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COMMENCEMENT 2007
155th Graduating Class Joins Hillside Alumni

On a warm and clear spring afternoon that felt like a homecoming as much as a graduation, family and friends

gathered on the East Lawn for the 155th Commencement Exercises of Hillside College.

Former Governor of Massachusetts and presidential candidate Mitt Romney returned to his native state to address the Class of 2007, while the graduating class welcomed home one of its own after his tour of duty in Iraq. Members of the Class of 1957 also returned to campus to celebrate their 50-year reunion and brought with them a \$30,000 gift for the Hillside College Legacy Scholarship Fund. It was a weekend of celebration indeed.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB BREAKFAST

The President's Club Breakfast on Saturday morning of Commencement Weekend is always a highlight for guests who attend the ceremonies, and this year was no exception. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bill Brodbeck, '66, opened the

program, followed by an invocation by Jeffrey Myers, '08, who also led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Larry Arnn gave a summary of recent highlights of the Founders Campaign before conferring an honorary doctor of public service degree to Charles Bianchi. Bianchi joined the Hillside Community Health Center in 1991 as president and chief executive officer, and during his tenure, the hospital has maintained 14 consecutive years of profitability.

Moreover, Bianchi oversaw building improvements, technological enhancements and dual accreditation by the American

Osteopathic Association and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. He also established a scholarship program to help area residents obtain training in health fields.

Aaron Streitt, a 1999 Hillside alumnus, served as the keynote speaker with an address entitled, "The State of the Constitution Under the Roberts Court: An Early Report." Streitt is



Above: Members of the Class of 2007 are all smiles as they prepare to graduate.

Right: President Arnn speaks at The President's Club Breakfast.



THE STANDARD OF QUALITY IN EDUCATION

Upholding a Historic Purpose

Dear President's Club Members,

There has been much written lately regarding the quality of education in America. We take a particular view regarding just exactly what quality of education means. It is an old view, one that we have held for more than 160 years. It is grounded in the idea that the life of freedom requires education for purposes in which freedom exists, and to teach the methods by which freedom can be preserved.

There is a more recent view of quality that gives the impression that quality is merely a matter of measurement. This view champions the idea that quality cannot only be measured, but obtained through percentages, ratios and statistics.

While well-intentioned, it has resulted in the oversimplified view that the substance of an education can be determined by quantifying results in the black-and-white of metrics and fishbone diagrams.

This view is rampant in higher education. Colleges and universities are increasingly ranked and compared solely by statistical means. This mindset has resulted in recent initiatives by the U.S. Department of Education that seek to establish federally mandated outcome-based measures as a condition of institutional accreditation.

The potential impact of this initiative is staggering. As one good friend of the College stated, "If they write the tests, they'll write the books."

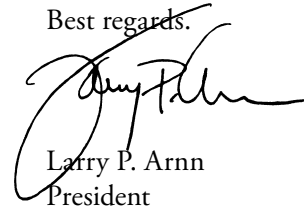
At Hillsdale, we believe that the quality of an education rests in the mission that it serves. While we are proud of the statistical evidence that indicates we are doing our job well, we are keenly aware, perhaps more than any college in the nation, that this evidence is hollow if it is not tied to some inherent good.

The good we serve originates from our mission "to furnish all persons who wish, irrespective of nation, color, or sex, a literary and scientific education outstanding among American colleges and to combine with this such moral and social instruction as will best develop the minds and improve the hearts of its pupils."

We are ever mindful of our obligation to this mission as we educate our students for the life of freedom. We have staked our claim as "trustees of modern man's intellectual and spiritual heritage. . . . a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law." Our view of quality demands that we never forsake it.



Best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Larry P. Arnn". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name and title.

Larry P. Arnn
President

NEW FACULTY WELCOMED TO HILLSDALE

Professors Join in the College's Noble Mission

Hillsdale College faculty and staff live by a motto that inspires them daily: Educating for Liberty Since 1844. These words encapsulate the College's old and original mission to achieve academic excellence through a rigorous core curriculum designed to "develop the minds and improve the hearts" of its students.

Key to this mission are Hillsdale's teachers, who share a belief in the value of the classical liberal arts. The College is blessed with talented and dedicated professors who have devoted their careers to classroom teaching, and who take seriously their roles as advisors and mentors.

Welcoming new faculty is a pleasant task that begins each school year. At the Pre-Opening Conference in August, Provost Bob Blackstock invites department chairmen to introduce new members.

Among Hillsdale's newly hired professors for 2007-08 are four who join the staff in the Lee and Roland Witte Division of Natural Sciences:

Dr. Christopher Hamilton received his Ph.D. in chemistry and biochemistry from the University of Delaware last year. He has been a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin, working on mitochondrial DNA replication.

Also joining the Chemistry Department is Dr. Matthew Young, who comes to Hillsdale from Northwestern University, where he has been conducting research and teaching for the past several years. Young completed his dissertation on the use of molecular plasmonics in chemical analyses, and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern this past spring.

Dr. Deborah Kent, a graduate of Hillsdale College's Class of 2000, carried a double major in mathematics and German as an undergraduate, as well as a minor in English. Kent returns to Hillsdale from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, where she has been a post-doctoral fellow for the past two years. She received her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Virginia.

Joining Kent in the Mathematics Department is Dr. David Murphy. Murphy served as assistant professor of mathematics

at Kalamazoo College for the past three years. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In the College's Division of Humanities, Professor Barbara Bushey joins Hillsdale's Art Department as a full-time faculty member this fall. Bushey has taught art part time as a visiting assistant professor since 2001. She holds an M.F.A. from Eastern Michigan University and an M.A. from Wayne State University.

