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level, you confirm your commitment to St. Olaf by actively supporting its immediate needs, including scholarships, financial aid, academic resources and campus improvements. Leadership gifts made up 64 percent of the \$3.6 million raised in 2006. The demonstrated annual support by alumni can also facilitate faculty grant requests and boost St. Olaf's reputation.

We hope the following stories of five exceptional St. Olaf student leaders inspire you to partner with us this year. These students, and countless others, depend on you — to not only inspire them, but also to model generous leadership.

Please be a leader who makes a difference and give today. Thank you.

IDEALS TO ACTION

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I have a genuine curiosity about the world... I just want to know how things work.

DAN ENDEAN '09

When he was in high school in Holland, Michigan, Dan Endean built a *trebuchet* — a type of medieval catapult designed to hurl projectiles over masonry walls. His work earned him honors in the state and national Science Olympiad competition.

Last summer at St. Olaf, Endean helped his physics professor construct a positron beam — a six-foot machine designed to hurl positrons (the antimatter counterpart of the electrons) at different materials, such as plastics. His work helped earn him a Rossing Physics Scholarship, awarded by the

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ELCA Foundation. He was one of three physics scholars nationally to receive this prestigious award.

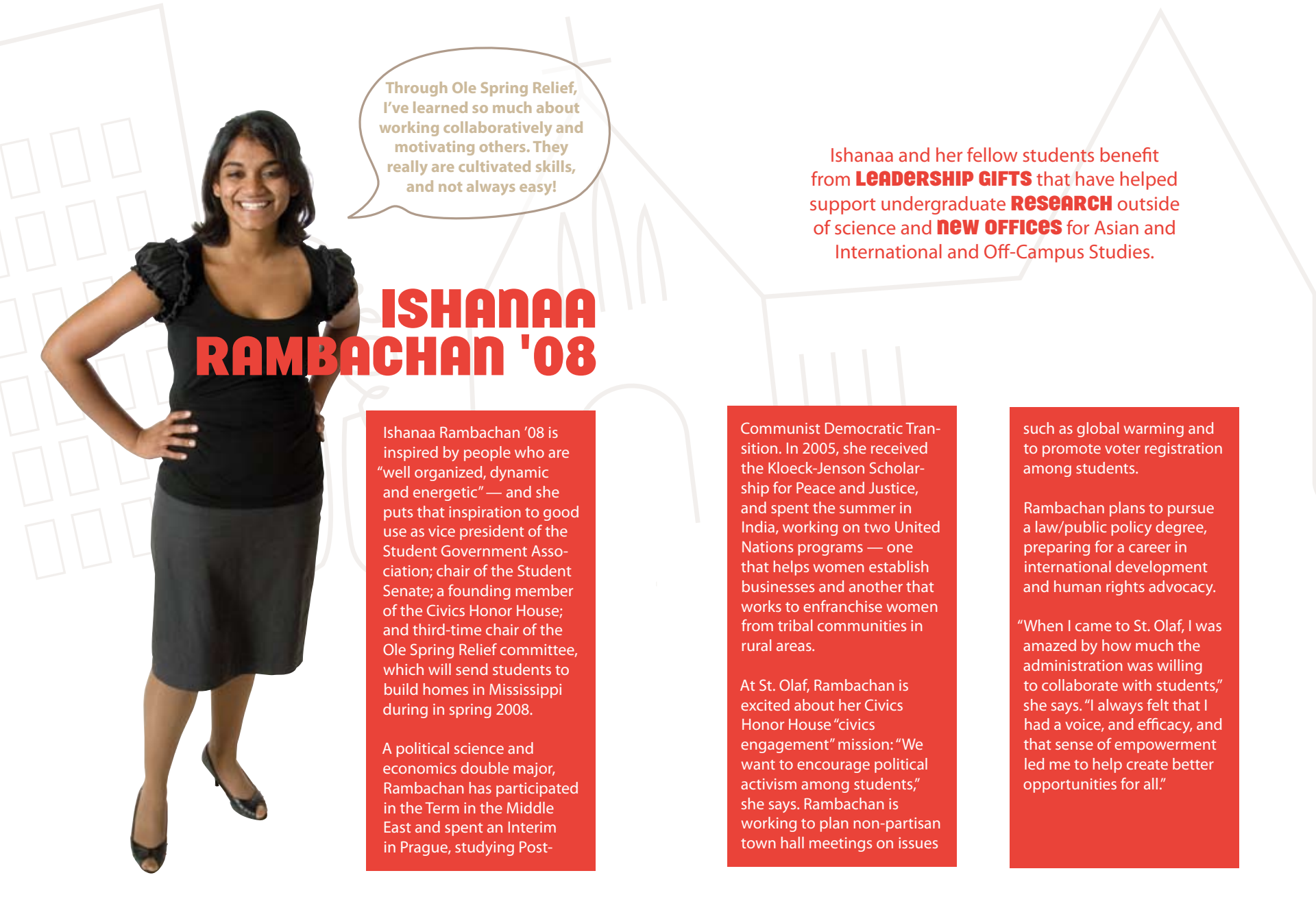
On a practical level, Endean says, “the study of positrons will help us more fully understand the laws of the universe.”

