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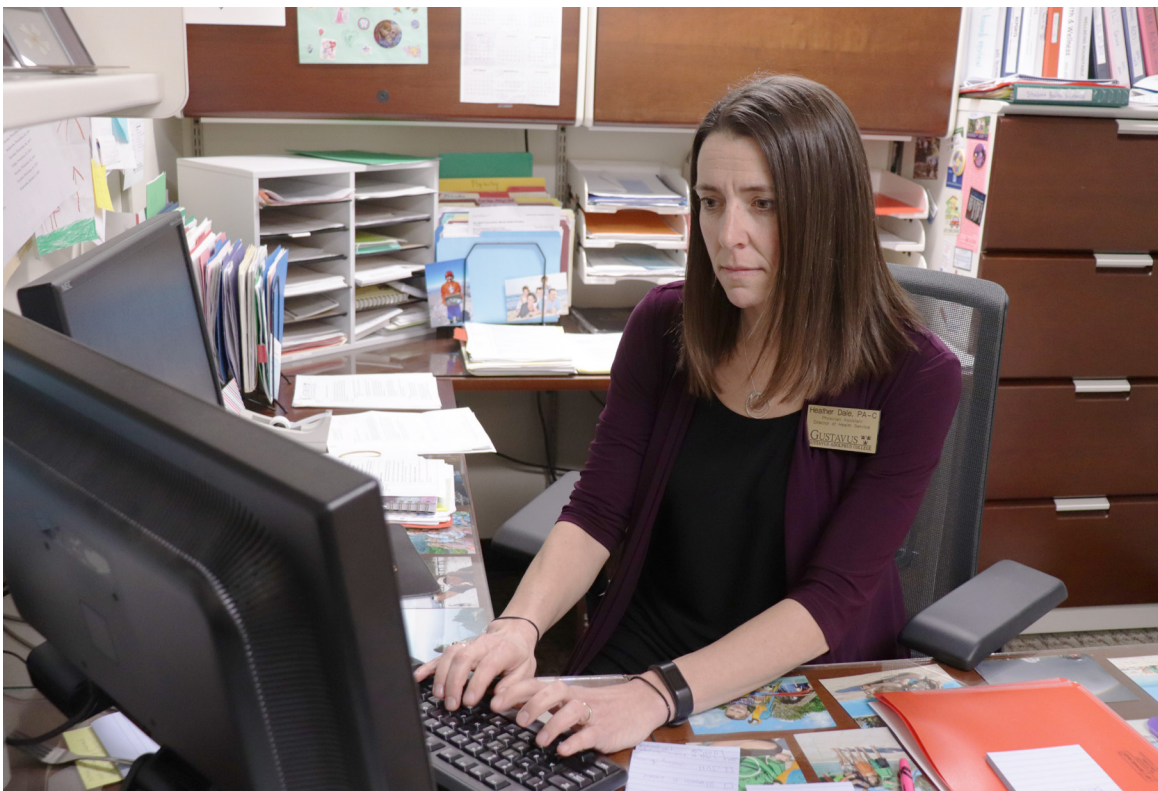
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Gustavus prepares for possible COVID-19

Administration makes arrangements to keep campus healthy and virus-free



Nate Habben

Director of Health Services Heather Dale helps Gustavus to make preparations should the virus spread to the Hill.

Marie Osuna
Staff Writer

By now, just about everyone has heard about the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The viral outbreak has been a subject of focus for every news outlet in the country and many citizens have been carefully watching the movement of the virus as it makes its unfortunate progress.

However, it might be difficult for some college students to sort through the news and memes about the virus to find what is actually true and relevant to them. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), those at the highest risk for contracting the disease are older adults and those with heart disease, diabetes and lung disease. If Gusties don't have an underlying condition that makes them more vulnerable, do they need to worry about coronavirus? Turns out, it's a complicated situation.

"The coronavirus (COVID-19) is new to humans and that is what makes it more difficult to manage. We have many coronaviruses that circulate in our community every year, but this type is new and therefore

we know less about how the virus behaves," Director of Health Service Heather Dale said.

