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Hires, promotions, and more!



Anthony Bettendorf, the new Director of Residential Life.

Submitted

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Two offices that are the most connected to student life at Gustavus, Residential Life and Dean of Students, underwent some exciting personnel changes prior to the new academic year.

Steve Bennett has been at Gustavus for 21 years, and this summer, he transitioned from the Dean of Students Office to the Gustavus Advancement team, where he will be a Gift Planner, serving donors in California, Nevada, Utah, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and the Twin Cities.

With Bennett's departure from Team Dean, Charlie Potts is relocating from his current office to one a few doors down, moving from being the Director of Residential Life to his new position as Assistant Vice President for Student Life in the Dean of Students Office.

Potts graduated from Gustavus in 2001, received his Masters and Doctorate degrees

from the University of Minnesota, and began working at Gustavus in the Residential Life office in 2011.

During his seven years in Residential Life, Potts was also an Assistant Dean for the Dean of Students Office.

Since his new office is only a few feet from his old department, Potts plans on staying connected with Residential Life and being involved in some capacity.

"I've loved working in Residential Life, and they are a strong part of the student experience. For years I've worked hard to make it a student-centered atmosphere and be an advocate for improving living conditions," Potts said.

Potts has been pushing for renovations in Pittman and Norelius since he started and now, "[he is] leaving right when they are finally being implemented," Potts said.

Potts is confident he is leaving Residential Life in the capable hands of the team and looks forward to upcoming changes in the Dean's office.

"We are moving to a 'Class Dean' model, where each of the Deans are dividing up the class years so we can be a 'point person' for students in that class.

Our plan is to follow the class during their years and always be there for them," Potts said.

The idea behind it is to have a designated person to provide support, connection, and coordination of resources to help students while they're here.

Potts will take the class of 2020 and 2022; Megan Ruble is the class dean for 2021; and JoNes VanHecke will lead the senior class of 2019.

Heather Dale will also be assisting the office as the part-time assistant dean, splitting her time between the Dean's and Health Services.

Potts' initial impression of his new position is pure excitement. "We exist to help students that need help. Part of the job is holding up the really positive things students do, and certainly focus attention on student achievement, but also help students develop the

skills they need to be successful. I love that it is both helping and promoting the student experience," Potts said.

Charlie Potts knows firsthand what it means to be a Gustie and can bring this extensive experience to the Dean's office. "Working in Residential Life gives a different perspective of the student experience, [because we] really see 24/7 all the facets of what it means to live on a college campus. Having been involved so intimately with student experience these last few years I can bring an understanding of student challenges, not just what happens during the day, but 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Potts said.

As Potts heads off to a new office, we welcome Anthony Bettendorf to the Gustavus community as the Director of Residential Life.

Originally from Foley, Minnesota, Bettendorf received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota in Ancient Roman History, masters from Western Illinois Universi-

ty in College Student Development, and Doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Minnesota.

While working towards his Doctorate, Bettendorf worked at the University of Minnesota before becoming an Assistant Dean at the University of Iowa.

When asked "Why Gustavus?" Bettendorf said, "I saw the posting for the Gustavus position and the thought of being able to lead a residential life department and set vision and direction for the department definitely peaked my interest."

After learning more about Gustavus, Bettendorf "felt strong connections. [He] became more familiar with the strategic plan here and the actions people are taking regarding diversity and social justice peaked [his] interest because it is an area of passion for [him]," he said.

Bettendorf has only been on campus for a few weeks, but already has plenty of praise to extend to his new team in the Residential Life office. "They are fantastic," Bettendorf said. "They amaze me on a daily basis. They get me excited to come to work."

Bettendorf was here for Collegiate Fellow (CF) trainings and noted the team atmosphere and their important role in residential life. "The CFs brought a whole level of energy to campus, they gave me a taste of campus and then I knew this job was going to be fun," Bettendorf said.

Outside of the office, Bettendorf enjoys baking, films, and theater. "Often times I'll catch at least one movie on the weekend," Bettendorf said, and he looks forward to exploring instrumental, vocal, and performing art performances at Gustavus. "I'm excited to see different activities on campus and my dad already wants to come down and watch a football game this season," Bettendorf said.

As the academic year begins, there is a new energy surrounding student life as exciting additions join our Gustavus community and familiar faces explore new positions on our campus.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, August 27th

- *Campus Safety discovered damage to Gustavus property at Sohre Hall.

Tuesday, August 28th

- *Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Confer Hall.

Wednesday, August 29th

- *Campus Safety responded to a theft report in Lund Center.

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theft report in Lund Center.

- *Campus Safety Office to report a theft from Lund Center

Thursday, August 30th

- *Campus Safety responded to a medical assist at Sohre Hall. The student was transported to Health Services.

- *Campus Safety responded to North Hall to take a theft report from a student who left his room door unlocked.

- *Campus Safety responded to a student reporting the theft of a credit card from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room.

- *Campus Safety responded to a marijuana smell in Sohre Hall. A student was referred to Campus Conduct System.

