Two weeks before Valpo's Class of 2006 graduated, the Valparaiso University Guild launched its own commencement. Building on its legacy, the Guild will focus on enhancing the student experience. Members will accomplish this mission by contributing individual gifts and fundraising dollars to an endowment. The endowment will provide funds to support the Guild Campus Gift grants. The Guild will also grow its scholarship program and offer volunteer service opportunities.

"This structure gives members flexibility to personalize their Guild involvement. Some might coordinate local fundraisers, host local student events, or serve on national committees. Others might sell national products, contribute financially, and pray for the Guild," said Candace Kilpinen, Chair of the 2006 Guild Board of Directors.

Each member now has the ability to select Guild Campus Gift preferences and elect the Guild Board of Directors through a mail-in ballot. Soon, resources will be developed that allow members to connect online.

Similar to the college graduate who must adjust to new circumstances, the Guild, too, enters a transitional period that begins a new era.
With One Voice
by Candace Kilpinen

Celebrating our first 75 years, the Guild saw clearly that God has constantly opened new doors inviting Guild members into servanthood. Since 1931, the Guild has responded to God's call by creatively and passionately enhancing the experiences of Valpo students. We do this because we value Valparaiso University as an arm of God here on earth.

VU helps students identify and develop their unique talents in preparation for Christian service in church and society. VU sends all those talents into the world to promote peace, health, justice, and love. And so, Guild members share their unique talents to their fullest to see God's plans come to life.

The Guild has impacted, is impacting, and will impact God's world! What a powerful and yet humble opportunity. Just as Christ calls us to spread the gospel, we must also share the opportunity of Guild membership. We must offer this God-given opportunity to those with us now so that future generations will be blessed through the Guild. Share your passion for the Guild! Ask others to join you in whatever way they can to support VU—and God's plans—through the Guild.

I encourage you to approach prospective members and tell them about the Guild or direct them to the Guild's website (www.valpo.edu/guild) for more information. You are also welcome to send the Guild names of people who seek to join our support of VU.

Reminder: Relatives of Guild members may apply for Guild scholarships online (www.valpo.edu/guild/forms/form-3012-scholarship.html). All applications are kept on file until the Valpo student graduates, so students only need to apply once.
A Union on the Horizon

At the heart of campus, a green fence now traces the construction area of the proposed new Union. Even with this visual aid it is hard to imagine the building—at three times the size of the current Union—one day casting its shadow from this space.

Plans for the Union include a centralized post office with individual mailboxes for each student, centralized food service with a dining room that seats 625, and a ballroom triple the size of the current Union Great Hall. Lounges, outdoor terraces, a piano lounge, a game and recreation area and student organization office space will be part of the Union atmosphere.

The University's Board of Directors approved conceptual plans for the new Union so contractors could be asked for cost estimates, however they have yet to grant permission for the start of construction. Their authorization hinges on raising enough funds from donors to support this project.

The Guild is among the donors who have contributed to this project. In total, the 2003-2006 National Project raised $89,000 for the Union. Equally, the Guild Endowment and Guild Campus Gift grants program each received $89,000.

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Guild Grant Funds in Action

> A 2005 Guild grant allowed students to take a helicopter over an erupting volcano in Hawaii. Without the grant most students would have been unable to afford the costly trip. Since Hawaii received significant rain this spring, the group was unable to hike through the rainforest to see lava close up. On the helicopter ride students observed the force of lava in its environment.

> Dickmeyer Hall – Room 102 received an extreme makeover after the Guild granted the Psychology Department $5,000 toward upgrading the room's technology and providing more comfortable furnishings. This classroom is used by over 600 students each year.
VU Guild Completes Funding for Courtyard Renovations

In special recognition of its 75th anniversary, the Guild gave $7,500 to complete the funding necessary for landscaping the Guild-Memorial Hall courtyard.

Renovations to the residence hall were completed in 1999 except for the courtyard landscaping. In 2003, Guild-Memorial’s House Council deemed landscaping a priority and began to raise funds to modify the area. The House Council was able to raise half the funds on its own.

Members from the Chicago Northwest chapter initiated the project with a $1,500 gift that allowed the House Council to hire a landscaper to create a master plan for the space. The Campus Planning and Space Allocation committee was aware that the Guild was seeking an appropriate gift recipient and asked the 75th Anniversary committee to consider giving the $7,500 needed to complete the courtyard project.

