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## Building Bridges aims to end the stigma of mental illness

### Student leaders prep for the Building Bridges Conference

**Laura Stickney**  
Staff Writer

Building Bridges is poised to start the year strong after announcing its new topic for this year's conference, "Mental Health as a Social Justice Cause". With this theme in mind, the organization hopes to focus on raising awareness about the different aspects of mental health and helping the community to understand the social issues related to it.

Building Bridges Co-Chair mentions how this is one of the leading student-led organizations at Gustavus, acting as an important force on campus.

"I think it's important because there are so many social justice causes in the world, and so many inequities and inequalities everywhere that you could focus on a different social justice cause every week and you would [seek] something to go for," Toeben said. "And so I think it's really important that we're bringing that to our campus and focusing on different social justice causes every year, and then I think Building Bridges does a really great job of trying to keep the ball rolling, so it's not just the conference, it's the pre-events and the post-events, and the trying to interact with our campus in all the facets of what that means, and really trying to make something happen."

Founded in 1996, Building Bridges is a social awareness organization that aims to educate the community about matters concerning social justice and diversity. The group works to shed light on current social justice issues through its annual Building Bridges conference, which features workshops, keynote speakers, and an interactive action piece focused on the year's theme. A new social justice theme is selected each year by the student-led Building Bridges executive board. Past topics have included modern social issues such as the war on drugs, rape culture, and mass incarceration.



Building Bridges sits in the board room viewing a presentation at the beginning of their meeting.

Cole Trebelhorn

According to remarks from Building Bridges Public Relations Executive Daniella Habib, the conference is predominantly meant to raise awareness about certain issues, it is also meant to inspire others to take action themselves.

"Most importantly we want to give attendees the information and tools to activate their activism and be more involved in whatever cause they feel most passionate about," Habib said.

Mental health through a social justice lens was a topic that Toeben and her fellow Building Bridges Co-chair Quinn Andersen kept coming back to while brainstorming ideas for a possible theme.

"We kind of tried to explore different options for different

topics, and we just kind of came back to mental health as being something that we're both really passionate about, and as something that we felt was always a backburner to other causes," Toeben explained. "And, yes, there are so many things that people are passionate about, there are so many different things we could have focused on, but mental health has never really gotten its shine in the glory...it's never really gotten to be in the forefront, especially viewed as a social justice cause."

In its quest to educate the community about this theme, the Building Bridges committee will specifically focus on helping people find ways to recognize mental health discrimination, intervene to stop

that discrimination, and feel more confident when talking about the topic of mental health.

"One of the things I'm particularly excited about is seeing how mental health affects minorities and/or underserved communities," Habib said. "Mental health is often stigmatized and/or ignored in such communities, which is something I've struggled with as a person of color as well."

Traditionally held in the spring, this year's Building Bridges conference will take place on March 3, 2018 and will feature a number of student-organized workshops and speakers. The executive board has already begun contacting potential speakers and planning the schedule of events, which

has yet to be finalized.

"Our keynote speakers -- we have contracts drafted, but they are not signed, so we are not confirmed on anything yet," Andersen said. "But our plan will be to have the first morning keynote speaker, and traditionally in the past, they've been keynote speakers back to back, but we're going to do one keynote speaker, do some workshops, break for lunch...have the second keynote speaker and then the action piece, and then the highlighted workshop, which is something that was done for the first time last year."

As they work to prepare for the conference, the Building Bridges committee hope to secure the support, involvement, and feedback of several departments around campus.

"One really big goal that we have for our conference is to get as many departments involved, so we already have the Counseling Center involved in our executive board and we also have the PEACH office -- which is Peer Education and Chemical Health," Toeben said. "And so we have members from both of those also joining our executive board, so we're really trying to get a very well-rounded view of how to approach this topic. Then we're also going to be reaching out to all of the departments to hopefully get people who are really involved in mental health or passionate about that topic to join our executive board committee meetings so we can hear from them as well."

The members of Building Bridges appear eager to spread the word about this year's topic -- and this passion for social justice, as well as the organization itself, is a direct reflection of the values of students here at Gustavus.

"I think that it really speaks to who Gustavus students are," Andersen said, "That we're both passionate about justice but that...we're also able to take hold of ourselves and say this is what's important to us and we will do something about it."

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## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, September 12

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in Norelius Hall. A student was transported to the ER for an injury.
- Campus safety responded to Sohre Hall for a medical assist. One student was transported to ER by ambulance.

