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Hamline magazine has a responsibility not only to share important news and information with you, but also to do so in an environmentally and fiscally responsible way.

We’re proud to report that we’ve been using agri-based (soy and vegetable) inks for years, and will continue to do so in the future.

Some speculate that technology will one day make magazines obsolete. But I think there will always be a place for magazines in the world … a computer or a Blackberry can’t replace the experience of holding and flipping through a magazine.

Hamline magazine will march on, reporting the births of children of alumni who may one day grow up and share news of their own children and achievements in its pages.

The faculty is comprised of well-known, award-winning authors who are experienced teachers, including Kate DiCamillo, author of The Tale of Despereaux, and Jane Rash Thomas, author of Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth the First.

Students will graduate with manuscripts of publishable quality. The program will provide students with individualized exchanges with outstanding authors and an in-depth education in the field of children’s literature and a high degree of individual attention.

“Whether you’ve had a blog for years or haven’t upgraded from the Walkman, Hamline’s newest tech offerings are worth checking out. As long as you know how to operate a mouse, you can access one of the newest features: blogs, or journals that are kept online. Whether you’re reading an article, an essay, or video files, you can download or have automatically sent to your iPod. So instead of reading a speech, you can listen to it on your own personal portable player.”

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Correction

In the spring 2006 issue of Hamline, the obituary for Robert Nelson ’33 mistakenly reported the month of his death. Nelson, a history major, died August 17, 2005. We apologize for and regret the error.
Forget the lazy mornings spent on hot, sandy beaches. Forget the pool parties and the dance clubs. More than fifty College of Liberal Arts students chose to spend their January term and spring break doing hard physical labor in Mississippi and New Orleans, ripping down walls and cleaning out rotting, moldy homes, while helping hurricane victims rebuild their lives.

Though at the time these students didn’t know it, it was last September when the wheels started turning and ideas came together for what would become a transformative experience. The Office of Service Learning and Volunteerism (OSLV) decided that instead of focusing on domestic service, this year’s courses and service trips would aim to engage students in learning opportunities outside the traditional classroom setting.

Melissa Embser-Herbert, professor of sociology in the College of Liberal Arts, framed her January-term course around the hurricanes and their aftermath. Her class, “Applied Sociology: The Social Dimensions of Disasters,” provided two weeks of study on the relationships between disasters and race, class, and gender, and then one week of service learning in Mississippi. Seventeen students, three staff members, and Embser-Herbert spent that week in Ocean Springs, Pascagoula, and Moss Point, Mississippi, gutting homes that were full of mold. The experience was physically and emotionally challenging, but rewarding for the participants.

“There is a type of learning that you can’t get from reading a book or seeing it on a TV screen or a computer screen, or hearing on the radio,” said Megan Harms, a student in Embser-Herbert’s class. “To experience that first-hand and to take that in the full scope, nothing can compete with that.”

Partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the group worked long hours in protective gear, hauling rotten furniture and personal belongings out of homes and piling them into dumpsters. They ripped out walls and sanitized five homes during their week-long stay. At night they slept in tents.

“We all worked together as a team and it was amazing,” Harms said. “I came back thinking, I can’t just quit my job and move down there for six months. What can I do? It was so devastating there,” Embser-Herbert said. Upon her return, Embser-Herbert collected $3,000 worth of Target gift cards to help residents there who are still struggling to feed and clothe their families.

The annual spring break trip through the Office of Service Learning and Volunteerism (OSLV) also took a strategic turn this year. Originally slated to have an environmental justice focus, Sharon Jaffe, director of OSLV, said she knew immediately when Hurricanes Katrina and then Rita hit that plans needed to change. Thirty students chose to go on the trip—to spend their spring break rippin out moldy Sheetrock and comforting the residents now returning to their homes for the first time since the hurricanes came.

The group spent eight days gutting and cleaning nine homes. Student expressed their astonishment that so little had been accomplished in the seven months since the hurricanes hit.

“Most of the community has not returned. There’s no electricity, no running water in many places, nothing to return to,” said Sara Nathan, a sophomore who made a spur-of-the-moment decision to participate in the trip. “I felt like we were doing so much and really helping people put their lives back together. And then to come back and sit and listen to lectures in class… I think we all rather be back down there helping.”

Donations from the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, called the Hamline Asking, made both the January-term and spring break trips possible, helping pay for airfare and expenses.

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Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams had a standout year, achieving their best finish in ten years and breaking several university records. The Hamline women’s basketball team secured its first playoff berth in school history in 2005-06 by finishing 9-11 in the MIAC. Its 13-13 overall record was just the third .500 season in Hamline women’s basketball history and first since 1996-97.

The Pipers clinched the fifth seed in the conference with a 61-60 win against Bethel University on February 15. A highlight of the season was when the Pipers broke a thirty-eight-game losing streak to St. Thomas, sweeping the season series with the Tommies. Hamline bested St. Thomas 65-57 at Hutson Arena on December 5 to break the string. The team went on the road to beat St. Thomas 69-66 on January 28.

Senior guard Carolyn Korchik (Bloomington, Minnesota) became Hamline’s fifth all-time leading scorer with 1,330 points. The two-time All-MIAC first-team player ... for three-pointers made in a career (179) and game (seven). This season, Korchik was named All-MIAC honorable mention.

Senior forward Laurisa Ewert (Andover, Minnesota) earned All-MIAC first team accolades for the second time in her career. Despite falling to Carleton 69-62 in the first round of the MIAC playoffs, second-year head coach Melissa Young-Kruse is excited about the team’s future. “I am very proud of everyone on our team. Making the tournament for the first time in school History is quite an accomplishment,” Young-Kruse said.

Men’s Hockey
Under first-year head coach Scott Bell, the Pipers improved by two-and-a-half games during the conference season to finish 3-11-2 in conference play, 4-18-3 overall. First-year forward Dustin Fulton (Brooklyn Park, Minnesota) was named All-MIAC first team and All-Rookie after scoring ten goals and fifteen assists. First-year Joe Long (Dayton, Minnesota) was named All-MIAC honorable mention.

Women’s Hockey
The Pipers continued to improve by earning the program’s first wins over St. Benedict and St. Mary’s. The team also took a point from Augsburg for the first time in school history to finish the season 3-12-3 in conference play, 4-16-5 overall. Its nine conference points are the most ever by the women’s hockey team. Sophomore Marie Gross (West St. Paul, Minnesota) was selected All-MIAC first team.

Men’s Indoor Track
The men’s track and field team took second at the MIAC Indoor Championships. Junior Jake Krueger (Cassadaga, Wisconsin) was the only Piper champion, taking the pole vault after clearing 15’3 1/2”. It was the highest finish for the Pipers since 2000. Senior thrower Jake Courrier (Wells, Minnesota) and All-MIAC in both the weight throw and the shot put. He went on to finish thirteenth in the weight throw at the NCAA Championships.