The newest member of the Speech Department is Dr. Jeremy Christensen, who received his M.A. in communication studies and Ph.D. in English from the University of South Dakota. Since 2005, Christensen has served as assistant professor of English and director of forensics at Dakota Wesleyan University.

There are several new professors in the Division of Social Sciences:

The Department of Economics and Business Administration is pleased that Dr. Charles Steele, visiting assistant professor of economics during the 2006-2007 year, is joining the department full time. Steele is an experienced economist with extensive undergraduate and graduate teaching experience in the United States, Ukraine, Russia and China. He has a Ph.D. in economics

from New York University, where his doctoral advisor was Israel Kirzner, a prominent figure in the Austrian School of Economics.

Professor Susan King, visiting assistant professor of marketing for the past two years, has also taken a full-time position. After earning an M.B.A. from Miami University in Ohio, King gained extensive experience in banking, marketing and real estate sales, and most recently served as an officer for a successful marketing firm.

New to the Economics Department is Dr. Nikolai Wenzel. Wenzel received his Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University, where he has served as adjunct professor since 2005, teaching international economic policy and principles of microeconomics.

Joining the History Department is Dr. Paul Rahe. Rahe



ANNIVERSARIES ABOUND FOR HILLSDALE PROGRAMS

Imprimis, CCA, NLS Celebrate Decades of Outreach

This year marks another milestone in the history of Hillsdale College's outreach efforts. The Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA) lecture series and *Imprimis* national speech digest mark their 35th years, while the National Leadership Seminars (NLS) celebrate a silver anniversary. From their modest beginnings, these programs have expanded to a level of national influence and continue to contribute substantially to Hillsdale's mission.

The CCA had its beginning in September 1972 with a conference entitled "Recycling the City: Alternatives to Urban Decay." Every year since then, the College has offered four five-day seminars—two each semester—on topics ranging from politics to economics to culture. Students are required to attend at least two CCA seminars

during the course of their four years at Hillsdale for academic credit, but they often sign up for more.

Each CCA program also attracts many friends from across the country. Faculty play an important role in the seminars as well. Each seminar concludes with a faculty roundtable discussion.

Also in 1972, the College launched *Imprimis*. The first issue appeared in May and featured a speech by free-market economist Henry Hazlitt entitled "The Dangers of Price Controls." Begun with a circulation of just 1,000, *Imprimis* has grown steadily through the decades, now boasting a circulation of over 1.25 million. One goal of the ongoing Founders Campaign is to increase circulation even further, and this fall, the goal will begin to be realized.

Readers noticed something different when their June issue of *Imprimis* arrived in the mail. Just in time for its 35th birthday, *Imprimis* received a major facelift. Gone are the familiar red banner at the top and red accents

throughout, replaced by Hillsdale College blue. All that remains constant is *Imprimis's* mission of extending Hillsdale's educational mission to an

ever-widening national audience.

"Our focus in redesigning *Imprimis* was on its connection to the College," Vice President for External Affairs and *Imprimis* Editor Douglas Jeffrey said of the redesign. "It has always been present in the message, and now the look will reflect it as well." In addition to the color change, a new "Did You Know?" feature in each issue will offer facts about Hillsdale, helping familiarize readers with the College.

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Arlan K. Gilbert
Hillsdale College Historian


ARLAN K. GILBERT was a member of the History Department at Hillsdale College for 38 years. He served a decade as department chairman and was elected Professor of the Year in 1984. He served seven years as senior faculty member, and his awards include the Alumni Association's Honorary Alumnus in 1992 and the Charger Award for his contributions to athletics. During the College's sesquicentennial, he was presented with an honorary doctor of philosophy degree. He is also a member of Hillsdale's President's Club, which recognizes outstanding supporters of the College. He has written four books on the history of Hillsdale College, most recently *Ransom Dunn: Hillsdale's Grand Old Man* (Hillsdale College Press, 2007).

EDITORS NOTE: This month we are introducing a new look for *Imprimis*—the fifth *Imprimis* redesign in its 35-year history. We thought we would take the opportunity upon doing so to ask Hillsdale College Historian Arlan Gilbert to write a brief history of the College and of *Imprimis*.

Hillsdale College was founded as Michigan Central College in Spring Arbor, Michigan, and began classes in December 1844. The College moved to Hillsdale and assumed its current name in 1853. Its original financial support was secured by Ransom Dunn, a preacher and professor of moral theology, who raised thousands of small donations for the College during the early 1850s by riding 6,000 miles on horseback through the Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota frontiers. His theme was the importance of education in a republic—a theme reflected in the Preamble to Hillsdale's Articles of Association, which states that the College undertakes its work "...grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety in the land, and believing that the diffusion of sound learning is essential to the perpetuity of those blessings..." This old and noble passage is read at the beginning of every Hillsdale Board of Trustees meeting even today.

Although established by Free Will Baptists, Hillsdale College has been officially non-denominational since its inception. One of only 119 American colleges awarding four-year liberal arts degrees in 1850, Hillsdale was the first American college to prohibit in its charter all discrimi-

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The new Imprimis design debuted in June, featuring a new masthead and a new color.



Every year, 35 to 45 speakers take part in four CCA seminars on the Hillsdale College campus.

GUIDING STUDENTS TO SUCCESS

Director of Career Planning Joanna James Wiseley, '76

As noted in its Mission Statement, Hillsdale College aims to provide “a literary and scientific education” to its students “and to combine with this such moral and social instruction as will best develop the minds and improve the hearts of its pupils.” In practical terms, the College aims to offer the best preparation for careers and graduate school as well. That’s where Director of Career Planning Joanna James Wiseley comes in. For 18 years, Wiseley has played an active role in guiding graduates in the next chapter of their lives.