"The goal of health officials is initially to contain any new illness, but once more and more people have been infected, then the goal becomes slowing the spread of the virus and mitigating the illness so that our health-care system does not become overwhelmed as we want to provide the highest level of care for every individual that may need it," Dale said.

At Gustavus, more is being done to prepare the campus than most students are aware of.

"What students might not know is that we have a team of professionals who is meeting regularly and communicating daily. We are also communicating with our local public health partners and participating in conference calls with the Minnesota Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention," Dale said.

Preparations are also being made around campus to keep the Gustavus community safe and healthy. For example, Health Services have changed their screening questions asked to every student who makes an appointment. Posters and

mirror decals have been put up around campus, informing people about the importance of good hand hygiene. In high-traffic areas around campus, more hand-sanitizing stations have been added and routine cleaning has been increased.

"You will see information about COVID-19 in Once Upon A Potty and maybe a meme or video about hand hygiene on your favorite Student Life social media site," Dale said.

Should the virus reach Gustavus, Gustavus Health Service is ready for that, too.

"We are considering the use of space to create a satellite clinic on campus (as we did with H1N1 in 2009) and thinking about space where students could be quarantined or isolated should the need arise," Dale said.

Health Service isn't the only department on campus making changes. Gustavus Technology Services (GTS) has been teaching professors how to conduct their classes online, should the situation become necessary.

"We are having two workshops for faculty (March 10 from 2-3 p.m. and March 13 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.) that will discuss tools to help faculty

teach online: Moodle, Google Meet, and Screencasting. We also are developing a Moodle course (launch date March 10) that digs deeper into how to use these tools on a more detailed level. If faculty want access to this course, they can contact me directly," Associate Director for Instructional Services in GTS Marni Dunning said.

These services are already being utilized by professors.

"I am trying to teach the students some coronavirus mitigation strategies, whereby we can slow the spread of coronavirus in classrooms. If a student is sick, they are encouraged to stay home for as long as they need. I have put my lecture notes online so people who are sick can still keep up with the class," Associate Professor in English Sean Cobb said.

"I am planning on holding office hours online, so I can still 'meet' with students one-on-one. And I am learning about ways to use video capture so I can record small portions of my class and students can watch them whenever they want," Cobb said.

The College does not want any students to panic about

the virus. The reason for all the preparations is to ensure that if illness does spread, the Gustavus community can stay safe, get the care they need, and stay on track with their classes.

"At Gustavus, our first priority is ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our community members. Our second priority is making sure every student gets a great Gustavus education and experience when they come to our institution," Dale said.

"We are closely monitoring the fast-changing COVID-19 situation, and working closely with local and state public health officials to make decisions about how to best protect our community," Dale said.

Gustavus will also publish a daily update on the developing COVID-19 situation on the official school website. Members of the Gustavus community will be updated through this feature as well as through the standing method of email correspondence. The status of daily operations on campus will continue as normal unless announced via these channels.

St. Peter bowling alley owner admits to accidentally starting fire



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St. Peter, Kasota and North Mankato firefighters put out the KingPins fire on Feb 16.

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Campus Safety Report

Saturday, February 29th
• A suspicious person was reported to Campus Safety. The area was checked and no one was located.

Monday, March 2nd
• No incidents reported

Tuesday, March 3rd
• No incidents reported

Wednesday, March 4th
• Campus Safety responded to a complaint of a temporary agreement violation in Sorensen Hall.

Thursday, March 5th
• Campus Safety responded to a motor vehicle accident near Southwest Hall. No injuries were reported.
• A student reported that their car was stolen from the Sorensen parking lot. Campus Safety responded and found the vehicle in the College View parking lot.

Friday, March 6th
• Campus Safety received

a walk-in report of a suspicious circumstance.

- Campus Safety responded to a suspicious person in the Campus Center. The person was asked to leave Campus and cooperated.

Saturday, March 7th
• Campus Safety discovered a noise violation in Uhler Hall. Noise violation developed into an alcohol violation. Three students were referred

to the Campus Conduct System.

Sunday, March 8th
• Campus Safety responded to a report of a student fainting outside the cafeteria in the Campus Center. Student left by ambulance.

