



## MATCH MADE IN MINNESOTA

*Dorm staff members meet despite blizzard, friends' warnings*

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Chemistry goggles, a blizzard, and a little misunderstanding is proven formula for love. It is hard to believe all these things are part of how Tutor Aaron Mueller and Instructor Sarah Mueller met.

"It was during a blizzard and it was freezing out with, like, four feet of snow," the Instructor recalls. Tutor Mueller and three of his friends, who were sophomores at the time, were walking by the freshman part of the girls' dorm at Martin Luther College. They were waving at some of the girls and the future Mrs. Mueller thought it was some of her friends inviting her to go sledding. Tutor and his friends waved good-bye and continued walking, but little did they know a freshman was getting ready to go outside. The campus at MLC covers and is adjacent to two hills, one by the school and another topped by a statue of a German folk hero, with a valley between the two. Tutor and his friends walked down the hill by the school and up the one by the New Ulm monument.

While they were trudging up hill, Instructor came down and found no one so she went off to go find them; she saw them on the other side of the hill. Tutor and his friends saw her and asked who she was. Tutor and his friends started to guess names, "First we guessed Jennifer, and she said no. Then we guessed Sarah; she said no. And I thought for sure that was Sarah Staude," remembers Tutor Mueller.

"Now you have to remember there was 32 Sarahs in the freshman class alone and I wasn't going to be [just] another Sarah," said Instructor. However, Sarah or no, the future Tutor took off down the hill to go find out who this woman was because he was sure she was a Sarah. While he was doing this, which was no easy task in the snow, his friends were shouting to Miss Staude that their friend was coming for her and that she had better run.

"I didn't run because I figured by the time he got up there he would be too tired to do anything, so I waited because I was curious to see what he was doing," Instructor Mueller recollected. "When he finally got up there he was wearing these chemistry goggles that were all fogged up, he had snot frozen to his face, and was hunched over grasping for air. It wasn't quite love at first sight."

Tutor's suspicions were correct. He found out that the mystery girl was Sarah Staude. But Tutor Mueller reminisces that they took it slowly at first: "We talked for a little while, and then we didn't see each other until the Christmas Concert, and she didn't even recognize me [then]."

But their families knew each other, even before this snowy



Joe Fetcenko/Journalism

encounter. "It was a sort of WELS connection," commented the Instructor.

They said that they really enjoy it here. They love the people, and of course, the opportunity to teach. Both agreed the Saginaw's MLS is different from Watertown's LPS, a school where Tutor Aaron Mueller was an instructor and Instructor Sarah Mueller was a tutor.

"The study halls and the IDO are the two main things," Tutor pointed out. "It is just a different culture and environment than Prep," added Instructor Mueller. Both enjoy teaching as called workers in the public ministry although Instructor says she was "on the fence for a while". She was quite intrigued by the medical field, but also gave tennis lessons and she enjoyed working with and teaching the kids. This ultimately led her to decide to become an educator.

Tutor said he knew for most of his life that he wanted to teach. "It was in the third or fourth grade and I came home and told my dad that I wanted to be a teacher." His dad told him he could teach and be a pastor so that is what he did.

Tutor Mueller's role model is Jesus along with his parents and President Prange. "He was my first piano teacher. He even has a picture of me by my piano from when I was about seven," recalls Tutor. Instructor Mueller's guides for her life are also her parents.

In their free time they like playing tennis, board and card games, and reading. Rev. Mueller also enjoys the privilege of sharing the gospel when pastors invite him to guest preach on a Sunday morning. Prison ministry is another area in which Tutor participates.

Their plans for the future are to go to the Dominican Republic this March and then this summer travel to Malawi as chaperons for Project Titus: Africa.

Junior Benj Ehlers speaks for all the student here at Sem when he observed, "They are a big help to all the students." ❖

Although Aaron and Sarah met in Minnesota, they both still have roots in Wisconsin. Tutor Mueller grew up in Ixonia, WI; Instructor Mueller, however, spent her childhood in Florida and later moved to Wisconsin, when her father, a pastor, took a call to Onalaska.

### To You... AN MLS VALENTINE

To: Megan Keeney  
From: Your not-so secret love

*"I love you more than you know ... you're the reason for my 'recovery.' You were there for me in the hardest of times, and I need to tell you that I appreciate everything you do for me, and most of all ... I Love You!"*

## Tread lightly through "Be Mine" minefield

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What do you get that special someone on that special day? While every person is different, here are a few suggestions on what not to get your main squeeze this year.

1. A hairdryer. While I'm sure you meant well, there's not much hope in going 'Here honey, fix that hair problem you got going on.'
2. Mouthwash—need I say more?
3. While that cute teddy bear may work on some people—be careful. Some people simply get sick at the sight of them.
4. Definitely not the latest yodeling CD.
5. Even if you are broke, dandelions just won't cut it.
6. Those 75% off chocolates from the Christmas sale? Eww...
7. The locket your ex gave back to you when you broke up, this past weekend.
8. A love fern. Don't worry; I'm sure the dying plant doesn't really reflect your true feelings.
9. The seventh edition of *The Complete History of Britain 1666—Present*. I mean, isn't there enough pressure about the Brit Lit paper already??
10. I now leave you with one final suggestion. No coupons for a free makeover. Somehow I see any valentine now or in the future misinterpreting that one. ❖



Sarah Schmutge/File Photo  
Sam and Bonnie dress up together this past fall for Homecoming.

### AN MLS VALENTINE

To: Nate  
From: Jess

*"You're so sweet and awesome. We have so many great memories and there will be many more to come. Can't wait for the concert. Thanks for making me smile and keeping me laughing. Happy Valentine's Day! Love you!"*

### Sam Koith & Bonnie Whittaker

The Junior Couple

Where did you meet?

He: Football camp, freshman year = She: Camp freshman year

What's her favorite color?

He: Orange = She: Orange

What's his favorite class?

He: Bible = She: Um...Bible

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Sam says about Bonnie:

"She is the nicest person I've ever met and she can always cheer me up when I am down."

### Jessica Stull & Nathan Lehman

The Sophomore Couple

How long have they been dating?

He: A little bit more than 3 months = She: A little over 3 months

What's his favorite sport?

He: Definitely have to say football = She: Definitely football

What's her least favorite class?

He: I'm not sure, but I'm guessing Biology = She: Biology

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Nate's Valentine's present for Jess:

"No, not yet, but I know exactly what I am going to get her."

### Luther Zuberbier & Linda Weindorf

The Freshmen Couple

Where was your first date?

He: Fuzzy's = She: Fuzzy's

What's his favorite food?

He: Spaghetti < She: He eats anything!

What's her favorite season?

He: Summer = She: Summer

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Linda says

to Luther:

"I love you. You're awesome!"

Phil Kasischke  
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## What love is

"Love is when you feel something special, at the same time the other person feels the same way towards you."

"Love is not necessarily the outward appearances, but the inward."

"Love is when you want to keep holding hands even after you're sweaty."

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*