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### **Gustavus Adolphus College Archives St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Moberg, Julie. Tornado Scrapbook, 1998.**

**GACA Collection 466.**

**Moberg, Julie. Tornado Scrapbook, 1998. GACA Collection 466. 2 folders.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Tornado Scrapbook collection consists of a scrapbook created in response to the tornado that hit St. Peter, Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College in 1998. Included are newspaper articles detailing the storm and its aftermath. There are also photographs showing damage to Gustavus and St. Peter. Julie Moberg, a junior Gustavus student at the time, created the scrapbook.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Around 5:30 pm on 29 March 1998 an F3 tornado hit St. Peter, Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College. It destroyed 80 percent of the windows on campus and uprooted more than 2,000 mature trees. Total damages were estimated at \$50-52 million. The tornado struck during the first weekend of Spring Break, so the majority of students were gone. Campus remained closed for only three weeks before bringing students back to finish the school year and make sure seniors graduated on time. Johnson Hall had to be demolished due to tornado damage; however, two new dormitories were built, Prairie View Hall and the Carlson International Center, which holds the Swedish House. The tornado also caused the destruction of six houses owned by the College: Brick, Holly, Pine, Sjostrom, Swedish, and Terrace Houses. 1998 also saw the beginning of construction on the C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, which was completed in 2000.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

Moberg, Julie. Tornado Scrapbook, 1998. GACA Collection 466. Gustavus Adolphus College Archives, St. Peter, Minnesota.

**ACQUISITION:**

Julie (Moberg) Gilbert transferred this collection during February 2023.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Ellen Dow, student worker, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during February 2023.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:**

Tornado of 1998 Collection, 1998-Ongoing. CAMC Collection 24.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Gilbert, Julie, 1976-.

Natural disasters--Minnesota--St. Peter.

Tornadoes--Minnesota--St. Peter.

| <b>GACA Collection 466</b>                     | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| "Tornado: Path of Destruction" Scrapbook, 1998 | 1          | 1             |
| Items Removed From Scrapbook, 1998             | 1          | 2             |