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:
Gustavus grounds crew does as much as they can to help keep our sidewalks and roads clear from snow but when the snow is melting and refreezing constantly they could use some help.

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St. Peter bowling alley owner admits to accidentally starting fire



Saint Peter, Kasota and North Mankato firefighters help put out fire on Feb. 16.

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Parker Lindberg
Staff Writer

As much of the Saint Peter community knows, the KingPins bowling alley, frequented by many Gustavus students, burned down the morning of February 16. Many in the Gustavus community expressed shock and sadness at the news, and many have been anxious to hear about the cause of the incident.

The alley was originally constructed in 1962 and has undergone several renovations since. The bowling alley has been an important part of the community for decades.

At the initial reporting of the

incident, no cause of ignition had been identified.

Since then several important pieces of information have come out in the local press regarding the incident.

Dwight Lee Selders, the owner of KingPins since 2014, initially reported that he was not present at the alley the morning of the fire. However, in a March 4 article by the Mankato Free Press, Selders not only admitted to being present, but said that he had started the fire accidentally. He did not explain why he didn't call 911.

A March 5 article in the St. Peter Herald reported that Selders wife and co-owner of KingPins, Jessica Tonsfeldt, had

recently resigned in February after the two had separated. Tonsfeldt said that she had not been at the alley for several days before or during the fire.

The incident is currently being investigated by the Saint Peter Police and the Minnesota Fire Marshal's Office, as well as the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Free Press article states that Fire Marshal Office investigator Ron Rahman determined the origin of the fire to likely be one of the pin-setting machines. Their equipment detected the use of a fire accelerant. Additionally, Rahman found evidence that a canister of acetone, a highly flammable substance

used to oil the machines, was left open while the fire started.

Selders account of the incident was that he accidentally ignited a rag while attempting to fix one of the pin-setting machines.

Selders also reportedly stated that he saw the glow of a fire behind the pin machine, and then panicked and left the building to go home, turning off the lights and locking the door behind him. Selders did not contact the authorities about the incident.

According to the St. Peter Herald, a witness who had been driving by the scene called in the emergency at about 7 o'clock in the morning. The building

continued to catch fire and was eventually declared a total loss after a long effort from the Saint Peter, Kasota and North Mankato Fire Departments, which kept the fire from spreading to any nearby buildings.

According to another March 9 Mankato Free Press article, a new warrant application has been sought to search Selders phone for evidence, including internet searches involving fire accelerants and insurance claims.

As of March 10, neither Selders nor any other party have been charged with any crimes.



KingPins caught fire on Sunday, Feb. 16 (above); Firefighters work to put out the blaze (right).



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Gustavus moves forward with Lund Center renovation plans



Lund Center renovation is expected to start in under a year, but will not be finished until 2024.

Cadence Paramore

Jack Wiessenberger
Staff Writer

Most Gusties are familiar with the long-standing rumor that The Lund Center is to be the next building on campus to be renovated. On February 21, President Bergman confirmed this by sending all students and faculty an email detailing the next steps in the process.

"I am pleased to announce that we have received approval from the Board of Trustees to move forward with the development of construction documents for the Lund Center project," Bergman said.

The long-anticipated project is finally becoming a reality. Architect visits have begun and are expected to take between nine and twelve months to complete. While this process has officially started, it will still be many months until the new Lund Center is complete and ready for students and athletes to use. However, when it is unveiled, it will feature drastic improvements over the current facilities.

"I think the biggest components that [are lacking are] the physical workout space and natural lighting. I think that

the Lund Center needs to have more space, for athletic teams specifically, to do various team practices or activities. Currently, Lund Center is a space that has been utilized to its fullest potential. I think open spaces that accommodate more people would help. Along with this, I believe windows in these spaces would provide a brighter environment that is more inviting as well as entertaining to workout in," Sophomore Track & Field and Cross Country athlete Josh Wilson said.

Student-athletes have long noted that the Lund Center is in need of renovation. This need is also apparent to high school students touring campus. In addition to being a Gustavus athlete, Wilson also gives tours to prospective students.

