Welcome Gusties!

While the campus is quieter without students, we certainly miss the hustle and bustle of students on the campus. With construction of the new academic building, renovations in Norelius and "the Complex", tours by future Gusties and various camps the campus remains an exciting place.

We are excited about your arrival on campus in the fall and anxious to welcome you either for the first time or as a returner to campus. This newsletter provides you with more information about your home on campus. It complements the information in The Residence Hall Contract and Handbook. “The View” has helpful suggestions and information regarding the opening of the residence halls, some policy information, and other important information. While some policy information is provided here, it is your responsibility to read, know and understand the information in the Residence Hall Contract and Handbook as well as the Gustie Guide.

Some initial information.

Your room experience can either add or detract dramatically from your college experience. We provide the following information to assist you in the transition to sharing a space on campus.

- Mutually agreed upon expectations of life within your room are key to a successful roommate relationship. Therefore, use the roommate contract located through the "New Student" portion of the Res Life website.
- Call or write your roommate (s). You will start to get to know each other and can make some decisions as to who will bring what. After all, you don’t really need two stereos or two TVs.
- Prepare to give and take in your roommate relationship. For many students, this is the first time sharing a bedroom with someone. Negotiating bed time, study area, etc., can be challenging if there isn’t a sense that you are in this together. Be flexible!
- Part of getting to know your new roommate is decorating the room together. Make it a team effort.
- Don’t try to cut wall-to-wall carpeting for your room before your arrival in the fall. Room measurements can vary from room to room. If you do bring carpet from home, make certain that it is NOT rubber or foam backed as this tends to stick to the floor. (More information later in this newsletter and in the Residence Hall Contract and Handbook.)
- It is sometimes better to arrive with less. Vacations come quickly and you can always bring your favorite chair back with you after a trip home.
- Members of the Residential Life Staff, are ready to help you. If you have problems, questions, or just want to visit, feel free to stop by the Jackson Campus Center Residential Life Office. Otherwise, watch for us at hall meetings, programs and campus activities.

Roommate Hints and Suggestions

Gustavus Adolphus College is a residential college. All full-time students are expected to live in College-operated residences. In recent years, the number of students has been greater than the on-campus housing capacity. Therefore, each year a select number of seniors are granted permission to reside off-campus. If more residence hall room spaces are needed, a few juniors may be allowed to reside off-campus.
Gustavus Student Experience

Gustavus Adolphus College is a church-related, residential liberal arts college firmly rooted in its Swedish and Lutheran heritage. The College offers students of high aspiration and promise, a liberal arts education of recognized excellence provided by faculty who embody the highest standards of teaching and scholarship.

In addition to scholastic education, Gustavus expects students to attain their highest potential as people, through five core values. These values work to develop in them a capacity and passion for lifelong learning, and to prepare them for fulfilling lives of leadership and service in society.

The five values Gustavus students will experience are Excellence, Community, Justice, Service, and Faith.

Excellence
In the words of Eric Norelius, founder of the College, “Whatever we do, let us do it well.” Given our other values, it should be clear that our commitment to excellence is neither a code word for elitism nor a rejection of the best of the College’s heritage.

- Dean’s List opportunities
- Over 75 majors with 14 majors with honors
- Independent Research Opportunities
- Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
- Various academic and service scholarships offered

Community
Gustavus has always been marked by a pervasive sense of concern for all members of the community. Civility, mutual respect, freedom to express a broad range of ideas, and peaceful resolution of conflicts are of fundamental value here.

Over 110 student organizations on campus, 99% of Gustavus students are involved in at least one organization
- Award winning Community Service Center for community outreach
- 12 Greek organizations
- Students become involved in local government (vote, attend a caucus, join student senate)
- Involving themselves in residence hall activities and planning

Justice
The college strives to be a just community in all of its actions and to educate students for morally responsible lives. “Education for the common good” describes what we strive for, and integrity is one of our defining characteristics.

- Liberal arts education with emphasis on well-rounded education
- Attending Social Justice classes & student organizations
- Participating in Study Abroad and/or Internship opportunities
- Attending the Nobel, Building Bridges, & MayDay! Conferences
- Writing or researching for GACTV

Service & Leadership
We embrace the notion that true leadership expresses itself in service to others and affirm the classical ideal of a liberating education - one that frees one to serve humanity to the best of one’s ability.