Friday, August 31st

- *Campus Safety responded to a damage to property report in Norelius Hall.

Saturday, September 1st

- *Campus Safety was called to Sorenson Hall for a report of underage drinking.

- *Campus Safety was dispatched to a medical at Lund Arena in the Hockey Rink.

Sunday, September 2nd

- no incidents reported

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

Tip of the Week:

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Gustavus aims to upgrade its campus

An update on the Nobel construction and renovations in residence halls

Monali Bhakta
Staff Writer

The 2018-2019 academic year is in full swing, and notable architectural changes have been happening throughout the Gustavus campus.

This includes the updated common area of the first-year residence hall, Norelius, more often referred to as Co-Ed.

Students are known to use this space to decompress after a busy day of classes and to socialize in a casual, carefree setting with their peers.

Since last spring, the dorm has undergone major changes within the lobby as it has acquired new modern furniture like desks, couches, and chairs.

The pit was also renovated with a large Gustie logo painted above the fireplace, along with a modern staircase leading into it.

Aside from Norelius, Pittman has also recently undergone lobby changes with a similar modern flair.

These residence hall changes have all happened in less than a year.

By making these grand changes, the college hopes to enhance the living situation of current and future Gusties.

While the facilities staff have been working tirelessly on these plans, they have also looked forward to continuing the Nobel Hall expansion.

Currently, there are four science-affiliated departments in the building, including Biology, Geology, Chemistry, and Geography.

These fields of study are planning to relocate out of Nobel next summer when the southern part of the building will be done.

The goal is for Nobel to have space for the Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, Molecular Biology, Geography, Geology, Physics and Environmental Studies all in one building.

"Additionally, HES will teach their Anatomy & Physiology courses in Nobel, and Nobel Hall will connect with the Schaefer Fine Arts Center via a Laboratory Theatre and a renovated/expanded Theatre/Arts lobby," Professor of Geology and Environmental Studies Julie Bartley said.

As opposed to the previous years, Nobel Hall will look entirely different than it has in the past.

This is because it will be connected to the Fine Arts building in an attempt by the Curriculum Committee to bring scientific and artistic learning together.

It will become a STEAM building which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.

The individual who is cur-

rently in charge of the Nobel expansion is Fath-Allah Oudghiri, the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management.

Oudghiri has worked on this project since August of 2016 and has been overseeing the "schematic design, design development, and construction document phases."

Many individuals who use the building, such as Julie Bartley, worked with campus stakeholders and the architecture firm, Hastings & Chivetta, to work out the exact details of the project.

This consisted of Gustavus faculty working with engineers,

architects, and designers.

They were able to give the final construction documents to Kraus Anderson Construction Company, which became the construction manager firm for the project.

They were able to use the documents as a guide to build the project, while also creating a specific budget and time schedule in order to get it done successfully.

The company hired over fifty contractors who carried out the trades needed for the expansion.

Throughout the Construction phase, Oudghiri has been considered the owner's repre-

sentative as he works with both architects and contractors.

According to Oudghiri, "The Nobel Hall expansion and renovation project is being implemented into two phases: Phase one started in Feb. 2018 and will be completed in July 2019. It consists of the south expansion that you can currently observe on the south side of the existing Nobel Hall building.

This 85,000 square feet expansion comprises a basement level, three floor levels above ground and a mechanical penthouse at the top.

This expansion will be connected to the Schaefer Art build-

ing across from the Anderson Theater is part of this expansion as well as a cafe and a large lobby where the arts will be celebrated.

Phase two will start in July 2019 and will be completed in Aug. 2020.

It consists of the renovation of the 90,000 square feet building and a 15,000 square feet expansion to the north.

This north expansion will have three floor levels and a large two story atrium where the sciences will be celebrated."



Nobel Hall has been under construction since February 2018 and should be finished by 2020.

Abby Anderson

GUSTIE of the WEEK

Rafay Arshad

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Senior Rafay Arshad came to Gustavus from Pakistan three years ago, aspiring to endeavor in the unknown and his understanding of different cultures and people. Since coming to Gustavus, Mr. Arshad has developed multiple meaningful relationships and participated in several co-curricular activities on campus, including Student Senate and Building Bridges.

Arshad shares that he most values the meaningful relationships that he has developed and the wide range of experience that he has had during his time at Gustavus.

As a Senior International Management Major, Arshad is well-known among his peers to be an organized and trustworthy person.

Earlier this year, Arshad represented Gustavus at the Celebration of Philanthropy dinner, where he connected with Gustavus alumni who wish to reconnect and offer help to current Gusties.

Senior Erik Rischmiller, Epsilon Pi Alpha's new member chair, shared with *The Gustavian Weekly*:

"[Arshad] does a lot of networking. He is very good at putting together events. He is very organized; you can trust him, and know that he will get something done on time."

Arshad is the Alumni Chair in his fraternity and has organized a networking event with alumni Epsilon Pi Alpha brothers, for which 25 alumni showed up.