With these additional funds, the courtyard will include new grass to replace the current patchy grass, planters to be filled with vegetation at all times of the year and a three-foot decorative brick retaining wall. The landscaping will be complete by the start of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Here are pictures showing progress on the courtyard landscaping.
Ethel Kallsen

> Home: Coronado, CA
> Family: husband - co-graduate of VU; 2 children; 5 grandchildren
> Valpo Connection: 1958 graduate
> Member of Guild since: 1960

A farm girl from Ohio who graduated from VU with her elementary education degree in one hand, and husband-to-be in the other, Ethel Kallsen has led an extraordinary life—and we mean, extra ordinary.

“When I moved to California, I did some inquiring and found that a [Guild] group had just started,” she said. “That was a wonderful way to make some new friends. Gradually we broke off into different chapters, but that was a big part of our life.”

“I think the Guild has really been a strong uniting force for us. We’ve gone through all of this—raising families, raising children together—it’s been a strong experience.”

> Read more about Ethel at www.valpo.edu/guild

Thank You!

A few great women pledged early to contribute individual gifts to the 2003-2006 National Project. Together, these women gave over $36,000 during the three-year project.

Their promise, along with the commitment of several other individual contributors, provided the endorsement necessary to fulfill the Guild’s commitment to Valparaiso University. With fundraising dollars declining, these women acted to guarantee the Guild would expand our impact on today’s students. This project funded the new “Guild Campus Gifts” grants; a gift toward the proposed Union building; and fortified the Guild Office Endowment.

Anonymous
Virginia Amling
Kathy Bardenhagen
Christine Bateman
Laura Brothers
Dorothy Daiber
Linda Deal
Susan Dippold
Lorraine Dorough
Sue Dumford
Kristine Fox
Kathy Gaskey
Joanne Gatz
Martha Jean Haeger
Michele Karpenko
Judy Mason
Norma May

Chita McKinney
Judy Michaels
Lois Mitchum
Bonnie Ornat
Sandy Paukner
Ann-Louise Pera
Marlene Rakow
Barb Riethmeier
Kathy Sauer
Georgi Schroeder
Phyllis Schuessler
Cathy Schwanitz
Julie Thomas
Judy Waetjen
Bev Wick
Margaret Zobel
Susan Zimmerman
Experiential Learning through Undergraduate Research

More and more, universities are pushing their undergraduates to conduct their own research projects as a method of readying students for graduate school and future jobs. For many college students, however, raising funds to do such research projects is daunting. Valparaiso University, with significant help from the Valparaiso University Guild, is working to make undergraduate research easier for its students and faculty and is focusing on recognizing the students who put in hours of hard work toward these projects.

"[Undergraduate research] is a form of experimental learning," said Associate Provost Renu Juneja. "It's not enough to learn theory—you have to learn how to do it as well. There's a great deal of emphasis on undergraduate research as something that provides that deep learning."

Director of Undergraduate Research Theresa Kessler agreed.

"There's a push nationally to encourage undergraduate student involvement in research. It many times sparks interest in students to go into graduate work or engage in scholarly work," said Kessler.

Kessler is also the conference chair of the Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship, a day of undergraduate research appreciation currently in its seventh year of existence. The Celebration recognizes the accomplishments of VU students and gives them an opportunity to share what they have learned through an exhibition, reception and presentations.

"When the idea about supporting undergraduate research came about, we had no way of recognizing the work our students were already doing," said Kessler. "Since they're getting money from the University they should really be sharing their information."

The money Kessler is referring to is awarded by the Creative Work and Research Committee (CWRC), the group who oversees all funding for undergraduate research grants. $10,000 is allocated annually by the CWRC: $5,000 toward
Many students participated in the Undergraduate Research Celebration on campus in April.

STUDENTS PRESENT SCHOLARSHIP AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eleven Valparaiso University students presented research projects at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the largest and most prestigious undergraduate research conference in the United States. The conference, which took place in early April at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, promotes undergraduate research in various disciplines and works to foster a multidisciplinary and multicultural community of researchers, scholars and artists.

