Have you noticed all the advertisements lately that hype how quickly you can complete a four-year degree?

“In just 1 year, 2 nights a week, YOU can earn a four year degree, without ever leaving your home!” That’s an exaggeration of what we’ve heard, but not much of one!

As our 15 year reunion approaches, we realize how there’s no way we’d trade the experience we had at Gustavus for that kind of “hurry up and get it done” orientation to an education.

What happened in the classrooms on campus was what’s helped us learn to think. What happened outside the classroom (on and off campus!) was what created the EXPERIENCE of a college education. No way can that be replicated one night a week in your living room!

It’s with that perspective that we’ve marked our calendars for homecoming reunion activities in October, and with which we’d invite you to consider honoring your experience with a generous gift to Gustavus this year.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS AGENTS

Gustavus Adolphus College
April 2005

Class of 1990

REUNION WEEKEND

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The class of 1990 Reunion reception will be on Friday October 7, 2005 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel at 7:00pm.

On Saturday October 8, 2005 around 12:00 p.m. we will have a class tent outside the football stadium, so bring the family.

WHAT I DO NOW THAT I’M GROWN UP

Rick Crabtree traveled to Cambodia in November and worked for a company that delivered medical supplies by motorcycle.

Dorrie Peterson Fleischer is a specialized billing analyst for Qwest Communications.

Richard Clark is a Field Clinical Engineer for Ela Medical.

Richard Miller is vice president of Non-Ballistics North and South America for DSM Byneema.

Jeff Sell is a 5th grade teacher in the Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan School District. He is also a bad fantasy football owner.

Richard Vallery has earned his doctorate in physics from the University of Michigan.

Air Force 1st Lt. Donald Nygard is currently deployed overseas as an intelligence analyst.

FUTURE GUSTIES

Daniel Hanson and his wife, Marta, had a new baby boy named Benjamin Issac on 5/8/04.

Pam Carle Siebert and her husband, Mike, had a baby girl named Lindsey on 5/13/04.

Michelle Dressel Meiners and her husband, Brent, had twins, Jack and Dylan on 6/04/04.

Greg and Sandra (Zak ’91) Lerud adopted two children from Russia, Alexander and Joseph, on 11/04/04.

Jennifer Rengstorf Nelson and her husband, Steve ’89, had a baby girl named Sophia Grace on 1/28/04.

Despite his inability to manage a fantasy football team, Jeff Sell and his wife, Jenny, had a baby boy, Corey, on Valentine’s Day 2005.

Roberta Wallin Sjodin and her husband, Greg, had a baby boy named Cameron on 5/30/04.

Bruce Jackson and his wife, Marta, had a boy named Lucas on 7/02/04.
Carla Melgeorge Koch and her husband, Steven ’92, had a baby girl named Grace on 10/02/04.

Melissa Matz Nungesser and her husband, Glen, had a baby girl named Grace on 1/28/04.

Wendy Hesse Boldenow and her husband, Greg, had a baby boy named Charles on 10/4/04.

Jolene Selover Baillargeon and her husband, Terry, have a new son named Jackson, born 7/3/04.

Greg Nissen and his wife, Jennifer, had a baby girl named Ella on 2/6/04.

Clark Eichelberger and his wife, Winona, had a baby boy named Lewis on 6/13/04.

Bill and Julie (Elvestrom ’88) Kuehn had a baby boy named Christopher on 7/29/04.

Teresa Burgess Oliphant married Ryan Paetznick on 10/22/04.

According to the Gustavus website, Gustavus doesn’t know where these people are. If you know where they are please e-mail Gustavus at alumni@gustavus.edu; it’s easier than putting their face on a milk carton.

MARRIAGES

Teresa Burgess Oliphant married Ryan Paetznick on 10/22/04.

Alumni Awards

The Gustavus Alumni Association has announced 2005 award recipients. The Greater Gustavus Award to George Torrey ’55 for his lifetime volunteer service and philanthropy to the College. Distinguished Alumni Citations to G. Barry Anderson ’76, Apple Valley, MN, associate justice, Minnesota Supreme Court; Deanna Nelson ’64, Cary, NC, president/founder, BioLink Life Sciences, Inc.; Rick Webb ’73, Edina, MN, owner of Ciao Bella, Zelo and Bacio Restaurants; and John Wirth ’75, Pacific Palisade, CA, writer/executive producer, Paramount Studios. First Decade Awards to Joe Gaugler ’95, Lexington, KY, assistant professor, Department of Behavioral Science, University of Kentucky College of Medicine; Debbie Lightly Mascaro ’95, Fargo, ND, research scientist, North Dakota State University Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

Sports

The Gustavus women’s hockey team finished third at the NCAA national championship after winning the MIAC title, the men’s basketball team won the MIAC regular season title and conference tournament and advanced to the NCAA national tournament, the men’s swimming and diving team won the MIAC title and placed seventh at the NCAA national tournament and had seven swimmers earn All-America honors and the women’s team had four swimmers earn All-America honors.

Extraordinary Students

Senior Rachel Batalden, a double major in mathematics and secondary education with a 3.898 grade point average and two-time MIAC All-Conference selection at setter for the women’s volleyball team, has been selected as one of 56 student-athletes from across the country to receive a $7,500 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Senior Paul Fraser, a music and computer science major has been selected as the winner of the second annual Caltech-Occidental Composition Contest for new music for concert band. The contest drew entries from all over the world, and, as the winner, Paul will receive a cash award and a recording of the world premiere of the work at a concert by the Caltech-Occidental Concert Band in Pasadena, Calif., in May.
Bricks and mortar

Southwest Residence Hall is being constructed across the Campus Drive from the arboretum on the west side of the campus and is scheduled to be finished by June. The L-shaped facility is configured with apartments for four and six and will accommodate nearly 200 students. A hostel space for summer programs and confirmation retreat groups is included in the residence’s plans.

With the new Southwest Residence Hall coming on-line, the College will be taking down Wahlstrom Hall to make way for future residential construction. Crews will start the dismantling process in July with asbestos abatement, and the Kasota-stone residence hall will be razed in August. Alumni returning for reunion and commencement festivities on May 27–29 will be able to take a last tour through the building’s public areas, stairwells, and walk-through sections following a “decommissioning” ceremony to be held on Saturday morning, May 28.

Construction crews working on the renovation of Old Main discovered a cistern under the basement flooring in March. Gutting the interior has provided evidence of layers upon layers of remodeling done over the years, including an old stairwell in the middle of the building and what appears to be an attempt to raise the third-floor ceiling. The Old Main project, which includes the installation of an elevator in the northwest corner of the building, is scheduled to be completed in August.

The education and nursing departments have been relocated to the newly erected Mattson Hall, which is sited just west of the Schaefer Fine Arts Center and Prairie View Residence Hall, on the south side of the campus. These departments will remain there until a new social science center is built at some point in the future.

Upcoming Events

Association of Congregations Meeting – April 23
G.I.V.E. Community Service Day – April 30
Class of 1955 and 50-Year Club Reunions – May 27 & 28
Commencement – May 29
Alumni Fund closes – May 31
Reunions on Homecoming – October 7 & 8
Nurses Reunion – October 8