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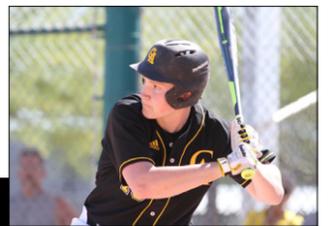
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CICE plans to host 2019 J-term Study away fair

Students will have the chance to learn about twelve new programs

Tanner Sparrow
Managing Editor

Are you dreaming of spending next January somewhere other than the sunny beaches of Saint Peter, Minnesota?

You may be in luck.

On Monday, March 12 from 3-5:30, the Center for International and Cultural Education is hosting a J-Term Study Away Fair outside of the cafeteria.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about all twelve of Gustavus' faculty lead J-term study away trips with cookies, coffee and punch provided.

Trips next year take place in Las Vegas, Hawaii, London, Indonesia, China, Ecuador, Brazil, Japan, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, and Prague, so there are a bounty of different locations for every Gustie.

The topics of the study abroad courses also vary for different interests, from Arts and Performance to Olympic Quest and everything in between.

"Studying away is a valuable experience for students because it allows them to experience a different culture, explore issues that they are passionate about from a global perspective, and develop cross-cultural skills that will prepare them to succeed in an ever-globalizing job market. The world is a diverse, fascinating place, and students need to go out and experience it if they are going to be positioned to address our shared global challenges. It also doesn't hurt, that studying away is fun," Assistant Director of Study Away Bryan Messerly said.

This year, Junior Anna Neeser spent her J-Term studying astronomy of the southern skies in New Zealand and Australia.

"Our J-Term trip consisted of about 2 weeks in New Zealand and 2 weeks in Australia. We learned about the star constellations, how to calculate distance and speed of stars, and about the planets. We were able to travel to observatories, learn about how telescopes work, and observe stars. We also traveled and experienced the cultures of New Zealand and Australia," Neeser said.

Although the course is not being offered next year, she strongly recommends studying away.

"I recommend others to study



Photos by Caroline Probst

Paris, France is a destination on the Olympic Quest trip. Rome, Italy is destination on the Eat Italy! trip.

abroad! It was one of the best experiences of my life," Neeser said.

Neeser had always wanted to travel, and through Gustavus she found the perfect opportunity.

"I knew I wanted to travel somewhere for a month and this was the perfect opportunity. I chose to take this trip through Gustavus because I was able to

with my peers. I was pleasantly surprised with how close every one of us on the trip became, and I feel like the friends I made on this trip I will have for a very long

time," Neeser said.

Senior Amanda Peck went on the Eat Italy! J-Term in January 2017, which will be offered again in 2019.

"The trip consisted of learning more about the Italian culture by going to various wineries, cheese factories and restaurants.

We learned how to make authentic Italian pizza, pasta, and learned all about how wine is made. We also visited famous sites such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Spanish steps, Colosseum, and Pompei," Peck said.

Peck also liked the format of the J-Term class.

"I chose the J-term instead of a semester abroad because I liked the idea of having people I knew with me, and having a set itinerary to follow throughout my trip," she said.

The faculty-led aspect of the J-Term trip is also a bonus opposed to doing a semester abroad or travelling on your own.

"J-Term is a great time for students to explore studying away because J-Term courses are led by Gustavus faculty, so students get the opportunity to experience new places with somebody who has expertise in the place they are traveling and experience in introducing students to travel abroad. It helps that everybody needs to earn two J-Term IEX credits, and a J-Term course abroad fulfills one of those credits," Messerly said.

Individuals aren't the only ones who get to benefit from their time abroad. It also creates a more wordly and aware campus.

"The benefit for the campus community is great, as well. Students return to campus with the knowledge and perspectives they gain about different cultures and how they approach different issues and share that in their classes on campus. In other cases, students and professors who travel abroad make friends and contacts with whom they may someday collaborate on research or other opportunities. All of these varied experiences make the scholarly and cultural life on campus richer," Messerly said.

If you can't make the J-Term Study Away Fair you can check Gustavus' website or stop by the Center for International and Cultural Education for more information.

