MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS AGENTS

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

~Author Unknown

Happy New Year!

I doubt many of us have the good fortune of partaking in a laid-back class schedule or work schedule compared to the current Gustavus students participating in J-Term. I can also assume that very few of us have elected to take the month of January "off" from work or studies to study abroad for a couple of weeks.

Perhaps we need to lobby our current employers and graduate programs in making the month of January optional for work and academic loads. At the very least we should have Fridays off this month. We could call them "F-Terms."

If anyone's employers or professors agree to this new paradigm shift, please contact us and let us know.

Go Gusties!

--Cassie and Hal

MARRIAGES

Chris Ashbach was married to Sarah Jackson on July 18, 2003.

Amy Buran was married to Brady Finnern (’02) on August 16, 2003.

Carolyn Clemen was married to Bryan Bollinger on August 23, 2003.

Angela Erickson was married to Michael Grussing on June 14, 2003.

Heidi Friederichs was married to Andrew Hermel on May 3, 2003.

Justin Kennedy was married to Crystal Friese on December 12, 2002.

Jaime Peterson was married to Ross Schermer ’99 on October 4, 2003.

Jennifer Sather was married to Matthew Olson on July 12, 2003.

Melinda Siedschlag was married to Jorma Moore on August 23, 2003.

Paige Stensberg was married to Dan Lathrop on July 12, 2003.

Meggie Thompson was married to Rob Trenda on August 15, 2003.

Desersea Willer was married to Dick Lau on October 4, 2003.

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

FUTURE GUSTIES

Cale Christopher was born to Christopher Deschneau and his wife on September 5, 2003.

William Donald was born to Karl and Jillian Deuel Anderson.

Rachel Mae was born to Brian and Kari Greig Crown on May 22, 2003.

Madeline Kellie was born to Deserea Willer Lau and her husband on October 10, 2002.

EDUCATION

Kirsten Cullen is studying clinical psychology at Pacific University.

Steven Davis is studying organizational management at St. Scholastica.
Stephanie Guy is in her 4th year of dental school at the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry.

Nicole Henrich earned an MSPT from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse.

David Hong is studying international relations/foreign policy at American University.

Heidi Kaufmann is studying educational psychology at the University of Minnesota.

Rachel Mathison is studying public policy at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Alison Ninmann is studying college student affairs at Azusa Pacific University.

Josh Salzman is studying kinesiology at the University of Minnesota.

Jessica Schultz is studying clinical psychology at Western Michigan University.

Dehla Seim is studying law at William Mitchell College of Law.

Joe Thompson is studying law at Stanford University.

Bee Yang is studying architecture/urban planning at UW Milwaukee.

### CAREER MOVES

**Kelly Bangstad** is an instructor of communication at Winona State University.

**Julie Bexell** is a kindergarten teacher for Farmington Schools.

**Amy Buran Finnern** is an assistant director for Corporate Fitness Works.

**Carolyn Clemen** is a housing specialist for Vail Place.

**Steven Davis** is an underwriter for Wells Fargo Financial.

**Michelle Dillavou** is a broadcast buying/traffic assistant for Haworth Marketing and Media.

**Megan Dobratz** is a coordinator for Resources for Redevelopment Program for Minnesota Environmental Initiative.

**Ben Fladager** is a mortgage closer for Village Title.

**Elizabeth Gusenieus** is an ensemble coordinator at the University of Minnesota, School of Music.

**Carrie Hanson** was recently certified to fly the Black Hawk helicopter and will be deployed to Bosnia with the National Guard.

**David Hanson** is a Minnesota State Trooper for the Minnesota State Patrol.

**David Heltner** is a business development officer for Wachovia Small Business Capital.

**Shannon Hogan** is a senior accountant at Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

**Shanna Holthaus** is an in-home support coordinator for Companion Housing Programs, Inc.

**Aaron Kennedy** is an M249 SAW automatic rifleman for the U.S. Army and just returned from his first deployment overseas.

