THE ST. OLAF COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, REGENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAME TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION AND OF THANKSGIVING ON OCT. 4, 2008, TO DEDICATE

REGENTS HALL

OF NATURAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

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Regents Hall of Natural and Mathematical Sciences has assumed its place on the east quad of Manitou Heights alongside the Victorian red brick of Old Main, the neoclassical portico of Steensland Hall and the limestone towers of Holland Hall. Nestled among those lovely and historic buildings, it defines the southern border of the Hill and frames the new greensward that now extends from the steps of Old Main to the door of Mellby Hall. Together with Buntrock Commons, the Tostrud Center, the Dittmann Center and the renovated Boe Chapel it serves as the exemplar of its type: in this case, a teaching and learning space designed to promote intellectual inquiry, discovery and exchange, built to teach sustainability, and used to prepare students for lives of worth and service.













A Dynamic Facility

"While Regents Hall is majestic, inspiring, beautiful and sustainable, at the end of the day it is just a building. It falls to [our faculty] to put this building to good use by dedicating it — and ourselves — to the highest purpose: to provide students with an unparalleled undergraduate education in science and to instill in them not only a zeal for excellence and pride in good work well done but also a passion to work for the good of others and for the good of the world."

- PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY DAVE VAN WYLEN '80

Realizing a Dream

"We would not be here if it were not for countless gifts, big and small, born of courage, vision, and sacrifice that enabled us to pay for this extraordinary new building. Some of those gifts were made in thanksgiving for your own experience as a St. Olaf student, some in memory of a loved one, some to challenge our college always to aspire for the very best. Some gifts were born of all of those reasons. I hope that we are able, in words and in deeds as the college goes forward, adequately express our gratitude for your generous gift. I extend my personal and heartfelt thanks for what you have done for our college."

"As we stand on this grand plaza on this special day and our gaze sweeps westward across the rest of campus, we recognize that now is the time to be bold for St. Olaf. The national recognition that our programs and our students are engendering, the momentum generated by the dedication of Regents Hall, and the eagerness of Oles to invest in the future of our college present us with opportunities on all fronts to advance our mission. Let us continue to be bold for St. Olaf today and in the days ahead."

- FROM DEDICATION REMARKS BY ST. OLAF PRESIDENT DAVID R. ANDERSON '74