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Campus Safety Report

Tuesday, February 27

- Campus Safety took a report of a theft of cash from an unlocked locker in the Lund Center.
- Campus Safety took a report of property missing from the Jackson Campus Center. A student organization's music stands were missing from a storage closet.
- Campus Safety took a report from a student of receiving unwanted and threatening communications from a non-student.
- Campus Safety took a

report of a suspicious circumstance in Pittman Hall that occurred on February 21, 2018. An unidentified person entered an opposite sexed restroom and then left.

Wednesday, February 28

- A student reported the theft of her locked bicycle from the bike rack in front of Norelius Hall.
- An online report was submitted of an exposure in a campus residence hall. Case referred to the Title IX coordinator.

Thursday, March 01

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Beck Hall. A student was transported to Health Service.

Friday, March 02

- An employee reported damage to property at North Hall and a theft from Gibbs Hall. One fire extinguisher was reported missing and another had been discharged in a hallway.
- Campus Safety took a report of an employee

injury that occurred in Nobel Hall earlier that morning.

- Campus Safety responded to College View Apartments for a mechanical problem in a bedroom that was flooding.
- Campus Safety and Residential Life staff responded to an underage alcohol violation in Norelius Hall. Case was referred to the campus conduct system.

Sunday, March 04

- Campus Safety responded to a suspicious vehicle/person in the Olin Parking lot. A non-student was found sleeping in a running vehicle. The Saint Peter Police Department was contacted. The non-student's host was referred to the conduct system for a host policy violation.
- Campus Safety responded to a noise complaint in Pittman Hall involving three students.

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PASO plans exciting events for Africa Week

Laura Stickney
Staff Writer

Next week, the Gustavus Pan-Afrikan Student Organization, or PASO, will kick off its annual Africa Week -- a series of unique, innovative events and activities that aims to celebrate African culture and heritage.

This year, PASO has scheduled a number of exciting events on campus that center on the theme "Represent Your Roots: Celebrating Pan-Africanism."

"Africa Week is a week when PASO hosts several small events around campus to promote African Night," explained PASO Co-chair PhePhe Quevi.

"Each of these events offer something for everyone, so no matter your interests you will be able to participate in Africa Week."

The organization, which plans and sponsors an Africa Week each year, strives to use this celebration as a means of sharing African culture with people on campus, according to PASO Co-chair Faith Emovon David.

"PASO is a Gustavus student-led organization that is dedicated to embracing and celebrating African culture by using events as an outlet to educate the community," explained Emovon David.

"One thing that is unique about PASO is that it encompasses ALL people from African descent and welcomes other people from various backgrounds as well."

Fellow Co-chair Daaja Hobson echoed the sentiment, explaining that Africa Week not only allows PASO to spread the word about their organization, but to introduce Gustavus students to the beauty and intricacy of African culture.

"Our purpose for Africa Week is to inform the Gustavus community about Africa's culture and allow Gustavus students to get to know PASO more in depth," said Hobson.

The week's events will begin on March 12th with a discussion and presentation titled "What is Pan-Africanism?" led by Diversity Center Director Tom Flunker, which will take place from 5-6 pm in the Courtyard Cafe.

The discussion will focus largely on the question of how we define Pan-Africanism, how Pan-Africanism began, and its importance and relevance in our society today.

On the 13th, people will have the opportunity to learn about and practice traditional African dances from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Lund Aerobics Room.

"We encourage students to attend all the events we have for Africa Week," said PASO Co-chair PhePhe Quevi.

"On Wednesday we have a "Get to know PASO Mixer" where students can come and chat and hang out with PASO members, asking us about our organization."

The Get to Know PASO Mixer will take place in the Courtyard Cafe from 6:30-7:30 pm, and those who attend can expect good conversation along with free popcorn and frost-your-owns.

Aside from the discussion night, dance class, and mixer, PASO has also tried to incorporate several new features into this year's Africa Week.

"Pan-Africanism aims to encourage and strengthen bonds of solidarity between all people of African descent," said Emovon David.

"We aim to portray Africa's authenticity through dance, food, fashion, and much more. We have a few new elements this year, one being African Royalty. PASO members voted on members of PASO that they felt promoted Pan-Africanism on the Gustavus campus. People who attend also have a chance to win prizes throughout the show."

