathan Selander '03**, 7/11/08.
 Breeley, to **Alisha Hussong Galle '06** and **JJ Galle**, 3/13/08.

In Memoriam

Lloyd Volling '31, Le Sueur, MN, on October 11, 2008. He was retired from Green Giant Company and is survived by his wife, Marian, and one son.
Lucille Miller Pantuso '33, Excelsior, MN, on September 19, 2008. She was a retired teacher and longtime volunteer for Gustavus.

Aina Abrahamson '35, Thousand Oaks, CA, on October 16, 2008. She was library director emerita for California Lutheran University.
Helen Quist Johnson '38, Plymouth, MN, on July 8, 2008. She was a volunteer in hospital and nursing home auxiliary and is survived by one daughter.
Carlton Holmberg '39, Columbia Heights, MN, on May 20, 2008. He was a retired accountant for Kellogg Commission Co. and is survived by his wife, Marie (Johnson '47), one daughter, and one son.
Harold Lofsness '40, Champlin, MN, on October 5, 2008. He was retired from the Gordon Erickson Company and is survived by two sons and sister Carol Norrgard '50.
N. Frank Noren '40, Spokane, WA, in July, 2008. He was retired from children and family services for the State of Washington and is survived by two daughters and one son.
Martha Lunderoff Wallin '40, Sandstone, MN, on June 18, 2008. She was a retired social worker and is survived by one daughter, two sons, and sister Laura Lunderoff McMichael '56.
Reuel Pietz '43, St. Cloud, MN, on September 3, 2008. He was emeritus professor of geography at St. Cloud State University and is survived by his wife, Mary, daughter Pamela '73, and son Eric '70.
Eli Vuicich '45, Timonium, MD, on September 2, 2008. He was a Navy veteran who was involved in developing an anthrax vaccine as a scientist at Fort Detrick, MD.
Myron Haglund '46, Marshfield, WI, on October 1, 2008. He was a retired employee of Land 'O Lakes and is survived by his wife, June (Dahlberg '46), and one daughter.
Ken Person '48, Augusta, GA, on November 5, 2007. He was retired executive director of U.S.O. of CSRA and is survived by his wife, Pearl, and one son.
John Bengtson '49, Shelton, WA, on April 3, 2008. He was a retired insurance executive for United Pacific Reliance and is survived by his wife, Eleen (Bloom '50), son Peter '80, and one daughter.
Allan Eitzen '50, Lititz, PA, on August 31, 2008. He was an illustrator and printmaker and is survived by three daughters and two sons.
Robert Johnson '50, Burnsville, MN, on August 17, 2008. He was re-



tired from facilities management security for Ziegler, Inc. and is survived by his wife, Mona, two daughters, and two sons.

Vern Bergstrom '51, Minneapolis, MN, on September 24, 2008. He was retired arbitration judge for Hennepin County District Court and is survived by his wife, Marie (Norberg '50), three sons, and three daughters.

Gerald Koos '51, Duluth, MN, on August 10, 2008. He was a retired urologic physician and is survived by his wife, Mary Jo (Bergquist '51), two daughters, and four sons including Fletcher '88.

Irene Tettam Werner '51, Sunnyvale, CA, on April 29, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Paul '53, and two sons.

Roger Magnuson '52, Woodland Park, CO, on June 9, 2008. He was a retired pastor and is survived by his wife, Jean, two sons, and two daughters.

Joan Hallander Hengel '53, Schonried, Switzerland, on July 28, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Peter, three daughters, and one son.

Robert Kron '53, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on June 26, 2008. He was retired from Kingsway Transports.

Jeanette Larson '54, Minneapolis, MN, on September 19, 2008. She was retired manager of the Book Store at Gustavus and is survived by daughter Linda McNary '65.

Moon Mullin '56, Galesburg, IL, on July 19, 2008. He was a retired independent sales representative and tax accountant and is survived by his wife, Peggy, four sons, one daughter, one stepson, and one stepdaughter.

Thorild Ross '57, Mission Viejo, CA, on August 4, 2008. He was a retired physician and is survived by his wife, Mag, one daughter, and three sons.

Bill Wallentine '60, North Bend, WA, on June 27, 2008.

Floyd Flowers '62, De Kalb, IL, on August 9, 2008. He was retired executive director of Family Service Agency and is survived by his wife, Harriet, one daughter, and two sons.

Carol Schulze '62, Eden Prairie, MN, on September 25, 2008. She was a retired social worker from Hennepin County.

Barbara Anderson Paddon '63, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, on August 13, 2008. She was a retired business teacher for Central Elgin Collegiate Institute and is

survived by her husband, Dean, and two daughters.