Immediately after her Hillsdale graduation in 1976 with a major in health and physical education and a minor in biology, Wiseley worked a year for the Hillsdale College Office of Admissions followed by a year of teaching at the sports complex and coaching the women’s tennis team and the cheerleaders. She left the College for ten years

to pursue a high school teaching and coaching career in Ohio, then returned to her home state and alma mater in the summer of 1989 as director of Career Planning, a post she has maintained since.

In a nutshell, Career Planning strives to provide the tools necessary for graduates to launch an effective job or graduate school search. These tools include building a marketable résumé; constructing an effective cover letter; completing a winning job application; writing a compelling personal statement for graduate school; developing excellent interviewing skills (the office offers mock interviews); learning proper business dining etiquette and dressing for success. Historically, 91 percent of Hillsdale graduates make use of the services offered by Career Planning. Most recently, 94 percent of the Class of 2007 did so.

No doubt that Wiseley’s work played a major role in the 99 percent placement rate into graduate schools or jobs of choice by the Class of 2006. Indeed, over the last decade, the College’s placement rate has averaged a very high 98 percent.

From her office in the Knorr Student Center, Wiseley speaks enthusiastically about the responsibilities of her job and of her experiences here. “The College has afforded me many things, but most of all, the opportunity



Joanna Wiseley has served as director of Career Planning since 1989.

to give back to my alma mater,” she said. “Serving as director of Career Planning has allowed me to combine my teaching and coaching skills in a new realm. It has also allowed me to remain a constant cheerleader, motivating and assisting students in the pursuit of their chosen careers.”

To assist students further with their career pursuits, Joanna has recently launched two new projects: Hillsdale College Career Connection and Career Day. Both of these programs welcome the participation of alumni, parents and, of course, members of The President’s Club.

Aptly, the tagline for Hillsdale College Career Connection is “Your Help—Their Future.” It seeks out those who are willing to share career-search and career-field knowledge and experience with students. Mentorships can come in many forms, including participating in on-campus career talks; hosting job shadowing or informational interviews at a place



Joanna Wiseley celebrates with her son B.J., who graduated from Hillsdale in May.

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SHARING IN THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

A Glance at Hillsdale College Graduates from the Last Decade

AARON STREETT, CLASS OF 1999

Aaron Streett graduated from Hillsdale College in 1999 with the honor of being named Outstanding Senior Man, and since then, he has certainly lived up to the distinction.

At Hillsdale, Streett was president of Student Federation, chairman of the College Republicans and one of the top ten graduates. He took his political science and history double major to the University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the Chancellor's Honor Society—the academic elite after two years of study.

“The way that you learn to think with any liberal arts major at Hillsdale College translates very well to law school,” Streett said.

Following law school, Streett served as a law clerk to the Honorable David B. Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Then he was selected to clerk for William H. Rehnquist, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

“To get an inside look at the Supreme Court and to be supervised by the Chief Justice is a chance few people have,” he said. “It will open many doors.”

Indeed, Streett is currently an associate with Baker Botts, LLP, one of the nation's oldest and largest law firms. In 2006, he was named a “Texas Rising Star” by *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics*, and listed in “Who's Who in American Law” and “Who's Who in the South and Southwest.” He also received the Hillsdale College Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

Streett, his wife, Katie, and their young child reside in Houston, Texas.

SARAH GOUGH, CLASS OF 2002

There are few things in life Sarah Gough enjoys more than a challenge, except maybe overcoming it and undertaking a new one. So it's easy to see why this 2002 Hillsdale College graduate has found success in many ventures.

Gough transferred to Hillsdale after a year of community college and another year of working. As one of eight children, she was expected to earn her own way, and she did.

“I went to Hillsdale because it teaches the truth and equips young adults to go into the world,” said Gough, who graduated with a history major.

Following Hillsdale, Gough served as director of coalitions and volunteer coordinator for Jack Ryan's 2004 senatorial campaign. The Republican National Committee took notice of Gough's work, and she played a pivotal role in John Thune's victory over Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle in South Dakota, the first ousting of a Senate majority or minority leader since 1952.

Days later, Gough was offered and accepted a position with the National Roofing Contractors Association, rising to director of affiliate operations. She recently decided to take some time off and work on two film documentaries. Gough is also considering her plans for the immediate future—running a congressional race or fundraising for a university in Chicago.

“I realized that I was doing association management because I was good at it and not because I necessarily wanted to do it,” Gough said. “I may eventually go back to that some day, but now I need to go back to making a difference!”

HANS ZEIGER, CLASS OF 2007

Hans Zeiger chose to attend Hillsdale College because it just stood out from the rest. He appreciated the commitment to the liberal arts and the dedication of the faculty, and he believes the education offered at Hillsdale is of great importance.

“Studying truth as it has come down to us through our Western heritage, we can prepare ourselves to teach in a generation desperately needing leaders,” Zeiger said.

In preparation, Zeiger participated in many activities on campus and in the community while working toward a major in American studies. His involvement included Big Brothers Big Sisters, College Republicans and a number of honoraries.

Zeiger, an Eagle Scout, also served as senior class president and was named Outstanding Senior Man and king of the President's Ball.

Meanwhile, he freelanced for the *Seattle Times*, had articles featured in many publications and wrote two books—one defending the Boy Scouts of America, and one about the generation born during Ronald Reagan's presidency. *Get Off My Honor: The Assault on the Boy Scouts of America* made the review list of the *New York Post*, *Washington Times*, *Agape Press* and *Baptist Press News*. *Reagan's Children: Taking Back the City on the Hill* is his second title.

Next, Zeiger will attend Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy.

“My goal is to become involved in public service,” he said. “The great movement of our day is a movement toward revival, and that's something of which I want to be a part.”