Women’s Indoor Track
Senior Kelda Anderson (Minocqua, Wisconsin) became an All-American for the fourth time in her career, finishing seventh in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA Indoor Championships. She also took the 3,000 and 5,000 meters at the MIAC Indoor Championships. Junior Dana Luiken won the pentathlon at the conference meet as the Pipers took ninth as a team.
Mentors for Middle–Schoolers

**McVay Program makes a difference in lives of local youth**

It is Monday at 4:30 p.m., any Monday during the school year. A half dozen students, known as McVay Fellows, have been at their posts for ninety minutes.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Midway neighborhood

Hamline University junior Shamia Sandles is preparing crafts: items for an activity while nearby two middle school students work on their homework. Across the street at Central Baptist Church, Mike Pelko and Natalie Roberts try to keep the high energy of another eight or nine middle schoolers within the confines of the small gym. The action is fast and loud.

East, a few miles away, in the community center for Liberty Plaza

Alvin Mitchell is leading a discussion about culture with a dozen students. Some come from families that have been in Minnesota for three or more generations, others are immigrants from Somalia, Laos, or Liberia. They are all brought together by Liberty Plaza, which was started forty years ago by Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church to provide affordable housing for Saint Paul residents in need.

Meanwhile, Emily Gill and Darren Swan森 welcome latecomers and prepare juice and crackers for a quick snack before computer time. Down the hall, Zayda Harsha is double-checking permission slips for a field trip planned later in the week.

Southwest, at Minnehaha United Methodist Church in Minneapolis

Tim Michaud, Mouth Chin, and Belle Barclay are supervising their middle school students in a cooking project. With kitchen space, computers, and a gym, this church offers the possibility for a wide variety of activity options under one roof.

These students all proudly answer to the title of McVay Fellow, and work through a partnership between Hamline University and local churches to provide after-school activities and mentoring for middle school students, a population often under-served in other community programs. Partnership is really the theme of the unique endowment from the McVay Family Foundation.

M.D. “Peter” McVay, joined by his wife, Mary, and daughter, Kita, wanted to find his own way to respond to the Wesley charge to “do all the good you can.” With University Relations staff, they developed a program that matched the needs and talents of College of Liberal Arts students with the needs and resources of area churches. The resulting partnership tasks to give exceptional Hamline students who have a desire to help others the opportunity to become role models for inner city youth.”

“We were honored to have the opportunity to develop a program that would engage students in our community and allow them to see a new side of themselves as they became leaders in their community.”

McVay said. “As mutual trust and friendship develop and as students are asked to lead others, the opportunity to become role models for inner city youth, College of Liberal Arts students with the needs and resources of area churches. The resulting partnership tasks to give exceptional Hamline students who have a desire to help others the opportunity to become role models for inner city youth.”

“This allows for opportunities to grow in all aspects of life, becoming more successful leaders and helping others grow as leaders.”

Other Fellows describe the joy they have found in relationships, in problem solving, in making a difference.

The Fellows and interns are willing to be “real” and to engage them.

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Farris' climbing expertise has taken him to all corners of the globe for high-altitude mountaineering. He currently is preparing for a return to northern...will take the team of climbers six days to walk thenearly fifty miles up the trails and glaciers to reach the base of the mountain, Gasherbrum II, to begin the climb. “This is true mountaineering, and the problems are really different than in rock climbing,” Farris said. “On a climb like this, your goal is to make it through the day: eating, breathing, watching the weather.”

Farris' adventuring ways have influenced his teaching in the classroom. He often returns armed with photos documenting his travels from all corners of the globe. A recent trip to Africa, for instance, inspired photos of lions in their natural habitat. “For many students, the only lions they've ever seen are in the zoo,” he said. “I think students really appreciate that you have a personal connection to the things you're teaching.”

Farris' affection for high-altitude hobbying will continue to keep him busy in the coming months. In addition to serving as the faculty advisor to a student group of climbers called the Rockstars, Farris also is working on a book, due to be published in 2007, written for individuals traveling to locales in high altitudes. “The book will weave together the science and history of high-altitude travel—and it will make the science of high-altitude living accessible to the average person,” he said. “For me, it’s an integration of work and play.”

Jennifer Krempin is a freelance writer for Hamline magazine.

Most people dream that their career will one day climb to new heights. For Mike Farris, a professor of biology in the College of Liberal Arts, that has already happened. In addition to a long career studying and teaching ecology, Farris also is recognized as an expert rock climber and mountaineer, scaling some of the largest peaks in the world in his spare time.

Farris' hobby first took root as a high school student, when a book about mountaineering captured his attention. “I grew up in Ohio—not a very mountainous state,” he said. “It wasn’t until I went to college at Miami University of Ohio that I actually started climbing, beginning in some of the smaller climbing areas that the state offers.”

“If we’re lucky, we all find something in our lives that attaches to us at a visceral level,” Farris said. “For me, that was climbing. I’d say it’s like my brain and my gut seem to like me to do this!” His leisure and professional pursuits have combined to inspire new and innovative research. In 1998, for instance, Farris published a paper about cliff vegetation—the ecology of cliffs and how humans are affecting those ecosystems. “It was a traditional ecological study, but instead of doing it in a forest, I decided to do it on a cliff,” he explained.

Today he’s working on a research project on how humans perceive differing landscapes. By altering digital photos to make the landscape look more or less vegetated and measuring the human subjects’ feedback, Farris says the study provides an interesting window into how people observe the ecology around them. “For example, would people avoid areas with heavy vegetation?” he asked. “Essentially it’s a study using psychological data with an interest in plant ecology. Most people don’t necessarily look at the landscape around them from a scientific standpoint.”

Farris has used his climbing expertise outside of the academic sector as well. He is the author of Rock Climbing in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the only published guidebook to climbing in the region. “One of the things I’ve tried to do during my career is trending toward applied science and applied research,” Farris said. “So even in the climbing guidebook, I’ve tried to put a spin on it, to encourage climbers to be more ecologically responsible. People can do a lot of damage to the environment, even without realizing it. What I’ve tried to do is instill a more rigorous ecological ethic.”

Among the many climbing spots in the region, Farris says that Blue Mounds State Park near Luverne, Minnesota, and Shovel Point at Tettegouche State Park on Minnesota’s North Shore are among his favorites. Farris’ climbing expertise has taken him to all corners of the globe for high-altitude mountaineering. He currently is preparing for a return to northern Pakistan, where the tip of the Himalaya boasts some of the world’s largest glaciers and four of the world’s 8,000-meter peaks. It will take the team of climbers six days to walk the nearly fifty miles up the trails and glaciers to reach the base of the mountain, Gasherbrum II, to begin the climb. “This is true mountaineering, and the problems are really different than in rock climbing,” Farris said.

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Hamline’s own rock star

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Starting with China
College wins grant to develop model for international study and new initiatives

Reverend Linda Gesling, director of church relations and adjunct professor in the religion department, has published the book, Mirror and Beacon: The History of Mission of The Methodist Church 1939-68. Commissioned by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, the book is the third in a seven-volume series, “Though only a period of twenty-nine years, this era proved to be an exciting one about which to write,” Gesling said. “It included the challenges of World War II, especially with so many missionaries in China, Japan, and Korea; the post war rebuilding and the Korean War; the growing urban needs in the U.S., and the independence struggles in Africa. In addition, Methodist women gave leadership to the civil rights and gender equality movements that emerged during this time period.”

