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South Nobel opens its doors for 2019-2020 school year

Newest campus addition is home to STEAM



As pictured, the temporary front entrance to South Nobel while North Nobel is under construction.

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This semester marks the debut of the newly erected south expansion of the Nobel Hall of Science. Classes have been moved from the traditional Nobel Hall to the 74,000 square-foot expansion, while the North section receives its own renovation and expansion.

The original Nobel Hall of Science, opened in 1963 and sitting at about 90,000 square-

feet, has been home to several departments including Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, and the interdisciplinary department of Environmental Studies.

The south expansion of Nobel includes new state-of-the-art classrooms, twenty teaching laboratories, and faculty offices.

The renovation project, which received final approval in early 2018, began not only with the goal of updating the Gustavus science facilities but also to support diverse learning

experiences for students. The seventy million dollar project, completed with the help of an historic forty million dollar donation, will put Gustavus in a prestigious position among liberal arts colleges in the nation.

The project has been managed by Kraus-Anderson Construction, a long-time partner of Gustavus. The company has also managed the construction of other Gustavus projects including Anderson Hall, Beck Hall, and the reconstruction after the 1998 tornado.

The South expansion connects North Nobel to the Schaefer Fine Arts Center and becomes the tallest academic building on campus at four stories high.

The connection to the Schaefer Arts Center is a very intentional one, showing Gustavus' commitment to combining the sciences with the arts. The STEAM movement, STEM + Arts, is a growing curriculum movement in the United States that creates a more interdisciplinary approach to the tradi-

tional curriculum.

Entrances to the building for students are currently limited to one door next to the Nobel parking lot on the North end, one door on the East end facing Confer/Vickner, and two doors on the West end at the Anderson Theatre.

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Campus Safety Report

- Monday, September 2nd**
- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation on the Myrum baseball field. One student was referred to the Campus Conduct System.
- Tuesday, September 3rd**
- Campus Safety was called to Health Service for a student that had fallen on the west side sidewalk between Vickner and Anderson Hall. The student was transported to the hospital for x-rays.
 - A CF was approached by a student that had concerns for a fellow classmate.

- Wednesday, September 4th**
- A Gustavus employee reported that they lost their Gustavus keys sometime on August 16th 2019 between 1600 hours and 1900 hours in the Johnson Student Union.
 - Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Norelius Hall.
 - A CF was approached by a student that showed concern for a fellow student. Residential Life on-call was called in to help assess the situation.
- Thursday, September 5th**
- Campus Safety was called to Health Services for a transport to the hospital. A student cut their hand and needed stitches.

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at Southwest Hall.
 - Campus Safety damaged the security screen due to a defect from the install, in Nobel Hall of Science.
 - Campus safety responded to a fire alarm in Southwest Hall, cooking at too high of temperature found to be the issue.
- Friday, September 6th**
- Campus Safety responded to a medical in Lund Center.
 - Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Uhler Hall.
- Saturday, September 7th**
- Campus Safety responded to a welfare check in

- Southwest Hall. Campus Safety referred 1 student to the campus conduct system.
- Campus safety responded to a medical assist in Lund Center.
 - Campus Safety provided a medical transport to the Emergency room from Lund Center. A student experienced pain in the knee while dancing in Lund Center.
- Sunday, September 8th**
- Campus Safety observed a student of concern while patrolling College grounds.
 - Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Pittman Hall. One student was referred to the

Campus Conduct System.

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: Prevent theft and increase recovery - register your bicycle! It's free, and the permit is valid your entire time at Gustavus - gustavus.edu/safety/permits

The best steps to keep your bicycle safe on campus - always secure your bicycle to a bike rack, and make sure you have a permit! <https://gustavus.edu/safety/permits/>



Students and faculty alike enjoy the first week of the New Nobel addition. Katie Mattinen

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More entrances and exits are scheduled to open within the next month.

In addition to new classrooms, a laboratory theatre, and other facilities, one of the main attractions for students in South Nobel is the STEAMery Café named after the STEM

+ Arts curriculum. Students can use their meal account to buy coffee and café-style food in the lounge where they can relax or study. Overall, student reception to the new opening has been very positive.

"I'm really happy about it. Obviously, as a biochemistry major, using the new laboratories is really nice. The old ones were too small and cramped, but these labs are more open

and you can actually see what's going on in the room. They also just seem much safer," Junior Joseph Lackner said.

Senior Environmental Studies major Elijah Fourre also expressed excitement about the new building.

"I'm so glad it opened before we graduated. It's super nice, even though it's kind of a maze to navigate," Fourre said.

The Geography department

has mostly been moved out of the building. However, Professor Jeff La Freniere is still excited about the building. "I can say that it is exciting to have a modern, spacious science building, with better labs and more student-friendly classrooms. I also love seeing so many students congregating in the STEAMery area. I can't wait until Geography gets to move back into their renovated

homes next summer," La Freniere said.

The expansion of Nobel as well as the old Nobel renovation, which began in the summer of 2019, are scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2020. The 12,000 square-foot North expansion will contain a lobby where student and faculty research in the science departments will be presented.

Nobel department shuffling displaces classes

Temporary movement stirs up feelings of displeasure



Students can go to the Career Center for resources and information about any career field.

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The Nobel expansion has rolled out many bright and shiny spaces for Gusties this school year: the Laboratory Theatre, the STEAMery and even new learning kitchens available for all classes to use. Many departments, including Chemistry, Biology, and Envi-

ronmental Science, have already moved into the new and improved Nobel and are loving it.

"It's very nice, I like it a lot," First-year Peter Turek said. Turek is taking the FTS "Evolution" with Professor Julie Bartley. "The labs are easy to navigate and have a lot of new equipment," Turek said.

However, some departments are not feeling as thrilled about

the current state of Nobel due to being displaced from the building entirely.