"When Lund opened in 1984, it was one of the most high-end facilities around. Now it has grown out of that. It needs to meet modern standards and provide more adequate space for both athletes and nonathletes. As a tour guide, I always mention to prospective students that Lund is the next building that the college plans to work on after the Nobel Hall project is complete. This is important to prospective students as working out is a part of many of their

lives," Wilson said.

The college is aware of this need and has made the Lund renovation project a priority. The main objectives of the renovation were laid out by President Bergman.

"There are three main goals for the Lund project. The first is to provide better wellness opportunities for all students, faculty, and staff. The second goal is to provide more space for recreation, education, athletics, club and intramural [activities]. The third objective of this renovation and expansion is to make classroom, locker room, and office improvements," Bergman said.

The objectives set by Bergman will be worked towards by Director of Athletics and Lund Renovation Project Shepherd Tom Brown.

"First and foremost, the expansion and renovation will enhance the college's commitment to wellness and well-being for the entire Gustavus community, including all of our students, faculty and staff. It will positively shape the experience of all Gusties and will help us continue to attract outstanding students to Gustavus. The increased space and state-of-the-art facilities will aid the great academic work that takes place

in Lund, and will also improve our club-sports and intramural programs. For varsity athletics, the new Lund Center will allow us to provide top-caliber facilities for our programs as they continue to pursue excellence," Brown said.

When completed, the new Lund Center will offer many improvements compared to the current facility. Specifics for the construction plans were also released. However, these are subject to change as architect visits begin this spring and feedback from the community is gathered.

"We are planning to renovate and update almost all areas of the existing Lund facility, with the exception of the hockey arena. The expansion will add 160,000 square feet to our current facility, which is 205,000 square feet. We plan to add cardio and workout space, a weight room, a large 55,000 square foot field house with synthetic turf, an expanded academic wing for classrooms and the human performance laboratory, and a new street-level lobby on the east side of the building," Brown said.

While construction is underway, accessing the workout facility may be difficult for students and athletes. This has

been acknowledged by the project team and a plan has been put forward.

"We will work to minimize disruption during the construction process by thinking carefully about how we stage the project. In addition, we are investigating options for moving practices and games to other local facilities and gyms when necessary," Brown said.

Keeping the disruption of varsity athletics to a minimum is an important aspect of the project. All sports teams on campus could be impacted by this renovation.

"It's important for me to have a space to train while Lund is under construction. My team utilizes the TRX room, weight room, indoor track, athletic trainer room, cardio space and locker rooms. These spaces are a necessity for many athletes at Gustavus and without these facilities, it would impact the way that we are able to properly prepare for our competitions," Wilson said.

The renovation and expansion project of the Lund Center has been expected for a while, and now it is officially underway. Construction is expected to begin less than a year from now.

Preview: Africa Night 2020

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One of the most engaging and anticipated cultural events at Gustavus is Africa Night, hosted by PASO, short for Pan-Afrikan Student Organization.

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. It will take place this Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

"I hope more people on this campus know more about Africa Night this year... come to the events, support, learn, have fun and try new things because as college students we should always try new things like try out new clubs and see what they have to offer."

-Junior Issiah Amla

This signature event will highlight the many traditions within the African diaspora all across the world. There will be a variety of dances, spoken word, and musical performances, along with a fashion show that gives audience members an overview of many cultures represented in Pan-Afrikanism.

There will be a large assortment of food to try, and a Dive Dance that will take place that night right after the show. There is extensive planning required to create a successful event, like coming up with a budget, making a plan for Africa Week events, reaching out to vendors for prizes, talking to restaurants for catering purposes, setting up outside performers and getting student performers to participate as well.

One of the interactive events is a Do-It-Yourself Henna in the Courtyard Cafe, along with a Kizomba Workshop in Lund. Junior Political Science major, Issiah Amla, is serving as one of the Co-Chairs for Africa Night.

"Being able to have cultural events on a predominantly white campus is very significant. When we have the opportunity to host them, I believe it's a way to educate other people on campus, and it's a fun way for them to learn about our culture," said Amla.

He believes it is important to showcase a refreshing perspective that is not often seen on this campus. The past Africa Nights have garnered a major turnout



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Top: Students perform a dance at the 2019 Africa Night celebration. Bottom: Student performers speak onstage at Africa Night in 2016.

as students watch their peers show their talents, sharing an important part of themselves to the wider community.