### Tuesday, September 13

- Campus Safety responded to a drug violation on College grounds in the Uhler parking lot. Case referred to the campus conduct system for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.
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in the Uhler parking lot. Case referred to the campus conduct system for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

- Campus Safety responded to a student of concern in Arbor View Apartments.

### Wednesday, September 14

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Schaefer Fine Arts and provided basic first aid for an injury.

### Friday, September 16

- Residential Life documented a policy violation when a student was found having switched rooms

without prior approval.

### Saturday, September 17

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at the International Center. A suspected drug and smoking policy violation was documented and the case was referred to the campus conduct system.
- Campus Safety responded to Beck Hall for an elevator mechanical issue. The Saint Peter Fire Department was called to assist in releasing two visitors from the elevator.

### Sunday, September 18

- Residential Life responded to a noise violation in Pittman Hall.

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# Academic minds discuss reproductive technology at 53rd Nobel Conference

Researchers and scholars spark conversation and raise questions at Gustavus's signature event

Monali Bhakta  
News Editor

One of the most notable events that Gustavus Adolphus College is fortunate to host annually is the Nobel Conference.

The Nobel Conference is an academic conference that aims to bring together the world's top researchers and scholars in order to discuss modern issues focused on social and natural sciences, and their societal impact. This year's conference was held on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and Wednesday, Oct. 5 in the Lund Arena. The theme for this year's conference was "Reproductive Technology: How Far Do We Go?"

Traditionally no classes are held during these two days, and student admission is free as encouragement for students to attend one or several of the talks held throughout the two day event.

Additionally various students are further encouraged to attend at least one of the talks in order to complete assignments for class work, often from First Term Seminar courses.

"There is something different and revolutionary about the technologies you're going to be hearing about...they have the potential to impact not only many people's lives and societies, but also human life itself," Hong said.

The opening speaker was African American Studies Professor, Ruha Benjamin, whose lectured broadly on social implications of reproductive technologies beyond the directness that is often associated only



The Nobel Conference takes place in front of spectators in the Lund Hockey Arena.

Abby Anderson

with the science of reproduction.

She touched on how scientific research is often discriminatory, with unfair practices that prohibit diverse perspectives which in turn provoke systemic racism in the scientific community.

Benjamin raised the issue of how the scientific lab is lacking broad range of diverse voices, which in turn has a domino effect on who gets to have access to reproductive technologies

She argues how lead scientists are oblivious to how race, class, and gender do not allow certain marginalized groups to not have access to necessities, not be able to benefit from them, and not receive the treatment for diseases they need.

"The question we have to ask ourselves is this: can we channel our tool making prowess as a species to artfully work toward a more just, more equitable future, where the life of that girl child, that poor infant, that disabled kid, that black baby, are truly valued and nurtured?" Benjamin asked.

Her mission is to promote an inclusive, respectful, and attentive scientific community that develops reproductive technology that benefits all groups.

"I like how [Benjamin] brought in the social justice aspect of reproductive technology. She mentioned racial inequalities and how white noise covers that. It was really interesting," Sophomore Yasmine Dismuke

said.

Dr. Jacob Corn, Scientific Director of the Innovative Genomics Initiative at the University of California, Berkeley, gave a lecture on CRISPR Gene Editing.

The main focus of his speech was about the innovation of the CRISPR/Cas system, and its ability to edit genomes in order to cure human diseases, or aid in species conservation and plant development.

The main goal of CRISPR, otherwise known as Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeat, is to operate as DNA segments that allow the sequence to be repeated and read over again.

From there on, Cas proteins in the bacterial immune system

guide the viral DNA to find and cut the infectious viruses which aids in protection.

Also, gene editing can also be used for enhancement, which is much easier than prevention because it can be applied to everybody.

"For example, there are genes that you can edit in the body that will prevent heart attacks, basically, so there are people who are naturally born that have these mutations...there are mutations you can make that can make people more muscular.. HIV resistant," Corn said.

Corn's main goal is to research about genome editing technologies in order to find a cure for genetic diseases.

Sophomore Taylor Kmiech described her experience as an impactful one, especially listening to many insightful remarks she does not hear about in her normal classes.

"I liked being able to have a chance to learn about information I wouldn't get, otherwise with my major," Kmiech said.

Along with these two strong opening lectures, other noteworthy speakers at the Conference were Marsha Saxton, Alison Murdoch, Diana Blithe, Charis Thompson, and Jad Abumrad.

Aside from Gustavus students who attended the conference, high school students from the local area also came, along with various spectators from the public.

The entire Gustavus community was unified as brilliant minds presented their scientific ideas, raising questions and discussing life-changing ideas that will be important for the future.

