MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS AGENTS

Spring is here - at last!? People are flocking outside to work on their lawns and just take a nice long walk in the fresh spring air. Remember the days we no longer dreaded walking across the Norelius parking lot? Ahhh… those were the days! After a long winter, everyone seems to have an added spring in their step once again.

With this new season we have a new focus, and we need your help!? More importantly, Gustavus needs your help!? We want to see the Class of 2001 make a significant contribution to the Alumni Fund this year. However, we are trailing many of the classes even those junior to us.

We send a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who has gotten us to where we are today and a big “PLEASE” to everyone who has not given yet. Here are a few common questions we get about giving to the Alumni Fund:

How can I give??

By mail - You can send Gustavus a check or indicate your pledge amount by returning the envelope that is enclosed with this letter.

Online - As always, you can make your gift online at:
http://www.gustavus.edu/giving/.

How much should I give?

Give what is comfortable for you - The most important thing is that you make a gift so we can increase our participation percentage! So, whether $10, $20, $50, $100 or $500 fits your budget, please give whatever you can.

What if I want to give to a specific cause?

Designated gifts - You can designate how your gift is used. If a particular group or organization was very meaningful to you in college, you can designate that your dollars be used for that purpose.

Unrestricted gifts - The best thing you can do is simply give an unrestricted gift to the Alumni Fund—this allows the college administration (the people who know the college's needs best) to decide how the money will be used. Most of this money goes to fund financial aid for current students!

As always, thank you for your gifts to Gustavus!

Go Gusties!

Cassie and Hal

MARRIAGES


Jennifer Maldonado married Travis Prunty ’00 on January 8, 2005.

David Oachs married Julie Christenson ’02 on August 7, 2004.

Tracy Schroeder married Tyler Purdy ’00 on October 2, 2004.

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

Zoey Elizabeth Hermel was born to **Heidi Friederichs Hermel** and Andy Hermel on November 13, 2004.

David Joseph Smith was born to **Bridget Hundt Smith** and Dean Smith on September 6, 2004.

Kayleigh Elizabeth Horn was born to **Amy Iverson Horn** and Michael Horn ’00 on June 12, 2004.

Peter Michael Lippold was born to **Jennifer Lavik Lippold** and Michael Lippold ’00 on June 20, 2004.

Callie Elizabeth Cody was born to **Arja Peterson Cody** and Bill Cody on January 1, 2005.

Adam Timothy Puder was born to **Andrea (Gedde)** and **Ben Puder** on September 22, 2004.

Hannah Marie Hulett was born to **Rebecca Zeeb Hulett** and **Chris Hulett** on December 12, 2004.

**EDUCATION**

Nicole Crassweller recently graduated from Colorado College.

Heidi Friederichs Hermel is in the master’s of nursing program at Minnesota State University.

Tessa Peterson is studying veterinary medicine at Iowa State University.

**CAREER MOVES**

Julie Bexell is a kindergarten teacher for the Farmington School District.

Amy Buran Finnern is the supervisor of a hospital-based fitness center in Holton, KS.

Abby DeHoop is an on-air radio personality for Clear Channel Communications in Duluth.

Michelle Dillavou an assistant broadcast negotiator at Mindshare Worldwide/J Walter Thompson in Colorado.

Brad Engelmann works as a staff accountant at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Karena Erickson Rydland is a K-2 Spanish teacher at Wildwood Elementary School.

Tanya Erickson Schwartz is an HR training coordinator for MTS Systems Corporation.

Carrie Hanson is currently deployed with the United States Army supporting operation Noble Eagle.

Kelly Hanson is employed by Tuechi Benuch.

Kenneth Helvig is a lighting assistant at the American Repertory Theatre.

Kim Johnson is a guest services coordinator at BridgeStreet Corporate Housing Worldwide in Northbrook, IL.

Kristin Kimball Olson is a financial analyst at Lifetouch Inc.

Jennifer Maldonado Prunty is a teacher for the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

Ryan Meulemans is a physical education teacher at East Union Elementary School.

Tracy Regenscheid is a corporate auditor for Best Buy.

Amanda Saveland is a credentialing manager and data specialist for Da Vita.

Dehlija Seim is an associate at Swanson Law in Grand Marais.

Brian Thatcher is an officer/attorney for the Phoenix Police Department.

Jacob Thorius is an assistant county engineer in Washington County, IA.
Share your Old Main or Wahlstrom Hall Story

The remodeling of Old Main sparked many faculty members to reflect on their times in that building. Education professor Al Pearson tells his story of going to a different office for the first time since 1973 at Old Main. Share your story of Old Main or Wahlstrom Hall experiences at Hello Walk, the online Gustavus community. Alumni are invited to attend a decommissioning service for Wahlstrom Hall on Saturday, May 28 at 2:45 p.m. Wahlstrom Hall will be razed this summer.

Short Term Medical Insurance

Short-term medical insurance is available through the Alumni Association. This insurance can fill the temporary needs of those without health insurance, usually at a lower cost than other alternatives. Alumni and their families may apply. Call: 800-635-7801 or www.meyerandassoc.com/health to learn more.

Class Giving Website

Is our class at the top of the class rankings or do we need to still give to avoid being at the bottom? With the end of the Gustavus giving year coming on May 31, check out how your class giving compares to other classes at Class Comparison on the Gustavus web site. Every gift from alumni helps current students and is a way to show your appreciation for your Gustavus education. Thank you if you have already given!

Gusties In Volunteer Endeavors

The annual day of community service held on April 30th focused this year on the Twin Cities Phillips' Neighborhood. This 1.6 square mile section of Minneapolis has 3,100 families and 31 percent of those families live below the poverty level. This neighborhood also is home to the American Swedish Institute.

The campus in the future

February marked the beginning of the Old Main renovation project, scheduled to be complete by fall. Although some departments moved to temporary locations during the renovation, the nursing and education departments moved into a more permanent home, Mattson Hall, which is located west of the Schaefer Fine Arts Center-Music Wing, next to Prairie View Residence Hall. The building is named after Gustavus President P. A. Mattson (1904-1911), who was president during the time the education department was added to the college's curriculum. Other proposed changes to the Gustavus long-range "Campus Framework Plan" include relocation of the football stadium, a new academic building on the West Mall, a wind-turbine development zone, a new social science center, and potential senior citizen housing sites.

Upcoming Events

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

MAYDAY! Peace Conference

The 25th annual MAYDAY! Peace Conference, will be May 4. This year's conference, "Energy for Peace," will feature a morning keynote address, titled "Peace on Earth: Why the Environment Matters to 21st Century Security," by Mark Hertsgaard, journalist, environment correspondent, and accomplished author from San Francisco and an afternoon keynote address, titled "On the Open Spaces of Democracy," by Terry Tempest Williams, celebrated author, essayist, and nature writer from Salt Lake City. Afternoon sessions will also focus on wind power and renewable energy.

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/.

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/

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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 Fall 2005. If you graduated this last 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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