- Leadership positions through College departments, student organizations, volunteer opportunities
- Various student opportunities for involvement through Collegiate Fellows, Gustie Greeters, Peer Assistants, etc.
- Gustavus GIVE Day and other opportunities for service on campus, and outside the Gustavus community
- Student Employment opportunities
- Attending a workshop on communication
- Participating in Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Faith & Meaning
Faith enriches and completes learning; is the bedrock of the community, ethics and service; and compels one to excellence in a divinely ordered world. We encourage an honest exploration of faith without expecting conformity to a specific religious tradition.

- Participating in Internships & Study Abroad Programs
- Visiting the Office of the Chaplains or the Center for Vocational Reflection
- Helping plan & participating in various faith tradition celebrations like Ramadan, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Yom Kippur.
- Participating in Proclaim, Gustavus Youth Outreach, Prepare, or other faith-based organization

Gustie Welcome Celebration: Sept. 6...beginning at 5:00 PM
Continue reading “A View From the Hill” for further details.
New Student Information

Upon your arrival on campus on Sept. 3 (new students ONLY) or September 5 (transfer students ONLY), some important information will be awaiting you at the Information Desk of the Jackson Campus Center. The following information must be picked up on your move-in day. Review the following list. Items will be placed together in a packet for you.

First Term Seminar (FTS) Faculty Advisor:
Information about your First Term Seminar course and Faculty Advisor.

Orientation Schedule and Group Assignment:
Your Orientation schedule booklet, group assignment, and meeting locations.

Telecommunications Information:
Receive the code that allows you to make long distance phone calls from your room.

Student Employment:
Receive your student employment assignment at this time.

Three Crowns/Student ID:
If you had your ID picture taken when you registered for classes, your Three Crowns ID card will be in your orientation packet. If you do not receive an ID card in your packet, please go to the Three Crowns ID card office (room 223, Jackson Campus Center) to have your picture taken. This office will be open on Friday, Sept. 3, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please note: you must show your ID card for all meals beginning with dinner on Friday, Sept. 3.

Things to Remember About Residence Hall Living

You will be living in a community of learners. Students are coming from around Minnesota, the US, and the world to experience the truly unique environment at Gustavus. Together you will learn about yourself and each other. These other people will come to have an impact on your life and, hopefully, become your friends. Through community building activities and floor meetings, persons in your local community will have the opportunity to shape the living environment to make meeting and learning from one another more frequent and intentional. As in all communities, there are standards and expectations to which all members must adhere for the safety and comfort of its members as well as for the community to function.

A complete listing of all Residential Life policies is included in the Residence Hall Contract and Handbook and the Gustie Guide, both of which are on-line through the Gustavus web page. Please read them carefully as you are responsible for information contained within the documents.

If you have any questions about any information, please be certain to speak with your Collegiate Fellow, Head Resident or call the Residential Life Office. If you would like a paper copy, please stop in the Residential Life Office.

Residence Hall Information

Checking in: When you arrive, staff and students will be ready to welcome and assist you. You will be asked to check over the Room Condition Report form (RCR) to see that it accurately reflects the condition of your room before you will receive your building outside door key. This information is used at the end of the year to determine whether you are financially responsible for any damages. Take enough time to carefully assess your room, then, return the completed RCR to the check-in table.

Keys: After completing your RCR, you will be issued two keys – one for your room, one for the building access door. Hang onto these as there is a lost key charge of $75 for a room key and $25 for a lost building key.

Painting Rooms: You may not paint your room; however, if you feel that your room is in need of paint, please contact the Residential Life Office.

Decorating: Personalizing your room with your roommate is encouraged and expected as long as it does not create hazards, violate fire codes, or cause structural damage. Loft beds, plants, lamps, etc. may not be suspended from the ceiling or curtain rods due to structural limitations. Tacks, nails, etc. cause damage to walls and furnishings and, therefore, only removable tape/adhesive may be used to attach posters and articles to the walls. Do NOT use duct or packaging tape. 3M has removable tape that works very well. Please check with your CF if you have questions about room decorations.