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of employment; conducting on-campus mock interviews to prepare students for the actual experience; and providing summer internships for Hillsdale students. Career Planning invites areas of interest and contact information from potential mentors and matches them with students, who will contact volunteers directly to initiate the relationships.

The second new program, Career Day, will launch on October 11, 2007, and will become an annual event. On each Career Day, four groups of speakers representing four separate career tracks will run concurrent two-session programs.

Again, participation among alumni, parents and President's Club members

is sought. To find out more and to volunteer for either of these two new programs, please contact Wiseley at joanna.wiseley@hillsdale.edu.

In addition to her responsibilities in Career Planning, Wiseley also participates heavily in the College's student leadership program. She serves as a team coach for campus leaders that include resident assistants and representatives of the College's Greek chapters. She also oversees each year's Commencement ceremony and serves as the senior class advisor, whereby she orchestrates the senior class gift, Professor of the Year and senior/alumni social activities. She is also now the advisor to the Panhellenic Council, the sororities' governing council.

"Students at Hillsdale College never cease to amaze me," Wiseley said. "They are diligent, directed, bright and mature; they have a high commitment to their education and to their peers. Working with our students on a daily basis keeps me young. I truly love my job and find challenges and rewards regularly."

One of those rewards came just this spring as Wiseley's son B.J. graduated from Hillsdale College with the Class of 2007.

"Having a son who graduated on the same stage in the same place as I did over 30 year ago has been most memorable. Not only was I a very proud parent but the Commencement coordinator, too," she said.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2007 *Top Five Graduates*



*Phillip Fox, Elizabeth Harrison, Elliott Williams,
Julia Burgess, Stephen Gaetano.*

JULIA WALKER BURGESS majored in physical education with a minor in music, and she intends to pursue a career in teaching and coaching. Her sister Regina is also a Hillsdale graduate. Their family lives in Fort Myer, Virginia.

Salutatorian **PHILLIP DAVID FOX** is a history major and German minor from Lima, Ohio. He intends to pursue an advanced degree or work for the U.S. State Department. His sisters Jessica and Kristine are Hillsdale students as well.

STEPHEN LAWRENCE GAETANO graduated with majors in history and classical studies. He intends to pursue an advanced degree and a career in teaching. His older brother Matthew is a Hillsdale graduate. Their family resides in Forked River, New Jersey.

Valedictorian **ELIZABETH ANNE HARRISON** is an economics major and mathematics minor. She plans to pursue a career in politics and/or policy analysis and previously interned for

the former Speaker of the House in Oregon. Her family resides in Oregon City, Oregon.

ELLIOTT WILLIAMS of Eagle River, Alaska, majored in physics. He worked as a resident assistant, volunteered as a tutor and was a member of numerous academic honoraries. His younger sister attends Hillsdale.

ANNIVERSARIES...

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Plans for a redesign got under way last fall. Art Director Angela Lashaway produced several layouts that Jeffrey then discussed with colleagues, as well as with the president and members of the Outreach Committee of the Board of Trustees. The final design was then determined.

There are several other improvements: A new fold-out business reply envelope eliminates the need for adhesive dots and does not cover up text as the envelope did in the previous design. The new envelope also allows for multiple personalizations of address and identification codes of the recipient, which in turn allows for better tracking of returned envelopes. The envelope also features a section on supporting Hillsdale.

And since it takes a team effort to see *Imprimis* through from concept to production, the work of those who contribute to the monthly task of getting the speech digest to so many mailboxes

is acknowledged in an expanded masthead.

In 1982, Hillsdale created the Shavano Institute for National Leadership as a means of taking the College's lecture series on the road. The first conference, entitled "Summit Conference 2000," was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, drawing about 200 participants from 20 states.

Now known as the National Leadership Seminars, these two-day events are held two to three times a year in major cities across the country, attracting from 500-900 guests.

Hillsdale's outreach programs have consistently featured prominent contemporary writers, scholars and public figures representing all disciplines.

Statesmen like Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher; economists like Walter Williams; businessmen like Steve Forbes and Dave Thomas; journalists like Brit Hume; historians like Stephen Ambrose and Martin Gilbert; and cultural critics like Michael Medved repre-



National Leadership Seminars provide an enjoyable forum for discussing the leading issues of the day.

sent just a few of the outstanding individuals who have enlightened audiences, both on and off campus.

In addition to disseminating the ideas and arguments of some of the best speakers at Hillsdale outreach events, *Imprimis* often serves as the gateway to Hillsdale College. Numerous prospective students and friends learn of Hillsdale College for the first time while reading *Imprimis*, and subsequently attend a College lecture program.

Because of the generous financial contributions designated to *Imprimis* by our supporters and their zeal in adding friends and family members to the mailing list, Hillsdale College can continue to send *Imprimis* free of charge to a growing audience and promote the ideas of limited government, individual rights, personal responsibility, free-market economics and a strong national defense.

Hillsdale College is grateful for the steadfast support and partnership of its friends in making these programs the keystone of its outreach efforts.



Taking place in some of the finest venues across the country, National Leadership Seminars also offer an opportunity for friends of Hillsdale College to hear the latest news from campus and meet current Hillsdale students.



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Hillsdale Night, Seattle,
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COMMENCEMENT...