Jon Bomgren '69, Farmington Hills, MI, on March 30, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, brother Stephen '68, and sister Gail O'Phaelan '78.

David Landin '71, Derby, KS, on September 17, 2008. He was retired navigator/marketing rep for John Hancock Financial Services and is survived by one son and two daughters.

Carol Lee Colwell '72, San Diego, CA, on December 4, 2007. She was self-employed.

Wayne Dietz '75, Woodbury, MN, on October 15, 2008. He was a math teacher and coach at Woodbury High School and is survived by his wife, Carey (Griesel '76), two daughters, and one son.

Gary Webb '76, Grand Rapids, MN, on September 24, 2008. He was a seventh-grade social studies teacher in the Grand Rapids ISD and is survived by his wife, Laura, one son, and one daughter.

Paul Kojetin '82, Rosemount, MN, on July 17, 2008. He was director of technology at Donaldson Company Inc. and is survived by his wife, Leanne, daughter Laura Ingalsbe '07, and two sons.

Aaron D. Lee '94, Minnetrista, MN, on August 30, 2008. He was director of sales and marketing for Prevention Awareness Network and is survived by his wife, Eve, and two children.



Four grads celebrate with European tour

Four 2008 graduates celebrated "getting out" with a 16-day trip to Europe in July. They toured in France, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland. Pictured in front of the Pantheon in Rome, Italy, are from left Mike Marcotte, Jenny Arnfelt, Justine Moses, and Jordan Hawkinson.



In Ecuador with WorldTeach

Dan Rude '05 (third from right) spent the past year and a half teaching English in Ambato, Ecuador, for a non-profit organization called WorldTeach, and is pictured with his students prior to their goodbye dinner.

Erratum

In the Alumni section of the Summer 2008 issue of the *Gustavus Quarterly*, we printed a note indicating that **Leif Freeman '98**, Sioux Falls, SD, is associate pastor at St. John American Lutheran Church. Actually, his wife, **Rebecca (Wold '98)**, is. Leif is a lab technician at POET Research in Sioux Falls. Apologies to both.

Miho Ihara '98

Truly a world citizen

*from her award ceremony introduction
by Gregory Mason*

Miho Ihara '98 came to Gustavus in 1996 from Osaka, Japan, as an exchange student. Her home institution, Kansai Gaidai University, has had close ties with Gustavus since the early 1970s. She completed bachelor's degrees at Kansai Gaidai and Gustavus, so both of her alma maters can be very proud of her.

Like many of our gifted students, Miho chose to pursue an individualized major at Gustavus. As its director at that time, I was delighted that she chose peace studies. Due to their nation's traumatic historical experience, Japanese young people like Miho have been educated to be greatly more aware of the follies of militarism and the dangers especially of nuclear warfare than have their counterparts in the United States. Peace studies in our country is a relative newcomer on the educational scene. With its focus on analyzing the systemic roots of violence and injustice, and on then proposing alternative nonviolent pathways forward, peace studies offered Miho the opportunity to construct a personally meaningful interdisciplinary major that she completed *magna cum laude*.

Anyone who knows Miho knows that she does not let the grass grow under her feet. No sooner had she completed her B.A. studies

than she earned a certificate in Mandarin Chinese at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Next came Johns Hopkins University, where she received her M.A. in international relations in 2002. Since leaving Gustavus, Miho has worked as a researcher and advocate in the nonprofit sector, for Amnesty International, and for ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution and Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes); she has worked in finance for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank; and most recently she has worked in industry helping facilitate public-private cooperative ventures in transportation. During this time she has lived and worked in Africa (Nigeria and Tanzania), in Asia (Japan, People's Republic of China, Thailand, East Timor, and Vietnam), in Washington D.C., and currently in Ottawa, Canada—she is truly a world citizen.

Throughout this impressive early career, Miho has maintained a strong commitment to social justice. Following her undergraduate interests, her early work was in advocating for the protection and rights of children worldwide. In finance she worked to foster sustainable development. As social and poverty specialist for the engineering group Louis Berger in Vietnam, Miho worked to ensure that the country's ordinary workers were recognized as important stakeholders, and that road planning and development served the needs of the people, not just the profit motive.

It is with great pride and affection that I present Miho Ihara for the First Decade Award for early professional achievement.

Gregory Mason, professor emeritus of English and peace studies, retired from the College after teaching from 1971 to 2008.