**Justin Kennedy** teaches music at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Schools.

**Nicole Kranz** is an assistant manager for Deb Shop.

**Jaime Peterson** is a therapeutic specialist for Augustana Health Care Center – Minneapolis.

**Rachael Ramy** teaches 5th grade for Hopkins School District.

**Josh Salzman** is a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Minnesota.

**Tracy Schroeder** teaches 6th grade for Roaring Fork School District.

**Melinda Siedschlag Moore** is a History Player and Interpreter at the Mill City Museum.

**Leah Stafki** is a sales coordinator for Maharam.
Paige Stensberg is a kindergarten teacher for McGregor Elementary School.

Anne Stroup is a guidance counselor at Como Park Senior High in St. Paul.

Carlie Thompson Sevcik is an assistant for First American Title Insurance Company.

Deserea Willer Lau is a Realtor for Edina Realty.

EXTRA NEWS

Carlie Thompson Sevcik reports the death of her sister, Catherine, on October 14, 2003 as a result of a congenital heart defect. We’d like to offer our deepest sympathies to Carlie and her family.

CAMPUS NEWS

Building a Greater Gustavus Reaches Target
The Gustavus community celebrates in reaching the $100 million target for the "Building a Greater Gustavus" capital campaign. The campaign includes campus reconstruction projects following the 1998 tornados, the creation of the Center for Vocational Reflection, growth of the Christ Chapel Endowment, the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, the Curtis and Arleen Carlson International Center, the Barbro Osher Svenska Huset (Swedish House), the new soccer and track complex, and more than 100 new student scholarships. Efforts continue to raise funds for campaign projects, such as Old Main renovation, Gustavus Alumni Fund, and further endowment growth. Special thanks goes to the numerous volunteers and donors who contributed their resources to assist current and future Gusties. Thank you!

January Term
The theme for this January Term is "Undergraduate Research and Creativity," to promote course offerings and these activities in all fields, not just natural sciences and fine arts. In addition to the classes on campus, about 375 students are on travel programs abroad in such places as Europe, Australia, Malaysia, Fiji, and Israel. Also, 180 students are participating in career explorations. Internships, for many students, are seen as essential in securing a job, no matter what career field. Students are interning in such areas as community service, health care and arts organizations, non-profit companies, and Fortune 500 companies.

Outstanding Employee Awards
The Augusta Carlson Schultz Award for the Outstanding Support Staff Employee of 2003 has been awarded to Sandi Francis (education) and the Eric Norelius Award for the Outstanding Administrative Employee of 2003 has been awarded to Judy Douglas (alcohol and drug education). A celebration took place on October 31 in conjunction with Founder's Day, the day that Old Main was dedicated in 1876.

Extraordinary People
Aaron Crowell '03 and Phil Graeve '03, two environmentally conscious Gusties and active leaders in the Gustavus Greens while on campus, decided instead of looking for jobs after graduation to travel west in a grease-powered 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit diesel pickup truck. They converted the truck in three days and are loaded up with peanut oil from a large turkey fryer, as well as contributions from friends and restaurants.

Peter Krause '87, returned to Gustavus in November to meet and conduct workshops with faculty and students. He has been nominated for Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and Emmy awards for his role as Nate Fisher in the critically and commercially acclaimed HBO drama, Six Feet Under. With the hope that the day would focus more on the students than on his newfound fame, Krause spent the afternoon doing acting work with classes and theatre and dance majors.

Mix It Up
As a follow-up to last year's Community Conversation, the Student Senate sponsored a day in November to discuss issues of diversity at Gustavus. The day, titled Mix It Up, encouraged the breakdown of social barriers within the campus community with conversations over lunch that addressed social boundaries and...
climates on campus and beyond, as well as perspectives of diversity globally and locally.

**Career Connections with Students**

Once again, Gustie students will search for career and internship positions at the Minnesota Private Colleges Job and Internship Fair. To assist in their search, the Gustavus Career Connections Reception will be Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, 5:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Hilton, hosted by Wells Fargo Financial. Alumni are encouraged to attend the reception, which is the night before the job fair, to offer advice, suggestions, and encouragement to students. Let the Career Center know if you are attending, so alumni company names may be used in publicity to students. Alumni are invited even if their company does not attend the job fair. Please e-mail the Career Center at career-center@gustavus.edu with your name, class year, position, and organization name.