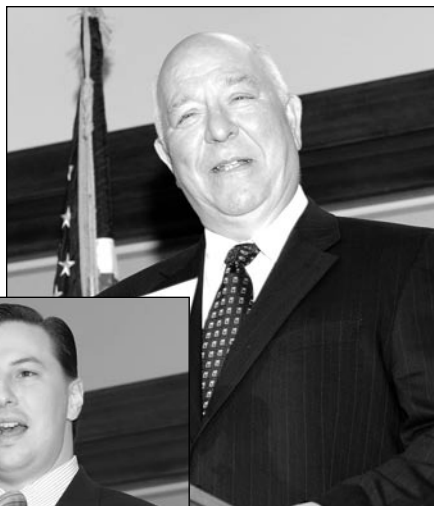
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an appellate litigator with Baker Botts, LLP, one of the nation's largest and oldest law firms, and his practice covers all substantive areas of the law, including business litigation, administrative law, white collar criminal defense and constitutional law.

Streett graduated summa cum laude from Hillsdale with degrees in political science and history before earning his law degree, with highest honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 2002. Before joining Baker Botts, Streett served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. In 2006, Streett was named a "Texas Rising Star" by *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics*.



Aaron Streett, a 1999 alumnus, presented the keynote address at The President's Club Breakfast.



Above: Charles Bianchi, retired CEO of the Hillsdale Community Health Center, received an honorary doctor of public service degree.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Commencement Exercises on Saturday afternoon opened as President Arnn welcomed the gathered guests and thanked the parents for entrusting their children to Hillsdale for four years.

"Our work with them could never have begun if yours had not gone well," he said.

Arnn then honored the faculty and staff for their diligence and guidance. He thanked retiring professor Mark Watson in particular for his 40 years of service to the Mathematics



The Ladies Hardhat Society, comprised largely of the spouses of Hillsdale College Trustees and vice presidents, took a tour of the Grewcock Student Union, scheduled to be completed in January 2008.

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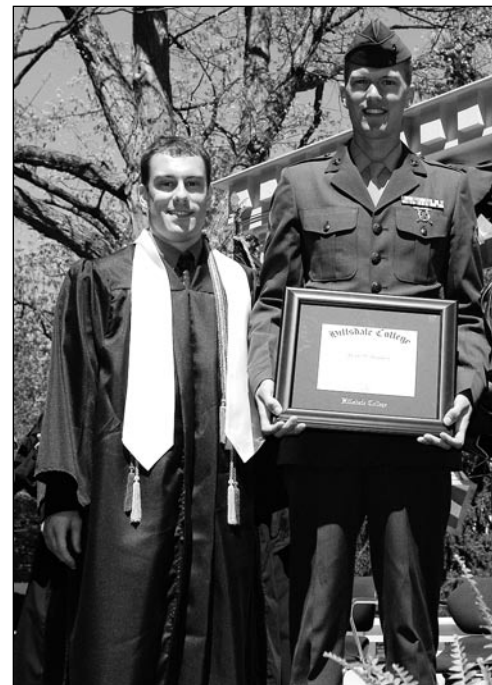
Regarding the Class of 2007, Arnn called them "a group of scholar leaders." He credited them with pushing for and contributing to the design of the upcoming Grewcock Student Union, writing a new constitution for the Student Federation and raising the standards of the *Collegian*.

He also thanked the class for its two parting gifts to the College. One is a flagpole for the Grewcock Student Union, and the other is a scholarship for Lance Corporal Aaron Hummel, who matriculated with the Class of 2007 but took a leave of absence this year to serve with the U.S. Marines in Iraq. Hummel received the scholarship of \$6,782 and was welcomed home with a standing ovation and thundering applause.

Mitt Romney had a homecoming of sorts, not only to Michigan but also to the college where both his father—George Romney, three-time governor of Michigan—and mother visited in the 1960s. Romney received his B.A. with highest honors from Brigham Young University in 1971 and his M.B.A. and J.D. from Harvard in 1975.

"He is a remarkable man," Arnn said in his introduction of the keynote speaker. "He is witty, cheerful and firm. To a high standard of perfection, he practices the art of reconciling the knowledge of ends with the knowledge of means."

From 1978 to 1984, Romney served as vice president at Bain & Company, Inc., a leading management consulting firm. He then founded Bain Capital, one of the nation's most successful venture capital and investment companies that helped launch hundreds of businesses, including Staples, Domino's



Senior class president Hans Zeiger presented Lance Corporal Aaron Hummel with a scholarship, a gift from the Class of 2007.

Pizza, Brookstone and The Sports Authority.

Romney gained national recognition for his role in the 2002 Winter Olympics, leading the Salt Lake Organizing Committee out of financial crisis and into one of the most successful Olympic Games in decades. In 2002, he was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, serving until this January.

“What an honor to be here today,” Romney said. “It is good to be with a graduating class that has such a deep feeling of honor to our country and to your classmates.”

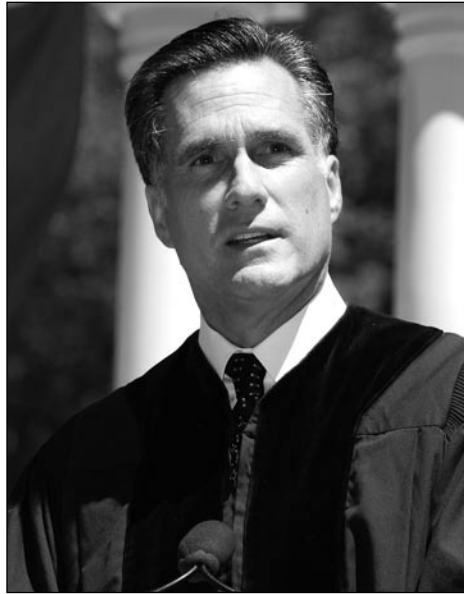
Romney’s keynote address focused on America’s path in a world where there is evil as well

as good. One clear example was the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. Yet even amid that evil, good shone forth through the actions of individuals like Virginia Tech professor Liviu Librescu, a Holocaust survivor who died while barring the door so his students could escape.