Tom Roster



*Miho Ihara '98 and
Jason Smerdon '98*

“for early professional achievement”



2008 First Decade Awards

Jason Smerdon '98

On an upward trajectory

*from his award ceremony introduction
by Chuck Niederriter*

My colleagues often tell stories about **Jason Smerdon '98** to prospective students when we are giving tours of the physics labs in Olin Hall. Steve Mellema '72 reminded me of one just the other day: about the project that Jason undertook in his J-Term FORTRAN course. After three weeks of learning about scientific programming in FORTRAN, Jason undertook the task of having the computer write random haiku. The program was a great success, producing many wonderful poems in this classic Japanese format, a few that were inarguably gibberish, and some that would make Bob Dylan proud.

I enjoy telling the stories of Jason's seismograph. When Jason was a sophomore student, he arranged a January Term internship in Switzerland, to spend time with his family. The internship was in geophysics and stimulated in Jason an interest in seismography. He brought back a small mechanical seismograph that he had built and some great ideas for new designs. He spent almost a year building and perfecting several "liquid seismographs" entirely on his own initiative. Prospective students and their families really seem to appreciate this example of a research project that was entirely student-initiated.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that Jason was a good student at Gustavus. He did well in his course work, taking essentially every course the physics department had to offer and improving continuously from his first year until his last. When he graduated, he was one of our top students. This trajectory continued through his graduate and post-graduate career.

After graduation, Jason attended the University of Michigan to study in their physics and applied physics departments. After a stint in biophysics, he returned to his original passion, geophysics, earning a master's degree in physics in 2000 and the doctorate in applied physics in 2004. He received several fellowships and awards at Michigan, but probably the best came after he received his Ph.D., when he was awarded a Lamont-Doherty Postdoctoral Fellowship at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University.

Jason's upward trajectory continues in New York, where he continues to receive awards for his work. In 2007 he received a Barnard Environmental Science/Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Environmental Science at Barnard College and a Storke-Doherty Lectureship Award at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at Columbia. And last summer, he garnered the James Chair Visiting Professorship at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

My colleagues and I have great confidence that Jason Smerdon will have a distinguished career as a teacher and researcher at Columbia University or at even better institutions!

Professor Chuck Niederriter has been on the physics faculty since 1985 and this year became director of the Nobel Conference at the College.

2008 First Decade Award Nominees

In addition to First Decade Award recipients Miho Ihara and Jason Smerdon, other finalists included:

Women: **Jennifer Hightower Atteberry**, Palmyra, MO, former systems engineer, spacecraft power, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.; **Raphaela Erica Josefa Dohm**, Rockford, IL, vice president/treasurer, Henkel Corp.; **Rebecca Gurney**, St. Paul, MN, family practice physician, Allina Hospitals & Clinics; **Aneka Swanson**, Minneapolis, MN, pollution control specialist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Men: **Adrian Anderson**, Libertyville, IL, senior research analytical chemist, Abbott Laboratories; **Adam Bjork**, Tucson, AZ, post-doc, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Tucson; **Erik Hagberg**,

Decatur, IL, senior research scientist, Archer Daniels Midland; **Anthony Indelicato**, Minneapolis, MN, senior recruitment associate, American Refugee Committee International; **Brant Isakson**, Charlottesville, VA, resident faculty, Robert Berne Cardiovascular Research Center; assistant professor and assistant professor of research, molecular physiology and biological physics, University of Virginia School of Medicine; **Ahren Jasper**, Dublin, CA, senior member of the technical staff, Combustion Research Facility, Sandia National Laboratories; **Glenn Kranking**, Columbus, OH, Ph.D. candidate and instructor, Russian and East European History, Ohio State University; **Christopher Stromberg**, Frederick, MD, assistant professor of chemistry, Hood College.