Valparaiso students presenting papers were:

> Karl Aho, a junior independent studies major from Baraga, Michigan;
> Katie Benjamin, a senior theology and English major from Pinellas Park, Florida;
> Johanna Brinkley, a sophomore English major from Ossian, Indiana;

> Matt Cavin, a sophomore business, theology and classics major from Roanoke, Virginia;
> Kevin Clemens, a junior philosophy and political science major from Carol Stream, Illinois;
> Netha Cloeter, a senior English and independent studies major from Clintonville, Wisconsin;
> Helen Huggins, a senior German and international economics and cultural affairs major from Truckee, California;
> Eric Matul, a junior American studies and Spanish major from Orland Park, Illinois;
> Matt Schaefer, a senior computer science major from Victoria, Minnesota;
> Steve Wilco, a senior classics major from Manassas, Virginia; and
> Josh Wood, a junior computer engineering major from Reynolds, Illinois.

 faculty development and $5,000 toward student expenses. Funding covers equipment, supplies, reimbursement for travel and other necessities. Students also have the opportunity to receive a summer research housing grant to continue their research on campus.

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All of the money awarded by the CWRC stems from a fund established by the VU Guild in September of 1998. The Guild Endowment Fund for Undergraduate Research was originally a two-year project in which members pledged to raise $225,000 by June 2000. Although it took a little longer to reach such a lofty goal, the campaign was successful and continues to fund student and faculty research today.

"This is what allows [the Celebration] to go on—that money comes from the Guild," said Kessler.

This year's Celebration involved 128 students, with more than 20 of those participants receiving funds for their research. Each year the Celebration has grown, but with constant funding from the Guild’s endowment, the University has made sure that as many students as possible can be aided financially.

"To get this experience at the college level is very important," said Joanne Albers, administrative assistant to the Associate Provost. "College is about learning. That's why we have to make [undergraduate research] a priority."

Story by Stephanie Lehman

"Come Home" to Valpo

Falling leaves, football games and a slight nip in the air signal autumn on Valparaiso University’s campus. Yet Homecoming holds the tradition of being the beacon calling Valpo alumni and friends home during the fall months.

As part of the revelry, the Guild invites members and friends to stop by its Open House on Friday, September 29 from 3–5 p.m. in the Guild office. The office is located in Kretzmann Hall. This provides an opportunity to see the "home" office and meet the students and staff who support Guild volunteers.

The Guild will sponsor a breakfast at Homecoming West on Saturday, October 14 from 8–9:30 a.m. Homecoming West activities take place at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. Guests will view pictures from the Guild’s 75th celebration.

A listing of all the Homecoming activities may be requested from the Guild office at 800-748-4538.

In 2005 the Student Bridge dedication took place during Homecoming. The Guild contributed a $5,000 grant toward this project. Students initiated the relocation to campus after the bridge had been absent nearly 40 years.
ON TOWARD LOVE

On Toward Love: “Hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful. Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:23-24) is the theme for the Guild’s fourth Christian Women’s Conference to take place on campus May 4-6, 2007.

The planning committee seeks to generate a Spirit presence and sense of community that will enrich the faith of those attending. The committee anticipates this faith-filled experience will empower Christian activism once the women leave the conference so attendees will return home filled with Christ’s love and excited to share it with others.

As offered in the past, there will be four tracks at the 2007 conference to help fulfill these purposes: Service, Well-Being, God’s Gifts and New Challenges. Jan Struck, a Valparaiso University graduate, has been chosen as the keynote speaker.

The committee includes Sue Mullen, Chair; Ann Ashmon, Publicity; Kathy Helge, Secretary; Gail Kueffner-Haw, Worship & Music; Stephanie Stalmah, Logistics; Diane Vollrath, Speakers. Other Guild members who are assisting include Sally Beck, Elsa Felten, Vicki Flood, Jacque Hansing.

Each of the biennial conferences has been well received and provided an opportunity for Valpo friends to reconnect and for people who have never been to campus to see what a great place Valpo is! Registration materials will be mailed in January.

Volunteers Wanted

Guild members seeking a fundraising and service opportunity may be interested in continuing the “Survival Kit” program. The kits, delivered at final exam time, are assembled by volunteers and delivered to the residence halls. Glenbrook members who turned this into a successful fundraiser seek to retire, however they will provide details on how the kits were created. Please call the Guild office at 1-800-748-4538 for information.
Lutze Publishes Memoirs of Civil Rights Movement

After 15 years of pastoral work in Oklahoma and a lifetime of civil rights activism, Valparaiso resident Karl Lutze has published his memoirs in *Awakening to Equality: A Young White Pastor at the Dawn of Civil Rights.*

*Awakening to Equality* is Lutze's personal account of the social change that he encountered—the perspective of a white minister in a small, predominantly African American town, trying to overcome years of racial prejudice not only in community life, but in his church, as well.