Gesling, who was asked to write the book because of her previous work on nineteenth century missionaries, said that one of the challenges was shifting the “sheer amount of materials—letters, minutes, office memos, books, articles— all were available in abundance for this time period.”

“From writing the book, it tried to create a narrative of the events in so many places and balance it with stories of a variety of individuals, some well known, others who found meaningful ways to make a difference in their places of service,” she said.

If you’ve been keeping a close eye on Hamline University, you might have noticed an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students working together to develop a new interdisciplinary major in international learning. Working with the Saint Paul-based research firm of Anderson Niebuhr and Associates, Hamline distributed the survey via e-mail or U.S. mail to a randomly selected sample of more than 2,700 alumni from the 1930s through 2005, achieving an overall response rate of 40 percent. Care was given to receive sufficient response levels from alumni in each decade, as well as other criteria, to ensure that the results were as representative as possible.

Some of the key findings from the CLA survey include the following:

• More than three-quarters (78%) of alumni said they had made a financial contribution to Hamline since they graduated.
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It all began with a question: How can the College of Liberal Arts better align faculty interests and expertise with college-wide strategic initiatives? To answer this question, the college applied for a Bush Foundation grant to test an idea. They proposed that if they organized an interdisciplinary faculty advisory council to help oversee the grant’s implementation, the council could help create a faculty development model that would allow faculty expertise in international learning. Faculty were then invited to submit proposals in three areas:

1. Strategically re-prioritize and reallocate educational initiatives and resources.
2. Strengthen the connections between the college and the community.
3. Create new learning opportunities for students.

“From there, it made sense to focus on China because there was already so much interest and energy there,” Silva said. As part of year one of the grant, Silva formed a faculty advisory council to help oversee the grant’s implementation. The council began by creating a faculty development model that took into account different levels of faculty expertise in international learning. Faculty were then invited to submit proposals in three areas:

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An exciting era
in Methodist history

Early 1,100 alumni participated in a new 2005-06 College of Liberal Arts Alumni Survey, one of the largest such studies conducted by the college. Beyond gathering data about the experiences of alumni, the study asked about the types of services they want and value most, and how the university can improve the quality of education.

“The information we gather from the alumni survey helps us better serve alumni and continually improve the academic and co-curricular activities we offer to students,” said Betsy Radtke, associate vice president and executive director of CLA alumni relations and alumni annual fund. “We want to thank all of our alumni who took the time to participate in the survey and share their opinions about Hamline.”

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figured I would be here about three years before moving on to a real job. That was my plan and that was 1966. Eventually settled in as a professing Piper, I assumed that I would end my days discoursing on Moby Dick, and, for sport, harassing presidents and deans from the floor of monthly faculty meetings. Alas, how history toys with innocent dreams and remembers sin.”


F. Garvin Davenport, who has devoted his forty-year career to Hamline University, will retire in June. Through four decades, eight presidents, and thousands of finals essays on Moby Dick, Professor, Dean, and Vice President Davenport served—and formed—Hamline with his intense intellect, wicked wit, and generous soul.

“I cannot imagine Hamline without Garvin,” said a friend and colleague at his May 12 retirement party. It’s a sentiment shared by countless alumni, students, colleagues, and friends who know that others have, and that his vision and passion for the liberal arts have energized and transformed generations of students.

Want to become more involved at Hamline? Don’t know how? Here are some ideas!

1. Read Hamline, the alumni magazine of Hamline University. Learn about upcoming events, faculty highlights, sports, and other university news.
2. Visit the Hamline Web site, which offers information of all types about Hamline.
3. Attend one or many of the planned events and programs on- and off-campus during the year. Visit www.hamline.edu/events.
4. Tour campus. Start at the Alumni House (149 Simpson Street) if you want a personal tour.
5. Encourage your children, friends, children, relatives, and neighbors to think about attending college, law, or graduate school.
6. Submit class notes to Hamline. Submitting and reading class notes is like attending a mini-reunion.
7. Invest in Hamline. Think back and remember the most meaningful part of your experience and make a gift to that department, scholarship, or program.
8. Post full- or part-time jobs or internships with your company on: www.hamline.edu/cdc/postajob. This site gets more than 250,000 hits per year by students, alumni, and community members looking for employment.
9. Visit the alumni e-directory at https://alumni.hamline.edu and log in using the user login number from the mailing label on this magazine. You can search by name, city, state, employment code, and more to reconnect with your friends and classmates from your days at Hamline.
10. Volunteer as a mentor, job interviewer, panel discussion speaker, alumni board member, class agent, or reunion committee member. Visit www.hamline.edu/alumni/volunteer to inquire or sign-up.

As always, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please call me at 800-767-5585 (extension 2) or e-mail me at bradtke@hamline.edu.

Betsy Brenden Radtke ’89
Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations

The Associations of Hamline Alumni (AHA) has recently contracted with Publishing Concepts Incorporated to produce the 2007 Hamline University printed alumni directory—the first printed directory since 2000.

The 2007 Hamline University Alumni Directory will include alumni from the College of Liberal Arts, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Liberal Studies, Graduate School of Management, and School of Law.

The new directory will be available in both a soft-cover book edition and a searchable CD-ROM.

If you have not already been contacted to verify or confirm your information you soon will be—look for a postcard to arrive at your home shortly. There will also be a secure and dedicated Web site (https://updates.publishingconcepts.com/Hasline/login.asp) where you can confirm and make changes to any directory information.

Please visit www.hamline.edu/alumni for more information.

Contact and network with fellow Hamline alumni
Garvin Davenport joined Hamline in 1966 as a “newly minted PhD” in American Studies, a radical new discipline at the time. He joined the English department and taught writing, American studies, American literature, and literary theory for undergraduates, as well as a variety of seminars in the master of arts in liberal studies program.

His scholarship focused on the Southern, New England, and Midwestern American literary regions, and his favorite American literature subjects were Herman Melville, William Faulkner, and Emily Dickinson. His publications included The Myth of Southern History: Historical Consciousness in Twentieth Century Southern Literature, as well as articles, poems, short stories, and plays.

During his years on the faculty, Davenport developed the Hamline Writing Center in 1980 and chaired the English department from 1989 to 1994. From 1985-1988, he chaired the General Education Committee, which developed Hamline’s acclaimed curriculum, known as the “Hamline Plan.” In 1986, he was chosen by his fellow faculty as the winner of the Burton and Ruth Grimes Teaching Award. He was revered as a teacher, and a little bit feared. Still, his courses were in demand and the word was that everyone should take at least one course from Professor Davenport.

“Garvin was a demanding, witty teacher who invited a lot of participation and discussion,” recalled Professor Tamara Root, who taught a course with him. “His passion was sometimes intimidating, but it also inspired.”

One of the things that I will never forget is a comment he made about teaching that has influenced my teaching dramatically. He said one of the things he liked to do as a teacher is teach things he doesn’t know very well, because then he was learning right along with the students. As a new professor fresh from graduate school, where one is supposed to demonstrate one’s knowledge all the time, it was refreshing and freeing… It gave me the courage to try new things and to always be open to the class that students are exploring.