## New year brings Greek life changes

Samantha Walters  
Staff Writer

Almost a year has gone by since Gustavus suspended six Greek organizations for violating the college's hazing and sexual harassment policies.

Gustavus suspended the organizations after they investigated hazing allegations last fall and into the spring.

Several reports were turned in to the Dean of Students Office of supposed first-hand accounts of policy violations.

Of the suspended sororities and fraternities, many members say college administrators unjustly investigated their organizations.

"Halfway through the new member period, Admin launched an investigation into my chapter on clearly false ac-

cusations by emailing us with a cease and desist order," an anonymous suspended Greek member said.

"The lawyers they hired terrorized our members, forcing advocates to sit in on interviews to keep them in check. They threatened us with suspension and expulsion if anyone was found participating in any chapter activities and forbid us from talking about the investigation together."

According to a Mankato Free Press article, another chapter was investigated for "kidnapping" their president for a night out partying.

One member said it was a consensual tradition and they were fined \$1,000 for the act.

According to college policy, the singing and kidnapping episodes constituted violations of its hazing policy, which pro-

hibits students to "create or use explicit songs" or engage in activities that happen without direct consent of the "hazed."

A student who asked to remain anonymous was worried about the possible hardships of recruiting new members: "The recruitment process is stricter and more organized, so it might turn people off. There were not many guys recruited this year," he said.

The remaining Greek organizations new member periods are under a more watchful eye due to last years investigations.

The college has not made the findings of the investigations public and college administrators didn't reply when asked to comment.

Because of this, many students know very little about the investigations and have to go off (often false) rumors.

There have been rumors about the organizations that stretch the truth and have caused negative reputations to be linked to both the remaining and suspended chapters.

"We were accused and questioned about everything in a negative and judgmental matter," another anonymous student said.

"The entire point of this investigation was to ensure a safe community on campus, yet I never felt like my rights were more violated than by the procedure the school followed."

The chapter members said the interviews left them afraid to contest the recommended three-year suspension, even though they believe it's excessive.

Many students on campus have refused to talk about the suspensions and investigations. They're worried about the

stigma attached to their organizations and don't want to make it worse by bringing attention to themselves.

Others in the Greek community share the same feelings and are afraid of the same fate.

One sorority received a three-year suspension, one fraternity received a five-year suspension, while the other four received one-year suspensions.

All members of the suspended organizations are prohibited from participating in any formal or informal official college activities, including fundraising and recruiting new members.

Six of the twelve sororities and fraternities were removed from the Greek life list on the college's website, leading many to feel doubt for the security of the remaining six Greek groups.

# Members of the Gustavus community reanimate *Frankenstein* with live reading

## Greeters, faculty, and students perform the Mary Shelley novel

**Corbyn Jenkins**  
Staff Writer

If you walked by the Courtyard Cafe at any part of the day this past Thursday you most likely noticed the costumes, backdrops, live artists, and people participating in the live reading of this year's First-Year Reading in Common book, *Frankenstein*.

Unlike other readings, *Frankenstein* was given a full performance as the live reading began at 10:00 am and continued until the entire book was finished.

"In total, we had 44 different readers at the event: 27 students, 16 faculties or staff, and 1 community member," First-Term Seminar Program Director Katherine Knutson said.

*Frankenstein* is a gothic/horror fiction novel written by Mary Shelley.

Each year since 2000, Gustavus has put on the Reading in Common program, where every first-year student and their

Gustie Greeters are encouraged to read the chosen book over the summer.

The book is then used as a discussion prompt during orientation and in first-years' First Term Seminars.

Each year a new book is chosen based on their literary quality, reading manageability, and topic.

This year the Reading in Common book was also connected to this year's Nobel Conference theme, "Reproductive Technology: How Far Do We Go?"

The *Frankenstein* live reading event was sponsored by the First Term Seminar Program, Marketing and Communication, Campus Activities Board, Nobel Committee, Chaplain's Office, Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, and the Office of the Provost.

"This event was the brainchild of members of the Nobel Conference planning committee who worked with me, through the First Term Seminar program,

to design some events related to the Reading in Common book and the Nobel Conference. The Marketing and Communication Office also helped to organize the event," Knutson said.

The event began with a kick-off including donuts and daily sabbath.

It then continued for about two hours before the Chemistry Club brought out liquid nitrogen ice cream for a treat during the iconic scene where Victor Frankenstein brings his creation to life.

"Being a part of this event made me feel so urgent and alive just like the creature, and I loved it!" Director of Editorial Services in Marketing and Communication Stephanie Ash said.

Many readers and performers stuck around after their performance to listen to other readers and interact with the audience.