Furniture: Your room is furnished with beds, desks, dressers, bureaus/wardrobes, desk chairs, wastebasket, and recycling bin. With the exception of the bed and mattress, all college owned furniture assigned to your room must stay inside your room. DO NOT MOVE FURNITURE OUTSIDE OF YOUR ROOM OR LOAN IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. If you wish to store your bed and/or mattress, please speak with your CF. If you have a problem with any of the furniture, please see a Residential Life staff member.

Lounge Furniture: The furniture in all public lounges is for use by all the residents and should remain in its original location. Removing furniture from its designated area is not permitted.

Stereos: You are permitted to bring your own stereo system; however, the rights of your roommate and other residents in the hall must be respected. Headphones are highly recommended. Also, speakers may not be placed in windows/be played so loud as to be heard outside.

Hallways: No personal belongings may be left in the hallway where they might create an obstruction and/or fire hazard. Also, for safety reasons, game
Residence Hall Information continued

CONTINUING THIS FALL IPTV (INTERNET PROTOCOL TELEVISION):
If you are looking for an alternative to subscribing to Mediacom, Gustavus provides GusTV, which is an Internet-based way to watch live TV. GusTV will provide nearly 20 channels to any computer hooked up to an ethernet jack via an ethernet cord. For more information about GusTV or obtaining an ethernet cord, please call the Technology Services at x6111 or stop by Olin Hall. Please visit https://gustavus.edu/gts/Gus_tv for more information on IPTV.
Thoughts on Facebook, My Space, and other “virtual communities”

Facebook, My Space, et. al., like much of the Internet, are great innovations. They offer you an opportunity to interact with a surprising number and diversity of people from across the US and the world. They can be a wonderful tool. Tools are only as effective as the people who use them, and this technology is subject to hazards of context, circumstance, and interpretation. Please consider the following as you utilize Facebook, My Space or similar sites.

Freedom and responsibility: Gustavus strongly believes and cherishes the right of individuals to express themselves freely. As you have heard, however, freedom comes with responsibility. These sites are excellent examples of this truism. Individuals are responsible for any consequences of their postings - given that we live in a world with rules, judicial discipline, employers with their own interests, as well as other people who will make judgments about what they see on these types of sites.

Now, here is the responsibility part: no one is going to limit people who are authorized to use the Internet or view Facebook-type sites from seeing what you post on-line. Facebook-type sites are open, now, to anyone that chooses to sign up. Therefore, you should have no expectation of privacy on these sites unless you limit access by others.

Unintended consequences: There are many examples of unintended audiences viewing virtual community information and acting on it. An example: a non-Gustavus student who posted questionable pictures of herself and others, only to have a school district to whom she had applied for a teaching position, look at the site and withdraw its offer of employment. She removed the information from the site before continuing her job search.

Thus far, we have spoken in terms of you, the individual. It is also important to think about the pictures and postings you make concerning other people. Please think not only about what identity you create for yourself online but also how you represent others. At the very least be sure to take their feelings into account. Do not post any pictures with other people in them without getting their permission first. You would not want to find yourself as a defendant in a tort case that alleged that you had invaded someone’s privacy.

Remember, behind every device, new computer program or piece of technology, there is a law, a social norm, an ethic or a business practice that warrants thoughtful and careful consideration. Please be cautious.

Residential Life Staff Members

The Residential Life staff welcomes you to Gustavus. In order for you to become more acquainted with full-time Residential Life personnel, an explanation of the positions and personnel of the Residential Life Office follows.

Charlie Strey, Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Residential Life. The Assistant Dean/Director is responsible for overall administrative and programmatic operation as well as supervision of the Residential Life Office. As an Assistant Dean he, also, coordinates personnel, community, and relationship development endeavors. Charlie is entering his 14th year at Gustavus and has worked in Residential Life at various colleges for 30 years.

Sue Myhra, Administrative Assistant. Sue assists the Director in coordinating administrative processes for all of campus. Sue has been with the Residence Life Office for over 30 years. She is the office manager as well as coordinating processes dealing with keys and budget tracking.

Troy Seppelt is responsible for Carlson International Center, Prairie View Hall, and Intentional Learning and Service Houses. Troy coordinates the Housing Selection/Assignment Process. He has completed 8 years at Gustavus.