"I hope more people on this campus know more about Africa Night this year...come to the events, support, learn, have fun, try new things because as college students, we should always try new things like try out new clubs and see what they have to offer," Amla said.

By having these cultural events, it allows individuals to

be immersed into more cultures than what they are used to. This year's theme is the "The Year Of Return: United Under The Flag Of Freedom." He explains how the theme reflects a way of life as people are proud of their roots, and being together collectively as one while being united with a sense of freedom.

"I decided to be part of it because I saw it my first two years, and I really enjoyed it. That's why I wanted to be in charge, and wanted to give

my own ideas. I felt like it was something I needed to do. It's just something I needed to be passionate about," Amla said.

He mentioned how people feel excited to share their beautiful language and traditions with others, hence why this is such a significant event on this campus. The planning team is excited that there is a large number of student performers this year. This year's Africa Night will feature two special guests: a singer and a speed

painter from the Twin Cities. Sophomore Psychology major Mya Nelson is also serving as one of the Co-Chairs for Africa Night.

"The thing I'm most excited for during Africa Night is to see these beautiful people of color come out and work together on such a beautiful project. I think it's really great that our organization can bring so much attention to this campus, and what it is to be a person of color around here," Nelson said.

GUSTIES *of* Lisa Dembouski

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

Being an educator means being passionate and dedicated to what one is teaching, and Assistant Professor in Education, Lisa Dembouski, is an excellent embodiment of that.

Though Dembouski has been guiding Gusties onto their careers in education for the past six years, her path to Gustavus was not as direct as it would seem.

"I actually grew up in Gustavus's backyard," Dembouski said.

When she was initially looking at colleges, she strongly considered Gustavus because she wanted to attend a small liberal arts college. However, she felt it was too close to home and went to a different private school in Minnesota. Only after years of teaching did she find her way back to Gustavus.

"It was a really lucky, happy accident," Dembouski said.

Now that she is at Gustavus, one thing she really appreciates about the campus is all the opportunities there are for students.

"I love the opportunities that are here. There are so many wonderful different things we can be a part of if we want to. Moreso it's a matter of picking what not to do," Dembouski said.

One of these many opportunities was one championed

by her, as over J-term she led a group of students on the School in St. Maarten course in the Dutch West Indies. During the trip, students worked in schools all day and got to know the island and the people through their work.

Dembouski noted that one of the highlights for her on the trip was getting to know her students outside of the typical classroom context and also being able to share the island with them.

Sophomore Kendall Harvey went on the St. Maarten trip and also got to know Dembouski through the experience.

"Working with Lisa was a great experience. She was very knowledgeable and passionate about education. Not only did she help us in the schools, but she helped us with our ventures on the island too. I was able to get personal help and advice from her and she was very understanding about whatever situations we may have been going through. Lisa is very passionate about education and I was very fortunate to have her support me on this trip," Harvey said.

Not only is Dembouski passionate about her field of education, but also for her students.

"The students, my Gusties, are my absolute favorite part of my day and my favorite part of my work. I love their dedication and passion for children and learning. They inspire me every day with that," Dembouski said.

Within her courses at Gus-

tavus, Dembouski works to best prepare her students for all learning environments they may encounter and create in the future. Her Inclusive Classrooms class is a favorite, as she is able to draw from her own experience as a deaf/hard of hearing individual.