"This event is so spontaneous and unique! I've never been a part of anything like this on campus before, or had liquid

nitrogen ice cream" event music player Senior Will Scott said.

The reading continued like this, with backdrop changes, costumes, and food like freshly-popped popcorn to join the entertainment.

Around 2:30 p.m. President Becky Bergman stepped onto the stage to read the Creature's story.

"It was fun to see President Becky Bergman wear a *Frankenstein* wig for her reading!" Knutson said.

The rest of the evening included a Three Crowns Curriculum hour, cheesy bread and comedy with The Fourth Crown and LineUs, and Dirt and Worms and the Greeter Power Hour.

Many students sat in the Courtyard Cafe for hours simply just listening to the live reading, while others contributed live artwork inspired by the reading.

"It is very interesting! I've been here for 2 hours, and every 30 minutes the event gets

wilder, and it doesn't stop! I invited my Greeties to come join me. In total, I am probably going to experience 5 hours of *Frankenstein*, and I'm not mad about it one-bit" Sophomore Joy Dunna said.

Overall, it was an event that was well planned and had a positive reaction around campus.

This could potentially be an event that continues in the future with other Reading in Common books.

"It was a fun and different type of event than what we usually do here. It brought together people from across campus...first-year students, student leaders, international students, student organizations, professors, administrators, and community members to do something a little crazy: spend 11 hours reading a classic novel out loud" Knutson said.



Abby Anderson

The "*Frankenstein*" live reading takes place in the Courtyard Cafe as viewers watch as Ellen Kneeskern, senior, read from the book.



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Nitrogen ice cream was one of the many snacks during the reading.

# GUSTIE of the WEEK

## Trina Rinke

**Emma Johnson**  
Staff Writer

Trina Rinke originally chose to attend Gustavus after visiting the college many times to watch her older siblings play sports.

By the time it came to make her own college decision, there was no question. Trina had already fallen in love with Gustavus. "I was hooked before I even started any college visits," Trina said.

A member of the women's soccer team, Trina was looking forward to the fall season. However, Harold got in the way.

Harold is the name Trina gave to a tumor "the size of a small Nerf football" in her pelvic region.

Trina found the tumor in early July when she went to urgent care after feeling ill and having stomach pain.

Five days later, Harold and other smaller tumors of ovarian cancer were surgically removed.

To make sure that Harold never returns, Trina started chemotherapy soon after and consequently decided to take the fall semester off from school where she is majoring in elementary education.

Recently, the Gustavus women's soccer team held a 'Game for Trina'.

"Our team is incredibly close, and we have a true culture of family, so everyone on the team immediately stepped into action to support and honor Trina," Head coach Laura Burnett-Kurie said.

One way in which they did so was to make wristbands that read "I hate Harold."

With support from organizations all over campus, the team raised money for the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance through optional donations as well as selling "Team Trina" T-shirts.

*"Trina always finds the humor in things and can change the atmosphere of a room by just walking into it."*

—Emily Skogseth

There was a record turnout for the game.

"The Game for Trina is just another opportunity for the team to grow and honor a really cool person" Assistant coach Brenton Frayne said.

Trina was able to be there for the game, announcing the line-ups and saying a few words at halftime. She continues to support her team by attending games as a 'volunteer coach' on the sidelines.

After the game, Patrick's in downtown St. Peter also supported MOCA by donating 25 percent of their proceeds to the cause.

Fellow teammate Emily Skogseth met Trina during her first-year soccer preseason.

"Trina leads by example in finding joy in everything that she does, and makes light of any negative situation," Skogseth said.

"[She] always finds the humor in things and can change the atmosphere of a room by just walking into it."

Teammate and friend Emily Hilk met Trina also through soccer; they grew up playing together, but they did not become close until high school.

Now they are both glad to still be playing on the same team at Gustavus.

"Trina is super outgoing, and she is unapologetically herself" Hilk said.

Hilk added how Trina is known for her sweatpants collection.

"Her favorite pair are her



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Junior Trina Rinke was a midfielder for the women's team.

'party pants.' They're bright green felt pants that she wears with any outfit".

Tianna Raden, a fellow elementary education major has spent lots of fun times with Trina, "from the constant singing, to weeknights spent eating ramen and playing cribbage, to homework meltdowns, and having every class together spring semester [of] sophomore

year, we are almost constantly laughing at or with each other" Raden said.

Trina's parents have been keeping a close account of her journey through cancer on the Caring Bridge website.