Members of PASO are particularly excited for the Open Mic Night on Thursday the 15th, during which they will be collaborating with other cultural student organizations on campus including the International Cultures Club (ICC), Hmong American Cultural Outreach (HACO), Global China Connection (GCC), Muslim Students Association (MSA), and OLAS (Organization for Latin American, Latino/a and Spanish Cultures).

"We are collaborating with other organizations to put on a night sharing traditional stories or talents," explained Hobson. "We are trying to include other organizations to be part of Africa Week, because it's a celebration."

The Week will come to a close with PASO's main event: Africa Night on Friday, March 16th.

Free and open to the public, this event will be held from 6 to 8:30 pm in Alumni Hall, and will feature music and dancing from different regions of Africa and the Caribbean.

There will also be food prepared inspired by East and West African cuisines.

"Africa Night 2018 will be filled with lots of music, skits, dancing, food, a fashion show, poetry/ spoken word and singing. It will be a night to remember!" said Quevi.

Those wishing to keep on celebrating after the show can head to Friday night's "Afrobeats" Africa Night Dive from 11 to 1 am for even more traditional music, song, and dance.

With a series of multiple events, PASO is hopeful that Africa Week will be a huge success, and they encourage everyone in the Gustavus community to come celebrate.

According to PASO, it's an event you don't want to miss.



Two guest performers drumming and dancing at last year's Africa night.

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PASO will also be serving traditional food from countries in Africa.

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Gustavus Women in Leadership hosts Nancy Dahl

Monali Bhakta
News Editor

One aspect of a liberal arts education is to attend inspirational talks given by successful individuals.

This past Tuesday, the Gustavus Women in Leadership, commonly known as GWIL, had the privilege of hosting Nancy Dahl, author of the book, *Grounded: Leading Your Life With Intention*.

"It's a book all about living your life with intention, and we just figured it was a really cool opportunity to have her here... she's super successful in every aspect of her life, so we wanted to bring in a 'woman of leadership' to talk to us," Senior, Shafer Rupa said.

This book was just recently released in November 2017.

Nancy is a close friend of Associate Professor in Management and Economics, Kathy Tunheim, as they have known ever since college.

It is a coincidence that Tunheim ended up teaching at Dahl's alma mater.

"I got to go to the Galleria Book Signing in Edina when she kicked it off and there were so many Gusties there, and it was really an honor to see her," Tunheim said.

While Kathy was attending Gustavus, Nancy was pursuing a bachelor's degree by majoring in Communications and Business while minoring in Psychology and Speech.

During her time at Gustavus, she was active in Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board.

She graduated in 1983.

In addition, she earned her MBA at the University of St. Thomas, and graduated from

The University of Minnesota Executive Program.

There were various ambitious students who were eager to learn more about Nancy Dahl's journey, wanting to know about the insight she would share.

"I think she'll give a lot of perspective from her own life events, and let everyone know that it's okay, wherever you are in your life, to just find yourself, and how to be the best person, and how to grow. We had a Q&A before this, and she talked about transition periods, and how as a senior, we are moving onto our next phase, and just knowing that whatever it is, it's gonna be okay, and you're gonna get through it," Senior Ann Ladwig said.

Tunheim gave a lengthy introduction describing Nancy's many accomplishments throughout her extensive career.

During her lifetime, she has worked for five industries whose sales span from \$20 million to \$750 million.

This includes overseeing 20,000 employees, 7 manufacturing plants, 200 field offices, and 700 retail operations in North America.

She is also apart of many corporate and non-profit board of directors.

Right now, she has spent her time mentoring others by being a business advisor.

She has even been featured on the cover of Minnesota Business Magazine, and has received distinguished honors from Gustavus for her work.

"She has earned numerous professional certifications including advanced board fellowship certificate, and the National Association of Corporate Directors," Tunheim said.

Dahl began her lecture by



Nancy Dahl gives an interactive presentation to students about leadership and initiative in Alumni Hall.

Drew Ericson

describing how it is a person's job to lead their life.

She wants to encourage people by making decisions that are beneficial to them.

If they miss out on that, then they will lose control on how to lead their life.

They need to make their own life choices, and should not let anybody make those choices for them.

She also emphasized how there are times when people are going to experience failure, and that is perfectly acceptable.

Life is a process of trial and error, so it is important to try again.