—Professor Patricia R. Palmerton, Communication Studies

Dr. Davenport taught a course entitled American Studies, which emphasized the teaching of Alexis de Tocqueville and other early American philosophers. Dr. Davenport taught this course with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. He encouraged intellectual debate and, contrary to what some professors do, did not stifle class discussions that were contrary to his own. Dr. Davenport is truly a gifted intellectual and academic. He confirmed that my decision to attend Hamline was the right one.

—Scott S. Hovdan ’77

During the same time period, several new majors were introduced, many of them interdisciplinary. These include biochemistry, criminal justice, exercise and sports sciences, social justice, and global studies, as well as certificate programs in forensic science, paralegal studies, international journalism, and conflict studies. These majors and programs reflect the college’s emphasis on integrating the liberal arts with real-world experience and adapting to the needs of a changing world.

Davenport also deeply appreciated tradition. He helped developed the Fall Fair, Scholarship Fair, and Honors Day events to celebrate student research, as well as the All-College Reunion, to bring all alumni of the college together to celebrate Hamline. At each of these events—and hundreds of others—he unmatched ability to speak about the liberal arts with conviction, eloquence, and humor inspired anyone lucky enough to hear him.

In 2004, he was appointed vice president of academic affairs, the university’s chief academic officer.

Biographical data does little, though, to describe the qualities that make Davenport an exceptional leader. Some colleagues call him an “intangible thread,” others “the perfect balance,” and still others “a special gift.”

“Garvin wanted to lead Hamline University forward,” said Professor Emeritus Jim Lynskey, one of Garvin’s oldest friends. “Private colleges were facing a challenge, and it was not easy to do. But Garvin had a deep appreciation for the liberal arts, and he wanted to go forward.”

“[Garvin] has been a real teacher for me in administration,” said Mary Rockcastle, dean of the Graduate School of Liberal Studies. “He conveys passion for the job in a quiet, steady manner, and you never get tired of listening to him.”

“When he makes a decision,” Rockcastle said, “he does so dearly and with authority and it is never about him. It is about the good of the program, the good of the university, the good of others.”

Garvin came to Hamline around the time I did, in the early 1960s, at a time when the student body was growing and former president Paul Giddens was adding a substantial number of newly minted young PhDs to the Hamline faculty. We all believed we knew everything about how a college should be run and were more than willing to offer that advice to the administration, even when it was not sought, nor welcomed. In fact, that led to meetings in the faculty parking lot about how the administration was doing everything wrong, the way Garvin Davenport, being a man with strong opinions, was among our numerous critics. However, unlike most of us, who were at government, but not run for office, Garvin bravely stepped forward and joined the administration where he could make a difference.

—Professor Emeritus Bill Williams, Management & Economics

There is something about a student voice that Garvin is so sensitive to, and to which he responds. Some people have a special gift for helping others know they are important and what they think and believe that when they do care enough to make a case to an administrator, it can make a difference.

—Alan Schobert, Dean of Students
These are the words used to describe Professor, Dean, or Vice President Davenport, over and over again, by alumni, students, colleagues, and friends.


“[Working with Garvin] was a special time in my life,” said Ann Olsen, former registrar for the college. “We were all taking on new positions at the same time, and we did a fair share of ‘growing up’ professionally together. Garvin had the perfect balance—he was serious, but not too serious. He was an artist and a problem solver. He cared about others and he valued others.”

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—Professor Barbara O’Connell, Anthropology

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I will also miss his literary inspired eloquence at lunches and receptions where, as dean, he often presided. Hearing Garvin speak was always an inspiration—an inspiration that is deeply entrenched in the liberal arts, in Garvin as a scholar, and in Hamline as an institution.

—Professor Theodore Hodapp, Physics

The F. Garvin and Bernice L. Davenport Scholarship Fund

To recognize Garvin Davenport’s fortieth years of leadership and to thank Bern for her constant support over those years, we invite you to join us in establishing the F. Garvin and Bernice L. Davenport Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide an annual tuition scholarship to one or more full-time students in the College of Liberal Arts who demonstrate both a potential for success and financial need.

To make an online gift to the fund, go to www.hamline.edu/donate and indicate “Davenport scholarship” when prompted for a designation. To mail a gift, indicate that it’s for the Davenport scholarship and send it to: Development Office, MS-C1917, 1536 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104.

Circles of Thankfulness

“What I see are many circles of my thankfulness, for what you have done for Hamline, what you have done for our students, what you have done for our colleagues, and what you have done for me.”

—F. Garvin Davenport, at his May 12, 2006 retirement party

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“My prayer is that you will see and seize the opportunity. That you will find yourself by finding others. That you will learn along the way to help yourself by helping others. And finally, my promise, which is this: as members of Hamline’s greater family, we are all here... with every resource at our disposal, to help you see the opportunity and set out on a journey you will never regret. Our hand is out. Put out your hand and let us go together. The world is waiting.”

—F. Garvin Davenport, Matriculation Address, September 1, 2002
Artist, understood
Why students sing, act, dance, and create

Two-hour-long cello practices.
Play rehearsals—every day.
Afternoons spent on the pottery wheel.
The life of an artist is not easy. For every choir performance, play, or painting, there are long hours, sore muscles, and tired minds.
Nor is the life of an artist easily understood.
Why does a science or economics major make time for fine arts? For those who choose a fine art as their major, what is it about theatre or music that makes them pursue it as a career?
One year ago we did a feature on why students played sports. We heard stories about values and relationships and saw a glimpse into the world of the college athlete.
But it left us wondering ... what about the singer? The actor? The artist? What is life like for those in the studio or on stage?
We asked eight students—seven from the College of Liberal Arts and one from the Graduate School of Liberal Studies—to tell us about their experiences and why they participate in fine arts activities.
Their answer?
"Because we can’t imagine our lives without it."

By Lucy Dwyer ’06, magazine intern, and Breanne Hanson Hegg MANM ’04, executive director of creative services.
Ceramics

"I think art is everything; you can find art anywhere. For example, I am taking biology as my major, and even though it seems completely different from art, I find so much art in biology and I find so much biology in art. I want to do art in my future, but I also like biology, and Hamline allows me to do both. It’s just the nature of me; I really have to do art stuff. Biology is so stressful, but taking art really helps me and relieves me. I probably wouldn’t be able to finish this biology major without it! It makes me a peacemaker, calms me down, and relieves my stress. I can get joy out of it and it just makes me happy.

After I finish school, I already have a job with a pharmaceutical company in Japan, where I am from, but if I could do anything, I would for sure do something with art. If I didn’t have to get a job to make money, I would just be totally into art and just show it to everybody."

Orchestra

"The arts are essential because it is very important to be good at something and to really feel a sense of pride in something. We had lots of cello music CD’s when I was little and that’s why I chose it as an instrument, because I knew that sound and really fell in love with it.