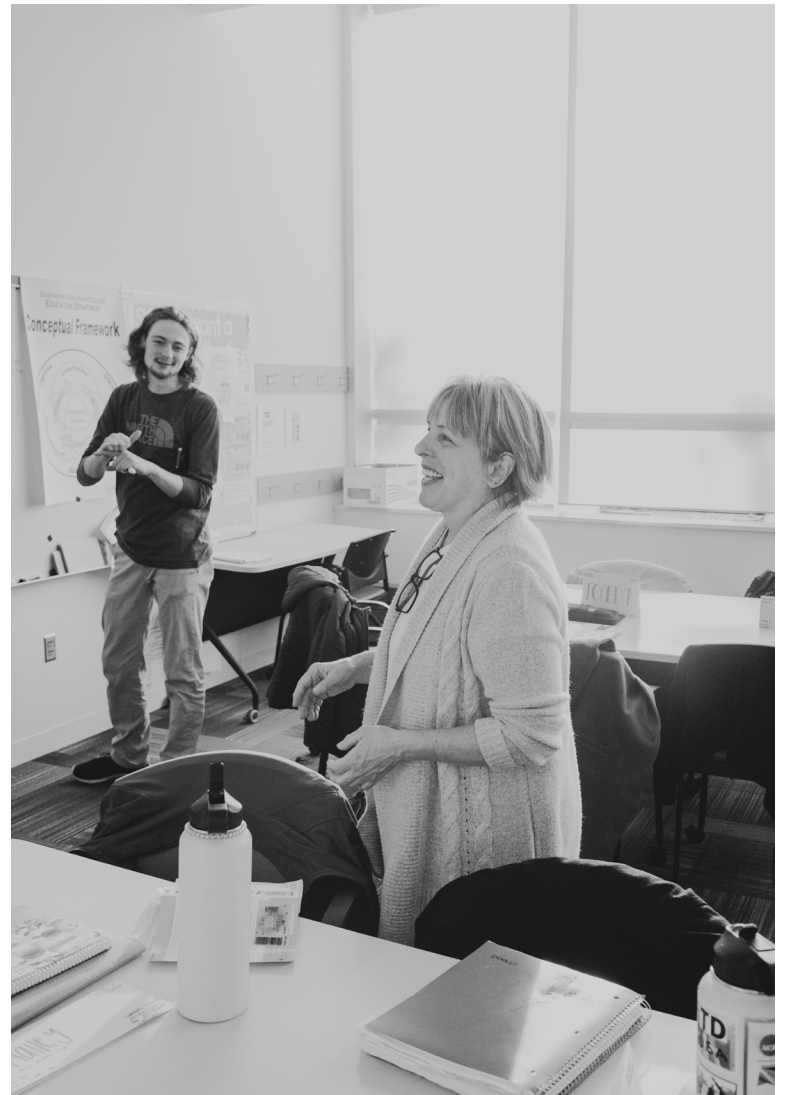
"It's so inspiring and so moving to see them see in themselves where they start and where they end in terms of inclusion and acceptance of difference, supporting and ensuring that when they, as teachers, have kids with a variety of needs, that they will still effectively teach them and have confidence that they can know where to start," Dembouski said.

Even outside of the classroom Dembouski enjoys activities that allow her to learn and challenge herself.

"I love to cook. I'm a creative, inventive cook. It doesn't always work out but I don't care because I think it's part of the fun of the process," Dembouski said.

Her love of reading intersects with her love of travel and the outdoors, as she enjoys memoirs, especially those from people who have traveled. She does her best to travel "off the beaten trail" searching for ways to discover what makes each place authentic and unique.

It takes a dedicated learner to become a dedicated teacher and share that love with others, and Dembouski uses her passion and experience every day to prepare the next generations of educators from Gustavus.



Ben Wick

Dembouski is inspired by her students' passion for education.



Ben Wick

Dembouski taught for many years before coming to Gustavus as an instructor.

Do you have a suggestion for a Gustavus student, professor, or staff member who could be a future Gustie of the Week?

If so, send their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to
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A representative from the Gustavian Weekly will be in contact with you via email if your suggestion is chosen to be featured in an issue of the paper.

the WEEK

& Nathan Scruggs

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

Junior Nathan Scruggs is this week's "Gustie of the Week". He has lived in Mankato his entire life and is currently a junior at Gustavus pursuing a degree in education and social studies.

Scruggs is on the cross country team, where he first decided the college would be a great place to continue his athletic career.

"I decided to come to Gustavus after coming here for a running camp in high school. I liked the campus, and I could tell that the coaches were very kind people, who I'd really like to work with in the future," Scruggs said.

Scruggs exemplifies what it means to be a liberal arts student, based especially on the plethora of extracurricular activities he is involved in as well as in the classroom.