"Life is the ultimate experience model...it doesn't come with an operator's manual because everybody makes mistakes...I have very few things that I did the first time that went really well," Dahl said.

Because we are all unique,

individuals must know what makes them different, and to use that as an advantage to live a prosperous life.

The skills that people will need to move forward are curiosity, initiative, intellectual agility, conceptuality, and wonder.

These skills can be used to manage conflicts proactively, instead of leaving them unintended.

"In those skills what you're going to see is personal learning is at its core. How are you a personal learner for life... how are you everyday, learning something to be able to move your goals forward?"

She finished off her point by addressing how this is a complicated world, and how there will be obstacles that threaten the human experience.

Because we live in a fast-paced world, people must be able to slow down to give them-

selves a break.

It is also crucial for people to ask questions about issues that do not get addressed, so they can understand the scope of a whole story.

As technology has progressed, personal life has been connected to work life, so there are no boundaries anymore.

"If you're designed to be different but you live in a world like this, it doesn't set you up to win, to really give you the environment you need, unless you know how to protect yourself. You gotta advocate for what you need to be successful in. Some people never learn to do this, and they just burn out...I would advocate for you to always make sure that you're doing the work to know you are," Dahl said.

Building Bridges hosts annual GAC's Got Talent

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 2, Building Bridges put on the annual talent show titled "GAC's Got Talent." Building Bridges hosts this event in order to promote their annual conference.

This year, that conference was on Saturday, March 3 and surrounded the topic of mental health.

The talent show was one of numerous events during last week before the conference.

"We had an event each day of this week and...to kick off the conference we do this talent show every year on Friday night," senior Kelsey Backer, one of the co-captains of the events committee for Building Bridges, said.

Various members of the Building Bridges organization held auditions for Gustavus students that wanted to participate and be a part of the show.

Since Christmas and January Term were longer this year, the organization only had about a week to seek out students who wanted to share their talents.

"We tabled the first week of this second semester everyday to try to get people," Backer said. Auditions were held during the first weekend of this semester.

Two students who sang together were excited to debut their talents.

"We both have some kind of musical background, so we've performed before but I've never done anything like this," sophomore Nikki Abraham said.

Both women were eager to share what their voices.

"The only solo [performance] I've done is...karaoke. Otherwise it's been...choir," Sophomore Taylor Graft said.

Both Abraham and Graft didn't seriously consider singing in the show until they learned more about what it was behind.

"I think it started off kind of [as] a joke and then we [decided] 'We're going to audition' and then we were like 'Oh, we made it, this is real. Okay, we're doing it now!'" Graft said.

Both women were excited to make it past the audition and eager to share their talents.

The show consisted of singing,

dancing and even a stand-up comedy routine.

Students laughed, admired their fellow classmates and were even moved to tears by some of the routines.

Wide varieties of talents were shared and each one was unique to the performer, helping to remind us of the talent that the Gustavus community possesses.

Many people look forward to this show and to this particular event during the week of the conference.

"It's fun to get to see...my friends perform. Seeing the rest of the Caf engage and have a lot of fun is really, really awesome," Backer said.

Building Bridges has different goals for why this show, but one is to bring awareness to mental health and to that year's upcoming conference.

"It's a fun way to get the student body connected and we'll be doing a little bit of mental health trivia and Building Bridges trivia throughout the night, but it's really to just let the whole campus know that we're doing Building Bridges this weekend," Backer said.



A student sings while playing her guitar at GAC's Got Talent.

Abby Anderson

GUSTIE of the WEEK

Kristen Matthews

Casey Miller
Staff Writer

Kristen Matthews is a senior elementary education major with an middle school math endorsement and embodies what it means to be a Gustie.

She is highly involved on campus and loves everything about Gustavus, including her friends and the community.

When Kristen first started looking at colleges, she reluctantly viewed Gustavus as an option.

Her mom graduated from Gustavus in 1988 and she wanted to separate herself from those family ties. However, after touring three times she decided that Gustavus would in fact be the college for her.

Kristen said the family ties she initially disliked "became endearing to me and I was surrounded by a welcoming community."

She loves the beautiful campus and the feeling of belonging the professors and community express here.

After deciding to attend college here on the Hill, Kristen made another big decision to pursue education as her major.

Having been moved by

so many teachers and loving spending time with kids, Kristen said this choice was a no brainer.