This event has been a valuable opportunity for Gusties from older generations to connect and share their experience

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-Rafay Arshad

with current Gusties. Arshad recently finished his training to be a Collegiate Fellow and has already made one of his favorite memories with his Residential Life colleagues.

According to Rischmiller, Arshad as a friend is a very humble, friendly and hilarious person who is always ready

to talk to his friends and put smiles on their faces.

This wonderful personality explains the love Arshad receives from his colleagues. This year, Arshad will be involved with Building Bridges as Director of Finance.

He joins Building Bridges (again) aspiring to explore nonprofit and social justice organizations, as he wishes to help provide underprivileged children with quality education in the future.

Arshad feels honored to be Gustie of the Week and to share his story with *The Gustavian Weekly*. With his open mindset, Arshad wishes to promote generative activities, which passes on the legacy from earlier to newer generations.

Arshad has a message for new students, especially international students who are just starting their college career: "Never be afraid to do or take part in something new. Always be curious, whether or not something works out or you like it. It will always be a learning experience for you because the more we understand ourselves, the more we can really lean into our talents. This will then help you to align yourself with what you are more natu-



Katie Mattinen

Rafay's four years on campus have been filled with friendship and fun.

rally good at and will help you to spend your time and choose your commitments better."

Enjoying his last year at Gustavus, Arshad plans to make new friends, connect students from different generations with one another, and give back to the community as much as he has received and valued.

Thank you, Rafay, for everything you do on campus. your kindness, hardworking nature, and ability to bring people together will be greatly

missed on campus. You have left a permanent imprint on our campus with all of the wonderful work you have done during your four years here.



Katie Mattinen

Rafay serves as a student leader in multiple organizations, including his fraternity Epsilon Pi Alpha.

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-Senior Erik Rischmiller

The evolution of the First-year experience



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Variety Editor

Picture this: it is a brisk fall day in September of 1970. You are a First-year student arriving for your first day at Gustavus. You unload your car and make your entrance into the newly built Norelius Hall entryway, where the dorm is already buzzing with the activity of 512 new First-years and their exhausted, sweaty move in crews. Students, both male and female, will be residing here in this residence hall, while others will be hauling their things to Pittman and Sohre halls.

You take a peek at your orientation schedule—breakfast is at seven A.M., chapel at eight, and at 9:30...a swimming test? At three P.M., a “group rap session”? You begin to wonder exactly what you’ve gotten yourself into. The next day holds even more questionable activities. At 1:30 P.M., you will



A first year student moves into her room in Norelius hall.

Abby Anderson

be separated into gendered groups for “Sunday afternoon recreation.” Men will be encouraged to participate in sports activities, while women will be subjected to a two hour long fashion show. You sigh deeply and glance outside to your pile of bedding, books, and clothes strewn haphazardly across the lawn. It’s going to be a long weekend.

Luckily, in 2018, First-year orientation no longer includes a swimming test or gendered activities. Instead, the twenty-page orientation booklet guides First-years through four days of educational, social, and fun events to ease them into campus life, including an opportunity to take selfies with President

Bergman, a performance by a hypnotist, and a group trip to Target.

There is also a special emphasis on learning how to adapt to the freedom of the college environment. This year, a seminar called “Introduction to Community Living” acquainted new students with residential life staff, policies, and procedures. For many students, this will be their first time living on their own, let alone in a dorm with the opposite sex. In 1970, while Norelius Hall was the only dorm where both men and women were allowed to live and the other dorms were still divided by gender. On weekend nights, the dorms were secured by lock and key, and

the only way to get into a dorm of a person of the opposite sex was to show a student ID to a door attendant. Today, there is a relatively relaxed visitor hour policy in place, but only for First-year students.

Another important distinction between orientation now and in 1970 is the way the Gustavus community addresses difficult topics like sexual harassment. Looking at the the pre-Title IX (Title 9) era orientation schedules, one will find little regarding education on these issues. In the September 11 1970 issue of *The Gustavian Weekly*, however, students were encouraged to call the Youth Emergency Service line or YES line provided by a private orga-

nization based out of Mankato if they had an issue with dating violence, drugs, or pregnancy. Now, incoming students have multiple opportunities to learn about the importance of consent, bystander intervention, and complex social issues related to the multifaceted intersectional identities students bring with them as they enter college.

Though orientation serves as a tool to educate, it also is a chance for students to have lots of fun. One tradition that has stood the test of time is the square dance. Even in 1970, First-year students were encouraged to de-stress by attending the annual dance with their new friends. Almost 50 years later, the dance still remains a timeless favorite. “The square dance was such an amazing experience, instead of having plain conversations I met so many new people by just dancing with them,” said First-year student Korrina Hylen. Another favorite activity is the tulip planting ceremony, where each First-year is allowed to plant their own specially colored tulip bulb in the Linnaeus Arboretum as a reminder of the impact they will have on campus.

As the on-campus experience evolves with the times, it is certain that orientation will continue to encompass the emotional, social, and academic experiences of First-year students to prepare them for campus life.

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