**Community Service and Service Learning**

The Community Service Center has hired a new director, Noreen Buhnann, who will lead intentional growth for Gustavus to not only continue the active volunteerism on campus, but to work with faculty to incorporate service-learning with the academic experience for students. The Center currently supports 9 ongoing major programs such as tutoring children and adults, help at the St. Peter pound, work with the Latino community, advising 6 service or social justice groups, Big Partners and several one-time service projects.

**High Tech Class Registration**

Do you remember registering for classes? Students are busy registering for January Term and Spring Semester, but now they do it online from their residence hall room or other campus computer. Like many other colleges in the nation, students at Gustavus log in during their designated time and navigate a Web registration system. The database automatically calculates when a class is full.

**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. Click on the link below to take a look at Gustavus online and enjoy the show http://www.gustavus.edu/admission/tour/video/.

**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/.

**Sports**

The women's cross country team won its first MIAC championship and Coach Scott Jerome was named MIAC coach of the year. The men's soccer team won its first MIAC post-season tournament but lost to University of Redlands in the second round of the NCAA play-offs. The women's hockey team opened its season by defeating 4th ranked UW-River Falls.

The College Sports Information Directors of America select Academic All-Americans for 12 sports, for outstanding performance athletically and academically. Currently Gustavus leads the MIAC, with 45, for most Academic All-Americans selected since the award was created. January is a busy time for winter sports at Gustavus. Both the men's and women's basketball teams are in first place in the MIAC. The men's hockey team is undefeated in the MIAC and just tied 13th ranked Amherst. The women's and men's swim teams are having strong seasons, just finishing first out of 10 teams at the recent Lawrence Invitational.

**Fine Arts**

The success of the Fine Arts program is due not only to the work of talented students and faculty, but also to a crew of those employees who support the programs. One such behind-the-
The scenes person is Jan Jensen. Jan has worked at Gustavus since 1980 and has put her touch on almost all that is produced by the music and theatre and dance departments. In the mornings, she coordinates the music library, which catalogs all the recorded and print music owned by the college, and in the afternoons and many evenings she coordinates all the costumes for theatre and dance productions. Her motherly touch creates dedicated student workers, whose work makes a direct impact on the fine arts programs.

The 63-member Gustavus Symphonic Orchestra, under the direction of Warren Friesen, will take a 16-day concert tour to China performing in such places as Beijing, the Great Wall, and Tianjin. The Gustavus Choir, under the direction of Gregory J. Aune, will take a 10-day concert tour to selected cities in North Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, and Minnesota. The 55-voice choir will also present a Twin Cities' concert on Friday evening, Jan. 30, 2004, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, in St. Paul beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert will benefit Rezek House, a ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.

**The Gustavus Choir – Midwest Tour**

Jan. 30 ~ 7:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Jan. 31 ~ 8:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Feb. 1 ~ 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, North Dakota

Feb. 2 ~ 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

Feb. 4 ~ 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Feb. 5 ~ 7:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Englewood, Colorado

Feb. 6 ~ 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Kearney, Nebraska

Feb. 7 ~ 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Feb. 8 ~ 10:15 & 11:30 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska

Feb 14 ~ 7:30 p.m. Home Concert in Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College

**Upcoming Events**

Washington, D.C., Gustavus gathering -- Feb. 6

Career Connections Reception, Minneapolis -- Feb. 16

Atlanta, Georgia, Gustavus gathering -- Feb. 26

Tampa Bay, Florida, Gustavus gathering -- Feb. 27

Naples, Florida, Gustavus gathering -- Feb. 28

Vero Beach, Florida, Gustavus gathering -- Feb. 29

Sun City, Arizona, Gustavus gathering -- March 19

Phoenix, Arizona, Gustavus gathering -- March 20

Tucson, Arizona, Gustavus gathering -- March 21

**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/

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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 May 2004. If you graduate this spring, got married, 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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