"I know that I have been called to work with kids because they fill me with joy. They are truly amazing and remind me of the simpler things in life."

Currently she is student teaching in a first grade classroom and says the kids are teaching her more about herself than she thought she could ever know.

"Kristen is a kind-hearted, patient, and loving person who makes everyone feel welcome, drawing people in with her positive attitude."

—Mallory Arnold

Her education professors wholeheartedly agree with her choice to pursue education.

Michele Koomen, an education professor and Kristen's advisor, says that she exceeds the criteria needed to be a good teacher.

"Kristen does all of her course prep, applies the teach-

ing methods with integrity, and shows incredible leadership both with students and her own classmates" Koomen said.

She claims that Kristen is set apart from other students because of her humility and the way that she supports everyone's learning.

Kristen is always prepared, but is never the first one to raise her hand and works to include everyone in class discussions and activities.

Besides being dedicated to her major, Kristen is incredibly active in a number of different Christian organizations on campus.

She is a coordinator for Gustavus Youth Outreach (GYO), helping to serve the youth at the churches around St. Peter.

She is also in the worship band for Proclaim, the non-denominational worship service here at Gustavus, and leads the Vesper services.

Another way she likes to worship is with the Choir of Christ Chapel, a place she says offers deep acceptance and joy.

Kristen loves these organizations because she loves to worship and said, "it is one of the best ways that I connect with God."

She also loves the way Gustavus has been growing in the



Abby Anderson

Kristen is a senior elementary education major with a math endorsement.

Christian community and the way God moves on our campus.

Kristen is not the only one who enjoys her involvement in these organizations.

Hubert Ngabirano, another senior on campus, says that he is incredibly grateful for her leadership in these organizations.

"If Kristen commits to something, you know it's going to get done" Ngabirano said.

Besides all of the organizations she is involved in, Kristen has other reasons for loving Gustavus.

The biggest one is all of the friends that she's made throughout the years. After having struggled her freshman year with feeling out of place, she was excited to return sophomore year because of the friends she made.

She finally felt at home because she was surrounded by the best friends she could have asked for.

"Friends that would support and love me for who I am. They say that you meet some of your best friends in college and I firmly believe that this is the truth for me. I know that I have gained friends for life and that is my favorite thing about Gustavus" Kristen said.

Not only has she made many connections on campus, Kristen is now that friend and guide for others at Gustavus.

Mallory Arnold, a junior here at Gustavus plays with Kristen in the Proclaim worship band, and worked with her at Camp Wapogasset over the summer.

"Kristen is a kind hearted, patient, and loving person who makes everyone feel welcome, drawing people in with her positive attitude," Arnold said.

Arnold explained how Kristen was the first person who reached out to her and helped

Arnold make the adjustment to college life.

Ngabirano backs up this sentiment saying that Kristen genuinely cares and is 'constantly encouraging' and he appreciates knowing he will always have an honest interaction with her.

Now that Kristen is a senior she is looking forward to all of her lasts with her friends.

"If Kristen commits to something, you know it's going to get done."

—Hubert Ngabirano

Excited for the last time the trees bloom, hammocking in the arb, last concerts, last proclaims, and all the lasts her organizations will have.

She says although she will graduate she has to remember that "being a Gustie lives on for longer than our time here."

Although she came to college to get her degree, Kristen came away with so much more. Stressed in her faith, values, and views, Gustavus has changed Kristen into a totally different person from her freshman year.

She has learned who she is and has gained confidence in advocating for herself and others, another reason Kristen is excited to graduate.

Friends and professors are also excited to see her graduate and watch what Kristen goes on to do.

"I want to use the tools Gustavus has given me to advocate for the kids that come into my life and to fight for justice," Kristen said.

With her strength, faith, and love of life, Kristen will take her memories of Gustavus into her future classroom and all of her endeavours.



Abby Anderson

Kristen is dedicated to a number of Christian organizations on campus including GYO, Proclaim and Vespers.

'The Far-Out World of Kenny Scharf'

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

The Hillstrom Museum of Art has been a part of the Gustavus community since its debut exhibit in April of the year 2000.

Located in the lower level of the Jackson Campus Center, The Hillstrom Museum of Art has put many exhibits on display that cover a variety of subjects.