Area Coordinators in Residential Life/Head Residents: Area Coordinators in Residential Life coordinate personal, community, and relationship development endeavors as well as administrative and programming efforts in an assigned area. They serve as head residents in one of the halls in their area as well as coordinate an administrative process for the central office.

Jody Goldie is responsible for Norelius and Pittman Halls. Jody is beginning her fourth year at Gustavus.

Andy Hagen is responsible for North, Sorensen, Gibbs, and Sohre Halls. He is beginning his third year at Gustavus.

To Be Announced will be responsible for Rundstrom, Southwest, Uhler, Arbor View and College View Halls.

Head Residents: Head Residents are charged with meeting, greeting and getting acquainted with students; bringing faculty and staff colleagues into the residence hall for programs or conversations, and working with Collegiate Fellow staff to provide activities for residents.

Arbor View, Terena Wilkens
College View, TBD
Carlson Center, Sujay Rao
Norelius Hall, Jody Goldie
North/Gibbs Halls, Andy Hagen
Pittman Hall, Barb Taylor
Prairie View, Melissa Rolnick
Rundstrom Hall, Kate Knutson
Sohre Hall, Heather Dale
Sorensen Hall, Heidi Meyer
Southwest Hall, Megan Ruble
Uhler Hall, Stephanie Otto
From the Office of Campus Safety

The faculty and staff of Gustavus are committed to making your time here an educationally and developmentally rewarding experience. An essential part of this experience is creating and maintaining a safe environment. Your understanding of safety and assistance in creating this environment is essential to your well-being as well as the welfare of all Gustavus community members.

Gustavus’ emergency notification employs a number of avenues to help keep you safe—but only if you sign up online at https://gustavus.edu/gribly.

The state-of-the-art system, implemented in 2007, will notify students of important safety information through e-mail, the campus telephone system (land line phones), student mobile/cell phones, and text messaging if—and only if—such contact information is provided by you AND only if there is an emergency on campus.

Student can opt into the system through the “Gribly” website which also serves as the college directory for students, faculty, and staff. To provide your contact information and update it when your information changes, simply enter your Gustavus e-mail address and password to logon. Although the information is being collected through the online Gribly directory form, the emergency information remains confidential and will only be used in an emergency. It is not and will not be viewable or searchable, nor will it be given to any third party.

The state—of—campus parking will only be used in an emergency or to address urgent safety needs.

Campus Safety can be reached at x8888.

Residence Hall Dos and Don’ts

◆ Do always lock your door and windows, especially when sleeping, alone in the room or away from the room (even if you are “just running down the hall”).
◆ Don’t let strangers into your room.
◆ If someone you do not know well is in your room, keep the door wide open.
◆ Do keep your blinds pulled at night. Keep your blinds closed at all times if you have a basement or first floor room.
◆ Don’t leave valuables in plain sight.
◆ Don’t leave large amounts of cash in your room, even if it’s hidden.
◆ Do report suspicious persons immediately to Campus Safety at x8888.
◆ Do report defective locks on windows or doors immediately. Either call Campus Safety or your CF.
◆ Don’t put your name or address on your key ring or with your keys.
◆ Do contact your Collegiate Fellow or Campus Safety if you lose your keys with identification, immediately at x8888.

Parking and Bicycle Information

CARS/TRUCKS: Students who wish to park a vehicle on campus must obtain a parking permit from the Campus Safety Office. Parking permit registration will be available online beginning July 26. Online registration will not be available after August 30. Students will find the online registration at https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits to complete the registration process.

The online registration process requires the student’s e-mail username and password and a valid license plate. The cost of the permit is $210.00 and will be charged to the student’s account on the September billing statement. Parking permits will be sent to campus mailboxes September 3. All vehicles must display a valid parking permit by 7am on the first day of classes, September 7. Visitor parking is closed to students and staff at all times. For complete information, detailed instructions, and parking and traffic rules, please visit the Campus Safety webpage at https://gustavus.edu/safety

BICYCLES: Bicycles on campus must be registered. There is no charge for the registration. Students will find the online bicycle registration at https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits. Your bicycle permit sticker will be delivered to your on-campus PO. All bicycles must be stored either within a student room or in a bike rack. Those bicycles left in the grass, propped on buildings, or attached to trees, lamp posts, etc., will be removed and a storage fee will be charged.