If I weren’t involved in the arts at Hamline, it would be really different. I don’t know what I would be getting, what I’d be doing, if I weren’t involved in the arts. I was home-schooled my entire life and I have met a lot of people through music who are friends now that wouldn’t be if I weren’t involved in music.

After college, I would like to be in an orchestra. I am going to get my master’s and my doctoral degree, so hopefully, it will be my career."

Theatre

"I grew up in a theatre family, and for me, theatre is about telling stories. I am fascinated by people and I love a good story... and as an actor you get to be anybody you want to be and that’s pretty incredible. Theatre adds community to my life. It gives me a place to be totally human because it is OK to be that in the theatre. You can be crazy and broken and messed up and wonderful because it makes good art; there is conflict and there is drama in that. You get to be creative, which gives me an outlet and an escape. I want to direct after college. Directing is the place where you really get to be on the outside of it and see the whole picture and help other people bring all their visions together and create this thing that you give away to the audience. I love that act of putting it together and then putting it out there for someone else. I think really being able to experience life and express it, and to explain or communicate with other people what our experience is... I think art is required for that.“
Ivan Konev
Graduate student, Graduate School of Liberal Studies (graduated in May)
Hometown: Moscow, Russia

“I didn’t choose music, I was put into it when I was four or five years old. I can’t imagine being someone else, not being a musician. It has let me travel the world. It has let me come here. In Russia I concentrated mostly on music. I was really excited to study other things here. I’m a regular MALS (master of arts in liberal studies) student and I also have a concentration on music. In MALS we’re always trying to develop all the instruments of study, the links between all the subjects. There are so many parallels between literature and music. I have come to understand that studying just music is too boring. When playing, you need to express yourself, to say something about what you think, which is basically what you do in MALS. Moving your fingers is the least important part. If you don’t have something in you to say, that’s not going to touch people.”

Mai Nhia Moua
Junior
Majors: Criminal justice and biology, forensic science certificate
Hometown: Anchorage, AK

“I started dancing in high school. It’s been six years now and I love it. For me, with school there’s all this stress with homework and professors and studies. But whenever I’m at dance, it’s like all that doesn’t matter. It’s a great way to relieve stress. Well...except when we perform. The amount of expression in dance is why I chose to do this with my time and dance gives me a more personal connection to the campus. It’s something you get drawn into. Dancing is a great way to explore culture...hip-hop and flamenco have been part of multicultural celebrations on campus. Dance doesn’t fit with my academic interests, but it plays a big role in my co-curricular activities. I want to be a crime scene investigator. I’d like to go to grad school after this in New York or D.C.”

Nicole Flam
Sophomore
Majors: Art and psychology
Hometown: St. Cloud, MN

“Art is very therapeutic for me, kind of like my way of meditating, I suppose. Art has enhanced my education because in most of my art classes I learn that nothing has to be a certain way and that you can change it. I think that is one of the main things I have carried over to my other classes. Art gives you more than one perspective. It has definitely changed the way I see the world. I see colors and notice them. I notice shadows that people take for granted. Lately, I will look at something and think about what it would look like as a drawing. It is a good release from the corporate, structured, computer-system world. I am trying to go to graduate school for art. I would like to be an art therapist but still have enough time to work on my own art.”

Patrick Rieger
Theatre
Senior (graduated in May)
Major: Religion, theatre minor
Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

“Both of my parents were actors. I always said I wouldn’t follow in their footsteps and be a theatre major, but you can’t not do what you love when it’s inside you. I never knew that theatre could affect people’s emotions when I came to college. I hadn’t experienced that yet in a play, where you could reach inside audience members and let them go walking away with their world rocked from emotions and from a story that I just told. And after that, I thought, if I can do this for the rest of my life and get paid for it, then so be it. All of the sudden it just hits you senior year that you want to just get out there into the professional world, and that’s a compliment to Hamline. I don’t think I’d have that drive without the experience and the role models and the influences I’ve had at Hamline. They have facilitated me with skills to be ready to work. I am ready to put what I love to do out there.”

Painting

International Piano Institute

Theatre
There is no word for “artist” in the Lakota language. “Artists are just part of the fabric of Native American culture—an integral part, and there is no separation,” Vickie Benson said. For Benson, who has Lakota Native American heritage, this comes as no surprise. Art has always been a constant in her life. She started as a professional folk singer and songwriter in her twenties, playing the guitar in coffeehouses and folk venues around town.

Today that former folk singer is the vice president of the Jerome Foundation, which focuses on the development and creation of new work by emerging artists in Minnesota and the five boroughs of New York City. Benson's days are spent reviewing grant proposals submitted by artists and making recommendations to the foundation's board of directors about which ventures to fund.

"The Jerome Foundation's Board prefers work that pushes boundaries of each of the forms that are funded: visual arts, media, dance, theater, music and literature," Benson said.

Though Benson has been a key player at the Jerome Foundation for the last decade, supporting the arts has been part of her professional portfolio for even longer. Her career began in Washington, D.C., as a program specialist for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), followed by five years in New York City, working as a program director developing grant programs for a national service organization, Chamber Music America.

In 2003, Benson earned her master's degree in nonprofit management from Hamline's Graduate School of Management.

"I went to Hamline specifically because I figured that the arts would not be a major focus in the nonprofit program," she said. "What happened is that I found that the arts are not much different than other sectors. We are just dealing constantly with how to support creativity and expression. The struggle for resources is just as difficult in the arts as in any other sector."

And still the artist herself. Benson—who in the last fifteen years has been exploring the traditions and culture of her Lakota Native American background, along with her sister—enjoys a new kind of artistic expression in her spare time. "I am learning to play the Lakota flute," she says. "I played it in public for the first time at my mother's funeral, which was quite cathartic, because it was my mother who passed the Lakota to me."

Benson serves on the Board of Grantmakers in the Arts, a national organization supporting professionals who make grants to artists and arts organizations. Recently, the organization launched a special group called The Indigenous Resource Network to draw more attention and resources to Native American artists. “Part of our mission is to make sure that the native or Indian voice is included in every conversation and opportunity available to artists,” said Benson, who serves as the committee's co-chair.

Above all, Benson considers her work a joy. "Artists help to bring much needed reflection, beauty and aesthetics, and help us find meaning in the world and in our lives," she said. "Working with artists keeps me on the edge of exciting work—I'm lucky to have such a great job."

Jennifer L. Krempin is a freelance writer for Hamline.
The Legend Lives On'

Look familiar? Former Minneapolis Laker and Hamline alumnus Vern Mikkelson ’49, along with John Kundla, former coach for the Minneapolis Lakers, collaborated with Miranda Moss, principal and artist-in-residence at the global design and brand firm Yamamoto Moss, to create this painting for a fund-raiser for the American Diabetes Association.

This is Moss’s second Hamline-related work; she also painted Hamline’s 150th anniversary illustration.

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College of Liberal Arts

1946
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1951
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1954
John Paul Eddy had his poem “Disasters Need USA Priorities and Actions” published in the book, Beat Peace and Pardon 2005. He was elected president of EFA of the United States and Canada as well as pro-tem chair of the Danton Neighborhood Alliance of Denton, Texas.