Donald Myers, the Director and Chief Curator of the Museum, has been working at Gustavus since 2000.

"I've been working on a permanent basis at Gustavus since the beginning of 2000, when I was hired to teach art history classes, although there was a thought that there would be a museum and given my background that I might be a candidate for running it," Myers said.

Previously, Myers worked at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. and feels as though his work at Gustavus carries more rewards to it.

"My work here at the Museum is very different from at the Museum where I worked before returning to St. Peter...but it's in many ways more rewarding," Myers said.

The Hillstrom Museum of Art exhibitions has a few consistent factors that play a role in which pieces are chosen to be viewed.

"We always cap our academic year of exhibits with the annual senior show, featuring works by the graduating stu-



Caroline Probst

The exhibit features pop surrealist Kenny Scharf and his collection of art from well-known artists.

dio art majors that have been selected by a jury from the art department.

"A second constant is that we frequently feature works by the College's studio art faculty," Myers said.

The Museum also tries to choose a wide array of works. "We do numerous exhibits of works completely unrelated to what we have in our collection, showing quality artwork from a wide variety of periods,

styles, and media, and including artists from the past as well as contemporary artists still at work," Myers said.

The most current exhibition right now is about a pop surrealist named Kenny Scharf. This exhibition is showing until April 22, 2018.

"These works are all from the collection of Mats Sexton, who has become a friend of the artist (and the artist earlier in his career was close friends with

other well-known artists such as Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Andy Warhol)," Myers said.

Students have already enjoyed this exciting and creative exhibition.

"The Far-Out World of Kenny Scharf' exhibit contains some of the most exciting pieces of art I've ever seen," First-year Jordyn Olson-Merrick said.

Olson-Merrick also thought the talent in the Hillstrom Mu-

seum of Art was very apparent.

"I don't know much about art, but taking a couple of minutes to walk through [the Hillstrom Museum of Art] is still something I enjoy because the creativity showcased there is unbelievable," Olson-Merrick said.

The other exhibition is centered around a French artist. "Our other current exhibit is Georges Rouault: Cirque de l'Etoile Filante, which features works by the French artist that explore that psychology of performers in the circus (specifically, the Parisian Circus of the Shooting Star).

"Rouault is an artist represented in our own collection by two works, one a gift from Museum namesake Richard L. Hillstrom and the other a gift from Paul and Edna Granlund, both of which are also being shown," Myers said.

Myers is a strong advocate for visiting and viewing art pieces. "The visual arts have always been a strong component of the liberal arts experience that is such a fundamental part of the experience here at Gustavus," Myers said.

He also enjoys relating how viewing art pieces can be similar to music.

"Art can bedazzle, charm, comfort, and teach viewers, but only if it's viewed. There are many parallels between viewing art and hearing music, and many of the reasons one might go to a concert can be transferred to viewing an exhibition," Myers said.

3OH!3 to play at The Big Concert

Caroline Probst
Editor-in-Chief

Campus Activities Board just announced the Spring Concert artist: 3OH!3, to mixed reviews.

This reaction is not necessarily unexpected as CAB can't make everyone happy with their selection.

"I think it's really fun that we get to have a group that is a bit of a throwback. My middle school self is so excited to be able to see them," Senior, Ashley Elford said.

This year, CAB is trying to be more transparent with their decision and wanted student input in such a large financial decision.

As usual, CAB sent out a variety of surveys for the student body to fill out.

First off, students were asked to make suggestions of artists they'd like to see.

From there, CAB narrowed down the list of artists they could afford from this list with the help of their agent.

Next, another survey was sent out to students with twenty-nine names.

The voting process ended



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The band 3OH!3 is best known for their songs "Starstruck", "My First Kiss", and "Don't Trust Me".

with a third and final survey with the top five choices. An astounding 1,500 students responded to this survey with their input.

Sean Kingston and 3OH!3

were the winners of the final survey.

However, having two headlining artists proved to be too expensive for the budget and would result in an unafford-

able ticket cost for students.

CAB then decided to choose 3OH!3 due to concerns over Kingston's past behavior, which were pointed out by the agent and fellow Gustavus

students who reached out.

"Really? Is this how we want people to know Gustavus?" first-year, Miranda Johnsen said.

