Greetings Class of 2001!

A special thank you to everyone who continues to update the college with your activities. We hear often from our classmates how fun it is to see all the wonderful things that are happening with our class.

Who knew when we first arrived at Gustavus that we would some day be continuing our studies throughout the world (Arielle in Ireland), working in various corners of the United States (Ann teaching in Wyoming) finding "the one" (like Lisa and Derek...did you meet at the square dance?) and not only someday having children, but two at the same time (congrats Joe!) only a few years later?

If you have something new happening in your life and you would like to share, please let us know. Our next letter will be sent out in late spring.

Go Gusties!

--Cassie and Hal

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS AGENTS**

**MARRIAGES**

**Angela DeGreeff** married **Charley Follett** on August 6, 2004.

**Lisa Froelich** married **Derek Hoyme** on October 23, 2004.

**Molly Grisham** married **Derek Altorfer** on September 18, 2004.

**Caroline Hildreth** married **Benjamin Hey** on September 25, 2004.

**Stefanie Lenz** married **Joseph Thompson** on September 18, 2004.

**Lisa Marquardt** married **Christopher Partyka** on October 15, 2004.


**Molly Nemes** married **Todd Hamer** on June 11, 2004.

**Angela Reinhart** married **Joshua Salzman** on October 16, 2004.

**Rojeph Sanh** married **Jeff Kiecker** on August 7, 2004.

**Ann Young** married **Dean Lehmkuhler** on June 26, 2004.

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

**FUTURE GUSTIES**

Twins **Noah and Joshua Ackert** were born to **Amy (Karban)** and **Joseph Ackert** on October 27, 2004.

**Cole Mennerick** was born to **Erika Houtz** and **Skip Mennerick** on November 30, 2004.

**Kya Hoof** was born to **Dana Prehn** and **Daryl Hoof** on August 13, 2004.

**Kristi Renee Olsen** was born to **Juanita Diller Olsen** and **Joseph Olsen** on May 12, 2004.

**Chance Swansson** was born to **Corene Laue** and **Chris Swansson ’99** on October 30, 2004.

**EDUCATION**

**Brian Erickson** is studying geology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

**Philip Flickinger** is studying dance choreography and performance at the University of Colorado.

**Jason Haaheim** recently completed his master’s in electrical engineering at the University of California.

Have you been married recently? Let us know! See last page for details.
Jenna Hemenway is studying special education at Bethel University.

Nick Lundbohm recently completed his doctor of chiropractic degree at Northwestern Health Sciences University.

Arno Merkle is studying material science at Northwestern.

Erin Miller recently graduated with a theatre degree from Bowling Green State University.

Mariam Mokri is attending the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Tricia Niebuhr is attending Hamline University School of Law.

Angela Reinhart Salzman is a 6th grade teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Joshua Salzman recently received his master’s degree in kinesiology from the University of Minnesota.

Arielle Semmel is studying peace and conflict studies at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland.

Lana Elsengeter is an absence coordinator for The Hartford.

Brad Engelmann is a senior accountant for the University of Minnesota.

Kristin Eklund Keaney is a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital.

Jason Haaheim is an associate timpanist with the Chicago Civic.

Kim Huchthausen is a senior administrator for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Jessi Hunzeker Strinmoen is the director of volunteer and community relations for the Bolder Options Mentoring Program.

Amy Katzenmeyer is a new business coordinator for Northwestern Mutual Financial.

Mike Lettmann is employed by Dain Rauscher.

Arno Merkle is playing cello with the Kobayashi String Quartet.

Maggie Moss is a buyer for Target Corporation.

Erin Olson is a teacher at Lake Crystal Elementary School.

Randee Scheffert Onken is a business analyst at United Health Care.

Carlie Sevcik Thompson is a sales assistant for Marshall Investment Corp. - The Marshall Group.

Noelle Skalko is in the Peace Corps stationed in Leverkusen, Germany.

Judd Thomas is a senior tax analyst at McGladery & Pullen LLP.

Joe Thompson is a law clerk for the United States District Court in Chicago.

LaDawn Tyrrell is a Navy nurse with the U.S. Navy in Iceland.

Emily Wattnem is in interactive marketing at General Mills, Inc.

Chris Weber is employed by Advantage Performance Network.

Christian White is a flight instructor for Aviation Atlanta, Inc.

Ryo Yamanami is an assistant controller for MIRWEC Film, Inc.

Ann Young Lehmkuhler is a fifth grade teacher at South Elementary School in Wyoming.
**Helping Area Youth**
Plans are underway for Gustavus to again host the National Youth Sports Program, a national summer program hosted at more than 200 colleges and universities. Gustavus is only the second site in Minnesota and one of the few rural programs in the nation. Building upon the success of its inaugural year last summer, NYSP at Gustavus is a five-week academic and athletic enrichment program for about 200 youth ages 10-16 from low-income families living within a 45-mile radius of St. Peter. Daily activities of this free camp include programs in science, creative writing, math, health, and athletic activities. Volunteers are needed for NYSP this summer in a variety of capacities. Could you help teach a class or provide basic medical physicals, which are required for camp participation? Or otherwise come to assist for a day or more? For more information, contact the Gustavus NYSP office at nysp@gustavus.edu or 507/933-7455.

**Alumni Fund**
The 50th anniversary of the Gustavus Alumni Fund closed at the end of the academic year. Thank you to the nearly 8,000 alumni donors, an increase of approximately 200 donors from last year. During the last three years, 56% of alumni have given to the alumni fund. The goal is to reclaim 50% participation in a single year. Calling is the primary method of seeking gifts and pledges. How much calling? Last year, alumni and student callers made more than 40,000 call attempts and talked with approximately 9,000 alumni. The rest of the alumni had already made a gift or pledge in the current fund year or were not home. Alumni gifts are important to the overall financial strength of the College. Please make a gift when called by a classmate or student.

**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/.

**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.

**Financial Planning Tool for all Alumni**
The Gustavus Gift Planning website is a resource for alums of all ages to learn more about planning for their financial future. The site explores some basics, like the need for a will and health care proxy. It also provides information about planning for the transfer of assets to benefit you and your family, a gift calculator to see how to make a gift that pays you and also provides tax benefits, e-brochures for more information, and tips on how to have a meaningful impact on a non-profit organization important to you.

**Upcoming Events**
- Diversity Center Reunion/Building Bridges Conference – March 12
- Tucson Chapter with Professor Dick Martin – March 18
- Phoenix Chapter with Professor Dick Martin – March 19
- Sun City Chapter with Professor Dick Martin – March 20
- Twin Cities Gustavus Music Showcase – March 20
- Seattle Chapter with President Jim Peterson ’64 – April 1
- Bay Area Chapter with President Jim Peterson ’64 – April 2
- Gusties In Volunteer Endeavors (G.I.V.E.) day of community service – April 30

**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 April 2005. If you graduated 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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