"[I am] a leader for Proclaim, a member of the Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, [in] Christ Chapel Ringers, [which are] handbells, Choir of Christ Chapel, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and I work in the Post Office," Scruggs said.

With all of his involvement both in and out of the classroom, one would think that it would be difficult for Scruggs to have any freetime for his personal life, but he proves everyone wrong with the friendships he

has built throughout his past three years in college.

As previously mentioned, Scruggs is part of the cross country team, where he is a great leader and role model.

"[Scruggs] does an amazing job of personifying Gustavus characteristics. [He] enhances our community by looking out for and caring for all of those around him,"

-Brenden Huber

Head cross country and assistant track and field coach, Brenden Huber, called coaching Scruggs a "privilege". He has really admired everything Scruggs has given to the program.

"[Scruggs] does an amazing job of personifying Gustavus characteristics. He enhances our community by looking out for and caring for all of those around him. He looks to lead in a multitude of ways, especially

by example where he always strives to do the right thing first," Huber said.

Huber went on to comment on the care and concern that Scruggs has for everything he does.

"[Scruggs] is all around a great person who cares immensely about the world around him," Huber said.

Handbells director and Cantor of Christ Chapel, Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, commented on how great of a person Scruggs is, exemplified through their connection, handbells.

"I have known Nathan for several years, primarily through his involvement in the handbells at Gustavus. He is such a positive and happy person. He accepts all challenges in the handbells, learning new things very quickly and spreading his can-do spirit to all in the choir. He is a multi-talented person, sharing his musical skills in several areas, but also a great runner and student! I am excited for his involvement on the Habitat Spring Trip this year. I know he will step up and be all over that new construction," Winterfeldt said.

Sophomore Joshua Wilson is one of Scruggs' best friends, teammate on the cross country team and fellow Proclaim student leader.

Wilson is happy that he and Scruggs were able to grow closer through their time at Gustavus.

"[Scruggs] and I went on two



Ben Wick

Scruggs is a member of multiple academic honor societies on campus.

trips together last year which included Chicago for our J-term class and a San Diego training trip with the Gustavus Track team. We grew as friends on these trips and I saw the impact that he made on others. He made both of the trips enjoyable through his multitude of jokes and flexible mindset. I noticed that he is very intentional with his friendships as well as connecting with others. On both trips, we were able to build friendships with many Gusties whom we didn't know very well and I think Nathan played an important role in that," Wilson said.

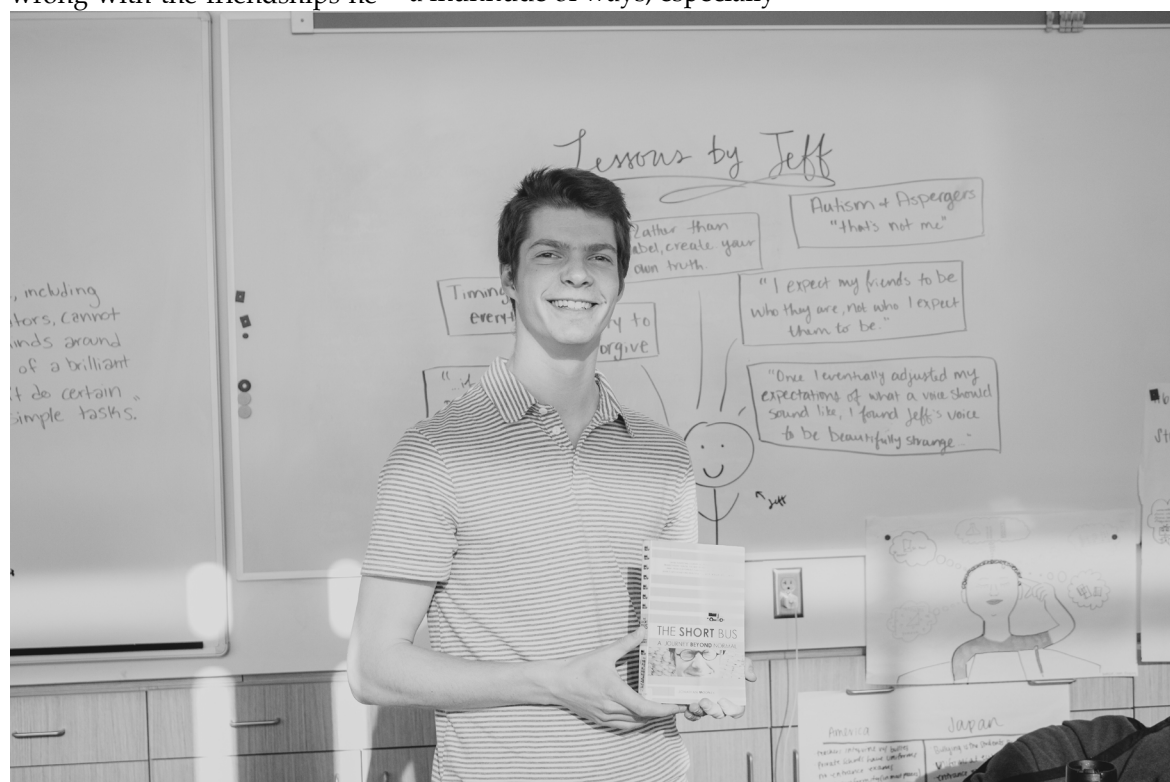
He also thinks that Scruggs is an excellent choice for "Gustie of the Week".