Lutze left Oklahoma and moved to Valparaiso, Indiana in 1959 "right before, after and during the decision of segregation of schools," he said. "No resident blacks were living in Valparaiso at that time." O. P. Kretzmann, then President of Valparaiso University, invited the Lutheran Human Relations Association to house their offices on campus with the hope of alerting people to the lack of diversity within the community and University. Lutze became the Executive Director of the Association, and thus began his ties with the University.

*Awakening to Equality* is available for purchase at Orchard House, Valparaiso, IN for $30. Guild members may host a discussion of this book at a future meeting.

As I enter into my fourth and final year at Valparaiso University, I smile when I consider how far my friends and I have come from our days as confused freshmen. At times I grow concerned, however, about where I will find myself a year from now.

While I can visualize my professional life, the uncertainty and unknowns of entering the real world are overwhelming. Though times of ambiguity may be ahead, my faith and past experiences in college guide me to "walk by faith, not by sight." With thoughtful contemplation and the humbleness to ask for God's help, I will hear what path I should take.

My education at Valparaiso University has prepared me well for the next stage in life, but it is my growth as a Christian that has given me the strength and confidence to pursue my goals and to choose the correct path.

*Erik Wielgos is a senior public relations and history major from Bartlett, IL.*
Kathy Allen

> Home: Oconomowoc, WI
> Family: husband (psychologist) of 16 years, 13-year-old son, 11-year-old daughter
> Valpo Connection: 1984 graduate; sister, parents, aunts, uncles and two cousins all graduated from VU
> Member of Guild since: 1985

“When I first moved, [the Guild] was one of the first organizations I sought out,” she said. “I knew I would find some women who would mentor me.”

Still an active member, Kathy believes the new structure of the Guild looks promising for women, like herself, who maintain busy schedules.

“I think the Guild is made up of some very dynamic, action-based women. There’s a real perspective that the work they do will benefit VU for years to come.”

> Read more about Kathy at www.valpo.edu/guild

Upcoming Events

Contact the Guild office at 1-800-748-4538 for more information on any of these events.

**September 1** – 2006 Candidate and Grant Ballots DUE

**September 12** – Meeting with the Guild Director for Saginaw, MI area members, 12 noon, Faith Lutheran Church (3033 Wilder Rd), Bay City, MI

**September 29** – Guild Open House during Homecoming Weekend, 3:00–5:00 p.m., Kretzmann 104

**October 14** – Guild Breakfast (as part of Homecoming West), 8:00–9:30 p.m., San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

**October 20–22** – Guild Board of Directors Meeting, on campus

**October 27–29** – Family Weekend, on campus

**November 5** – Indianapolis Guild’s Brunch, 10:30 a.m., Pilgrim Lutheran Church (10202 N Meridian St.)

**November 14** – Online Guild meeting with presentation on the future Union by Larry Mosher, details soon. 7:00 p.m. Central

**November 16** – Online Guild meeting with presentation on the future Union by Larry Mosher, details soon. 7:00 p.m. Pacific

**May 4–6, 2007** – Christian Women’s Conference, on campus

Football Stand Concession Dates
- September 9
- September 23
- September 30
  Volunteers may sign-up.

GUILD BULLETIN • SUMMER 2006
The Guild committed to supporting Valparaiso University at its origin in 1931. This commitment was deepened at the Guild’s 75th Anniversary when, in an overwhelming majority, members decided to focus resources toward enhancing the student experience.

The Guild’s benevolence will be noticeable through the Guild Campus Gifts program. Based on the response from the 2003-2006 National Project grants, relatively small grants have a significant influence on students’ lives. Guild grants provide furnishings, funding for mission trips, and equipment. It builds on the Guild’s foundation to provide for unmet needs similar to the Guild’s early project to fund mattresses.

By investing member contributions into one endowment, each member will directly benefit Valpo students. Every dollar contributed to the endowment will benefit students for the life of the University. Consider the future when the Guild Endowment reaches $5 million and approximately $250,000 will be available—annually!—to support students.

Students will also benefit from scholarships and services that members provide such as Summer Send-offs or hosting music tours.

While the mission is to enhance the student experience, members make up a community of Valpo supporters who exemplify the University. The Guild connects those who share a passion to serve the Lord by providing for the needs of students who will lead and serve God’s world.