*"Trina is the most positive and encouraging person I know. She's not afraid to be herself and carries joy with her, wherever she goes."*

—Tianna Raden

They have documented all the ups and downs of this obstacle, as well as Trina's mental toughness. Her optimism is what keeps her going.

Trina's attitude toward Harold has led to opportunities such as fundraising events and other interviews, such as the one she gave for the Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota this last week.

Trina is due to finish chemotherapy soon, and can't wait to return to campus for the spring semester. "Adversity always tests individuals' strength, and Trina has fought Harold head-on," Burnett-Kurie said.

Trina misses her classes and being around campus, as well as being involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Big Partner Little Partner.

"I am most excited to be in such proximity to friends and the amazing Gustavus community".



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Trina poses with friends during the Team Trina charity game to raise money for the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

# Gustavus hosts a capella group Six Appeal

Marie Osuna  
Staff Writer

Music has “a huge role in everyone’s lives. It connects us all,” choir member and Sophomore George Stein said.

Music fans will be delighted to hear the musical stylings of the band Six Appeal when they perform during family weekend.

The acapella group from Minneapolis is made up of six men, and started in 2006 as a college group at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

“We started as a college group, so we like to connect with our roots,” Andrew Berkowitz, a member of Six Appeal, said. “We also hope to inspire others.”

Performances by more established singing groups can help Gustavus students get an idea of what a career in music could be like.

“It’s great to see professional musicians [and] performers on campus,” Stein said. “Not only does it help us with new experiences and new connections, but it also helps us see potentially what our futures might look like, should we continue our studies and participation in music group [and] ensembles.”

The Six Appeal performance this year will be held at 8 p.m. on October 6 in Bjorling Hall.

“Students can expect an



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The a cappella group Six Appeal hopes to sing, dance, and make you laugh at 8 p.m. October 6 in Bjorling Recital Hall.

electrifying performance—not just singing,” Berkowitz said. “A little comedy, some dancing. Overall just a well-rounded performance.”

The group has something for everyone, singing songs from a variety of genres and throwing in a dash of comedy to keep the audience laughing.

They are an incredibly accomplished group, having won the 2012 National Harmony Sweepstakes Championship. Since then, they have performed at a myriad of college campuses, state fairs, schools, and theatres.

“We don’t just sing, we really try to connect with our audiences,” Berkowitz said.

That performer-audience connection is something students especially appreciate.

“As a musician, seeing professional ensembles perform (classical or pop) provides another interpretation of music,” First-year Thomas Prah said. “The point of live music is the human aspect. A recording captures an idealized concept of a composition but a live performance presented by real people provides an interpretation that is completely unique.”

Having music on campus especially helps students get a better understanding of music, “Each performance varies slightly and gives the music a

color that only occurs once and can be evocative.

“As a student, that experience can provide inspiration for my own study or performances,” Prah said. “Having the performances specifically on campus provides an accessible opportunity to people with wild schedules which in turn causes music to be a prioritized value in more student’s lives.”

At a Liberal Arts college like Gustavus, there are many students from all different majors that enjoy gathering together and appreciating music.

“When you come together as a community of students, work hard, and produce some amaz-

ing work, it’s truly breathtaking and special,” Stein said. “And what’s even greater is the well roundedness of the student body at Gustavus. A multitude are not only studious and mentally gifted, but also gifted in music.”

Being involved in music here on the hill has a deep effect on students, even if they didn’t explore that talent in high school.

“Being a first-timer in choir, it’s definitely broadened my experiences and music horizons,” Stein said. “You get to appreciate some beautiful voice intricacies as the instructor breaks down different parts and then put it together as an ensemble.”

Prah had a different insight as to why music is meaningful.

“For me as a music student, specifically Instrumental Music Ed, being a part of the vocal community provides me an opportunity to be a better rounded musician,” Prah said. “I gain important experiences in a largely different ensemble type that will help me have another set of experiences to teach students later in my career field.”

From Daily Sabbath to Christmas in Christ Chapel, a required music theory class to a club choir group, it is clear that Gusties love music.

As for Six Appeal, the members are more than ready to get into the Gustie spirit on Friday.

“It’s not our first time at Gustavus,” Berkowitz said. “We’re excited to be back.”

# Habitat for Humanity announces fall trip

Casey Miller  
Staff Writer

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization with chapters all over the world, and we are very lucky to have one of our very own here at Gustavus.

This organization provides affordable housing with “sweat equity”, Senior Kaitlyn Peroutka, Co-President of the Gustavus chapter said. Habitat for Humanity helps in-need families work together with volunteers to build affordable and adequate housing.

Peroutka emphasizes that they refer to the program as a hand-up not a hand-out because the groups work side by side with the people in need to help them, not just doing all the work for them.