Second-generation Gusties, 2008

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

Linn Erickson Ahrendt '87

Daughter, Angela
Shoreview, MN

Paul Anderson '81

Son, Dalton
Burnsville, MN

Kathy Erickson Anderson '81

Son, John
Appleton, WI

Louise Kunnari Anderson '80

Son, Nils
Two Harbors, MN

Brian and Sheila Ewer

Asleson '77 '82
Daughter, Sara
Buffalo, MN

Rich and Tami Linton

Aune '81 '82
Daughter, Melissa
St. Peter, MN

Gregg Backstrom '84

Daughter, Stacy
Maple Grove, MN

Paul and Melinda Moen

Batz '85 '86
Son, Benjamin
Bloomington, MN

Karla Johnson Beck '84

Son, David
St. James, MN

Paul Bergstrand '80

Daughter, Ann
Alexandria, MN

Rebby Bowman '73

Son, Anders
Plymouth, MN

Paul and Susan Erlandson

Breckner '82 '83
Son, Nicholas
Wayzata, MN

Cynthia Swenson Burkel '79

Daughter, Abbey
Eagan, MN

Steve Clausen '83

Son, Adyn
St. Louis Park, MN

Donna Buland Cook '85

Son, Jason
Lakefield, MN

Katy Boese Berg '83

Son, Joseph
St. Peter, MN

Ellen Almen-Dale '82

Daughter, Taylor
Plymouth, MN

Ed Drenttel '81

Daughter, Taylor
Eagan, MN

Brad and Paula Eisele

Duhaime '85 '84
Son, Christopher
Maple Grove, MN

Mark and Sara Johnson

Ferber '82 '85
Daughter, Annika
Brooklyn Center, MN

Joan Newberg Freeberg '79

Son, Kory
Maple Grove, MN

Louise Otto Groskreutz '77

Son, Stephen
Faribault, MN

Steve Hamrick '78

Daughter, Nicole
Lakeville, MN

Barbara Bergman Hannemann '84

Daughter, Allyson
Mansfield, OH

Mark Helgeland '75

Son, Andrew
Thief River Falls, MN

Duane and Karen Remington

Helle '79 '79
Son, Jeremy
Savage, MN

James Jensen '75

Daughter, Kara
Eagan, MN

Robert Johnson '69

Son, Robert
Edina, MN

Elizabeth Neuman Jones '82

Son, Henry
Hopkins, MN

James and Martha Hayek

Kieley '86 '86
Daughter, Allison
Plymouth, MN

Scott and Nancy Horton

Larson '75 '78
Daughter, Molly
Cambridge, MN

Tom and Susan Busch

Leaf '75 '75
Daughter, Christina
Center City, MN

Thomas Lee '79

Son, Justin
Excelsior, MN

Ray Lewis '78

Kirsten Ellingson '80

Son, Andrew
Minneapolis, MN

Nancy Evenson Lindley '72

Son, Carter
Long Lake, MN

Leo and Kathleen Haugo

Litwin '77 '78
Son, Olin
Bloomington, MN

Mark and Cheryl Olson

Mathison '77 '82
Daughter, Kathleen
Minnetonka, MN

Dan and Lynn Lutz

McGinty '84 '84
Daughter, Alyssa
Shoreview, MN

Russ and Jan Ledin

Michaletz '74 '74
Son, Peter
Edina, MN

Michael Milbrath '77

Son, Gregory
Minnetonka, MN

Dean Nissen '77

Son, David
Hutchinson, MN

Laurie Schrupp Noennig '86

Daughter, Malea
Norwood, MN

Susan Link O'Connell '77

Daughter, Whitney
Excelsior, MN

Sandra Hendrickson Olson '86

Daughter, Amanda
St. Louis Park, MN

Peggy Benedict Pallas '72

Daughter, Heather
Apple Valley, MN

Terry Petersen '84

Daughter, Jennifer
Lino Lakes, MN

Jim and Susan Erickson

Peterson '81 '82
Daughter, Anne
Minnetonka, MN

Brad Retzlaff '76

Daughter, Brynne
New Ulm, MN

Sue Exstrom Rolfe '84

Daughter, Gillian
Falls City, NE

Susan Bold Schumacher '81

Daughter, Sarah
Plymouth, Mn

Patricia Nelson Shay '73

Son, Timothy
Mound, MN

Steve and Theresa Von Mosch

Swansson '80 '80
Son, Jake
Bloomington, MN

Luther and Lori Bergstrand

Swenson '82 '82
Son, Matthew
DePere, WI

Corinne Johnson Tate '72

Son, Alexander
Prior Lake, MN

Mark Taylor '78

Son, Evan
Mankato, MN

Jeff Thauwald '72

Son, Aaron
Spring Valley, MN

Cindy Tollefson Forte '82

Son, Thomas Ulsby
Minnetonka, MN

Ann McGowan Wasson '82

Son, Matthew
Duluth, MN

Barb Gerke Weber '81

Daughter, Molly
St. Peter, MN

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Daughter, Laura
Hutchinson, MN

Kathy Peterson Wilking '85

Son, Blake
Nicollet, MN



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arts on campus

Performances of award-winning playwright Peter Gil-Sheridan's *Topsy Turvy Mouse* in late October opened the 2008–09 theatre season at Gustavus Adolphus College. The production exemplified the Department of Theatre and Dance's commitment to its mission of confronting issues of social justice and working toward their resolution on the Anderson Theatre stage. Photograph by Terena Wilkens.

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