Happy Spring! I hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful weather and all the fun activities that spring has to offer. I was recently back on campus for a classmate’s wedding and the flowers are blooming and some of those baby trees planted just after the tornado are now taller than I am! The resilience of Gustavus, both the place and its people, never cease to amaze me.

As I sat down to write this letter, I was struck by the sudden realization that not only have we entered the season of spring, but we have also entered a new season of life. When we started writing these notes to you, we covered hundreds of career moves and educational advancements. Now, our number of weddings and births are far exceeding the number of career and educational moves. Our single years as carefree students are becoming a thing of the past. It’s exciting to look forward and see all the change happening around us.

Hal and I would like to say a big THANKS to each of you for keeping us constantly updated. We appreciate all of the e-mail updates and mailings that you have sent in to us to include in these letters the past few years. We wish you each the best of luck in whatever this summer brings you. Please continue to keep us updated!

Go Gusties!

--Cassie and Hal

**MARRIAGES**

**Erin Bonitz** was married to Kyle Riess on December 27, 2003.

**Mitchell Brinks** was married to Sarah Engstrom ’03 on May 31, 2003.

**Matthew Copple** was married to Jensen Joan Moore on July 5, 2003.

**Michael Henderson** was married to **Kathryn Krueger** on July 19, 2003.

**Amy Karban** was married to **Joe Ackert** on June 27, 2003.

**Kyle Koren** was married to Michelle Zaske ’02 on July 12, 2003.

**Kristin Kimball** was married to **Linus Olson** on September 13, 2003.

**Andrew Kopperud** was married to Krista Frederickson on August 9, 2003.

**Kenneth Pritchard** was married to Audra Olson ’02 in September 2002.

**Elizabeth Skalbeck** was married to **Isaac McBroom** on October 18, 2003.

**Christopher Swansson** was married to Corene Laue on July 19, 2003.

**Kris Watson** was married to John Mullins on December 13, 2003.

**Leah Wessman** was married to Benjamin Herdrich on December 20, 2003.

Did we miss your wedding? Let us know! See last page for details.

**FUTURE GUSTIES**

Logan Cole Gustafson was born to **Ryan Gustafson** and Kris Gustafson ’00 on October 15, 2003.

Colin Timothy McGeary was born to **Kelly Devine McGeary** and Timothy McGeary on December 10, 2003.
Ilahi James Pearson was born to Ferial Mohamed Pearson and Daniel Pearson on June 2, 2003.

Madison Jean Thompson was born to Jodie Priebe Thompson and Isaac Thompson on November 18, 2003.

**EDUCATION**

David Anderson is completing his Ph.D. in physics at the College of William & Mary.

Rachel Barnitz is attending Bethesda College.

Matthew Copple is completing his doctor of osteopathy at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Margaret Dimpfel is studying occupational therapy at the University of Wisconsin.

Tanya Erickson is pursuing a master's in English at the University of St. Thomas.

Mark Hargis is attending the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

Kenneth Helvig recently completed his MFA degree in theatrical lighting design at the University of Cincinnati College- Conservatory of Music.

Erika Houtz Mennerick is completing her doctor of chiropractic at National University of Health Sciences.

Robert Johnson is completing his degree in education in Chicago.

Holly Lines is studying law at William Mitchell College of Law.

Arno Merkle is completing his Ph.D. in materials science at Northwestern University.

Tessa Peterson is studying veterinary sciences at Iowa State University.

Jacob Thorius completed a master of science in civil engineering with an emphasis in construction engineering and management at Iowa State University.

**CAREER MOVES**

Andrea Connett Eckman is a staff writer for the American Association of Textiles Chemists and Colorists in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Sonja Cordes works for Target Corporation.

Abby De Hoop is an on-air radio personality for Haugo Broadcasting in Rapid City, SD.

Dean Edstrom is an accelerator operator at Fermilab.

Tanya Erickson works in association management for L & L Management Services.

Heidi Kaufmann is a school counselor for St. Paul Public Schools.

Justin Kennedy is a band teacher at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School.

Tom Lagerback is a system analyst for Nordbanken SSP AB.

Kristen Larson is a natural resource specialist with Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc.

Charles LaTour works for Hazeltine National Gulf Club in Chaska, MN.

Kyle Momsen is an athletic training program clinical coordinator for the University of North Carolina – Wilmington.

Brandon Navara is a client services manager for Wealth Enhancement Group.

Jonathan Poole is a special agent for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. State Department.

Katie Jacobson Schmitt is an assistant curator of education for Plains Art Museum in North Dakota.

Kris Watson Mullins is a recruiter for Chimes, Inc.

Rebecca Zeeb Hulett is an academic computing coordinator for classrooms and departmental labs at Carleton College.
New Residence Hall
In January the Board of Trustees approved construction of a new residence hall at Gustavus to be ready in June 2005. Construction of the new facility, to be located to the west and south of the Curtis and Arleen Carlson International Center, is scheduled to begin in May. The residence hall will house approximately 200 students in suites and apartments, as well as provide a hostel space for off-campus groups and summer programs.