Before being able to construct the houses, potential homeowners must meet certain qualifications to be eligible for a home. They participate in things like background checks to prove that the family is financially ready to take on the responsibility of a house and mortgage.

The family’s down payment comes from that phrase ‘sweat equity’ meaning that the family puts in a certain number of hours on their house and that becomes their down payment.

Volunteer groups are sent to cities in-need all over the U.S. and the world, to help where they are needed most. Founded



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Habitat for Humanity travels to different states to build affordable housing for families in need.

in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has been working to construct homes in this way for no profit for over 40 years.

Here at Gustavus, the chapter sends student volunteers on a couple trips throughout the year, one taking place over the fall break and three over spring break, to help homeowners build their houses.

This fall Habitat for Humanity is excited to go back to Aurora, MN to help construct two different houses. The group stays at a church and, although a lot of their time is dedicated to hard work and helping the families in need, there are also a lot of opportunities for bonding.

Time is dedicated during the trips to go hiking and participate in other activities together to develop relationships between the students who are volunteering.

In the spring, three groups are sent out, usually to somewhere in the southern states.

Although the spring break trip locations have not been officially decided yet, Luke Snyder and Kelly Poffenberger, predict at least one will take place in Texas, or other areas affected by the hurricanes that have destroyed many homes and cities this year.

These three trips will also include time working face to

face with the families in need, and time bonding with other students on the trip.

No experience is required in order to be a part of the volunteer groups sent out over breaks, and there are several different ways to get involved.

Sometimes the group will table outside of the Caf to raise awareness of their organization and get others involved.

Otherwise, there is an online application for students who want to be a part of the trips to help in different places. Usually the group tries to make a big event out of the registration for the Spring Break trip.

Peroutka explained that peo-

ple line up as early as six o’clock in the morning, because it’s a first come first serve registration process, so they try to make it fun and get people excited to volunteer.

These trips make a huge impact not just on the families they help, but also the students who participate in them. Participating in a trip “is unlike anything you’ll ever do here at Gustavus,” Andrew Beede, Co-President, said.

They are a great way to get involved and to make an impact on people all throughout the U.S. All of the executive board recommend going on at least one trip in order to get the full experience of working side by side the family that you are helping.

However, you don’t just have to go on a trip to be involved with Habitat for Humanity. Different events including things like “Act, Speak, Build Week” occur right here at Gustavus to bring more awareness to the organization, and to help out residents locally.

In the future, the Gustavus chapter hopes to be even more involved in their own city of Saint Peter. They want to work on community building within their very own community and work to make St. Peter home to families in need.

Applications for the upcoming fall break trip to Aurora, MN are available online and due October 9.

# Family Weekend invites loved ones to campus

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This weekend, the annual Gustavus Family Weekend will happen on campus. Many Gusties are awaiting this event with ecstatic anticipation, others with nothing but dread; reuniting with family tends to elicit mixed reactions.

Whether you're stoked for the weekend festivities or just hoping you'll survive a day with your mom, here's a guide to the events coming up during the celebration.

For those who might not have gotten their proper breakfast Saturday morning (or are just looking to eat some pancakes), both Norelius and Pittman Halls are serving up pancake breakfasts from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This event is organized by Collegiate Fellows (CF's) as a way to get to know Gustie families. "I'm really excited for the pancake feed [we] put on for first year students," Kristen Egger, a CF from Sohre said.

"The parents are so excited to meet us and always have stories of their students [to] share."

Informative workshops will be a key component to the weekend events, and they provide a lot of information both parents and students need to know going deeper into this school year.

Saturday hosts four workshop opportunities from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Beginning with the End in Mind, History of Gustavus, Nobel Conference Review, Planning Ahead for Semester Away, and The Road Ahead for Gustavus: Recognized Excellence for Your Gustie.

Beginning with the End in the Mind meets in the Gustavus Board Room of Jackson Campus Center. This short seminar provides helpful tips on developing career readiness during a Gustie student's tenure.

The Nobel Conference Review session, convening in the Konferensrum of the Campus Center, presents an overview of Nobel Conference highlights.

History of Gustavus will take place in the St. Peter Room of the Campus Center. This session will take a look at Gustavus' rich history, including campus life before and after the destructive tornado of '98.

Planning Ahead for Semester Away, meeting in the Heritage Room of the Campus Center, will provide a preliminary scope of reference regarding Gustavus' Study Away options, what families can do to plan for them, and how to get involved.