“America is a nation of stature, thanks to Americans like Professor Librescu,” Romney said. But evil seeks domination, and America must keep moving in order to stay ahead permanently.

“The right course for America in a world where evil exists is not acquiescence and weakness. It is assertiveness and strength,” Romney said. “The best ally of peace in the world is a strong America.”

According to Romney, that begins with a strong military. He called for 100,000 more troops overseas, re-equipping troops already fighting, accelerating the missile defense system and caring for veterans respectfully and properly. And then he acknowledged the true strength of and source of goodness in America—the people.



Commencement speaker Mitt Romney spoke of his hope for America.

“The most important work is being done in the four walls of American homes,” he said.

In closing, Romney encouraged the Class of 2007 to meet a new generation of challenges with the knowledge and strength they have cultivated at Hillsdale College.

“You’re up to the challenge,” Romney said. “Together, we will keep America the hope of the world.”

President Arnn presented Romney with an honorary doctor of public service degree. Also receiving honorary doctor of public service degrees were Donald and Agnes Hayden. Donald Hayden Jr. accepted the degree posthumously for his father, who was nominated to the Hillsdale College Board of Trustees in 2002.

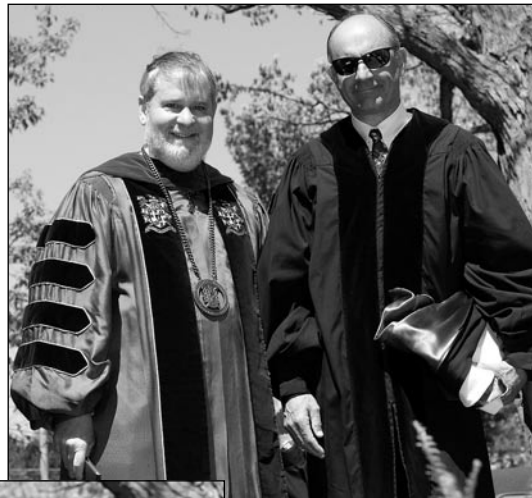
Other individuals receiving honorary degrees noted during Commencement but given at earlier ceremonies included John and Dede Howard and Drs. Laszlo and Mila Ambrus.

Senior class president Hans Zeiger followed. In his introduction, President Arnn said of Zeiger, “I have never seen a young man quicker to do a good thing. I have found him a man

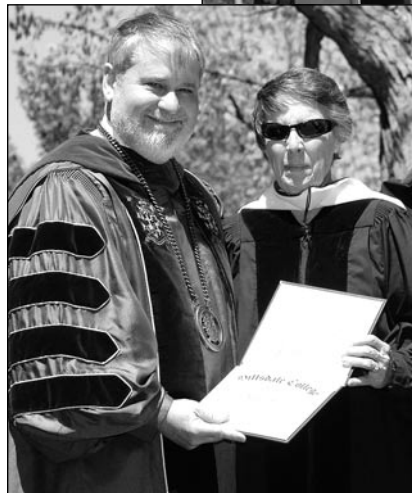
to trust, to befriend and to learn from.”

Zeiger thanked President Arnn, the faculty and parents for guiding his class to this day. Zeiger encouraged his classmates not to forget the truths learned at Hillsdale and to accept the challenge presented before them.

“Today, a new generation of leaders is waiting at the commencement platform,” Zeiger said. “And if we do not succeed, may we have the courage to fail at the defense of the highest things. Our hearts will come back to Hillsdale.”



President Arnn presented honorary doctor of public service degrees to Donald and Agnes Hayden (left). Donald Hayden Jr. (above) accepted the degree posthumously for his father.



CLASS OF 1957 50-YEAR REUNION

Twenty-seven members of the Class of 1957 returned to campus during Commencement

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FOUNDERS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Summer Construction Continues at Brisk Pace

The Hillsdale College Founders Campaign seeks capital and endowment funding to meet specific goals that will help cement the College's principled independence while constructing and renovating campus buildings that will serve generations of students.

The College's founders in 1844 set out to establish a liberal arts college whose teachings would ensure that "civil and religious liberty in the land" would prevail. Today, the College stays true to its mission.

The Campaign's ambitious endowment goals are designed to enhance classroom teaching and assist students with scholarships and loans. To expand the College's teaching staff, the goal for 17 endowed faculty chairs was set at just over \$30 million, with \$18.8 million secured as of mid-summer. Undergraduate scholarships and loans have an endowed goal of \$21 million, which has been exceeded.

Other endowment needs incorporated into the Campaign are the operations of the G.H. Gordon Biological Station, a fund for musical instruments, *Imprimis* operations, a School of Statesmanship and the College's general operations.

Because of the construction and renovation goals, the most visible results of the Campaign are the changes seen on campus. Current building projects include the beautiful new William and Berniece Grewcock Student Union, which will be ready for occupancy in January of 2008. The Parent Association has



The Grewcock Student Union will be completed and ready for use by January 2008.

adopted the formal lounge within the Student Union as part of its annual fundraising drive. Also changing the look of Central Hall's immediate surroundings is the addition of the Joseph H. Moss Family Laboratory Wing onto the existing Strosacker Science Center, which will soon undergo complete renovation as well.

Since January of 2001, the College has constructed several new buildings, beginning with John and Dede Howard Music Hall, a teaching and practice facility that accommodates an expanding music program and provides ample individual practice areas, a rehearsal hall and a state-of-the-art recital hall.

Other new buildings are the Harry and Marguerite Kendall Hall and the Robert M. Lane Hall for classrooms and faculty offices. These two buildings border the south entrance to the main campus square and have proven to be popular places for students and faculty alike. The renovation projects that have been completed include the remodeling of Galloway Hall, Mauck Hall, Olds Residence and the razing of Kresge Center.