Mary Jane Jensen Scheiner sold her hometown in Shoreview and moved to Sun City West, Arizona. She writes that “she is enjoying golfing, traveling, and still does income taxes for her Minnesota clients each spring.”

1956
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1957
Robert Helmert received the 2005 Retired Educators Association of Minnesota educator award for outstanding community service and leadership. He also received the AARP Minnesota Excellence in Volunteer Service Award.

1959
Patricia Jensen Williams Brockman married Cal Brockman in 2004. She is the secretary of the Oregon Unity chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and the lay leader of the Portland First United Methodist Church. She recently visited her granddaughter in Maui.

Tiffaney Bakken Clark ’93

1961
James Prisbey lives in Hawaii and is pursuing a degree in Hawaiian studies at the University of Hawaii, Kauli.

Annette DaCourcy Towner retired from NISP/Enel Energy Sherco Plant on October 31, 2005. She lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

1965
Dirk Gasteland was awarded the 2005 LACDCO Distinguished Service Award for his long-term contribution to the area economy. He also received the 2006 Burnn Frenkling Award for putting faith into action.

1966
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John Seier and his former Hamline roommate, Chuck Dismoe ’66, reunited to compete together at the state and national senior merit curling championships. They placed fourth in the state and were first runner-up in the national super senior competition.

1968
James Juola has been a professor of psychology at the University of Kansas for thirty-three years. He will spend the 2006–2007 school year on sabbatical leave in Europe, mostly at the Technical University of Eindhoven in the Netherlands.

1969
Beaver Clink Oster Ornelas received the 2006 Paula E. Sullivan Award from the Advertising Club of San Diego. The award is given annually to one outstanding member of the local ad industry. She is president of Oster and Associates, an advertising agency she founded in 1986.

1971
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1975
Catherine Ritchie presented her paper, “Rally Around a Need: Developing the First GLBT Author Series in Dallas,” at the 2006 Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Houston. She was also elected to the executive board of the Theatre Library Association.

1976
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1977
Patricia MaMahon Boman was selected to the national board of the American Institute of Graphic Arts’ Center for Cross-cultural Design. She is the managing director of Oster and Associates, a graphic arts firm she founded in 1986.

1979
Tiffaney Bakken Clark ’93

CLASS NOTES

College of Liberal Arts

Alumni Board President

This issue of the magazine features Vice President and Dean Garvin Davenport and his retirement. It brings to mind, is there life after Hamline? When that first final exam was taken and we had our diploma in hand, did we ever think we would look back, let alone come back to Hamline?

How have you stayed in touch?
You have close friends from your days at Hamline.
You keep in touch with favorite professor.
You volunteer to do mock interviews, resume workshops, or are a mentor.
You attend events at Hamline.
You donate to the Alumni Annual Fund.
You buy a new sweatshirt every time you visit the bookstore.
You pick up the latest issue of the Oracle when you visit.
You visit the Hamline Web site to see what’s new.
You read the magazine.
You recommend Hamline to younger relatives and friends.
You drive by campus and admire how nice it looks.
There are many ways you can stay in touch, even if you don’t have much time or aren’t close by. Once we leave Hamline, we begin a new relationship with it.

As I complete my term as president, I will not be looking back, but forward to Hamline’s future. I will continue serving on the board and as class agent for 1993. I enjoy coming back to campus and watching students hurry to class, laugh, and sit in the Student Center. It feels good to be connected.

Tiffany Bakken Clark ’93
**CLASS NOTES**

**HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND**

**HAMLINE UNIVERSITY • COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**
- Golden Anniversary Luncheon. Join other alumni who graduated fifty or more years ago for a luncheon to start the weekend of celebration.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**
- Memorial service to remember those alumni, faculty, staff, and students who have died in the past year.
- All-Campus Picnic
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Concordia Cobbers
- Pre-parties for those classes ending in a "1" or a "6" (5-7 p.m.)
- All-College Reunion Dinner in Walker Fieldhouse. Join all alumni, faculty, and staff from the College of Liberal Arts to celebrate Homecoming & Reunion Weekend at this dinner and program.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**
- Brunch for all alumni before or after church
- Hamline United Methodist Church service at 9:30 a.m.
- *If you graduated in a year ending in "1" or "6" and are interested in helping plan your reunion party please call the alumni office at 651-523-2015 or e-mail alum@hamline.edu*

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**2006 CLASS NOTES**

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**2005**


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**2004**

**Jane Sklenicka-Pocht and her husband, John, welcomed daughter, Sydney, in October. She joins sister, Eliza, 3.**

**10-year reunion**

**2000**

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**1999**

**Melissa Martinez-Sones. See page 32.**

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**Susie Anderson. See 2001.**

**Linnue Patterson Soular graduated as a doctor of chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University. She works at Simply Chiropractic, a family chiropractic practice in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Her husband, Dan Soular, graduated from medical school at the University of Minnesota and is completing his residency in family medicine at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood. They live in Hugo.**

**2001**

**This fall you'll be celebrating your 5-year reunion as part of Hamline's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on October 6-8, 2006. If you'd like to help plan your reunion, please call Molly Glawe at 651-523-2448 or e-mail mglawe@hamline.edu.**

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**Mark your**

**February 5, 2006. She joins brother, Paul.**

**Jonathan Jasper (also JD ’05) was appointed to serve as a Tenth Congressional District trial court judge by Governor Tim Pawlenty.**

**1986**

**This fall you’ll be celebrating your 20-year reunion as part of Hamline’s Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on October 6-8, 2006. If you’d like to help plan your reunion, please call Karla Williams at 651-523-2686 or e-mail kwilliams15@hamline.edu.**

**1988**

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**1987**

**Jessica Schmeising welcomed son, Anton Hidrane James, on November 22, 2005. Jessica is the director of HR consulting services for AgBank, FCB in Saint Paul.**

**1988**

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**1990**

**Donald Kowalsky accepted the position of executive kitchen manager for The Cheesecake Factory in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

**1991**

**This fall you’ll be celebrating your 15-year reunion as part of Hamline’s Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on October 6-8, 2006. If you’d like to help plan your reunion, please call Molly Glawe at 651-523-2448 or e-mail mglawe@hamline.edu.**

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**Linnue Patterson Soular graduated as a doctor of chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University. She works at Simply Chiropractic, a family chiropractic practice in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Her husband, Dan Soular, graduated from medical school at the University of Minnesota and is completing his residency in family medicine at St. John’s Hospital in Maplewood. They live in Hugo.**

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**2001**

**This fall you’ll be celebrating your 5-year reunion as part of Hamline’s Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on October 6-8, 2006. If you’d like to help plan your reunion, please call Molly Glawe at 651-523-2448 or e-mail mglawe@hamline.edu.**
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2003 Mary Burnsmaster MFA had a poem published in Mona Lisa, an anthology dedicated to poems considering the Mona Lisa.

2004 Jennifer Buskild MFA was selected as the Midwest region’s recipient of the College Boards’ Bob Costas Grant for the Teaching of Writing, awarded February 25, 2006, in Chicago. She also had a poem published in Poetry East titled, “What a Poet Would Draw.”