Granted, some think of 3OH!3's lyrics as demeaning and promoting promiscuous behavior.

"Inside my seventh-grade self is overjoyed, but I guess my sophomore self is also pretty excited for it," Sophomore, Case Bartelings said.

Another reason 3OH!3 was picked was because they're a more recent and celebrated band, making it more engaging for concert goers.

By only bringing one artist to campus, was able CAB to host a free concert for Gustavus students.

"Unless Ke\$ha is coming to be featured on "My First Kiss", I'm mildly disappointed," Sophomore, Olin Lundgren said.

Outside guests are also welcome to attend, with cost to be determined.

CAB invites students to attend their next board meeting on March 12, to decide on a local band to open the show.

Tales from Abroad

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This past J-term, I joined 39 Gustavus students and three professors from the Physics department on the trip of a lifetime to New Zealand and Australia for five weeks.

I learned so much about myself, traveling, and the way of life for people in these countries.

We started our trip in Christchurch, New Zealand and studied astronomy there for one week.

The next week was spent basically living on a coach bus and driving in a large loop around the southern island.

While on the loop, we saw the beautiful scenery of Lake Tekapo, Lindis Pass, Lake Pukaki, Fox Glacier, and a few places where Lord of The Rings was filmed.

Then we flew to Australia and were greeted by a heat wave. Our home base was the University of Wollongong and from there we went on day trips and excursions.

We had a few more days of classes, but spent the majority of our time exploring Sydney, surfing, spotting kangaroos in the outback, and relaxing on the beach.

The entire trip was incredible, and I made memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

While doing a large loop around the South Island of New Zealand, we had the opportunity to observe stars at

Mt. John Observatory and put our astronomy knowledge to the test.

This observatory is one of the best in the world and is in an area of New Zealand with minimal light pollution, also known as a 'dark zone'.

We headed up the mountain at 11:30 p.m. equipped with large winter coats and red flashlights that did not emit light that disturbed the astronomers hard at work.

As we got closer, our bus driver turned off the headlights to let our eyes adjust to the eerie darkness.

On top of the mountain, we got to see a whole new hemisphere of stars that we couldn't see in the North. Our guides told us endless facts about the great distances that the stars are from us, which put in perspective how small we really are.

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We spent a couple hours gazing and listening, then drove back down the mountain to our hotel. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience.

Next we visited Milford Sound which is considered the



The J-term group of students was offered the opportunity to scuba dive in the Australian reef.

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eighth wonder of the world, and it did not disappoint.

We started our day at the crack of dawn and drove a few hours on our dearest coach bus to get to the port of Milford Sound in Fjordland National Park.

We boarded a boat and spent two hours gasping at the beautiful waterfalls, seals, and fog covered mountains.

Our beloved coach bus driver, Nettie, told us we were lucky that it rained during the whole day because there are always more waterfalls and overall better scenery.

At the time, with soaked clothes we didn't appreciate it, but looking back on pictures, Nettie was absolutely right.

Also, I had one of the best days of my life on our trip. On

our second to last day in Australia, it was time to check off one more thing from my bucket list.

We boarded a coach bus that took us to a port with huge and extravagant boats built to take hundreds of people to see the reef. We were greeted by plenty of smiling faces when we boarded our catamaran boat. As soon as we boarded, there was a brief announcement.

The loudspeaker said, "If you are interested in scuba diving today, please speak with someone as soon as possible. There is no training required, but there are limited spots. Thank you."

My mouth dropped, and I instantly started talking to people and tried convincing them to join me on the adventure.

After finding a few friends

that wanted to join, we went through a 30-minute crash course about communicating and surviving underwater.

Our scuba instructor stressed that it was very important to breathe underwater as we were ascending, otherwise we would explode. I would not describe him as a comforting man.

Once we got to the island and learned a few skills to help us have an enjoyable dive, we started descending.

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We were greeted by large schools of fish and bright coral. We dove deeper and deeper and the scenery seemed to get brighter and even more amazing.

We ended our 30-minute dive under the catamaran which reminded us of an aquarium, filled with rainbow fish of all different colors.

After a filling lunch, we went back to our island and went snorkeling for a few hours. There were even more fish and creatures that we couldn't see while scuba diving, like stingrays, reef sharks, and turtles.