On June 15, 2007, Hillsdale College administrators and guests broke ground at the Gordon Biological Station in Luther for the addition of the Rockwell Lake Lodge. This 16,000-square-foot conference facility will feature ten guest rooms with private bathrooms, a conference room, great room, dining room, kitchen, office space and exercise facility.



The addition of the Joseph H. Moss Family Laboratory Wing and renovations to Strosacker Science Center will provide the Division of Natural Sciences with top-notch facilities.

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STEVEN F. HAYWARD
AUTHOR, *THE AGE OF REAGAN*



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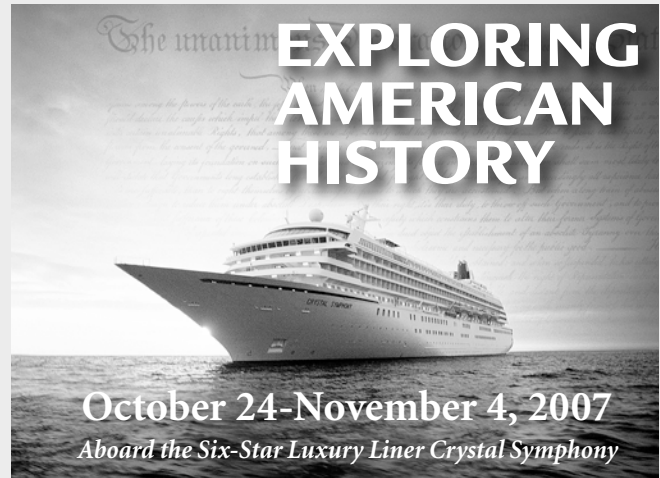
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Since 1999, Hillsdale College students have used the biological station to conduct scientific research and learn responsible environmental stewardship. The lodge will allow a broader spectrum of visitors, including high school students and the general public, to attend various educational programs. The Rockwell Lake Lodge is expected to open by April 2008.

Future projects include the construction of a new chapel, archive center and intramural sports building. Future renovation projects will be Central Hall refurbishment, Dow Leadership Center entry, and the Fred A. Knorr Memorial Student Center.

This summer, gifts made in support of the Founders Campaign were nearing the 150,000 mark. So far, more than 50,000 alumni, parents and friends have supported the Campaign. The enthusiasm and support for the Founders Campaign are encouraging, as Hillsdale College improves the quality of the liberal arts education it offers to young men and women, while staying true to its old and original mission.



A groundbreaking ceremony for the Rockwell Lake Lodge was held in June at the G.H. Gordon Biological Station.

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

New Law Allows Tax-Free Rollovers of IRA Assets to Hillsdale College

In late 2006, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act. Among its many provisions, this new Act allows traditional and Roth IRA owners, age 70 ½ or older, to make tax-free rollovers of any amount up to \$100,000 to public charities, such as Hillsdale College.

Under the old law, any lump-sum distributions from your IRA (whether intended as a charitable gift or not) would have first been included in your adjusted gross income (AGI) and possibly resulted in other deduction limitations and exemption phase-outs because of this increased AGI. The corresponding charitable contribution deduction for a gift to Hillsdale would have then been limited to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. The end result may have been an increase in your overall tax liability. The new law, however, effectively creates a “wash”—the distribution from your IRA to Hillsdale is not included in your AGI and does not result in an up-front income tax deduction.

Prior to the current legislation, individual retirement account owners were also required to take minimum income distributions at age 70 ½ and older. Under the new law, a qualified IRA charitable rollover will fulfill part or all of this required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income.

This important provision expires on December 31, 2007, however, so rollovers can only be made until the end of the year at a maximum amount of \$100,000 per person. In addition to the age 70 ½ minimum age requirement, there are several other restrictions as well.

First, this gift can only come from your individual retirement account—no gifts from other qualified plans are allowed. Second, the rollover must be in the form of an outright gift to Hillsdale—it cannot be used to fund any type of life income (e.g., gift annuity, charitable trust) arrangement. And finally, the funds must come directly from your IRA custodian to Hillsdale College. If the money is sent to you first, the amount of the distribution will be included in your taxable income.

If you are looking for a way to make additional cash contributions above your current 50 percent of AGI limit, don't itemize your deductions, or fear that an increased AGI will result

in more exemption phase-outs/deduction limitations, push you into a higher tax bracket, or cause more of your Social Security income to be taxed, the IRA rollover might be right for you. Additionally, you can direct your gift to any area of operations at Hillsdale and our ongoing Founders Campaign.

For example, suppose Joan, age 75, was the beneficiary of her deceased husband's IRA valued at \$500,000. She owns her home and has significant income from a number of other

investments in stocks, bonds and mutual funds—she does not need her IRA income for general living expenses. Joan would also like to fulfill her 2007 \$100,000 pledge commitment to Hillsdale College.

After consulting her CPA, Joan decides to make a tax-free charitable rollover by instructing her IRA custodian to distribute \$100,000 directly to Hillsdale College. Although Joan cannot claim a charitable contribution deduction for this gift, she will not have to report this distribution as income

on her federal tax forms. Moreover, this rollover will more than satisfy Joan's 2007 IRA minimum distribution requirement without increasing her taxable income.

Since state and local tax laws may differ regarding the inclusion of an IRA distribution in taxable income, please consult your personal legal and financial advisors before completing this gift.

For more information, please call the Office of Gift and Estate Planning at (800) 334-8904.



IRS CIRCULAR 230 NOTICE

We have advised you to seek your own legal and tax advice in connection with gift and planning matters. Hillsdale does not provide legal or tax advice. This communication (including any attachments) is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of avoiding tax-related penalties.