2005 Charles Lenz was director of the Minnesota Tibetan Oral History Project for the Minnesota Historical Society until the projects end in December 2005. He was also appointed the operations manager for the marketing and communications department at the Minnesota Historical Society.

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2008 Kansas University was nominated for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is given to teachers who teach kindergarten through third grade in the Chicago metropolitan area. Kwan teaches third grade in Wilmette, Illinois.

2005 Brandon Tucker married Suzy Anderson ’00 on December 30, 2005. Suzy works as a business consultant for Cooks of Cross Hill and Brandon is the director of StarPolish Presents, a music talent agency in Saint Paul.

2004 Erin Gebhart Hayes married Corey Hayes on August 20, 2005. Erin is a personal banking officer with M&I Bank in Woodbury, where the couple is building a home.

Graduate School of Liberal Studies

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Summer 2006
As I begin my presidency of the School of Law Alumni Board, I report to those who take the time to read this brief message something already well known. Our community of alumni, which I like to call "the Hamline Nation," continues to be vibrant, alive, and well-connected. Tamika Nordstrom, our outgoing president, provided excellent leadership over the last two years. She presided over a growing alumni scholarship fund; the creation of the “Six-Minute Social” which connects alumni with students; and the re-creation of the class agent network. We thank her for these great accomplishments.

I intend to maintain that momentum. Our law alumni board will continue to foster connections among alumni. If you have ideas to help us grow the Hamline Nation, please send me a quick e-mail. I look forward to working with our alumni in the coming year!

Don McNeil '99
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Join Yali You, professor in the music department and the orchestra conductor at Hamline, and Paul Knuth, lead gardener at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory of Como Park in Saint Paul, for a twelve-day exploration of Italy for alumni and friends of Hamline.

For more information, contact Kim Zilinski at 651-523-2245 or kzilinski@chvv.com

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In Memoriam

1920
Clarine Studness Moe died October 29, 2005. She was preceded in death by husband, Chester.

1925
Gertrude Nunn Robson died February 25, 2006. She attended Hamline for two years before transferring to Miss Woods' Kindergarten School. She is survived by daughters, Jean Polder '51, Mary Reimler '54, and son-in-law Keith Paisley '50.

1929
Rosamond Donaldson Moore died March 12, 2006. Rosamond worked as a teacher until her retirement. She is survived by son, Robert; daughter, Karen; and twin sister, Betty; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

1930
Barbara Gucknow Main died November 10, 2005. Barbara majored in education and history and was active in Alpha Phi. She went on to work as a teacher and was the principal of schools in Kisti and Freeborn, Minnesota. She is survived by husband, Hosie Main '36, and son, Thomas.

1934
Kenneth Kiel died January 28, 2006. Kenneth majored in physics and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He worked many years at Burrroughs Adding Machine Company before helping organize Microdata Corporation, a mini-computer company, in Santa Ana, California. He is survived by wife, Mary Alice Kiel '38; daughter, Sandy; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

1936
Milford Flint Hallman died October 2, 2004. Milford majored in English and speech. He was active in A Cappella Choir and Kappa Delta Epsilon. She went on to teach music at a number of universities across the country before retiring from Michigan State University in 1980. She is survived by daughter, Jean.

1938
Myra Grabowski Christian died January 27, 2006. Myra majored in music and was active in Philo Browning and A Cappella Choir. She went on to work as a private piano instructor and church organist. She was preceded in death by husband, Ray Christian '38, and sons, Lloyd and Dale. She is survived by daughters, Myrna and Jean; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

1940
Ruth Betty Williams died June 6, 2005. Ruth majored in economics and was active in the choir and Epsilon Lambda Sigma. She is survived by husband, Stanley.

1941
Glenn Schanzenberg died August 22, 2005. He is survived by wife, Barbara; two sons, and one daughter.

1942
Ione Holz Jones died November 30, 2005. Ione majored in English and economics and was a member of Alpha Phi Theta. She went on to work as a secretary for Technikon Data Systems. She is survived by husband, David.

1943
Word has been received of the death of Betty Miller Pemberton. Betty was a member of Alpha Rho Delta.

1945
Ruth Platziak died December 19, 2005. Ruth attended Hamline for three years before receiving her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. She also received her master's degree in education from the University of Minnesota in 1951. She worked as an elementary school teacher for over thirty years until her retirement. She was preceded in death by husband, Bert. She is survived by daughter, Bert; son, Bruce; and three grandchildren.

1946
Virginia Olson Albert died October 20, 2005. Virginia graduated from the Hamline/Asbury School of Nursing. She went on to work as an occupational health nurse for the U.S. Navy for twenty years. She is survived by her husband, Orlin; stepdaughter, Kathy; stepson, Michael; and one grandchild.

1947
Donna Jean Cook Bannister died May 25, 2005. Donna majored in music and was active in A Cappella Choir, Sigma Gamma Delta, and Kappa Delta Epsilon. She received her master's degree from Northwestern University in 1948 and went on to teach piano and organ until her retirement. She is survived by husband, Jimmy.

1948
Ken Beth Beck died March 20, 2006. Kenneth majored in philosophy and religion and was active in the Omega Phi. Ken attended Garrett Seminary, was ordained as an elder, and joined the Methodist conference in 1951. He
and served many churches in Bloomington, Raymond, Saint Paul, Maplewood, St. Cloud, and Minneapolis. Ken was a local leader in the civil rights movement and participated in Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" march on Washington in 1963. He served on the Hamline Board of Trustees from 1975–87 and then served as Hamline's first relations director from 1987–99. He is survived by wife, Catherine; son, Peter Back '73; daughter, Martha Back '75; daughter, Sarah Gazett, and son-in-law, Jack Garay '77, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John Dispenbruck died December 9, 2005. John majored in economics and was active in IRC and Alpha Delta Delta. He lived in Red Wing, Minnesota.

George Halling died July 29, 2005. George majored in political science and was active in the international relations club, student congress, Alpha Kappa Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, Delta, and Torch & CYcle. He went on to receive his master's degree in political science and his PhD in sociology from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He is survived by wife, Barbara.

Donald Savage died October 14, 2005. Donald majored in English and was active in A Cappella Choir, Hamline Players, and The Lijn. He received his master's and PhD in theater from the University of Minnesota. He went on to work as a professor at St. John's University, College of New York in Buffalo until his retirement in 1987. He worked for his wife, Dorothy Savage Mitchell '41, for 41 years. He is survived by brother, Edward Savage '45.

1949


Edward Snodler died October 25, 2005. Edward majored in economics and was active in basketball, baseball, band, and the German club. He went on to work as a sales manager for Iowa Mold Tooling Co. He is survived by wife, Dais.

1950

Eugene Benedict died January 30, 2006. Eugene majored in health and physical education. He was active in Kappa Pi Kappa. He received his master's degree in physical science from the University of South Dakota in 1965 and went on to teach chemistry at Luxemburg Public School in Luxemburg, Minnesota until his retirement.