"He is a great choice for 'Gustie of the Week' because of the way that he is able to connect with others. He exemplifies the role of a good community member on this campus as he is

loyal, dependable and friendly. Nathan always looks for different opportunities to connect with people and engage in conversation. I think that he works to include others in different environments like school, work, and extracurriculars. He makes them feel welcomed into a group; truly showing his sincerity in wanting to get to know people," Wilson said.

Scruggs is thankful for all of the connections that he has made during his journey as a Gustie on campus.

"I like Gustavus Adolphus College because of the community that comes with being a Gustie. While you are here, you can hardly walk anywhere on (or off) campus without seeing someone you know. Even after you graduate and go out into the real world, you seem to find Gusties wherever you go," Scruggs said.



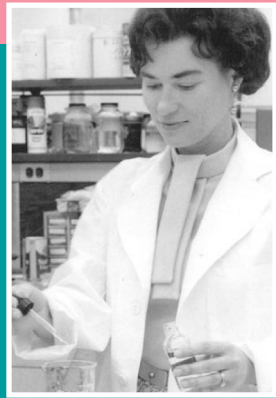
Ben Wick

Scruggs is a social studies education major.

Women’s History Month: Notable Gustie Alumnae

Emily Seppelt
Copy Editor

Happy March, Gusties! In the United States, March is Women’s History Month, a month dedicated to celebrate the often-overlooked contributions of women in history and highlight their vital role in American society. Another important date, International Women’s Day, was observed recently on March 8. This day is recognized globally and acknowledges the social, political, economic, and cultural achievements of women. Both International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month allow us to reflect on the progress made by women and to call for further change and action. Here at Gustavus, we have the privilege of being surrounded by countless fantastic female students, faculty, and administrators, who all impress us every day with their achievements. Women’s History Month gives us the opportunity to appreciate these women and give them the recognition that they deserve. It is important to take time out of our busy lives to learn about the lives of both the women here around us on campus and women as a whole around the world. Understanding the struggles that women face here on campus can help us to lift them up and help them to achieve even more than they already have. With this in mind, let’s take a look at some of the many remarkable Gustie alumnae in journalism, entertainment, business, politics and sports.



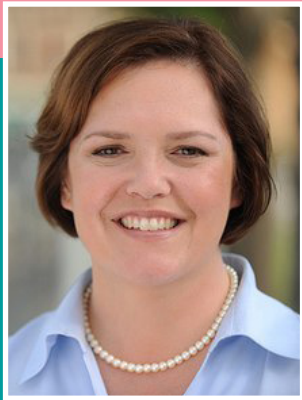
Patsy O’Connell Sherman, ‘52
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Marissa Brandt (Yoon Jung Park), ‘15
South Korean ice hockey player



Joannell Dyrstad, ‘64
Minnesota Lieutenant Governor (1991-1995)



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