The final Saturday workshop is The Road Ahead for Gustavus: Recognized Excellence for Your Gustie. Parents in particular will appreciate this event, as it's targeted toward Gustie parents and their goals for their student.

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*-Mandii Braun*

President Bergman and the Gustavus Parents Council are hosting this afternoon event, complete with refreshments, social engagement, and some in-depth discussion of the Gus-



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Gustavus will host many events this weekend, including a Holy Communion service in Christ Chapel on Sunday.

tavus Acts Strategic Plan.

This plan is a recent renewal of the Gustavus commitments to its mission, purpose, and means of decision-making, highlighting our core values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith.

If you or any of your family members are interested in this event, stop by the Heritage Room from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Another strong component of the Family Weekend is the music. There are two opportunities to attend a concert over the weekend. On Saturday night, Six Appeal A Capella will perform in the Bjorling Recital Hall from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Family Weekend Showcase Concert is final performance of the weekend. It will take place on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Christ Chapel and features the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and

Gustavus Jazz Ensemble.

"I'm looking forward to being able to express music to all the families during the [showcase]," Sophomore Grant Stramer said.

Roughly two hundred students will come together to share music for this event, and it means just as much to them—if not more—as it does to audiences. This event is free and open to the public, so feel free to bring yourself and the whole family.

In addition to informational and musical opportunities, the Family Weekend will host a wide variety of activities and entertainment events. On Friday, *Despicable Me 3* will show in Wallenberg Auditorium at both 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The LineUs Improv Comedy troupe will also host a show that day at 8 p.m., so stop by Alumni Hall at that time for an hour-long session of laughs, games, and improv sketches.

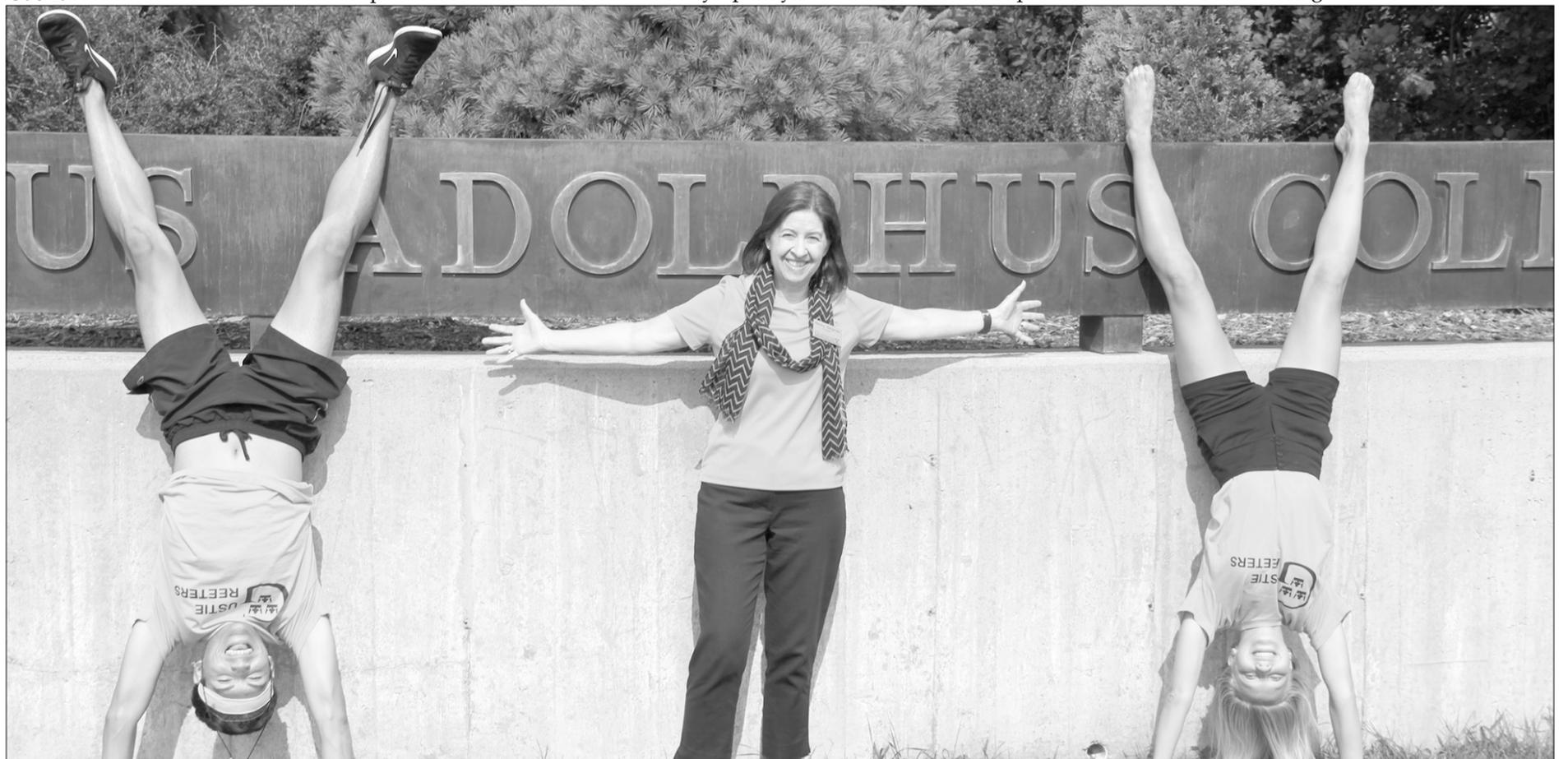
Saturday has an array of fun activities in store, including the Arboretum Fall Festival (11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Sculpture Walk (1 p.m. to 2 p.m.), Trivia (1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Courtyard Café), Human Bubble Soccer (3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hollingsworth Stadium), and Bingo & Pizza (5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Alumni Hall).