Geography and Geology departments are holding their classes in buildings all across campus this year and professors' offices are temporarily housed in Confer-Vickner. These departments, which take a critical look at our earth, were both based in Nobel Hall last

year, and are the only departments that had to currently move for construction. For some students, this change has been frustrating.

"I'm a Geography major so I don't know a lot about the Geology side of things, but for Geography we have been severely displaced," Sophomore Alma Jorgenson said, noting that both her major classes are being held in Anderson this semester. "I hope we get moved back to Nobel next year, but I haven't heard anything for sure."

Other students, however, are choosing to take a more positive outlook and embracing the change of location.

"It's convenient for me because I'm in Sohre," First-year Julia Stensaas said. "but as a first-year, I have no other point of reference." Stensaas is taking Geography 102 with Visiting Associate Professor Jesse McClelland. The class is being held in Confer this semester.

Associate Professor Anna Versluis, who teaches Geography, Environmental Studies, and LALACS, also shared input on the department shuffling.

"[The Department of Geography faculty] thank the Departments of English, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and Scandinavian Studies for sharing their building with us. We are enjoying the great views of the valley that Confer-Vickner affords," Versluis said.

Versluis also added that the departments are not just in Confer-Vickner, but dispersed all across campus.

"Our [Geographic Information System] lab is in Beck, the wet lab is in Anderson, our maps are in the library, the

Friday Geography Cafe is in Confer, and our administrative assistant is in the new Nobel," Versluis said.

Although Versluis is embracing the changes, some students are still frustrated, confused and concerned about what being displaced says about how the College treats the departments. Some feel that by being moved, Gustavus is making a statement about which sciences are most valued.

"[Gustavus] makes us all feel like we are less of a science. It's super stressful," Jorgenson said.

"Geography has historically been an underrepresented major. Our headquarters are in a basement, admission tours often don't go down there, and now we don't even get to go into the New Nobel," Jorgenson said.

Jorgenson also expressed worries about where the Geography department's equipment and archives have ended up due to the construction.

Versluis, however, advises students to be patient as construction teams continue to work in Nobel Hall.

"We are asking students to be flexible as we work out glitches in our new spaces and routines," Versluis said. "Any move takes a lot of work from a lot of people. Thanks to everyone on campus who has helped and made a place for us."

The Nobel Hall renovation is expected to be completely finished by the beginning of the 2020 school year.



The Geography and Geology departments will move back into Noble next summer.

Katie Mattinen

CICE welcomes new Study Away Coordinator

Study Away Program enjoys new enthusiastic leadership



The Center for International and Culture Education is located in the International Center.

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The Center for International and Cultural Education welcomed new Study Away Program Coordinator Matthew Hirman on Thursday, September 12, with a reception open to the campus community. "I'm thrilled to be joining the team here at Gustavus," Hirman said.

Hirman was an International Coordinator for Faculty Directed Programs at Arizona State University.

"I've come to Gustavus due to my long-standing relationship with the college. My father graduated [from Gustavus] in 1958 and my son graduated in 2018. I'm a strong believer in a liberal arts education, and I identify closely with the college's core values. I'm excited to be joining a small liberal arts college and to have the opportunity to work more closely with students," Hirman said.

"My goal during this job search was to find a place where I could become part of a college community while working closely with students. I'm confident that I've found that here at Gustavus," Hirman said.

"I don't have an agenda for changing anything just yet, but I'll be looking for areas we can expand opportunities to study away and engage internationally," Hirman said.

The reception also recognized the work of Roger Adkins, who had been the Director of International and Cultural Education since 2015. He is leaving

for Indiana to take a position as the Executive Director of Global and Career Education at Earlham College.

"I'm most proud of increas[ing] access to study away participation for students with higher financial needs, and the creation of new scholarship opportunities, as well as having been a part of the team that created the Multilingual and Intercultural Program Coordinator position, which lead to new support for international and multilingual students," Adkins said.

"I'm also proud of working to create the Global Affairs and Cultures requirement in the new general education program replacing Liberal Arts Perspectives in 2020," Adkins said.

The Study Away Program offers over 475 programs in total, around ten of which are personally led by Gustavus faculty every year. Programs are available both around the United States and internationally, and over fifty percent of Gustavus students participate in study away programs before graduation. Junior Kati Williams went on the first summer IEX trip, Melting Mountains: Glaciers, Climate Change, and Society in the European Alps, this past summer.

"I really enjoyed a J-term offered in the summer and hope it is an option that is offered again for students. Considering that it was the first time a J-term had been organized, it went really well... I feel like everyone in charge put in maximum effort given the circumstances, and the trip went off smoothly. I would

love to study abroad again, but can't currently afford it," Williams said.

"The CICE office administers all the Gustavus-sponsored study away activities, work with admitted, current, alumni, and international students, and provide academic and other support and advising for multilingual students," Adkins said.

The International Student Services and Study Away Programs have always been a part of the Center for International and Cultural Education, with the Multilingual Student Program being the most recent addition two years ago.

Carly Overfelt is an advisor, tutor, instructor, and advocate for the international and multilingual students.

"I work to make sure all those students have everything they need to succeed and make sure all those students have everything they need to succeed and make the most of their rich backgrounds and skills they are bringing," Overfelt said.

"I'm very excited about our incoming student senate... what that could mean for expanding services and support... and the way these supports can be tied in with the needs of other historically underserved populations, like students of color, LGBTQIA students, first generation and low-income students... so that every student on campus has their needs met," Overfelt said. "At CICE, it is an honor to be the hub of activity when it comes to international and multicultural concerns, but we'd really like to see the entire campus share that with us," Overfelt said.



Students can go to Matthew Hirman to learn about Gustavus's various Study Away Programs.

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