Computer Science Reunion
Gustavus will celebrate 25 Years of computer science this summer with a gathering on campus July 16-18. All alumni, whether you graduated with a major or minor in computer science or are just interest in computing, are invited to the celebration. The event will offer continuing education workshops on hot computing topics, fun activities for the whole family, networking opportunities, and catching up with changes in the department. For more information, go to www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/academics/mcs/cs25.html.

Extraordinary People
Junior political science major Kendra Rinas is one of three college students in the United States to receive a national humanitarian award from Aetna HealthCare, "The Spirit of Freedom Award," for her notable achievements working/studying in Uganda and demonstrating characteristics of an unsung hero. The award was developed in commemoration of the anniversary of 9-11, by remembering heroes and encouraging young people to be an advocate for positive change.

The Alumni Board of Directors has announced the following winners of 2004 Alumni Association Awards. The Greater Gustavus Awards and Distinguished Alumni Citations will be presented at the Alumni Banquet on May 29 and the First Decade Awards will be presented at the Homecoming/Family Weekend Banquet Oct. 2.

Greater Gustavus Awards
Richard Hillstrom ’38, Edina, recognized for his lifelong support of the Christ Chapel Endowment, Lund Arena, Folke Bernadotte Library, and the Hillstrom Museum of Art.
Steve and Barb Wilkinson, St. Peter, recognized for the development and success of the men’s tennis program under their guidance and for bringing human and financial resources to the college to enhance its student body and physical plant.

Distinguished Alumni Citations
Kenneth Dragseth ’67, Edina, superintendent of Edina schools, Minnesota and 2003 National Superintendent of the Year.
Peter Krause ’87, Los Angeles, CA, actor, HBO’s Six Feet Under.
Donald Swanson ’55, Robbinsdale, former teacher/coach, director of sports medicine, NovaCare.

First Decade Awards
Nathan Funk ’94, Bethesda, MD, assistant professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, Department of Political Science, George Washington University.

Donor Honor Roll Online
The 2002-2003 Honor Roll of Donors is available online at www.gustavus.edu/giving/honorroll. In the 50th year of the Gustavus Alumni Fund, the goal is to recapture 50% of alumni participation in giving. This means reaching 10,700 donors. As of March 1, 5,264 alumni have participated. Your gift, no matter the size, does make a difference in the education of current and future Gustavus students.

The Alumni Fund closes May 31. Help our class gift percentage by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope.
**New Chapel Carillon**
A new digital carillon was recently installed in Christ Chapel. The new carillon, a gift from the Class of 1954 in honor of their 50th anniversary, replaces the carillon installed in 1961 and destroyed by the tornado. The carillon can store 1,000 melodies to be programmed to play during the day.

**New Gustavus Video**
Have you been to campus lately? Can you remember your first time seeing Gustavus? The Admission Office has created a new video/DVD for prospective students to take a look at the College. You can view it on the college web page.

**Cec Eckhoff Society**
Most alumni believe in contributing to the Alumni Fund. To honor the former vice president of alumni relations, Cec Eckhoff ’56, who built the tradition of alumni giving, the Cec Eckhoff Society has been established. This society recognizes individuals who make a lifelong pledge of commitment to the Alumni Fund and is tied solely to continuous annual support and not to any specific giving level. To join go to www.gustavus.edu/giving/.

**Fine Arts**
Opening this month in the Hillstrom Museum of Art is "Testimony: Vernacular Art of the African-American South." Sweden's Erik Westberg Vocal Ensemble will be in concert and Haydn's *Seven Last Words of Christ* is being performed.

**Athletics**
The men's basketball team won the MIAC regular season title and post-season tournament and made their fourth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance. The men's and women's Nordic ski team each won the MIAC title and finished fourth in the Central Regional championship. The women's hockey team has won 16 consecutive MIAC games, outscoring its opponents 87-10 and was the number-two seed in the MIAC post-season tournament. Finally, the men's and women's swim teams each won MIAC Championships.

**Class of 2001 Stats**

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1 Number of classmates needed to increase our participation (that would be YOU)

$20, $50, or $100 Amount you can give for a one-time gift prior to May 31. (Even those of us paying off our school loans have $20 to give...)

173 Number of classmates we need to help achieve the goal of "50% of Gustavus alumni support the Gustavus Alumni Fund"

**Upcoming Events**
For information go to the Gustavus College Calendar at http://www.gustavus.edu

**E-Mail Address Updates**
If you change e-mail addresses, please inform the Alumni Office of the change at our home page at http://www.gustavus.edu/alumni/

**SHARE YOUR INFO**
The information that is contained within this newsletter has been submitted either to Gustavus or to one of us directly for publication. If you have marriage, birth, education, career, or miscellaneous updates that you would like us to publish in our next newsletter there are two methods of submission. First, you can send the information to Gustavus via the web page (www.gustavus.edu) by clicking on Alumni and then Your News, or you can e-mail or mail the information directly to one of your class agents. So, get on the web and send us your info! Our next publication is scheduled for September 2004. If you graduate this spring, got married this summer, had a child, made a career move, or did something else that is of interest to our class, please let us know!

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