While Sunday might not be quite as chock-full of activities, there will be a Holy Communion service in Christ Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

This weekend-long celebration means a lot to Gusties, their families, and our faculty, so be sure to make the most of it.

"I'm so happy I'll be able to show [my family] around the place I've been calling home for the past month," First-year Mandii Braun said.

Take advantage of these super fun, informative, and unique events, but most importantly; show your loved ones how great it is to live on the hill.



Gustie greeters Cristhian Martinez ('19) and Charlotte Cowdery ('19) pose with President Rebecca Bergman, welcoming incoming First-years to campus.

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## What is happening to Gustavus Greek Life?

Greek Life has been a part of the Gustavus community since 1904. Currently, there are three sororities and four fraternities on campus. The organizations' purpose are to make a difference on campus through philanthropic endeavors, community service and interpersonal development. Organizations also teach leadership skills, participate in social events and build lasting relationships.

Gustavus has had a rough past with Greek Life. In April of 1988 all Greek Life was banned on campus; however, by the end of 1994, most organizations had returned to Gustavus. Last year, six chapters were suspended for reportedly violating the school's hazing and sexual harassment policies. This year, a new focus on hazing prevention brings light to Gustavus' attitude toward Greek Life.

Gustavus offers an extensive hazing policy in the Gustie Guide. The college defines its position on hazing by stating: "From a legal perspective, hazing is a crime. From an individual student's perspective, hazing damages the self-esteem of those being hazed. From an organizational perspective, hazing degrades the values of the organization. From a campus community perspective, hazing creates an environment of disrespect that contradicts the College's values of excellence, community, justice, service, and faith in our community. For all these reasons, the College takes a strong position against any and all forms of hazing. Gustavus Adolphus College does not tolerate hazing in any form by any individual, group, or organization. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, whether on or off campus premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, fatigue, humiliation, intimidation, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule or that disrupts community life or academic commitments regardless of the intent or end result. Such actions may be perpetrated by an individual, group, or organization against an individual or individuals."

Gustavus expects community members to report any practice or action that is believed to be hazing. Reports can be made to the Dean of Students, Campus Safety, or online with Gustavus' Silent Witness Program.

Despite this negativity that surrounds Greek Life, the remaining organizations still work to uphold the tradition of Greek Life and maintain the relationships among the members of each group.

**Tau Mu Tau**  
 Colors: Maroon and grey  
 Founded: 1904  
 Philanthropy: SAVE - Suicide Awareness Voices of Education  
 Suspended for: 3 years



**Delta Phi Omega**  
 Colors: Maroon and gold  
 Founded: 1926  
 Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Awareness  
 Suspended for: 1 year



**Nu Upsilon Gamma**  
 Nickname: The Greys  
 Colors: Grey  
 Founded: 1906  
 Philanthropy: Avenues for Homeless Youth  
 Suspended for: 5 years



**Epsilon Pi Alpha**  
 Nickname: Eppies  
 Colors: Maroon and gold  
 Founded 1928  
 Philanthropy: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
 Suspended for: 1 year



**Omega Kappa**  
 Colors: Black and gold  
 Founded: 1872  
 Philanthropy: Africa Jam  
 Suspended for: 1 year



**Pi Alpha**  
 Colors: Black and gold  
 Founded: 1907  
 Philanthropy: Men's Health Awareness  
 Suspended for: 1 year