1957

Kenneth Viele died December 26, 2005. Kenneth majored in education and was a member of Phi Delta and Alpha Tau Omega. He worked as a teacher at Hinkley High School until his retirement in 1983. He is survived by wife, Patricia Veleck Viele '59, and daughter, Tammi.

1958

Charles Anderson died November 11, 2005. Charles majored in history and was active in soccer, tennis, and Pi Gamma Mu. He went on to work as a history teacher at Robinson Middle Cooper High School. He also coached tennis and led two teams at three schools to state titles during his career. He is survived by wife, Joyce; sons, Greg, Chris, Mikey, and Roger; and five grandchildren.

1960

Lyman Gage died November 13, 2005. Lyman was active in the band. He owned various hotels and then went on to work as a salesman for AAA for twenty-seven years. He is survived by wife, Donna; son, Stave; daughter, Candice; and seven grandchildren.

1966

Nada Colenez Medina died February 8, 2006. Nada received her master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1971. She went on to work at Tuffs University as a lecturer in English and founded and directed the Academic Resource Center there.

1968

Richard Armitage died January 25, 2006. Richard was active in football and Theta Chi. He established Ambrotd Sales and Marketing at the age of thirty. He is survived by wife, Julie; daughters, Amy and Niki; and son, Peter.

1973

Stuart Prince died September 2, 2004. Stuart majored in philosophy and was a member of Theta Chi. He went on to work as a counselor for juvenile delinquents at Friendship Hall, affiliated with the Union Gospel Mission of Saint Paul. He also ran a group home for juvenile delinquent boys out of his own home.

1977

Mark Johnson died December 13, 2005. Mark majored in biology and was a member of the football team. He received his JD degree from the William Mitchell School of Law in 1999. He worked in construction and property development. He is survived by wife, Dianne Clinefords '76; daughters, Kristina, Kayn; and son, Matthew; and one granddaughter.

1981

Valerie Smida died December 9, 2005. Valerie majored in business administration and psychology. She went on to work for Best Buy Co. Inc. She is survived by her mother, Marilyn; and three sisters.

1983

Steven McIver died November 37, 2005. Steven worked in the health care field and was the organist at Glenwood United Parish. He is survived by his parents and two brothers.

1996

Nicole Christiansen died February 7, 2006. Nicole majored in political science. She was survived by husband, Mike; and son, Charlie.

School of Law

1975

Carl Comparini died March 12, 2005. Carl majored in political science. He worked as a Saint Paul fire inspector for eight years. He is survived by three sisters.

1996

Dana McEachern died December 6, 2005. Murid joined the Hamline university relations department in 1967 and worked at Hamline until 1993, when she retired as the director of research and records. After retirement she continued to volunteer in the archives. She is survived by daughters, Susan McEachern '73, Martha McEachern Baker '83, and Mary McEachern Laurie '80, son, David McEachern '78, and eight grandchildren.

Gordon Parks died March 7, 2006. Gordon was a celebrated photographer, filmmaker, and composer. He received an honorary doctorate from Hamline University in 1987.

Mary Swanson died February 1, 2005. Mary worked at Hamline University in the registrar's office from 1962–1974. She was preceded in death by husband, Donald Swanson, former professor of psychology and dean of students at Hamline University. She is survived by granddaughter and Stanley.

August Wilson died October 2, 2005. August, a renowned American playwright, received an honorary doctorate degree from Hamline University in 1990. He was a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, as well as the recipient of a Tony Award and the Whiting Writers' Award, among many others. He is survived by wife, Narcissa; and daughters, Aida Carron and Sakeenah.
Now that the spring semester is complete and more than 1,000 graduates have achieved alumni status, I have been reflecting on what might be the future paths our alumni will take given their experiences at Hamline. Perhaps the best way to visualize the future is to examine the achievements and contributions of those who have gone before.

At the College of Liberal Arts Commencement this year, Hamline honored Richard P. and Rosaria P. Brivio Haugland with doctorates of humane letters in recognition of their lifetime achievements in biomedical research. Both of the Hauglands hold PhD’s and have distinguished academic credentials. As a 1965 graduate of Hamline, Richard returned to his alma mater in 1975 to teach chemistry at a time when Professors Ole Runquist, Rod Olson, and Cliff Creveling were all teaching in the chemistry department. During their time at Hamline, Rosaria and Richard were raising their small children and pursuing an idea that had its genesis in the lab at Hamline, a technique that enabled scientists to use fluorescent dyes for biomedical research. Over the next twenty-seven years, the Hauglands were prolific in publishing their findings and gaining twenty-two patents. They founded Molecular Probes, a multi-million dollar company that taught a generation of scientists how to use these tools. In 2003, the company was sold to Invitrogen.

At the commencement ceremony, Dick and Rosaria Haugland articulately described their lives of philanthropy and responsibility. Following an interest in supporting Hamline and the arts and in supporting community health projects at risk in Eugene, Oregon; and health and education programs for the most needy children, many abandoned by parents, in Cambodia. They spoke of the joy of giving to others and of the intrinsic and abiding rewards of sharing their wealth.

As I came to know the Hauglands during graduation activities, it was clearly evident that what started as a nascent idea in a Hamline University laboratory so long ago has enabled a generation of biomedical scientists to affordably explore myriad theories, experiments, and procedures using their invention. And I wondered: “What young and inquisitive student in chemistry or biology or physics or forensic science that sits in a Hamline classroom or lab today might someday stand where the Hauglands were at commencement, receiving our commendation for discoveries yet to be imagined? Which professors are nurturing and encouraging students to follow their curiosities? What are we actively doing at Hamline to ensure students have every opportunity to create new knowledge?”

In the fall, Hamline will begin a year-long strategic planning process of thinking about our future direction as a university. Among the questions we must answer, is “What must we provide in a teaching and learning community that generates new knowledge?” That supports innovation in teaching? That instills a connection between knowing and contributing to community? That preserves civility? That develops habits of the heart and mind which last a lifetime?”

From the newest alumni to the Hauglands, and to the readers of this message, there is a generative and creative potential to use what you know for the greater good. Indeed, as we contemplate our next five years, I invite you to share with us your achievements as alumni, for it is only in knowing where life has taken you that we are able to anticipate what the most recent graduates may contribute to the Hamline tradition of making the world a better place.

From the President

Rufus & Jean Garbe ’59 Brown

For Rufus and Jean Garbe Brown, their children and now their grandchildren, Hamline University represents everything that an institution of higher learning should be—and more. “Hamline has a special place in all of our hearts,” says Jean, a College of Liberal Arts alumna from the Class of 1959. “It’s an excellent university. It does not forget you and it does an outstanding job of preparing young people for the world.”

Both Jean and Rufus volunteer at Hamline. Jean is a past president of the Alumni Board of Directors, and they both recently spent time helping to paint Hutton Arena. Their financial support through gift annuities and their trust earned them membership in the Heritage Society, which recognizes those who have included Hamline in their estate plans. “Annuities are a good way to give—an ideal situation,” says Rufus. “You get the payments for life.”

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Editor’s note: more information about Commencement and Dick and Rosaria Haugland will appear in the Fall 2006 issue.