A double major in mathematics and physics, Endean will travel to Hungary next spring for the Budapest Semester in Mathematics. Next summer he'll continue his work on the positron beam. Today he spends his spare time tutoring math and physics students.

“It's fun to think about ideas with students,” he says, “But it's also an interesting leadership challenge — to help them understand how to do a problem, without doing it for them.”

Graduate school is definitely in Endean's future — and he's leaning toward physics.

“I would like to do research of some sort,” he says, “and if I could be a professor, that would be wonderful.”



Through Ole Spring Relief, I've learned so much about working collaboratively and motivating others. They really are cultivated skills, and not always easy!

ISHANAA RAMBACHAN '08

Ishanaa Rambachan '08 is inspired by people who are "well organized, dynamic and energetic" — and she puts that inspiration to good use as vice president of the Student Government Association; chair of the Student Senate; a founding member of the Civics Honor House; and third-time chair of the Ole Spring Relief committee, which will send students to build homes in Mississippi during in spring 2008.

A political science and economics double major, Rambachan has participated in the Term in the Middle East and spent an Interim in Prague, studying Post-

Ishanaa and her fellow students benefit from **LEADERSHIP GIFTS** that have helped support undergraduate **RESEARCH** outside of science and **new OFFICES** for Asian and International and Off-Campus Studies.

Communist Democratic Transition. In 2005, she received the Kloeck-Jenson Scholarship for Peace and Justice, and spent the summer in India, working on two United Nations programs — one that helps women establish businesses and another that works to enfranchise women from tribal communities in rural areas.

At St. Olaf, Rambachan is excited about her Civics Honor House "civics engagement" mission: "We want to encourage political activism among students," she says. Rambachan is working to plan non-partisan town hall meetings on issues

such as global warming and to promote voter registration among students.

Rambachan plans to pursue a law/public policy degree, preparing for a career in international development and human rights advocacy.

"When I came to St. Olaf, I was amazed by how much the administration was willing to collaborate with students," she says. "I always felt that I had a voice, and efficacy, and that sense of empowerment led me to help create better opportunities for all."



I like to be engaged in what's going on, so I can think critically and make my own decisions.

TYLER HAUGER '08

Tyler Hauger, a senior from Bismarck, North Dakota, spent last summer leading worship services in Glacier National Park. He tells of a local woman who attended the services and befriended the ministry team.

"Even though she was battling cancer, she took us out regularly for lunch and ice cream," says Hauger. "She knew we were far from home, and she wanted to make sure we were doing well. I'm inspired by people like her — leaders who go unnoticed every day."

At St. Olaf, Hauger says he's inspired by how many

people care about the college.

"Their sheer joy, excitement and passion really motivates me."

As president of the Student Government Association, he's particularly proud of a recent initiative that will allow students to attend regional and national conferences.

"My hope is that these students will not only better understand their area of study, but that they could also share what they've learned or experienced so that the whole community could benefit from it," he says.

LEADERSHIP GIFTS have made the following possible in 2006: a **GLOBALIZATION CONFERENCE** and a 25-seat New World **LANGUAGE CENTER** in Rølvaag Memorial Library.