The turtles didn't mind us swimming next to them for 30 minutes and glided along effortlessly until we decided to stop annoying them.

On the boat ride back, we had a conversation with a woman who lives in Australia and just now got the opportunity to be able to see the Great Barrier Reef that day.

This helped put the whole day into perspective and we realized how lucky we were to experience it.

I would highly recommend going abroad if you have the opportunity to. We are so comfortable in our part of the world, and I think that it is vital to put yourself out of your comfort zone and open your eyes to different parts of the world.



Students and professors visited New Zealand and Australia on a five week excursion of a lifetime to see the incredible Southern sky.

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Room Draw Basics and FAQs

Room Draw Basics

When and where is room draw?
April 19 and April 22 in Alumni Hall.

What does my room draw number mean?

It represents the order in which you can choose a room. It's based on seniority so rising seniors will have the highest number and rising sophomores will have the lowest number. You'll want to have a high room draw number. Check your PO box for your room draw number which will be delivered by April 10.

Rising seniors: 3000-3900

Rising juniors: 2000-2900

Rising sophomores: 1000-1900

I'm a sophomore, but have enough credits to be a junior, do I get the preferences of a junior?

No, room draw is according to your graduating year, not how many credits you have.

What's the process like?

Come at your scheduled time which will be according to your room draw number. The room will be split up with one half being a line of students in order of their room draw number and the other half being tables that represent available housing options.

What do I do if I'm studying abroad, student teaching, or doing an internship next semester?

You can either pay for the room for the full year, or find someone who is studying away the opposite semester as you. Come to the roommate matching event to find someone to take your spot while you are away.

Housing Questions

What are my housing options?

- **Sophomores**
Typically sophomores live mainly in Complex and some in Sohre. Depending on the year, some sophomores may live in Uhler or Runstrom. IC is also an option for sophomores.

- **Juniors**

Juniors have the option to live in apartments like Arbor View and Chapel View. Others live in Rundstrom, Uhler, or Southwest. Instead of getting an apartment, some students can choose to have a cluster which is two rooms side by side. Quads and triples are also options.

- **Seniors**

As a senior you have the most options. Chapel View, Arbor View, Uhler, and Southwest are all available to seniors.

It's important to note that rooms are not always available as they were the previous year. It's dependent on the amount of students there will be next year.

Some housing options require applications.

- **International Center**

Fill out an application for IC available on the Gustavus webpage. Room draw for IC will take place on April 12. Applications are due March 15. More information will be sent to you if you are accepted.

- **CHOICE**

This is a substance free housing option available in Prairie View. Applications are due March 15 and Room Draw is April 12.

- **ILS Homes**

International Learning and Service Housing (ILS) has five homes that allow students to live in a project-oriented envi-

ronment. ILS homes are connected with a project that should connect with the Gustavus Core Values. Applications are due March 15.

- **Swedish House**

Connected to IC, Swedish House is also part of the ISL program. Applications are due March 15. Contact Glenn Kranking for more information.

Can I live off campus?

No, unless you are married, live within 15 miles from campus with parents, or are 23 by the start of Fall Semester. Residential life stresses the fact that Gustavus is a four year residential campus. It is very unlikely that off campus living will be allowed for the 2018-2019 school year.

Can I get a single room?

A limited number of singles are available in Gibbs Hall and Southwest. Singles in Southwest are in suite-style spaces. They consist of 4-6 single rooms. Gibbs has 9 male single rooms and 19 female single rooms.

What is a cluster?

Clusters are two double rooms adjacent to one another. There's a limited number of two room clusters in Halls like North, Sorensen, Rundstrom, Sohre, and Uhler. Clusters require four students of the same gender. This is an option for those who cannot get an apartment.

Is there mixed gender housing available?

Yes, Res Life defines mixed gender housing in apartments as groups of two males and two females sharing a four person space. Bedrooms will be single gender within each apartment and each apartment will have two bathrooms. This option is available for those in the class of 2019 and 2020.



Things to do before April 19

- Plan a roommate
- Have a backup housing plan
- Fill out the housing form on WebAdvisor
- Pay the \$500 deposit to the financial office

Still have questions?

Come to the Res Life office on Tuesdays from 3:00- 4:00 for more information.

Email Danny Sandberg or Charlie Potts

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