COMMENCEMENT...

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Weekend for their 50-year reunion. Events officially began Friday as classmates met for lunch and a tour of campus. Attendees had the opportunity to reminisce as they reviewed memorabilia from their years at Hillsdale, gathered by Public Services Librarian Linda Moore. They also had the pleasure of hearing Associate Professor of History Tom Conner present a summary of what happened on campus and in the world during their collegiate era at the reunion dinner on Friday night.

The Class of 1957 participated in all the celebratory activities on Saturday. They attended The President's Club Breakfast and Blue and White Luncheon and held a memorial service for the classmates who have passed. In the afternoon, the class joined the Hillsdale faculty and graduating seniors as they proceeded to the Commencement Exercises.

CLASS OF '57 DONATES \$30,000 TO THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

As part of their 50-year reunion activities, the Class of '57 presented a class gift of more than \$30,000 to the College in support of the Legacy Scholarship Endowment. President Arnn recognized the class at Commencement Exercises on May 12 and thanked them for their loyalty and exemplary support.

Class member Dorothy Messinger, who along with her husband, Bob, '54, contributed a significant lead gift to the class campaign, said, "This is a fairly routine thing to do on such occasions at other colleges, but it has not been done for many years, to our knowledge, at Hillsdale College. We hope to start the tradition at our Alma Mater, and we will be challenging subsequent classes to follow our lead."

The Legacy Scholarship Endowment currently funds annual grants of \$1,000 to the children and grandchildren of all Hillsdale College graduates. Alumni Director Grigor Hasted, '74, noted, "We are delighted to offer this benefit to our gradu-



Members of the Class of 1957 returned to campus for their 50-year reunion and brought with them a \$30,000 gift to the Legacy Scholarship Endowment.

ates and their families, and it is a high priority to continue adding to this endowment in order to fund still bigger awards. We are extremely grateful to the Class of '57 for their generous support of this effort."

College Trustee and alumnus Tref Harnois, '51, added, "Not only is this a valuable financial benefit, it is also an important recognition of our special place [as alumni] in the Hillsdale College family. I appreciate that and hope other alumni do, too."

He commended the Class of '57 for their support of the scholarship. "Thank you for starting a tradition that should continue, class to class, for generations. This is a very good thing you have done. I wish my class had thought of it!"

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

On Friday afternoon, a cornerstone ceremony was held for the Joseph H. Moss Family Laboratory Wing of Strosacker Science Center. Though the Mosses were unable to attend the ceremony, their contributions to Hillsdale were honored in a moving program.

Dean of Natural Sciences Dr. Chris VanOrman gave an expression of thanks on behalf of the College, and Class of 2007 chemistry major Scott Keenan shared remarks on how the generosity of the Mosses will provide great benefits to Hillsdale students.

During the candlelight dinner on Friday night, the College presented Howard Mudd, '64, with a Distinguished Alumni Award for his great success during his career in the NFL. This fall, Mudd will enter his tenth season as assistant coach for the Indianapolis Colts, who won Super Bowl XLI on February 4, 2007.



Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Howard Mudd (third from left), a 1964 alumnus, met with Head Coach Keith Otterbein and members of the Charger football team.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE 2007 - 2008

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

Hillsdale Reception - Jackson Hole, Wyoming.....	August 29, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Ft. Wayne, Indiana.....	September 5, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Perrysburg, Ohio.....	September 18, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Greenville, South Carolina.....	October 1, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Charlotte, North Carolina.....	October 2, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Raleigh, North Carolina.....	October 3, 2007
Freedom Forum - San Antonio, Texas.....	October 18-19, 2007
Hillsdale Reception - Boston, Massachusetts.....	October 22, 2007
Churchill Dinner - Washington, D.C.....	November 28, 2007

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

<i>Educating for National Leadership: A 25-Year Anniversary</i> Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa, Phoenix, Arizona.....	February 11-12, 2008
<i>Educating for National Leadership: A 25-Year Anniversary</i> The Grand Hyatt, New York, New York.....	May 19-20, 2008

HILLSDALE COLLEGE CRUISE

<i>Exploring American History</i> Montreal to Miami: Aboard the <i>Crystal Symphony</i>	October 24 - November 4, 2007
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ON-CAMPUS SPECIAL EVENTS

Victor Davis Hanson Public Lecture.....	September 6, 2007
CCA I: The Vietnam War - History and Enduring Significance.....	September 9-13, 2007
Free Market Forum.....	September 27-29, 2007
Sir Martin Gilbert Public Lecture.....	October 11, 2007
CCA II: What is Quantum Physics and Where Does it Lead?.....	November 11-15, 2007
CCA III: Free Markets and Politics Today.....	January 27-31, 2008
CCA IV: Films of Alfred Hitchcock.....	March 2-7, 2008

The President's Club members are welcome at all events.

For more information, please call Shannon Van Horn, director of The President's Club, at (517) 607-2554.

NEW FACULTY...

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comes to Hillsdale from the University of Tulsa, where he held the Jay P. Walker Chair in American History. Rahe received his Ph.D. from Yale University and is the author of the magisterial history *Republics Ancient and Modern*.

Professor Desiree Tobin joins the

Psychology Department. She comes to Hillsdale from Florida Atlantic University, where she served as senior graduate research assistant, adjunct professor and honors thesis advisor.

Part-time faculty on campus this fall will include Dr. Helen Lasseter in the

English Department; Lady Esther Gilbert, who is teaching a course on the Holocaust for the History Department; and Professor Todd Lowery, who is instructing Hillsdale students enrolled in the Washington-Hillsdale Intern Program in Washington, D.C.