Questions? Contact Lisa Octigan, Campus Safety, 507-933-8809 or eoctigan@gustavus.edu
Gustavus Conserves: If Not Us, Who?

The production and consumption of energy from conventional sources impacts and damages our world in many ways. We can reduce those impacts by using less energy.

Examples of the manner in which Energy Conservation mitigates:

Global Warming:
Fossil fuel burning produces greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides (25% increase in atmospheric CO2 in the past 150 years).

Leads to atmospheric warming and global climate change - heat waves, droughts, stronger and more frequent hurricanes, rising sea levels and coastal inundation, damaged ecosystems, species extinction, changes in agricultural productivity, migration of tropic diseases northward, etc.

Air Pollution:
Carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, hydrocarbons, ozone (smog)

These pollutants can cause bronchitis and pneumonia, irritate the lungs, and cause childhood asthma.

Ozone can cause permanent lung damage and reduce crop yields.

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides contribute to acid rain, which causes the death of lakes throughout the world over, including the Adirondacks, even remote parts of Alaska.

Nitrogen oxides cause the brown haze seen over many cities.

Water Pollution:
Oil spills

Coal mining - acids run off into waterways.

Thermal water pollution - cooling water from thermal power plants kills aquatic life when returned to rivers.

Foreign Dependence:
Alliances with undemocratic governments in oil exporting countries and resultant human rights violations.

Energy Conservation

COMPUTING

- Screen savers do not save energy but giving your computer a nap does. Please enable power management features so your monitor and hard drive will go into a "sleep mode" when not in use.
- Keep all computer equipment off unless in use – especially at night and on weekends.
- Turn off your monitor when you leave your room.
- Properly dispose of used and old chemicals such as solid waste; do NOT put them down the drain.
- Use natural lighting instead of electric lighting whenever possible.

LIGHTING

- Turn off unused or unneeded lights.
- Keep all computer equipment off unless in use – especially at night and on weekends.
- Use natural lighting instead of electric lighting whenever possible.
- Try task lighting and reduce overhead lighting.
- Do not use halogen floor lamps in any campus building. These lamps are very energy wasteful and may pose a safety risk.
- Don’t use table lamps unless illumination from the lamps is actually needed.
- Use hot water sparingly.

HEATING AND COOLING

- Dress appropriate to the season and keep thermostats set to achieve 68 - 70 degrees in the winter and 74 - 76 degrees for air-conditioned spaces in the summer.
- During the heating season, open blinds, drapes and curtains to let sun in. If no sun, close them to keep the heat in, especially at night.
- Close vestibule doors when propped open.
- Turn off all energy consuming equipment when not in use, e.g., copiers, refrigerators, environmental rooms, fume hoods, etc.
**Alcohol Information For All Students**

**Alcohol Violation Limited Immunity**

*(Currently under review and subject to change)*

The College is very concerned about the well-being—both physically and emotionally—of each of its students. Inappropriate consumption of alcohol with very high Blood Alcohol Content can have a very negative effect on both the individual who consumes and the friends that who may be asked to assist the very intoxicated student.

The College, also, realizes that students may hesitate to call for help in situations involving alcohol or other drugs for fear of facing judicial action. In the interest of health and safety, Gustavus provides limited immunity for those who actively seek assistance for themselves or others in need of medical attention. While policy violations cannot be overlooked, in situations such as these, the College will provide educational sanctions only and no disciplinary file will be maintained for this incident if the sanction is fulfilled. Should the student be found responsible for subsequent alcohol or other drug violations, notation of the educational sanction will be entered in the student’s judicial file.

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**Residence Hall Fire Prevention Sprinkler System**

Gustavus has completed the process of installing a sprinkler system within each residence hall room and hallway. While the system is wonderful and provides additional fire protection, it comes with some responsibility on your part. Please follow these instructions carefully as the consequences of activating the sprinkler are rather severe.