A double major in political science and religion, Hauger focuses on international relations and interfaith dialogue. Last February, he attended the World Council of Churches International Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and he's currently exploring a future job with the Lutheran World Federation in the Middle East. Ultimately, though, he wants to be a Lutheran pastor, preferably for a rural congregation.

"St. Olaf nurtures leadership skills," he says. "It pushes us to be our best, but it walks beside us at the same time."

A photograph of Erin Armstrong '09, a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a black blazer over a light blue top and blue jeans. She is smiling and standing with her hands on her hips. A speech bubble above her contains the text: "I love the ministry that we do — and the community we create."

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ERIN ARMSTRONG '09

Except for the chilly Minnesota winters, St. Olaf has been a perfect fit for Southern Californian Erin Armstrong. As president of the 18-member Student Congregation council, she works hard to create a warm and welcoming environment for all.

"This year the entire council decided that we really want fellowship to be important, so we try to draw students in and create a community," she says. "We want it to be more than just a Sunday-morning thing for people."

Armstrong is particularly proud of the council's first


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congregation-wide taco "pack-out", at which nearly 100 students met on the lawn for lunch and games: "I love the experience of working with a congregation that has such great ideas," she says.

A double major in religion and political science, Armstrong will travel east in January to participate in the New Hampshire Primary Interim. But her passion is to become a pastor, not a politician. She hopes to attend Luther Seminary after graduation in 2009.

Armstrong credits her St. Olaf professors with exemplifying her goal of being an accessible leader.

"They're all open to different points of view; they don't tell us what to think," she says. "And I think being open and understanding is essential — not only for student leadership, but also for global citizenship. St. Olaf's focus on not only our education, but also on the lives we lead, helps us become leaders."

A full-body photograph of Andrew Schmiesing '08, a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark brown polo shirt and blue jeans. He has his hands on his hips. The background is white with faint, light-colored line art of a building and a tennis court.

I always want to be as good as I can be — athletically and academically.

ANDREW SCHMIESING '08

When it came time to choose a college, Andrew Schmiesing — an all-conference player in football, basketball and baseball at Stillwater (Minnesota) High School — found himself being chosen. St. Olaf recruited him to play both baseball and football.

“And St. Olaf was the place where I felt I fit in,” he says.

Last spring, Schmiesing was deemed the “right fit” again when the Minnesota Twins selected him in the 11th round of the baseball draft. Schmiesing signed a minor league contract with

the condition that he be allowed to return to St. Olaf for his senior football season.

“The head football coach at St. Olaf, Chris Meidt, is a leader I admire,” says Schmiesing. “He’s passionate about football, he’s passionate about faith and he’s passionate about the guys on the team, not just as players, but as individuals. He talks about faith, family and football — in that order.”

Schmiesing is a chemistry major on the pre-med track, who spent last January doing an internship at Stillwater’s Lakeview

Hoyme’s outdoor tennis courts have been transformed into **BASKETBALL COURTS**, and Skoglund Center’s **POOL** now has a new bottom coating, thanks to your **LEADERSHIP GIFTS**.

Hospital. Next spring he’ll leave Minnesota for Florida to train with the Twins and prepare for a second minor-league season — but he’ll be back in the fall to finish his St. Olaf degree.

“Maybe Andrew’s best quality is that he’s such a great person,” said St. Olaf baseball coach Matt McDonald of Schmiesing in a June 2007 Stillwater Gazette article.

“He’s a quiet leader. . . he makes our team better just by being in the dugout.”

ST. OLAF GIVING CLUBS

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The Leadership Council

To recognize the exceptional generosity and dedication of donors who give \$10,000 or more every year, St. Olaf has created the Leadership Council, comprising two noteworthy giving clubs:

President's Circle (\$10,000 to \$24,999 annually) and **Regents' Circle** (\$25,000 or more annually) members connect with President David R. Anderson '74 through a number of special events each year.

Fram! Fram! Club (\$5,000 to \$9,999 annually) includes the invitations listed below as well as an invitation for two to "Um! Yah! Yah! With a View," an annual dinner event with President Anderson and current St. Olaf students.

Manitou Heights Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999 annually) includes an invitation for two to the St. Olaf Christmas Festival and the accompanying president's dinner.

Black & Gold Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499 annually) includes an invitation for two to the annual St. Olaf Christmas Festival.

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