**Please respect the system:**

It is designed for your protection and will operate if the sprinkler head is activated. This will result in a substantial amount of water flowing before someone is able to turn it off.

**Please:**

**DO NOT activate a sprinkler head.** As stated above, a substantial amount of water will flow from the sprinkler head. It will soak everything within your room as well as at least affecting the room below yours. This may result in you being held responsible for the charges to clean up the water as well as any damage to property or possessions belonging to Gustavus, your roommate, or your neighbors. We have been told the minimum charge for clean up will be around $750.00. This amount does NOT include restitution charged to the student for damages to property belonging to you, your roommate, or the College.

**DO NOT hang anything from the sprinkler head or pipes.** (for example: clothing, lights, or people) This may defeat the purpose of the sprinkler OR set it off. (See above)

**DO NOT play games within the hallway or in your room that may result in the sprinkler head being activated.** This is a policy which already exists but is particularly important in light of the new system. Accidentally setting off the sprinkler system will NOT remove your responsibility for the damages/restitution.

If you have any questions regarding the new system, please do not hesitate to contact the Residential Life Office.
AlcoholEdu for College:
For First Year Students ONLY

As an incoming first-year student you already know that your college experience is about succeeding in the classroom. Your choices about managing your time, your social life, community involvement, and co-curricular activities will play key roles in shaping your success. Gustavus continues to support our students by talking frankly and openly about how alcohol can impact your mind, body, and college career.

One way to support students is through your participation in a nationally recognized alcohol program for first-year students. As part of our comprehensive alcohol education and prevention program, Gustavus asks each first-year class member to complete AlcoholEdu for College—an online non-opinionated alcohol prevention program. Used on over 500 campuses nationally, the course uses science-based research to educate students about alcohol and its effects. Whether you drink or not, AlcoholEdu for College will empower you to make well-informed decisions about alcohol and help you better cope with the drinking behavior of your peers.

This course has two sections, both of which must be completed to fulfill this requirement.

Part 1 of this course takes about 3 hours. We recommend that you take it in multiple sittings. Part 1 ends after Survey 2 and the Exam. You must earn a grade of 80% or higher in order to complete Part 1. You may access the course beginning August 9, with a deadline for completion of August 31.

To begin AlcoholEdu for College:

2. Under “New User” enter the Login ID you received in with your assignment letter:
3. Click “Sign Up”
4. On the registration page you will have the opportunity to create your AlcoholEdu for College account using your email address and a password of your choice.
5. You may log in and out of the course at the end of each section. Section ends are marked with a “Next” button. DO NOT log out until you click the “Next” button or you will have to repeat the section you have just gone through.
6. When you return, log in as a Returning User and enter the same email address and password you created when you first logged into the course.

The AlcoholEdu Online Technical Support center is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. For assistance, click on the “Technical Help” button located in the upper right hand corner of every AlcoholEdu for College screen. You do not need to be logged into the course to access the Technical Support center.

Don’t Forget to Attend the
Gustie Welcome Celebration

Join fellow Gusties - Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administrators in celebrating the beginning of a new academic year focused on the Global Insight topic of “Food” with locally grown food, fun, and entertainment. The GWC is Monday, September 6 beginning at 5:00 PM in the Lund Arena.

For students not on a Gustavus Meal Plan who live in on-campus houses and apartments OR residing off-campus, meals are provided by Residential Life.

The Market Place will be closed during the Gustie Welcome Celebration.
The Book Mark will remain open until 6:00 PM.
The following traffic pattern will be used to facilitate first year students moving into their residence halls.

All cars arrive from Highway 169 through the College Avenue gates. Pittman and Sohre residents will turn left. (Limited access is available for Pittman move-in only from Jefferson Avenue through the Pittman parking lot.) Norelius residents will turn right. Be sure to display the enclosed hang tag to facilitate assistance. These sections of Campus Circle will be one way only with parking permitted ONLY on the east side of the street. Persons arriving through the Jefferson Avenue and Grace Street entrances will be asked to enter through the College Avenue entrance.

To facilitate the move in process, you are asked to unload your belongings from your car onto the boulevard and move your car directly to a parking lot. Be sure to have someone watching your belongings. There will be football players available to help move belongings up to your room. Please see the map below for other parking areas.